



June 2013 Newsletter

Peninsula Homeless to Housing Task Force

Our Mission is to assist people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness on the South Surrey White Rock Peninsula to live in safe and appropriate housing

NEXT MEETING: Friday, June 7th at 9:45am
White Rock Baptist Church, 1657-140th St.
Surrey.

PRESENTATION: Major Colleen Kimberly will
present on services provided by the Salvation
Army in South Surrey/White Rock.

PH2H Goal 2: Improve Community Awareness and Understanding of Homelessness

Candidates Meeting 7pm May 2nd

Place: Life Church's Gym, 2265-152nd Street

We would like to thank Gordon Hogg (BC Liberals), Susan Keeping (BC NDP), Don Pitcairn (BC Greens), Marvin Hunt (BC Liberals), Stephanie Cadieux (BC Liberals) and Howard Wu (BC Conservatives) for their participation in our all-candidates meeting. All of the candidates focussed on their parties' policy ideas and did not spend time attacking the views of others. We were please to host a respectful well attended event.

We congratulate our new elected representatives Gordon Hogg, (Surrey-White), Stephanie Cadieux (Surrey-Cloverdale) and Marvin Hunt (Surrey-Panorama) and look forward to working with them to end homelessness in South Surrey White Rock through support services, the construction of new affordable housing and improved income supports.

Updated PH2H Information

We have an updated version of our PH2H pamphlet available. Please help us with distribution. If you would like copies or know where we should have them available please let us know.

Useful links in the news:

Surrey Housing and Homeless Foundation sponsors a youth film contest on homelessness:

<http://www.surreyleader.com/entertainment/205291441.html>

City of Surrey Master Plan to House the Homeless:

<http://www.surrey.ca/community/11209.aspx>

LinkLine (604.589-LINK) for business wanting to put people who are homeless in touch with outreach workers:

<http://www.businessinsurrey.com/business-homelessness-line/>

Advocacy support for people who are homeless at SOURCESBC:

http://www.sourcesbc.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=153&Itemid=72

PH2H Goal 3: Increase affordable housing units in South Surrey and White Rock

Surrey Housing & Homeless Foundation Application

PH2H has applied for a small grant from the SHHF to work towards the identification of potential land sites for affordable housing and approach individual and organizational owners about partnerships to have at least 2 sites prioritized for housing development by 2014. We expect to hear from SHHF on or around June 17th. Look for updates on events as we approach Homeless Action Week in October. More information on the SHHF is available here:

<http://surreyhomelessnessandhousing.org/>

Food Security in South Surrey/White Rock

Food Security in South Surrey/White Rock Surrey/White Rock Food Action Coalition is operating full steam ahead thanks to new funding from United Way of the Lower Mainland. We have a few exciting things to announce:

1. We are developing a community garden at the new location of the Sources Food Bank (2343-156th St.) and need community gardeners and volunteers to help us with get growing.
2. We welcome people interested in food security to our next meeting, June 19th at 2:30pm at Alex House.

For more information contact

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Food Security Fund

PH2H Definition of Food Security – Food security means access by all people at all times to enough food for an active, healthy life; a food secure community ensures nutritious food and access for Peninsula residents, raises poverty awareness and includes the community in creating sustainable food solutions.

Working with the Peninsula Community Foundation (PCF), PH2H has developed a fund to support low-income food security in our community. Charitable Tax Receipts are available.

Contact PCF: Tel: 778-292-1367

Email: info@peninsulafoundation.ca.

www.peninsulafoundation.ca

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Please circulate our newsletter to your congregations and members. Send feedback or news to: petergreenwell@telus.net