

The Comox Valley Social Planning Society respectfully acknowledges that we are standing on the unceded traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation.



Annual Report 2019-2020

October 13, 2020

Social Planning

A process that involves local governments and community members working together to address social issues and build healthy communities. Integrated with other types of planning, social planning focuses on the people themselves in the community planning context.

CVSPS Foundational Principle

Strong communities need social, economic and environmental health.

CVSPS Vision

Connected people and organizations improving the quality of life of citizens in the Comox Valley by impacting social issues.

CVSPS Mission

The CVSPS provides information to individuals, organizations and policy makers to advocate for and guide the development of social planning strategies throughout the Comox Valley.

Annual General Meeting 2020 Agenda

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Round Table Update
4. Approval of Minutes of AGM 2019
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Election of Board 2020-2021
8. Closing

AGM Minutes May 7, 2019

Comox Valley Social Planning Society Annual General Meeting May 7, 2019 Courtenay Library Meeting Room

Meeting opened at 11:30 am by President, Bunny Shannon

Guest speakers Lindsay McGinn (Comox Valley Community Health Network) and Andrea Cupelli (Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness) updated attendees on initiatives undertaken by these groups in our community.

President Shannon reported on activities for the year ending March 31 2019 which included our partnership with the Comox Valley Community Foundation on Vital Signs 2018, participation in the launching of the Community Health Network, attendance at all-candidate meetings for the Oct 2018 municipal elections, participating in the BC Living Wage campaign; as well as our regularly quarterly meetings.

Treasurer Pam Munroe presented the financial statement for the year and it was accepted as information by those present.

The following board members were elected by acclamation:

- President, Bunny Shannon
- Vice-President, Betty Tate
- Treasurer, Pam Munroe
- Secretary, John Higginbotham
- Members at large: Sheila McDonnell, Joanne Schroeder, Liz Gilbank, Jessie Shannon

Meeting adjourned at 1PM

President's Report

Respectfully submitted, Bunny Shannon, President

Although The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted our lives in 2020, the Social Planning Society has made progress on our priorities and actions in the past year. Some of our work has been:

Communication: The highlight was the development of a long overdue new logo that we are using proudly! We continue to encourage new members to join and keep our webpage up to day – thanks to Roger Albert for his ongoing work on the website! We also continue to increase our profile on Facebook and a thanks goes to Sheila McDonnell for doing this work.

Collaboration with Local Governments: We had strong attendance and participation from our local government representatives at our meetings this year and are very appreciative of their support. We continue to advocate for a social planning function within local government and held a Social Planning Workshop with the Comox Valley Community Health Network in November 2019. The report on the workshop can be found on our website. In early 2020 we did delegations to local governments to follow up on the recommendations from the workshop and then COVID interfered, but we plan to continue these conversations again soon.

Living Wage for Families Campaign: The Living Wage for Families is a regional calculation that determines the amount a family of four, two adults working full year, full time, need to earn to meet their expenses. We again calculated the Living Wage for Families in the Comox Valley in 2019 and it is \$15.97. In March 2020 we sent letters to all the local governments and major employers in the Comox Valley encouraging them to become Living Wage Employers. The calculation for 2020 has been postponed until 2021 when we will be participating again.

Engagement in Federal Election: We wrote a briefing note for federal candidates regarding poverty and food insecurity that was submitted to all candidates and questions were submitted to Town Hall events. We also co-hosted with CV Community Health Network, Lush Valley Food Action Society and Central North Island United Way an “Eat, Think, Vote” local all-candidates meeting focused on food security that was well attended.

Comox Valley Poverty Reduction Strategy: We were asked by CV Regional District to be a partner, along with the CV Community Health Network and CV Coalition to End Homelessness, in a proposal to get funding to do a Comox valley Poverty Reduction Strategy. The proposal was successful, and the Comox Valley is receiving \$100,000 to develop a strategy. The project will begin later this fall and our role will be primarily to advise on engaging community members in developing the strategy.

Thank you to everyone for the ongoing support to accomplish our actions.

Treasurer's Report

Respectfully submitted, Pam Munroe, Treasurer

COMOX VALLEY SOCIAL PLANNING SOCIETY STATEMENT OF INCOME AND SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2020

	2020	2019
REVENUE		
General Income	0	1
Grant Income	6,800	1,500
Total Revenue	<u>\$6,800</u>	<u>\$1,501</u>
EXPENSES		
Administrative	396	40
Program Expense	425	1,200
Total Expenses	<u>\$821</u>	<u>\$1,240</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) for the year	5,979	261
Surplus Beginning of Year	931	670
Surplus End of Year	<u>\$6,910</u>	<u>\$931</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2020

ASSETS		
Cash and Term Deposits	1,910	931
Accounts Receivable	5,000	-
Total Assets	<u>\$6,910</u>	<u>\$931</u>
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		
Accounts Payable	\$-	\$-
Unrestricted Surplus	6,910	931
Total Liabilities and Surplus	<u>\$6,910</u>	<u>\$931</u>

UNAUDITED
Prepared by
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Board of Directors (2018-2019)

President- Elizabeth (Bunny) Shannon
Vice-President – Betty Tate
Secretary – John Higginbotham
Treasurer – Pam Munroe

Directors at Large
Sheila McDonnell; Joanne Schroeder; Liz
Gilbank; Jessie Shannon