

# **November 2011 Newsletter**

## **Peninsula Homeless to Housing (PH2H) Round Table**

**Providing leadership in the South Surrey White Rock communities**

Please circulate our newsletter to your members and congregations. We welcome your feedback; send news items to: [petergreenwell@telus.net](mailto:petergreenwell@telus.net)

**The PH2H Roundtable meets at 9:30am at the White Rock Baptist Church at 1657-140<sup>th</sup> St. Surrey. We invite you to attend our next meeting October 28<sup>th</sup>.**

### **November Municipal Elections**

Municipal elections will occur across BC on November Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. In White Rock there are seven council positions for election – mayor and six councillors – and one school trustee. In Surrey there are nine council positions for election – mayor and eight councillors – and six school trustees. PH2H has worked with other community groups to host an all-candidates meeting with a theme of affordable housing, food security and a diverse community:

**All-candidates meeting  
7pm November 9<sup>th</sup>  
First United Church**

We have 3 of the 4 mayoral candidates confirmed and 8 of the 14 Council candidates. Please join us to find out what actions potential Council members plan to take on housing, food security and to support a diverse group of residents being able to continue to live in our community. Thank you to the Reverend Joan McMurty, Linda Doig and Jean Kromm for spearheading this event. PH2H will work with local media to publicize the views of those running for Council on issues of housing and homelessness.

**Community dinner at First United Church  
Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**

About 100 people came to First Church to share a meal with neighbours; and we would like to thank the numerous volunteers who were cooking and serving meals. We were joined by numerous candidates for election including Lynne Sinclair and Wayne Baldwin for Mayor and Brad Forster for Councillor. There were numerous groups and individuals who made this event happen through donations of time and/or supplies including: Denise Darrell, the Reverend Joan McMurty, Linda Doig, Bill Anderson, Mike Melnyk and many more individuals. If you would like to be involved with future community meals please contact us and we will let you know of future plans. Contact us at [petergreenwell@telus.net](mailto:petergreenwell@telus.net)

### **Surrey Master Plan on Homelessness**

The City of Surrey is developing a Master Plan for Housing the Homeless. PH2H has submitted detailed information on the range of actions needed to address homelessness in South Surrey White Rock. If you would like to comment or want more information please contact Noha Sedky at [nsedky@cityspaces.ca](mailto:nsedky@cityspaces.ca) or Aileen Murphy at [amurphy@surrey.ca](mailto:amurphy@surrey.ca).

### **Church and Affordable Housing Forum Oct 28<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup>**

There was significant representation from congregations and non-profits from the South Surrey White Rock area and we would welcome any thoughts or perspectives from participants – that we could publish in future newsletters. This year's speaker Brian Walsh was speaking on 'homenessless' as much as he was speaking on homelessness. He spoke on the ways that "home" involves more than being physically housed but also requires a sense of community and place. Brian Walsh's book is available at the following link: [Beyond Homelessness: Christian Faith in a Culture of Displacement](#).

### **Beyond Homelessness Matching Gift Campaign**

City Gate Leadership Forum hopes to raise \$40,000 in 4 weeks for your favourite charities assisting people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Donate \$100 and see it matched for the service organization of your choice. This campaign ends on November 11. <http://www.cgfl.ca/>



### **PH2H Food Security Initiative**

Working with the White Rock South Surrey (WRSS) Community Foundation, the Peninsula Homeless to Housing Roundtable has undertaken steps to develop a fund to support low-income meal programs in our community. To contribute to this fund please contact: WRSS Community Foundation  
Contact Debbie Magson Tel: 778-292-1367  
Email: [info@wrsscf.org](mailto:info@wrsscf.org)

***In December's Newsletter we will announce the winner of our logo contest and ask you to submit your thoughts on how to act to end homelessness in the year ahead.***