



**Health Matters Newsletter
May 18, 2018**

Today's Health Matters Includes:

- Meeting Schedule
- Community Meetings and Events
- Affordable Housing Contribution Service Open Houses
- Funding Opportunities for Aboriginal Head Start
- Ready to Rent Ladysmith
- Poverty Reduction Summit



Our Cowichan- Network Member Meetings-

- ✓ **Next Admin Committee Meeting- June 7, 4:30-6:30** CVRD Committee Room 2
- ✓ **Next Our Cowichan Network Meeting at July 12 Ramada Silver Bridge** Light dinner at 5:15 pm
Meeting starts at 5:45 pm.

Community Events- Meetings

- **Community Response Team Meeting** June 21, 9 am-11am Meeting Room 213 at the CVRD
- **EPIC-Community Steering Committee** May 24, 1:30 -3:30 pm Ts'í'ts'uwatul' Lelum

Local Data and or Research-

Affordable Housing Financial Contribution Service

Today more than ever, we need housing- all kinds of housing. We also need the financial means to build and planning support to do so. This next few weeks more than any, your support is required to help us get there! Please take a few minutes to do any of the following. (EVERY message Counts)! You can start by going to the CVRD <https://www.cvrdb.ca/1530/Housing> to learn about what is being planned for Cowichan.

Then-

You can send emails to the CVRD housing@cvrd.bc.ca lending your support to the financial contribution for an affordable housing service.

Or

You can visit placespeak.com/cvrdaffordablehousing and vote in favour of affordable housing service. You can also provide comments here

Or

attend one of these sessions! Any and everything helps!

MAY 17	<u>Open House: Affordable Housing Financial Contribution Service</u>	Eagles Hall Ladysmith Ladysmith	Interested
	Thu 4 PM · 32 guests		
MAY 22	<u>Open House: Affordable Housing Financial Contribution Service</u>	Island Saving Centre Duncan	Interested
	Tue 4 PM · 192 guests		
MAY 24	<u>Open House: Affordable Housing Financial Contribution Service</u>	Lake Cowichan Sports Arena Lake Cowichan	
	Thu 4 PM · 4 guests		

Funding opportunities for Aboriginal Head Start programming

The First Nations Health Authority has secured \$10.5M of funding from the province of BC to invest in the expansion of Aboriginal Head Start On-Reserve programming. Communities seeking to initiate or expand their programs can now [access a Frequently Asked Questions sheet](#). **Deadline is June 18, 2018.**

Ready to Rent- Ladysmith

Attached is a flyer for the upcoming Ready to Rent workshop presented by Wendy Montgomery who is a Homelessness Prevention and Ready to Rent Community Educator for the Cowichan Housing Association.

This free workshop will be held at the First United Church Hall at 232 High Street, Ladysmith from 9:30-12:30 on Friday June 22, 2018.

This tenancy information workshop will offer information about the rights and responsibilities of a tenant, provide knowledge that will improve chances for getting housing and being a successful tenant, and address budgeting and communication skills.

It is important to note that registration closes on May 30. To register call Tina Fabbro at 250-797-0533.

Poverty Reduction Summit

In one month we will gather in beautiful Vancouver, BC for the 2018 Cities Innovating to Reduce Poverty Western Regional Summit. There is an exciting agenda forming for the two days we will be together. Together we'll experience amazing keynotes, workshops and a celebration of the City of Vancouver's upcoming poverty reduction strategy. The gathering will be interactive as we bring together some of the best innovators in poverty reduction and collective impact. The event is filling fast and thanks to some new sponsorships, this event is more affordable now than ever.

Join us at:

Cities Innovating to Reduce Poverty

June 12-13, 2018 | Vancouver, BC

[Register Now](#)

We will gather for a full day and evening June 12th and then again for a half day on June 13th. We are excited to share with you some of the event highlights:

- The gathering will open with the **release of a new paper: *The State of Cities Reducing Poverty***. This paper will provide key insights into our national movement to end poverty in Canada. We will also hear from a panel of BC poverty reduction practitioners who will share some of their most innovative approaches to reducing poverty. The morning will close with a keynote and discussion: *The End of Poverty in Canada*, led by Cities Reducing Poverty founder, Paul Born.
- The afternoon of Day One will include **two experiential tours taking us around Vancouver** to a number of poverty reduction and social innovation projects. Concurrently, we will host a series of workshops highlighting provincial, regional and federal strategies to reduce poverty, as well as practical workshops on how to apply a collective impact approach to our poverty reduction work.
- Day One will close with an **evening celebration hosted by the City of Vancouver and City Councillor Andrea Reimer**. This reception will celebrate social innovation in Canadian cities and showcase Vancouver's innovative approaches to planning and co-creating strategies to reduce poverty through a dual community economic development and healthy communities approach.
- Day Two of the Summit revolves around an interactive and iterative discussion that you will not want to miss. We are bringing together **top thinkers and policy makers** to help us deeply understand the connection between social innovation and poverty reduction. **Darcy Riddell** (McConnell Family Foundation) and **Al Etmanski** (best-selling social innovation author) will be joined by policy experts **Catherine Scott** and **Colin James** (Employment and Social Development Canada) who will

share with us frameworks and national level consultations that are forming the basis for developing national social innovation and poverty reduction strategies.

- There are now 25 cities who are working on, or are developing, Cities Reducing Poverty strategies. All of our partner cities will be attending and then working together Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning to advance this movement forward.

Cities Innovating to Reduce Poverty is just one month away, and space is limited. Join us to celebrate our collective successes and co-generate impactful solutions to eliminating poverty in our communities.

[Register Here](#)

Sincerely,

The Vibrant Communities Team

P.S. Want to attend but need financial support to join? We have a number of scholarships available to attend the event. [Apply here](#) or get in touch with [Leena](#) to learn more.

[Do you have a resource, event or information you would like to share?](#)

Send it to cindylisecchn@shaw.ca and it will be included in the weekly

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