

June 9, 2020 SCASCC Meeting Minutes



SUNSHINE COAST ALLIANCE FOR SENIORS' CARE CO-OP · SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020 · READING TIME: 2 MINUTES
12 Reads

Self-introductions: variety of people with a variety of backgrounds and reasons for interest – personal; professional (working or have worked in health / social care and advocacy); political (NGOs, connections to government bodies); combinations of all these.

Discussion / update on the recent Trellis / Silverstone Virtual Town Hall meeting

- No mention was heard of reconciliation or consultation or involvement with Shishalh First Nation, although the proposed development would be on their territory.
- All the focus seemed to be on regulatory requirements and how they'd be met.
- Questions from participants about how the company plans to make a profit were ignored.
- No mention heard of any lessons learned from the Covid-19 experience.
- The stakeholders in this development are the owners, VCH, and the employees (in the sense that Trellis will be required to work within their current contracts.)

Update from John and Paula

- Nothing “official” to report
- They continue to contact organizations and people who might be interested or helpful: Co-ops and Mutuals Canada, BC Co-op Association, Social purpose housing developers, health care co-ops in BC
- Concrete next steps: continue to develop & update Facebook page; get website <https://scseniorscarecoop.ca/> up and running soon (thank you Jason!), establish Steering Committee.

Discussion, questions, suggestions

- “Big tent” idea to get as many viewpoints and ideas as possible. Then there's a couple of possible ways to go forward: break into smaller groups to tackle single projects; or figure out where the most available resources are and start with that.
- Focus has broadened out from “Stop Trellis” to discussion of aging in general here on the Coast

- Senior care includes everything from Assisted Living to Complex Care; each level of care has different needs; different kinds of facilities are appropriate for each one.
- 2 different Coast residents have approached John with possible offers to donate land for Assisted Living options.
- Complex care can be done in peoples' own homes if enough resources are available. CHIP home financing can be used to pay for home care.
- Two possible shortfalls, barriers to a new facility here on the Coast:
 - Skilled labour force: suggest liaison with Capilano University re: Personal Care Attendant course
 - Housing for staff: there's a shortage of affordable housing here. We will need to include people who have expertise in this area, eg Work Force Affordable Housing Society. Or developers may be interested in building a facility and staff housing.

Meeting adjourned with thanks to all who participated. And many thanks to Jane Mossop for taking these minutes! Please note our **new email address: info@scseniorscarecoop.ca**

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