



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

ACCESS AWARENESS COMMITTEE

A G E N D A

January 21, 2010

4:00 p.m., Wurtele Room, Municipal Hall

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **LATE ITEMS**
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
4. **INTRODUCTIONS**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - (1) Minutes of the Access Awareness Committee meeting, November 4, 2009 Pg 1 – 4
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - (1) Review of Committee Terms of Reference (TOR) Pg. 5 – 6
 - (a) 2009 Year End Final Report
 - (2) Membership List Contact Information
 - (3) Committee Member Interests – What Each Member Brings to the Table
 - (4) Meeting Schedule Dates and Times
 - (5) Agenda Items and Distribution
 - (6) 2010 Work Plan Discussion
 - (a) Sub-committees
 - (i) Measuring – Up – Gold Star Program
 - (ii) Access Awareness Day
 - (iii) Buccaneer Days
 - (7) Paralympic Torch Relay
7. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - (1) Letter from the SAFERhomes Society, dated November 3, 2009, Re: SAFERhome Standards Pg. 7 – 10
 - (2) Letter from SPARC BC, received December 11, 2009, Re: 2009 Social Planning Contact in BC Guide Pg. 11 – 42
8. **ELECTIONS**
 - (1) Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair
9. **NEXT MEETING**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
MINUTES
ACCESS AWARENESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 4, 2009
4:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Esquimalt Municipal Hall

PRESENT: Councillor Don Linge – Vice Chair
Councillor Meagan Brame
Barbara Amberstone
Joe Buczkowski
Paul Newcombe
Lorne Argyle
Bob McKie – Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Representative
Wanda Le Roux – BC Transit

STAFF: Andy Katschor – Parks Manager (Staff Liaison)
Jeff Miller – Director of Engineering and Public Works (Staff Liaison)
Deborah Liske – Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Brian Gray – Chair
Meagan Duncan
Emmy Labonté

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Linge, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

(1) Jeff Miller, Director of Engineering and Public Works – Staff Liaison

Jeff Miller, the new Director of Engineering and Public Works introduced himself to the committee and provided an overview of his education and work experience.

(2) Wanda Le Roux – BC Transit Representative

Wanda Le Roux, Manager of Transit Planning introduced herself to the committee and will represent BC Transit on the Access Awareness Committee.

3. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Joe Buczkowski, seconded by Councillor Brame, that the agenda of the Access Awareness Advisory Committee meeting of November 4, 2009 be approved as presented. The motion **CARRIED**.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Bob McKie, that the minutes of the Access Awareness Advisory Committee meeting of September 9, 2009 be approved as presented. The motion **CARRIED**.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

- (3) Measuring Up Facilities Audit
(a) Development of "Gold Star" Program

Andy Katschor, Manager of Parks suggested that a sub-committee be formed to develop the "gold star" program. Mr. Katschor reviewed the "gold star" accessibility program as suggested by SPARC BC in the audit report. The Gold Star Accessibility Program sub-committee will include Andy Katschor, Councillor Brame and Lorne Argyle.

- (b) Grant Priorities

Andy Katschor, Manager of Parks, reviewed the audit priority list and noted some items can be completed without utilizing funds from the grant. It was further noted it would cost approximately \$ 4000.00 to install an automatic door opener for the public entrance at the Esquimalt Public Safety Building.

Moved by Joe Buczkowski, seconded by Councillor Brame that the remaining Measuring Up grant monies be utilized to install an automatic door opener for the public entrance at the Esquimalt Public Safety Building. The motion **CARRIED**.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- (1) 2010 Access Awareness Days Preparations

Access Awareness Day 2010 is scheduled for the first Saturday in June (June 5th). Councillor Linge and Bob McKie will participate on the sub-committee to organize the 2010 event.

Barbara Amberstone will provide (at the February meeting), information that will assist with planning and organizing the Access Awareness event.

- (4) Transit Developments
(a) Routes

Wanda Le Roux, BC Transit representative provided the committee with information on scheduled changes and improvements to local transit operations. These included:

- starting in November, the McTavish interchange will be completely rebuilt resulting in a large amount of changes in that area.
- introduction of a new semi-rapid express route from downtown to UVic.
- introduction of new Bay Street to Dockyard route.
- trial period of extended late night service (till 2 a.m.) on # 4, # 6 and # 14 buses.

Ms. Le Roux noted that information regarding the Bay Street route will be provided to committee members as it becomes available.

(b) Bus Shelters

Ms. Le Roux reported BC Transit has received funding from the province to upgrade and install new bus shelters. BC Transit will focus on upgrading and installing new shelters in the Greater Victoria area. Ms. Le Roux advised that BC Transit is interested in being made aware of any bus stops that require upgrading to improve accessibility.

Current initiatives of BC Transit include:

- working on guidelines to ensure infrastructure development is completed correctly from the beginning.
- remedies to reduce the amount of graffiti on bus shelters, such as utilizing plexi-glass and altering shelter design.
- investigating the utilization of solar power to light bus stops.

A committee member noted that improvements need to be made to accommodate individuals with disabilities at large volume stops in the downtown core where it is difficult to access the buses. Designating a specific area where individuals with disabilities can be seen by the drivers would help with this issue. It was also noted that additional cross-town buses are required and that it is difficult to find information.

Ms. Le Roux noted the improvements to signage at the Royal Oak exchange and that the new rapid transit proposal would assist in reducing the large volume of buses that go into the downtown core – only specific buses would go into the core. Ms. Le Roux further noted that rural area usage and routes are currently being reviewed to ensure the routes and usage are being widely utilized. Information about BC Transit can be found at the transit website and in the rider's guides.

A committee member enquired if bus shelters would be installed on Parklands Drive. Ms. Le Roux noted that BC Transit would work with the municipality when it was determined shelters would be installed.

(5) Report from UBCM – Councillor Brame

Councillor Brame provided a report on information she obtained from SPARC BC at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities convention. Key points were:

- inclusion is as important as accessibility
- building accessible communities at the beginning is cheaper than retrofitting
- need to create seamless, age in place communities
- SPARC BC encourages the development of age friendly and disability friendly official community plans and has developed guidelines for local governments for creating accessible communities

Councillor Brame noted that visitors to the community need to be included when incorporating inclusiveness and accessibility. Accessible tourism in Esquimalt is an area to promote on the municipal website. Councillor Brame provided a handout with helpful hints on how to do this. This item will be discussed further at the next meeting. Councillor Brame also acknowledged the positive steps Esquimalt is taking to move forward with accessibility.

Jeff Miller, Director of Engineering and Public Works noted the importance in identifying accessibility issues in the community.

A committee member noted the official opening of the new crosswalk at Esquimalt Road and Grafton Street and that it lacks an audible signal. Andy Katschor, Parks Manager, noted that the SPARC BC audit noted that audible signals should be installed at all intersections with a marked crosswalk. Mr. Katschor noted his improved awareness of inclusiveness and accessibility since participating on the committee. Mr. Katschor further noted that accessibility is a component that has been built into the Japanese gardens at Esquimalt Gorge Park.

Joe Buczkowski advised the committee that his term on the Access Awareness Advisory Committee expires on December 31st and that he would not be seeking reappointment due to other commitments. Mr. Buczkowski thanked the committee for allowing his participation and noted that his time on the committee was very enjoyable and eye-opening.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Access Awareness Advisory Committee will take place on January 13, 2010.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Don Linge adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

Councillor Don Linge, Vice Chair

This day of , 2010



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

COUNCIL POLICY

TITLE: Terms of Reference – Access Awareness Advisory Committee	NO. ADMIN - 49
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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Access Awareness Advisory Committee is to assist the Township of Esquimalt in making Esquimalt more accessible to all its citizens.

MANDATE

The Access Awareness Advisory Committee will, consistent with the purpose described above, undertake the following:

- Provide opportunity for public input respecting accessibility issues.
- Identify accessibility barriers to services and facilities and advise and make recommendations to the Municipality for strategies to improve access for all people.
- Provide increased awareness to Council respecting accessibility issues in areas including but not limited to, transportation, housing, recreation, employment and education.
- Identify sources of funding and grants to support access awareness related activities.
- The Access Awareness Advisory Committee will submit to Council an annual work plan at the beginning of each year describing its plans for the year. The Committee will submit to Council a final report at the end of each year describing its activities and accomplishments of the previous year.

MEMBERSHIP

The Access Awareness Advisory Committee will be made up of:

- 2 Council Members appointed by the Mayor
- 7 community representatives appointed by the Council.
- The Esquimalt First Nation, Songhees First Nation, BC Transit and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will be invited to assign non-voting, liaison representatives to the Committee.

ELIGIBILITY

Committee members may be members of disabled organizations, but they are not to be formal representatives of any specific organization. An effort will be made to ensure representation of a broad cross-section of abilities/ disabilities.

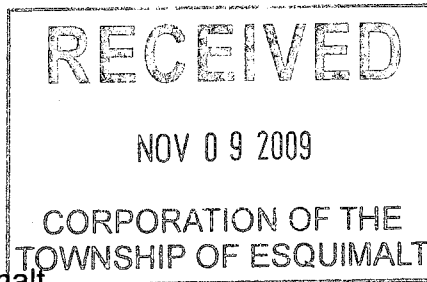
TERMS

Members may be appointed for one or two year terms with term end dates split between alternating years to ensure continuity of committee membership. On application, members may be re-appointed for up to three consecutive terms. All appointees sit at the pleasure of Council and may be removed at Council's discretion.

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MEETINGS The Committee will meet a minimum of four times per year in accordance with its regular schedule of meetings established annually at the first meeting of the year. No meetings are held during the summer and winter breaks (July, August and December). Special meetings may be held at the call of the Chair. At the first meeting of each calendar year the committee will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from amongst its members. The meeting rules and procedures will be in accordance with the Council Procedure Bylaw.	

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November 03, 2009 ✓

Barbara Desjardins, Mayor (Chair) of Esquimalt
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Mayor
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Dear Mayor (Chair) Barbara Desjardins and Council,

The SAFERhome Standards Society had a booth at the UBCM conference in September, and took the opportunity to talk with numerous delegates from municipalities throughout the province. It became obvious SAFERhome Standards has the tool kit to deliver the type of housing our communities desperately need.

SAFERhome Standards Society was founded in 2004 and is a non-profit public interest organization incorporated under the Society Act of British Columbia, and is funded through The Ministry of Housing and BC Housing. The SAFERhome Standards mission is to promote the adoption and use of housing standards and practices that are safe, healthy, and sustainable for everyone in the community. To achieve its objective, SAFERhome provides home planning assistance, and home inspection and certification programs for the new home construction industry. SAFERhome also provides educational programs, publications, seminars, and public speakers for functions while acting as a public interest lobby group with government and industry for the adoption of SAFERhome building standards and practices. A SAFERhome solves many of the dilemmas we face today like seniors aging in place, senior's safety in the home, child safety, independence through technologies. and environmental control and energy savings in the home.

- By 2032 according to Stats Canada, 48% of all Canadians will be over 65 years old.
- Over the next 30 years the 85+ age group is projected to increase 3 fold (200% increase).
- Urban Futures research shows a net increase of 142% for a total of 836,483 people over the age of 65 in BC alone over the next 30 years.
- Seniors' demand for owner occupied, ground oriented dwellings will increase by 194% between 2005 and 2035.
- Seniors' demand for owner occupied apartments will increase 156%.
- In 2005 Vancouver Coastal Health lost over 14,000 hospital days, between \$5000 – \$8000 a day, to accommodating people in the health care system that could not access their homes after surgery. That translates into a \$50 million expense in Vancouver alone.
- Three billion dollars a year is being spent on hip replacement surgery for seniors nationally.
- Approximately 30% of all seniors who require a hip replacement from a falling accident die within 1 year of the accident. Over 50% never leave the health care system (\$\$\$), and never regain their independence.

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- Over 800 BC seniors died last year from falling accidents.
- CMHC findings show we need to build 50,000 homes every year for the next 20 years in Canada just to keep up with our seniors' housing demands.
- 80% of children in Children's Hospital are there as a result of an injury in the home.
- 11% of all annual ambulance calls are due to falling accidents in the home.
- 90% of all accidents occur in the home.
- 50% of home injuries happen on stairs.

Every individual municipality in the province is involved in looking for or developing the criteria to adapt housing to the changing community need. Even the Adaptable Housing Committee is working on a provincial level with the problem. This process is costing the tax payer more than is necessary because of the redundancy of the work; further, the end products vary in their criteria based on the individual group's research.

The visible minority is now being measured at 51% of the community...in fact, it is now the visible *majority*. Traditionally we segregate and label these housing products...this is seniors housing, this is accessible housing. As a direct byproduct, we "label the people" who live in the environments.

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- Free handout materials for distribution through your planning department
- 50% discount on SAFERhome Standards manual for building department employees
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- Logo recognition and link to municipal website on SAFERhome Standards website
- Free handout materials for distribution through your planning department
- Logo recognition as a sponsoring municipality on all new SAFERhome printed materials
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- 75% discount on SAFERhome Standards manual for building department employees

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SAFERhome Certified houses are more saleable, and provide the purchaser with a value added real estate investment by delivering measurable Universal housing solutions. More importantly the community is healthier, both economically and emotionally, with tangible safety designs in their home.

Thank you for your support, please contact us for more information and we will be calling you shortly.

Sincerely



Andy Burianyk, Director

SAFERhome Standards Society



SAFERhome Membership Application Form

Membership Categories include... (Please choose one)

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- Municipal member \$ 1,300
- Municipal sponsor \$ 2600
- Institutional \$ 10,000
- Charter \$ 50,000



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Dear Barbara Desjardins, ✓

SPARC BC is pleased to present your office with the 2009, 4th edition of Social Planning Contacts in BC. This guide contains contact and descriptive information for over seventy Community Social Planning organizations and Municipal Citizen Advisory Committees in BC. The groups and organizations in this book are dedicated to improving the quality of life for BC residents by approaching local issues in a planned, coordinated way. SPARC BC applauds the efforts of all those who support planning efforts that bring communities together to develop comprehensive solutions for positive change.

We recognize there are many opportunities and challenges in engaging communities to address local issues. It is not always a seamless process and we hope that the Community Social Planning Contacts guide will be helpful to your work. As an independent, non-partisan, registered charity working with BC communities for over 42 years, SPARC BC is a rich source of knowledge and expertise on accessibility, income security, community development and social planning issues. In addition to the Social Planning Contacts guide online version you can find on our website, we also have an extensive library of research on community issues like homelessness, affordable housing, and accessibility. You may find one of our newest reports, Municipal Strategies to Address Homelessness particularly helpful.

In addition, if you are in search of experienced researchers and consultants for social planning projects, accessibility studies, intercultural work, affordability studies, or community engagement, staff from SPARC BC Research & Consulting Services would be happy to discuss your needs. Our focus on building community capacity combined with our research ethics, breadth of knowledge, and non-profit community work make us a popular choice for organizations, municipalities, and civil society groups.

We are passionate about working with communities and look forward to connecting with you again in the near future.

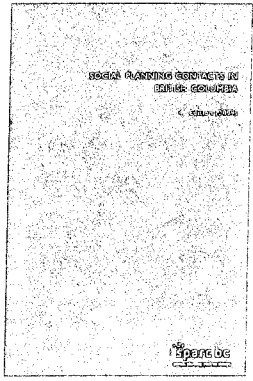
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Nancy Henderson
Executive Director

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Social Planning Contacts in British Columbia 4th edition September 2009

This fourth edition of Social Planning Contacts in British Columbia is intended to recognize and celebrate the efforts of these organizations and committees. It provides contact information for about 70 organizations that engage in community social planning activities. With a changing economy and growing uncertainty, interest in community social planning is increasing. This edition of the Social Planning Contacts reflects this situation by providing information on several emerging initiatives across the province.

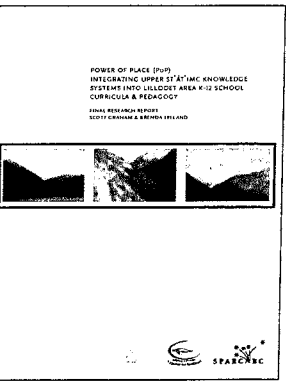
The Best Place on Earth?: Contemporary and Historical Perspectives on Poverty Reduction Policies and Programs in British Columbia

Part of the Social Development Report Series, 2009 commissioned by the Canadian Council on Social Development

Poverty Reduction Policies and Programs

The Best Place on Earth?: Contemporary and Historical Perspectives on Poverty Reduction Policies and Programs in British Columbia
British Columbia
By Scott Graham, Alvin Gifford, and Michael Gidycz
Social Planning and Research Centre of BC
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Commissioned by the CANADIAN COUNCIL ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The enduring problem of poverty in British Columbia is understood and addressed differently by many actors, including individuals and organizations in civil society, public policy-makers, politicians, government agencies, businesses, unions, and media outlets. Current poverty trends and factors that contribute to poverty in BC are analyzed. The emergent role of civil society actors in anti-poverty work in BC is also discussed, including case studies of not-for-profit organizations that are working to reduce poverty and improve the living conditions and well-being of low-income citizens.



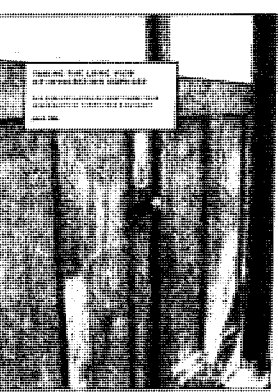
Power of Place (PoP): Integrating Upper St'at'imc Knowledge Systems into Lillooet Area K-12 School Curricula & Pedagogy (Final research report & Toolkit)

The aim of the Power of Place project was to engage local educational stakeholders in a participatory process of identifying community-based strategies for including St'at'imc knowledge and culture in Lillooet area school curriculum and pedagogy, and thereby contribute to the enhancement of learning environments for St'at'imc students. The final research report, the PoP curriculum enhancement toolkit, and the PoP conference summary report comprise the three documents that tell the story of what the PoP project is about, what it achieved and what kinds of developmental steps ought to be taken from here.

Taking the Long View of Integration Services: The Service Needs of Post-Three-Year Immigrants in Vancouver & Burnaby

June 2009

SPARC BC, in partnership with the Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of BC (AMSSA), through a grant from the United Way of the Lower Mainland (UWLM), started a three-year research project focusing on the integration needs of service-seeking immigrants, located in Vancouver and Burnaby, who have been in Canada three years or more.



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Basic Chemistry for Community Change: A Conception of Civil Society Capacity

September 2009

This paper presents a multi-level, developmental conception of civil society capacity (CSC). Informed by representatives of leading civil society organizations and government agencies with a capacity building mandate in British Columbia, the CSC concept explicates the characteristics of civil society change agents, the general developmental phases of civil society agents, as well as the peripheral and intersecting aspects of community life that shape and are shared by civil society.

Municipal Strategies to address Homelessness in British Columbia

September 2009

This study documents which municipalities in British Columbia are addressing issues of homelessness and affordable housing and how. It explores strategies that have met with the most success, and identifies what barriers arise when municipalities attempt to address issues of homelessness and affordable housing, and where legislative changes may be required, placing an emphasis on those obstacles that can be used to guide the direction of future provincial and federal housing policy. The report provides a critical synthesis / survey of municipal policies and strategies employed to address homelessness and affordable housing.

The Accessible Communities Bylaws Guide

September 2009

This Accessible Communities Bylaws was the result of many communities working together for over two years. It is important for us to work collaboratively with communities, as the Social Planning and Research Council of BC (SPARC BC) wished to create a set of by laws and policy that could be used by each local government to enhance the accessibility for people with disabilities. Although these are model bylaws and policy, SPARC BC recognizes that each local government is different. Thus, we encourage each local government to adapt these bylaws and policy so that it meets the needs of their own community.

The Accessible Communities Bylaws Guide: Resource Kit

September 2009

This resource kit provides a brief summary of the nine accessibility bylaws and an equity policy which establish standards for different aspects of community life, including planning, public facilities, parks, parking, transport, housing, and employment equity, sending the message that people with disabilities are an integral part of the community. It also demonstrates the step-by-step process for governing a community that promotes and prioritizes accessibility. In addition, these model bylaws and policy are accentuated by a resource directory, linking local governance with funding opportunities and peer support.

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SPARC BC (Social Planning and Research Council of BC) is a socially driven charitable organization turning evidence-based research into action since 1966. Guided by strong community values, SPARC BC blends collaborative work, public education and social enterprise to achieve its mission of working with communities for a just and healthy society for all. By valuing community knowledge and building networks with others across the province, SPARC BC is helping to lead positive change in accessibility, inclusion, income security, community development, and social planning. Through the growth and development of two social enterprises, SPARC BC delivers high quality services and measurable impact through the Parking Permit Program for People with Disabilities and SPARC BC Research & Consulting Services. In all of its work, SPARC BC upholds the core value that all people have unique knowledge to contribute to their community and that positive change happens when people are included and engaged in planning and acting together.

SPARC BC RESEARCH & CONSULTING SERVICES

When you have an important community project on the horizon, consider using SPARC BC Research & Consulting Services. An essential aspect to how we work is the respect and value of community knowledge and our endeavor to enhance community capacity. The SPARC BC Research and Consulting staff have a wide base of knowledge and skills, and are always willing to discuss your needs. We are well known for delivering tailored work in accessibility planning, organizational development, social planning, diversity work, affordability studies, and Aboriginal & Non-Aboriginal intercultural work, and much more. If you are interested in speaking with us call 604-718-7757 or visit our website at www.sparc.bc.ca/research-a-consulting.

COMMUNITY SOCIAL PLANNING NETWORK OF BC (CSPN BC)

CSPN BC is a network that exists to support the activities of community social planning organizations in BC. CSPN BC has organized two provincial conferences (2005 & 2008), a number of regional events, and supports and email list for individuals interested in issues related to community social planning.

CSPN BC also developed and supported a motion passed at the 2007 UBCM convention calling on the provincial government to provide ongoing financial support for community social planning activities in communities across BC.

SPARC BC administers the network and works with a provincial steering committee with representatives from a number of social planning organizations (Comox Valley Social Planning Society, Community Planning Council of Prince George, Nelson Social Planning Action Network, Quesnel Child Youth and Family Network) to establish goals and priorities.

If you would like more information on CSPN BC please visit the SPARC BC website (www.sparc.bc.ca/community-social-planning) or contact Jim Sands at 604-718-7742 and via email, jsands@sparc.bc.ca or info@sparc.bc.ca.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Across British Columbia community social planning organizations are working to address issues such as poverty, homelessness, and affordable housing and to promote community well-being. They use a range of tools and strategies including research, public education, public discussion and dialogue, and advocacy.

This fourth edition of Social Planning Contacts in British Columbia is intended to recognize and celebrate the efforts of these organizations and committees. It provides contact information for about 70 organizations that engage in community social planning activities.

With a changing economy and growing uncertainty, interest in community social planning is increasing. This edition of Social Planning Contact reflects this situation by providing information on several emerging initiatives across the province.

We welcome your feedback on this booklet. If you have any questions, comments, or want to suggest contacts for inclusion in future editions please contact us.

USING THIS GUIDE

The Guide is divided into two sections:

- 1) Community Social Planning Organizations are listed alphabetically according to name.
- 2) Municipal government citizen advisory committees are listed alphabetically by municipality.

We will also offer a list sorted by region on our website at www.sparc.bc.ca

COMMUNITY SOCIAL PLANNING
ORGANIZATIONS

ABBOTSFORD COMMUNITY SERVICES

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WEB www.abbotsfordcommunityservices

ESTABLISHED 1969 **GEOG. AREA** Abbotsford, Mission, Chilliwack, Langley

MISSION Fosters community well-being and social justice through positive action and leadership. **ACTIVITIES** Counseling, youth outreach, family support and resources, early development services, services to seniors, recycling for Abbotsford and Mission, multicultural and settlement services, legal, advocacy, anti-poverty services and services to people with developmental disabilities

ALBERNI COMMUNITY & WOMEN'S SERVICES SOCIETY

3082—3rd Avenue, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2A5

Anne Graboski

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MISSION Promotes the empowerment and safety of women, children and youth, through high quality counseling, education, support and resources. Works toward community connectedness and a violence free society.

CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION FOR THE KOOTENAYS

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Jackie Rankel

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ESTABLISHED 2004 **GEOG. AREA** Kootenays **MEMBERSHIP** 350

MISSION Promotes the mental health of all and supports the resilience and recovery of people experiencing mental illness. CMHA accomplishes this mission through advocacy, education, research and service. **ACTIVITIES** Mental Wellness Education, Youth, Childcare and Women's Services, Employment Programs, Volunteer Management Services, Crisis Intervention, and Housing

CASTLEGAR SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL

c/o Castlegar United Way, 1995 6th Avenue, Castlegar, BC V1N 4B7

Sandi McCreight CO-CHAIR

Susan Olheiser

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WEB www.castlegarspc.org

ESTABLISHED 1999 **MISSION** Meets regularly (3 times per year) to discuss community and citizen needs. Discussions happen in a democratic manner, and all efforts at working to identify and solve community issues are collaborative with a common vision and shared values. **ACTIVITIES** Projects include Support to Families project (BC Housing), the Community Wellness Assessment project, the Volunteer Driver Project, 2005 All Candidates Forum on Community Sustainability, and the Food Security Project.

CHILD & YOUTH COMMITTEE OF THE BOUNDARY COMMUNITIES

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BOUNDARY FAMILY & INDIVIDUAL SERVICES SOCIETY

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FOUNDED 1991 **GEOG. AREA** The Boundary Region, including the communities of Christina Lake, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Midway, Rock Creek, Bridesville, Westbridge, Christian Valley, Beaverdell, Carmi, and Big White **MISSION** A motivated and passionate group of citizens and organizations who are committed to social change and action to create a healthier Boundary community in which children, youth, and families can grow and prosper. **ACTIVITIES** Provides opportunities for citizens, activists, service providers and decision-makers to bring energy, perspectives, and challenges; builds capacity and inspires synergy in the Boundary community through collaboration, sharing resources and developing integrated plans; nurtures interconnectedness and models the process to create a safe, healthy, vibrant community for the children of today and tomorrow.

CHILD & YOUTH INTERSERVICES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (POWELL RIVER)

c/o School District 47, 4351 Ontario Avenue, Powell River, BC V8A 1V3

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ESTABLISHED 1997 **GEOG. AREA** Powell River, Lund, Sultry Bay, and Texada Island.

MEMBERSHIP Identifies working partnerships and needs for services for children and families through community partnerships and networking.

CHILLIWACK SOCIAL RESEARCH & PLANNING COUNCIL

c/o University College of the Fraser Valley
45635 Yale Road, Chilliwack BC V2P 6T4

Brad Whittaker, CHAIR
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ESTABLISHED 2000 geog. area Chilliwack and surrounding area membership University College of the Fraser Valley; City of Chilliwack; Chilliwack Community Services; United Way of the Fraser Valley; Family YMCA; Fraser Health Authority mission Conducts social issue research in the Chilliwack area; disseminates and analyze a variety of social research data for the community of social service providers and for the City of Chilliwack; contributes to the advancement of local social services. **ACTIVITIES** Research initiatives involving downtown social issues, health care, the extension of social services to the area of Chilliwack that is south of the freeway, and an Age Friendly Community project including a large survey and forums.

COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST (SOCIAL SECTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE)

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ESTABLISHED 1995 **GEOG. AREA** Canadian portion of the Columbia River Basin
MISSION The Columbia Basin Trust supports efforts by the people of the Basin to create a legacy of social, economic, and environmental wellbeing and to achieve greater self-sufficiency for present and future generations. **ACTIVITIES** CBT has a three year social strategic plan that guides its activities in this area.

COMMUNITIES THAT CARE (SQUAMISH)

Box 900 Whistler, BC V0N 1B0

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ESTABLISHED 1998 membership 28 community leaders (CTC Advisory Board) and 32 Prevention Team Members **MISSION** Communities that Care is a community mobilization process aimed at preventing five problem behaviours that may inhibit success: substance abuse, delinquency, teenage pregnancy, school drop out, and violence. **ACTIVITIES** Assessment of risk factors, protective factors, and resource availability in the community; identification of promising, evidence based approaches to address prioritized risk and protective factors; and evaluation of programs and progress toward outcomes. Strengthening Families Program and High/Scope Approach to Pre-School.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS (REVELSTOKE)

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ESTABLISHED 2001 **GEOG. AREA** Revelstoke & District **MISSION** To strengthen and enrich the lives of individuals and families in our community by providing accessible, responsive services **ACTIVITIES** Services that provide social, educational, employment, housing, volunteer, and counselling opportunities for children, families, and individuals, including those with developmental disabilities.

COMMUNITY PLANNING COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE

#101—1533 8th Avenue, Prince George, BC V2L 3R3

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ESTABLISHED 1995 **GEOG. AREA** Most activities focus on Prince George, but also works to establish regional connections on issues of common concern. **MEMBERSHIP** 67 **MISSION** A resource working with Prince George individuals and organizations who are striving to build a dynamic community that is reflective of all who live here and where all may thrive. Responds to issues related to quality of life through facilitation, referral, education, research, and advocacy. **ACTIVITIES** Community Development Institute (2002); Prince George Social Plan (2002); three year plan to develop a social infrastructure model based on the Social Plan; evaluation of all funded SCPI projects; publications on topics of interest or concern to the community (e.g. sex trade, child exploitation, harm reduction, and quality of life issues for gays and lesbians, women and those in poverty); facilitation and mediation; administration services for new or struggling groups on a short term basis; evaluative services; resource lists and databases; public forums around contentious issues (e.g. gambling); spearheaded community initiatives such as the Downtown Revitalization Committee. Involved with: Supporting Community Partnerships Initiative Provincial Steering Committee; Sustaining Community Partnerships Initiative Provincial Steering Committee (a continuation of the National Homelessness Initiative); and Prince George Partners for a Healthy Downtown committee.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE (CLEARWATER)

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ESTABLISHED 1996 **GEOG. AREA** Clearwater **MISSION** To partner and facilitate initiatives, and to stimulate the skills and knowledge essential for the continued growth of the Valley.

ACTIVITIES Credit and non-credit programming; engages in a wide variety of community capacity building projects and programs. Also houses a public computer lab, a Business Support centre meeting rooms and office space.

COMMUNITY SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL OF GREATER VICTORIA

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ESTABLISHED 1966 **GEOG. AREA** Capital Region of BC **MISSION** An independent, community-based organization that provides leadership to bring the community together. Our vision is a sustainable quality of life for everyone in BC's Capital Region.

ACTIVITIES Gather and provide information of social trends; clarify the definition of social issues; influence public policy and social structures; create avenues for public participation in community problem solving; mobilize collaborative responses to social change; Quality of Life CHALLENGE; Community Reconstruction Project; Housing Initiatives Roundtable; Common Ground Community Mapping; and BC Transit Ticket Assistance Program

COMOX VALLEY SOCIAL PLANNING SOCIETY

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ESTABLISHED 1996 **GEOG. AREA** Comox Valley Area **MISSION** Promotes social planning as a process for developing a healthy community in the Comox Valley. **ACTIVITIES** Community meetings, Comox Valley Quality of Life Report

FERNIE WOMEN'S RESOURCE & DROP-IN CENTER

PO Box 2054, Fernie, BC V0B1M0

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GEOG. AREA Fernie and surrounding communities **ACTIVITIES** The Center offers social programming for community members, including parenting programs, the Better Babies program and the Strong Start Early Learning Center. Provides on-site counselling and Drop-In and Resource Centre services.

FRASER BASIN COUNCIL (SMART PLANNING FOR COMMUNITIES)

1st Floor—470 Granville Street, Vancouver, BC V6C 1V5

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ESTABLISHED 2005 **GEOG. AREA** BC Wide **MISSION** A BC-wide collaborative initiative to assist local and First Nations governments in addressing their long-term sustainability challenges by providing resources and tools for planning socially, culturally, economically and environmentally sustainable communities. **ACTIVITIES** Calls for collaboration among organizations and teams of people working together to develop and implement integrated strategies for a sustainable future.

GOLDEN COMMUNITY RESOURCES SOCIETY

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ESTABLISHED 1974 **GEOG. AREA** Golden Area **MISSION** Provides a variety of non-statutory social services. **ACTIVITIES** Employment programs; programs for children, youth and families; and community service programs.

HORNBY ISLAND COMMUNITY ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

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Hornby Island, BC V0R 1Z0

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ESTABLISHED 1996 **GEOG. AREA** Hornby Island **MISSION** Fosters a healthy, sustainable, resilient, and diversified economy on Hornby Island. **ACTIVITIES** Assists, supports and facilitates socio-economic growth; generates employment and entrepreneurial activities; improves marketing of Island products and services; promote the use of renewable Island resources; and Community Visioning.

KITIMAT SOCIAL PLANNING PROCESS COMMITTEE

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ESTABLISHED 1974 **GEOG. AREA** Kitimat and Kitamaat Village **MEMBERSHIP** 80+

MISSION Develops and maintains a comprehensive social planning process for the communities of Kitimat and Kitamaat Village, and develops our communities' capacity to plan for a successful future. **ACTIVITIES** Kitimat Social Planning Process

LAKES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LEDA)

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ESTABLISHED 2006 **GEOG. AREA** he Village of Burns Lake and the Regional District Area B
MEMBERSHIP 11 Board of Directors, 1 EDO, 1 proposal writer, 2 office administrators

MISSION Leads, facilitates and supports community economic development practices and projects for the Governing Board.

MAPLE RIDGE/PITT MEADOWS COMMUNITY SERVICES

11907-228th Street, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 8G8

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ESTABLISHED 1972 **GEOG. AREA** Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows **MISSION** Enables individuals and families to realize their potential and achieve a level of self-reliance.

ACTIVITIES Child, youth, and family services; counselling and support services; information and referral services; victim assistance; mental health services; and senior and volunteer services.

**NELSON CARES SOCIETY
(NELSON SOCIAL PLANNING ACTION NETWORKS)**

#201 182 Baker Street, Nelson, BC V1L 4H2

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ESTABLISHED 1974 **GEOG. AREA** Nelson and Area **MEMBERSHIP** 75 **MISSION** Support community where all live, learn and play together. **ACTIVITIES** The Advocacy Centre, Earth Matters (community-based organization that addresses community, environmental and social issues), residential services for community living, supported employment, emergency shelter and affordable housing.

QUESNEL CHILD, YOUTH AND FAMILY NETWORK

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ESTABLISHED 1992 **GEOG. AREA** North Cariboo (Quesnel School District Service Area) **MEMBERSHIP** Varies; all providers of services to children, youth and families, organized into service teams. **MISSION** A community organization of stakeholders that supports and encourages the well-being of children, youth, and families. **ACTIVITIES** Identify service needs in the community; collaborative development and implementation of effective services to meet the needs of children, youth, and families; maintain an active liaison with other community planning bodies and activities; social planning advisory body to City of Quesnel; recommend programs and activities to funding bodies; promote awareness of and access to services that support the mission of the network; promote protocols among network members that further community collaboration in the planning and provision of services and resources; Moving Forward Together and Community Child and Family Plan community forums; compile standard information on community services in hard copy and on website; and community plan (logic model) for services to children, youth and families. member of the regional (North, Central and South Cariboo) Social Development Working Group

RICHMOND COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MISSION Advises city council on social policies and community planning issues.

ACTIVITIES Education, information sharing and networking, provides support for local, community based initiatives, special tasks and projects.

SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL (SUNSHINE COAST)

c/o Sunshine Coast Community Services Society,

PO Box 1069 Sechelt, BC V0N 3A0

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ESTABLISHED 2003 **GEOG. AREA** Sunshine Coast including Town of Gibsons, District of Sechelt, Sechelt Indian Government District, and Sunshine Coast Regional District

MEMBERSHIP 10 **MISSION** The Social Planning Council provides coordinated community planning related to social issues using a community development approach. **ACTIVITIES** Develops new and innovative ways to coordinate planning, shares information, identifies needs and assets, increases community development skills, undertakes advocacy, fosters partnerships, and initiates and/or supports community projects. Organized Affordable Housing Forum which led to an Affordable Housing Study and establishment of an Affordable Housing Task Force. Also participated in developing a framework for MCFD community consultation.

SOCIAL PLANNING COWICHAN

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ESTABLISHED 2004 **GEOG. AREA** Cowichan Valley Regional District

MISSION Provides leadership that brings the community together to create a sustainable quality of life for everyone in the Cowichan Region. **ACTIVITIES** Conducts research about the social health of the Cowichan Region; educates the Cowichan Region community about social planning issues; facilitates partnerships and community consensus on issues and action plans; recommends action plans and short and long term strategies to improve the quality of life in the Cowichan Region.

SOCIAL PLANNING FOR NORTH OKANAGAN

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GEOG. AREA North Okanagan Regional District **MISSION** A non-profit society dedicated to improving the quality of life for residents of the North Okanagan by addressing the social, health, economic, and environmental needs of the community. **ACTIVITIES** Vernon and District Volunteer Bureau; Senior's Information and Resource Bureau; affordable housing; and race relations.

SOCIAL PLANNING & RESEARCH COUNCIL OF BC (SPARC BC)

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ESTABLISHED 1996 **GEOG. AREA** British Columbia **MISSION** Works with communities in building a just and healthy society for all. **ACTIVITIES** Research services focused on promoting income security, community capacity building and accessibility; parking permit program for people with disabilities; community development education; SPARC BC News (quarterly publication); and reports and publications.

SOUTH CARIBOO COMMUNITY PLANNING COUNCIL

PO Box 607, 100 Mile House, BC V0K 2E0; 160 Cedar Ave, 100 Mile House

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ESTABLISHED 1989 **GEOG. AREA** South Cariboo **MEMBERSHIP** 16 **MISSION** Dedicated to collaboratively coordinating resources to promote a healthy, safe, inclusive community. **ACTIVITIES** Community table (Sept. – June) for information sharing, networking, identifying gaps and weaknesses, identifying and addressing challenges.

SOUTH PEACE COMMUNITY RESOURCES SOCIETY

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GEOG. AREA Peace/Liard region **MISSION** A non-profit organization that is dedicated to meeting the social, educational, and personal needs of the community by providing services that develop skills for living. **ACTIVITIES** Women's and victim's services; child, youth, and family services; community living services; and community development and specialized services.

SMITHERS SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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ESTABLISHED 2000 **GEOG. AREA** Smithers, Telkwa, Moricetown & surrounding area **MISSION** Dedicated to an inclusive process that addresses the social aspects of building and maintaining a healthy, thriving community for the benefit of all its citizens. **ACTIVITIES** Annual Community Issues Forum; Youth Task Force; Community Report Card; and Quality of Life Indicators.

SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL OF WILLIAMS LAKE AND AREA

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ESTABLISHED 1995 **GEOG. AREA** Williams Lake and area. **MEMBERSHIP** 20 Board Members **MISSION** To enhance, encourage and support social development in Williams Lake and area. The Council is a community-based table that operates in an open, public and consensual manner. **ACTIVITIES** Forum for the public and community at large to discuss concerns and unmet needs; facilitates cooperation and communication among those involved in social planning and economic development; assists in building community capacity and planning for present and future well-being of the community; advises City Council on social development and quality of life issues; informs and educates the community about social issues; most recent project is a Community Vitality Assessment in partnership with the City of Williams Lake.

SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (TRI-CITIES AREA)

2601 Lougheed Hwy, Fernwood Lodge, Holly Drive, Coquitlam, BC V3C 4JC

Cathy Burpee CHAIR, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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WEB www.societyforcommunitydevelopment.com

ESTABLISHED 1988 **GEOG. AREA** Anmore, Belcarra, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam & Port Moody

MEMBERSHIP 87 **MISSION** To provide leadership and support in helping citizens identify and address community issues and to promote the development of a healthy community.

ACTIVITIES Current activities focus on housing and poverty.

SOOKE CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION OF SERVICE AGENCIES

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ESTABLISHED 2002 **GEOG. AREA** Sooke area, west of Victoria, from Metchosin to Port

Renfrew. **MEMBERSHIP** 9 agencies in the co-op **MISSION** Promotes cooperation and collaboration among agencies and organizations to further enhance the quality of community for children, youth, and families. We are guided by a vision of healthy communities. **ACTIVITIES** 2 preschool groups; before and after school care; Sooke Options for Community Living Association; counselling; children and family services; and clothing exchange.

SQUAMISH SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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MISSION Considers the community's overall social priorities, needs, and coordinates the actions within Squamish in order to create a strategic plan that will focus on children and youth, safety and security, housing, employment, poverty, environment and health, and cultural diversity.

STORYTELLER'S FOUNDATION

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ESTABLISHED 1995 **MISSION** Fosters personal and political mobilization through the development of an active citizenry so that the Upper Skeena and Gitxsan nation can further define its social and economic destiny. **ACTIVITIES** Rural Roots community learning network; socio-cultural animation; program development and peer learning; analysis and research; publishing and communication; youth work

SUMMIT COMMUNITY SERVICES SOCIETY

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ESTABLISHED 1973 **GEOG. AREA** Cranbrook, Kimberly & area **MEMBERSHIP** 50 **MISSION** Promotes community well-being by providing a continuum of quality, accessible client-centered support and intervention services in a respectful manner **ACTIVITIES** Family, Child/Youth, Sexual Abuse Intervention, and Parent/Teen Counselling, School/Family Support Services, Community School/Family Support Services, Community Intervention Services, Women's Support Services, Police-Based Victim Services, Special Services to Children, Infant/Toddler, 3-5 Year Old, and After School Childcare Centres.

SURREY VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

13686—94A Avenue, Surrey BC, V3V 1N1

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MISSION Encourages and facilitates collaborative efforts to reduce poverty and address poverty-related issues. **ACTIVITIES** Increases understanding of poverty and poverty reduction best practices through research and evaluation; demonstrates the benefits of working within a community economic development framework; increases economic security through income and asset building; develops and implements a community learning plan

TERRACE ANTI-POVERTY GROUP SOCIETY

4542 Park Avenue, Terrace, BC V8G 1V4

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ESTABLISHED 1988 **GEOG. AREA** Terrace, Prince Rupert, Kitimat, and Smithers and surrounding areas **MISSION** Ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all people, regardless of income level, social status, or intellectual and physical ability. **ACTIVITIES** Advocacy (welfare and tenancy); assistance with disability applications and government forms and applications; use of office equipment; Christmas Tree Campaign; Free Store; community garden; research around issues affecting client group; and Community Development class (North West Community College) Terrace Dental Access Fund and daily food from Terrace Food Share Program

WHITE VALLEY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

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ESTABLISHED 1989 **GEOG. AREA** Lumby, Mable Lake, Whitevale, Trinity Valley, Lavington & Cherryville **MISSION** Promotes and supports the health and well being of our community by: creating opportunities, providing assistance, respecting diversity, and building partnerships through positive, caring, responsive action. **ACTIVITIES** An accessible, comprehensive resource centre for people in need of information and assistance. Programs include counselling, parenting, drug and alcohol prevention, peer support as well as support and services for young moms, youth, seniors, parents, victims of family violence and individuals seeking volunteer opportunities. Also offers a referral service and resource library.

UNITED WAY OF THE FRASER VALLEY

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ESTABLISHED 1985 **GEOG. AREA** Fraser Valley East (Aldergrove, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Hope, Boston Bar, Agassiz-Harrison, Kent, Mission) **MEMBERSHIP** 34 agencies, 12 individuals **MISSION** Improve social conditions in the Fraser Valley **ACTIVITIES** Vibrant Abbotsford (poverty reduction), Success by 6, Fraser Valley Childcare coalition, Fraser Valley Housing Network Initiative, Fraser Valley Volunteer Support Network, Member Agency Network.

MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

THIS SECTION CONTAINS a list of citizen's advisory committees working with municipal governments in BC. For further information on local social planning and social development initiatives please consult these publications:

Net Work Book (Union of BC Municipalities): Lists municipal staff including social planners. Available at most public libraries or can be ordered on-line at:
www.civicnet.bc.ca

Guide to Aboriginal Organizations & Services in British Columbia (Government of BC): This publication lists all the First Nation and Métis organizations in BC, including governments. Available on-line at: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/arr/services/guide.html>

CITY OF ABBOTSFORD (ABBOTSFORD SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASDAC))

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ESTABLISHED 2005 **DESCRIPTION** Provides advice to Council on social issues, and helps guide the City's social planning function.

CITY OF BURNABY (SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE)

4949 Canada Way, Burnaby BC, V5G 1M2

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WEB www.burnaby.ca

John Foster
Phone: (604) 294-7400

CITY OF DAWSON CREEK CORPORATE PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

10105—12A Street (Box 150) Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4G4

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CORPORATION OF DELTA COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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CITY OF KAMLOOPS (SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL)

7 Victoria Street West, Kamloops, BC V2C 1A2

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Email: socialplan@kamloops.ca

WEB www.kamloops.ca

ESTABLISHED 1993 **DESCRIPTION** Acts in an advisory capacity to City Council on social issues in the community. Makes recommendations on a wide variety of social concerns, planning issues and helps develop municipal strategies to meet community social needs.

CITY OF KELOWNA (HOUSING COMMITTEE)

Theresa Eichler, COMMUNITY PLANNING DIRECTOR

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Email: teichler@city.kelowna.bc.ca

WEB www.kelowna.ca

DESCRIPTION Addresses community and social needs in the areas of affordable housing, crime prevention, employment, youth, seniors and the mobility-challenged.

TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

20338 65th Avenue, Langley, BC V2Y 3J1

Teresa Kaszonyi

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WEB www.tol.bc.ca

DESCRIPTION The Sustainability Charter presents a vision of the community that meets the social/cultural, economic, and environmental needs of current residents while ensuring that those needs can continue to be met for future residents.

CITY OF LANGLEY

20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley BC, V3A 4B3

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Roy Beddow

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DESCRIPTION First social plan (presented to City Council on February 11, 2008) identifies existing City initiatives and contributions and presents recommendations for ten priority subject areas.

**DISTRICT OF MAPLE RIDGE
(SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPAC))**
11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 6A9

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DESCRIPTION Advises Municipal Council on matters relating to social planning and the social needs, social well-being, and social development of the community.

CITY OF NANAIMO (SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE)
455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6

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DESCRIPTION In Nanaimo, social planning involves the assessment of community needs, building community cooperation, providing support to citizen participation, and encouraging the community to become active in social issues.

**CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER
(COMMUNITY & SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE)**
511 Royal Avenue, New Westminister, BC V3L 1H9

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John Stark SENIOR SOCIAL PLANNER
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DESCRIPTION The role of the Community Social Issues Committee is to promote social policies and community programs which contribute to the general health, welfare, and quality of life of the residents of New Westminister

**CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER (SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (SPAC))**
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Cheryl Kathler, COMMUNITY PLANNER
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DESCRIPTION Advises City Council on broad social, cultural and ethnic concerns that affect residents of the City. Also makes recommendations regarding the planning and development of municipal strategies to meet community social needs. The SPAC reviews applications for community grants and the Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund, and makes recommendations to City Council on the disbursement of grant monies.

CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER (COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE)

355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, BC V7N 4N5

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DESCRIPTION Works with staff to address municipal policy as it relates to a range of social issues and areas of concern including: children and youth, seniors, immigrants, affordable housing, homelessness, gambling and addiction.

CITY OF POWELL RIVER

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CITY OF REVELSTOKE (REVELSTOKE COMMUNITY SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE)

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DESCRIPTION Comprised of community social sector professionals, business representatives, community members and City Councillors. Contribute to achieving the Community Vision by supporting all citizens through a responsible and caring social system.

CITY OF RICHMOND (SOCIAL POLICY & PLANNING)

6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

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DESCRIPTION Works with staff to make recommendations to Council regarding civic policy as it relates to a range of social issues and areas of concern, including seniors, childcare, multicultural relations, gambling and similar topics.

CITY OF SALMON ARM (SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE)

PO Box 40, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

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DISTRICT OF SAANICH (HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE)

770 Vernon Avenue, Victoria, BC V8X 2W7

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DESCRIPTION Promotes effective communication, engagement and collaboration between the Municipality and its citizens. Advises Council and recommends policies to support a healthier and more livable community

CITY OF SURREY (SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE)

14245 56th Avenue, Surrey, BC V3X 3A2

Judy Villeneuve CHAIR
WEB www.surrey.ca

DESCRIPTION Includes Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture Services as well a broad range of activities undertaken by the City in support of the social well being of the City's citizens.

CITY OF VANCOUVER (SOCIAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT)

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DESCRIPTION Works with community groups and other civic departments to address critical social issues facing the city.

CITY OF VICTORIA (SOCIAL PLANNING & HOUSING COMMITTEE)

1 Centennial Square, Victoria BC V8W 1P6

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DESCRIPTION Coordinates and leads efforts to improve and enhance the social and economic health of our community; working to create a City that is safe, vibrant and people-centered.

DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER (COMMUNITY PLANNING)

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CITY OF WHITE ROCK (SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE)

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DESCRIPTION Advises City Council on social issues and concerns, community services including transit and safety, housing, and liaises with organizational groups.