



July/August 2012 Newsletter

Peninsula Homeless to Housing Task Force

Providing leadership in the South Surrey White Rock communities

Please circulate our newsletter to your members and congregations. Send feedback or news to: petergreenwell@telus.net. Thanks to Surrey Homeless and Housing Society for funding support.



NO MEETING IN JULY/AUGUST

NEXT MEETING: The PH2H Task Force meets at 9:30am at the White Rock Baptist Church at 1657-140th St Surrey. Our next meeting is September 18th. Please join us.

After a very busy year working with our partners on public events for Homeless Action Week; municipal elections; support extreme weather response; promoting issue of homelessness in local schools; as well as numerous other actions PH2H will take a meeting break over the summer as we gear up for an important fall. In the coming year we will have Homeless Action Week in October as we build toward a renewed focus on homelessness prevention as part of the discussions during the provincial election in May, 2013. We look forward to working with you.

Greater Vancouver Shelter Strategy

In recent years the challenge of how to respond to the relatively complex needs of older clients of shelters and other homelessness services has been one of the major emerging issues at the GVSS table. We will provide further updates on the GVSS Community of Practice with the continued work on facilitating peer-based learning and professional development among homelessness services, with a focus on seniors. We know that homeless shelters have a significant challenge serving the needs of an aging population.

In the news:

BC Poverty Reduction Coalition: there is nothing inevitable about poverty. If you would like to find out more about the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition please check their website; which includes a sample motion of endorsement for the goals:

<http://bcpovertyreduction.ca/organizational-support>

Please contact Trish Garner, Organizer, for more information.

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Seniors/ Age-friendly Community

Consultation Breakfast Invitation

Monday, July 9, 2012 – 9 am to 1030am

White Rock Community Centre (Russell - west from Johnston/152nd Street)

FREE underground Parking

Open to all community stakeholders to provide input on the needs of local older adults and age friendly strategies; planning for & caring for ageing family members or one's self.

What are current / emerging community trends? What is the best way for all stakeholders to work together?

Facilitator: Louise Young, Coordinator – Richmond Seniors Planning Table.

The United Way's Seniors Vulnerability Report for data-based community information document will be reviewed as a resource. You can find it here:

<http://www.uwl.ca>

PH2H Task Force Funding

PH2H Task Force submitted a letter of intent to renew the funding support received from the Surrey Homeless and Housing Foundation (SHHF) for the coming year; SHHF has been a generous support for the last 4 years. We will not receive funding for the coming year. We have been told we may apply for funding under the *Responsive Grants* stream of the SHHF; these are grants "awarded in an emergency, such as where the health and safety of Surrey Residents is in jeopardy, there is a compelling opportunity that may be missed, or there is a significant opportunity to leverage other monies, and these opportunities were not known in time for the regular annual granting cycle."



Donations to PH2H Food Security Fund

Working with the White Rock South Surrey (WRSS) Community Foundation, the Peninsula Homeless to Housing Task Force has developed a fund to support low-income food security in our community. Charitable Tax Receipts are available with contributions. Contact Debbie Magson at: WRSS Community Foundation Tel: 778-292-1367 Email: info@wrsscf.org

Please hold this date: September 18th at 10am for our next PH2H meeting.