

Peninsula Homeless to Housing Task Force





- Surrey Housing and Homeless Foundation
- White Rock South Surrey Community Foundation
- White Rock Baptist Church
- First United Church
- Alexandra Neighbourhood House
- Crescent United Church
- SOURCES BC
- Options/Hyland House Society
- Star of the Sea Parish



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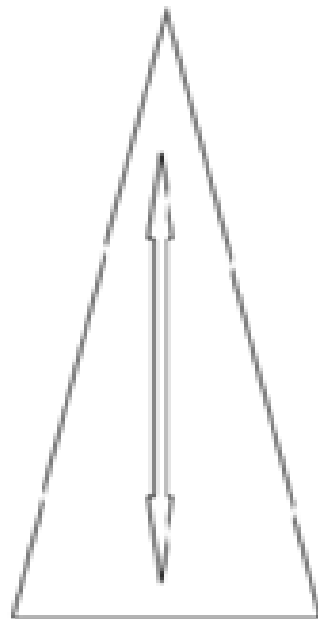
- Triage Chart of Services and training
- Homeless Action Week events in October
- Homeless Count Coordination in 2008 and 2011
- Monthly newsletter
- Food Security Fund with White Rock South Surrey Community Foundation
- Support for First United Church/Hyland House Extreme Weather Shelter and shower renovation



Community Dinner 12 October 2011



Housing Insecurity Metro Vancouver



Absolute homelessness

2,623

Hidden homelessness

9,200

Relative homelessness

63,000

First United Church/Hyland House Extreme Weather Shelter

- Open 64 nights over the year
- 300 men and 24 women
- December 14 – 12 people stayed in shelter
- 27 volunteers

Housing Demand by Tenure and Household Income for White Rock (10 Year Estimate)

Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy

- 600 units Rental
 - 200 low income
 - 300 moderate income
 - 100 market rental

White Rock Affordable Housing Strategy

Draft Affordable Housing Strategy doesn't have final approval

April 16th appeared before White Rock Council to make recommendations to enhance the plan to ensure the needs of our low income citizens.



- 1. Request Provincial Government make amendments to Community Charter to enable municipalities to use inclusionary zoning
- 2. Submit a motion in support of such an amendment to the next Union of BC Municipalities convention in September, 2012
- 3. Make inclusionary zoning provisions mandatory not voluntary



- 4. Make amendments to the Official Community Plan to authorize Housing Agreements and support price restricted housing
- 5. Define affordability, for the purposes of Housing Agreements, as 30% of the median household income, depending on type of housing developed.

- 6. Direct staff to begin work on the development of a rental replacement policy
- 7. Create an Affordable Housing Fund

Household Income

White Rock and immediate area

Environics Study 2010, First United Church



BY THE NUMBERS: INCOME

- \$5,049.33 estimated monthly cost of living for a family of four
- \$18.03 hourly wage each parent would need to cover those costs
- \$1,681.00 estimated gross monthly income for minimum wage earners (\$10.25/hr)
- \$661.67 monthly basic income assistance for individuals



What is a Living Wage?

At 18.81 per hour for Metro Vancouver — or \$34,234 annually for each parent working full-time — the living wage covers only bare bones expenses.

We will approach City of White Rock and Surrey to join New Westminster City Council and sign on to the Living Wage Campaign.

<http://livingwageforfamilies.ca/>

Food security on menu

Speakers representing community gardens and the local food bank are among several slated to share their perspectives on food security on the Semiahmoo Peninsula at an event Friday in South Surrey.

The April 13 effort, led by the Peninsula Homeless to Housing Task Force, is set for 2 p.m. at the White Rock Baptist Church, 1657 140 St.

It is hoped to help identify food security gaps and strengths in the community, and share what other communities are doing to address the issue.

Speakers are to include Shefali Raja, a community health specialist with the Fraser Health Authority; Pat Logie, of Sources White Rock/South Surrey food bank community garden; Helen Fathers, a White Rock councillor and manager of the White Rock Farmers Market; Jenn Beavington, of Alexandra Neighbourhood House; Deirdre Goudriaan, of B.C. Healthy Communities; and Cinthia Page, project co-ordinator of Can You Dig It.

Discussion is open to the public. Email petergreenwell@telus.net to attend.

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