

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 2020-2021

May 4, 2021

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.

Board of Directors (2020-2021)

President- Bunny Shannon
Vice-President – Betty Tate
Secretary – John Higginbotham

Treasurer – Pam Munroe
Directors at Large - Sheila McDonnell; Joanne Schroeder

Annual General Meeting 2021 Guest Speaker



Basic Income: What You Need to Know

We are delighted to welcome our keynote speaker Susan Abells from [Coalition Canada \(Basic Income\)](#). Her presentation will focus on the history of basic income in Canada, how COVID has furthered the conversation, and the recent BC report titled *Covering All the Basics: Reforms for a More Just Society* that makes recommendations related to basic income in BC.

Annual General Meeting 2021 Agenda

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Guest Speaker: Basic Income: What You Need to Know
4. Approval of Minutes of AGM 2020
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Election of Board 2021-2022
8. Closing

AGM Minutes October 13, 2020

Comox Valley Social Planning Society Annual General Meeting Tuesday, October 13, 2020 Noon via Zoom

Present: Betty Tate, Pam Munroe, Bunny Shannon, John Higginbotham, Pat McKenna, Steph McGowan, Louise Howes, Roger Kishi, Sheila McDonnell, Danielle Hoogland, Andrea Cupelli, Sheena Campbell, Trudy Beaton, Joanne Schroeder

Meeting opened at noon by President Shannon acknowledging that we are living and working on the unceded traditional territory of the K'òmox First Nations.

Participant Updates:

Pat McKenna: Comox Town councilor. Report on his work with Habitat for Humanity – project on Lake Trail of 10 homes will be completed by the end of October. Also finishing up in Campbell River. Total of 20 homes built in the last 3 years. Next project in Courtenay is 12 units on Piercy Road

Steph McGowan: rep from Comox council – town working on a strategic plan and the culture is shifting to acknowledge the importance of social planning in infrastructure decisions

Roger Kishi: Wachiay Friendship Centre, also involved with Homelessness Coalition and the Community Health Network. Wachiay in the rezoning phase of a project to build 20-24 housing units on their property at the corner of 17th and McPhee in Courtenay

John Higginbotham: Accessibility Committee now administratively part of the Social Planning Society. Funds may be coming from CVRD in 2021 to assist with committee admin.

Trudy Beaton: Also on the Accessibility Committee and with Therapeutic Riding Assoc. Possible community garden at the exhibition grounds – plans underway

Danielle Hoogland: NIC student recruitment. COVID has had a big impact on the college. Now doing combination of online and in-person learning depending on the course. 30% decrease in enrollment from foreign students, also some decrease in other programs. More mature students and lots of enrollment in health care and trades programs. Housing project postponed now until 2023. Search on for new president for the college. Virtual event planned to encourage people to consider further education, some financial incentives available.

Andrea Cupelli: Coalition to End Homelessness has been very busy during the pandemic working hard with municipal, federal, provincial agencies to secure supports for the homeless. Big social media campaign underway October 10-16 for homelessness awareness.

Callum Maguire: new outreach work at the Wachiay Friendship Centre

Sheena Campbell: John Howard Society working with other agencies on drug strategy committee and substance use strategy for CV

Sheila McDonnell: Now chair of the School District #71 Board. Good work done over the summer by staff, teachers, parents to get prepared for school reopening. Innovation in curriculum coming slowly. Also involved with Food policy issues which have been challenged by COVID. Good collaboration with LUSH and other groups to continue lunches in schools.

Joanne Schroeder: Retired from Child Development Society. Now working with Early Years Collaborative and UBC partnership to look at factors in our community which affect child vulnerability. Project in North Courtenay (includes Black Creek, Merville, etc) to focus on where are the gaps? CV Community Foundation providing funding for some of this work including a survey which is out now.

Betty Tate: Working with Social Planning, Homelessness Coalition, Community Health Network. These and other groups have been working together focusing on housing and food security during COVID time. Health Network has and is sponsoring Community Conversations about reactions/impressions/experiences during COVID. General discussion a few weeks ago. More specific conversations happening currently.

Louise Howes: CV Head Injury Society. Office closed, appts only. Providing supports to people with head injuries and their caregivers and families.

President Shannon opened the business portion of the meeting.

Moved Sheila, Seconded Pam that the minutes of the AGM from May 7, 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

President Shannon reviewed the annual report highlighting work done by the society April 1 2019 – March 31 2020. Question about the poverty reduction strategy – Consultants have been hired by the Regional District – Urban Matters. Meeting Oct 15 which Betty will be attending as a rep from Social Planning Society. Purpose of the strategy is to build on the information we already have in the community and come up with an action plan.

Treasurer Munroe reviewed the financial statement for the year ended March 31, 2020. Moved Pam, Seconded Bunny that report be receive for information. **CARRIED**

Election of Board: Betty Tate VP, Bunny Shannon Pres, Pam Munroe Treasurer, John Higginbotham Secretary, Joanne Schroeder, Sheila McDonnell agreed to serve for another year.
Elected by acclamation

Meeting adjourned 12:50 PM

President's Report

Respectfully submitted, Bunny Shannon, President

As we grappled with the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic the Social Planning Society has continued to make progress on our priorities and actions in the past year. Some of the highlights are:

Collaboration with Local Governments: We continue to have strong attendance and participation from our local government representatives at our meetings and are very appreciative of their support. We continue to advocate for a social planning function within local government and are making plans to hold another Social Planning Workshop with local government representatives later in the year when we are able to meet face to face again. We are also participating in [City of Courtenay Official Community Plan](#), the [CVRD Active Transportation Network Plan](#) and are a partner with CVRD and local municipalities on the development of a [Regional Poverty Assessment and Reduction Strategy](#) that will be completed in the fall of 2021.

Improving Accessibility in the Comox Valley: The Comox Valley Accessibility Committee and Social Planning Society are forming a relationship to increase education and awareness about accessibility issues; be a resource for accessibility information regarding transportation, the built environment, accessibility grants etc. and to advocate for improved accessibility, to help make the Comox Valley an inclusive and barrier-free community. A huge THANK YOU to the CVRD for providing \$15,000 in 2021-22 fiscal year to support not only this work but some of the other work of the Social Planning Society.

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. The calculation for 2020 was postponed so we will be calculating the living wage for 2021 this coming fall. Congratulations to [Hakai Energy Solutions](#), [Tree Craft](#), [Wayward Distillery](#), [Motif Music Studios](#) and [Nikkei Ramen-Ya](#) who are now Living Wage for Families Employers in the Comox Valley! Please check out these local businesses and support them if you can!

We are updating our website regularly and it is full of community information related to social planning so be sure to check it out [here](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic has made many inequities and gaps in social, economic and environmental health visible in our community. Many individuals and organizations have worked hard to support people during this time. The Social Planning Society is committed to collaborating with others to address the inequities that have been exposed over the past year for the betterment of all members of our community.

Treasurer's Report
 Respectfully submitted, Pam Munroe, Treasurer

COMOX VALLEY SOCIAL PLANNING SOCIETY
 STATEMENT OF INCOME AND SURPLUS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2021

	2021	2020
REVENUE		
General Income	0	0
Grant Income	<u>2,500</u>	<u>6,800</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$6,800</u>
EXPENSES		
Administrative	246	396
Program Expense	<u>0</u>	<u>425</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$246</u>	<u>\$821</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) for the year	2,254	5,979
Surplus Beginning of Year	<u>6,910</u>	<u>931</u>
Surplus End of Year	<u>\$9,164</u>	<u>\$6,910</u>

BALANCE SHEET
 AS AT MARCH 31, 2021

ASSETS		
Cash and Term Deposits	9,164	1,910
Accounts Receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$9,164</u>	<u>\$6,910</u>
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		
Accounts Payable	\$-	\$-
Unrestricted Surplus	<u>9,164</u>	<u>6,910</u>
Total Liabilities and Surplus	<u>\$9,164</u>	<u>\$6,910</u>

UNAUDITED
 Prepared by
 Pamela Munroe

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.

