

SCASCC Minutes of General Update Meeting, July 21 2020

On Zoom and in person in Roberts Creek (RC)

John Richmond provided the following updates:

1. Updated on conversation with Nicholas Simons – he is aware that some constituents are critical of the Trellis project, there has been transparency from the government with respect to this project and Nicholas is aware of the concerns. Mentioned that he likes our group's agenda, bringing positive solutions to the SC. Coastal Health Authority and Trellis are moving forward. If something happens with the project, Nicholas will let us know. Nicholas has offered to publicly endorse our group. Nicholas is showing interest in our other projects and if we incorporate and develop a business plan, he will set up a meeting with our group and the Ministry of Housing. Nicholas is also willing to assist by setting up meetings with Coastal Health Authority. Finally, the strength of our project is that we are non-partisan
2. John contacted BC Housing, BC Community Land Trust, SCRDC, BC Community Housing Federation. BC Community land trust just opened a co-op housing project.
3. John provided update on conversation with BC Health Coalition - lobbying group for Public Health Services. Described the group as dynamic and they have invited us to sign on to their statement of principles. They have a senior's table, are interested in diverse projects and they would like to support us.
4. Discussion about requesting a meeting with Sechelt Senior's Table once we are incorporated.

Bruce's Place:

- Lise and Maureen are going to see him and his property.
- He wants an "age in place" model that is for low income, with on site services
- Has septic field that he thinks can accommodate up to 300 people
- Currently has 17 people residing on his property in RV's
- Wants to develop the land in Pender Harbour
- Wants affordable housing for health care workers on site
- He needs to find people /partners for a steering committee
- Lise will assist Bruce with technology barriers if requested
- John is interested in sitting on his steering committee

Working Groups – Steering Committees:

- Need individual steering committees for the Robert's Creek project and the Pender Harbour Project
- John will follow up to see if Judith Wilson will be on our steering committee
- Mary Childs has offered to help us once we are incorporated
- Shain Jackson might be willing to sit on the board or have someone from the Golden Eagle sit on our board
- Lise suggested someone from Syiyaya to join us – she will reach out to them
- John explained the work that the Co-op steering committee would need to do with Cooperatives First.

Other:

- Blog – Jason will do the next one. Published on both FB and our website.
- Need interview/personal viewpoint videos for Facebook and website
- Maureen will call Planning Department at SCRD for housing survey results (affordable housing)

Q&A

John provided update on Coastal Health Authority Covid 19 statistics and relevance to our project
Scorncliff will be repurposed – Trellis will be able to offer more private pay beds / we may be able to present out governance model

Cooperatives First in Saskatchewan would like to facilitate a series of committee meetings to help us develop mission/vision/strategic plan. We need to file for registration to be a community service Cooperative.

Regional Director of SCRD – setting up meeting with staff
BC Housing update
Credit Union – John will complete grant proposal
John will call community land trust

Pender Harbour – some potential / a lot more work/ one year to reassess. This project will look different than Jillian's property

Call with Nicholas Simons: impressed how far we've come, the contract with Trellis is signed. He's interested in our ideas and projects and would lend us his support

John to reach out to Rhiza Capital

Discussion about setting up speakers to present: ideas include BC Health Coalition, Shain Jackson who is a Sechelt Nation constitutional lawyer and would be presenting on First Nation's approach to elder care

We want to encourage folks to blog!

Capilano College program idea discussed – First Nation/ PSW program

Dr. Sloan: introduced himself, explained the model of care of his SC practice, focusing on aging in place – has approximately 30 community patients. Discussed pressures of acute care and hospital admissions, need for support services. Reported that there are currently 11 vacancies for home support workers, big need for health care labour in the coast as well as housing for health care workers.

Kim Darwin discussed the Coastal Work Force Housing project that she is involved in which would address housing issue, linking employers and landlords and workers.

Some projects to check out are Lily Lake in Pender Harbour and Beach home in Sechelt

Venessa Hammond discussed the social aspects of elder care/ health and social issues and that there might be volunteer opportunities that might open up.

Johanna reported on the Village to Village model – aging in place by developing a PSW and other providers co-op model for homecare workers. Program originated in the Netherlands – developed communities/ neighbourhoods

Homecare workers who manage themselves as a non profit.

Co-housing has concerns about lack of services for aging in place
Venessa pointed out that co-ops provide best values for lowest price

Kim discussed option for aging in place by considering paying for private care and using CHIP Home Equity mortgage for seniors – use money for care and to retrofit homes

Great discussion regarding multi-stakeholder ideas and models. We need a board of directors – 3 to 9 people qualifies

Discussion of focusing on dementia services