

PIBC (North Island Chapter) Professional Development Seminar: *Access to Housing*

Anchor Inn, 261 Island Highway, Campbell River

Thursday September 20th, 12:00 – 4:30pm

12:00 – 12:30	Buffet Lunch & mingle
12:30 – 12:40	Welcome and Introductions (Chris Osborne, PIBC/City of Campbell River)
12:40 – 13:05	Presentation 1 (Andy Gaylor, PIBC/City of Campbell River): <i>Setting the Context, the housing crisis, vacancy and affordability trends in the north island area and the role(s) municipalities can play.</i>
13:05 – 13:30	Presentation 2 (Libby King, SRD Community Health Network): <i>Putting together a local/regional housing needs assessment and engaging the community – what did people say? What are people’s challenges and perceptions in relation to securing appropriate housing? How can municipalities collaborate differently?</i>
13:30 – 13:55	Presentation 3 (Pat McKenna, Habitat for Humanity): <i>Building affordable housing amid rising real estate and construction costs. In what ways do local governments both help and hinder? Is there an enhanced role for the private sector?</i>
13:55 – 14:10	Coffee Break
14:10 - 14:45	Presentation 4 (Steve Ayers, John Howard Society): <i>Getting vulnerable people housed, and preventing homelessness during a rental vacancy crunch – how close to an emergency situation are we? What are the different options?</i>
14:45 - 15:10	Presentation 5 (Patricia Orr, CR Homeless Count): <i>Stories from the streets. Who are our homeless people, and what other less-obvious challenges do they face (e.g. predatory relationships, gang activity, etc.)? What realities do governments and agencies overlook or not fully grasp?</i>
15:30 – 16:30	Site visit to Salvation Army Homeless Shelter, Evergreen Road, Campbell River. (Ian Lamont): <i>Guided tour of shelter, perspectives on the impact the housing crisis is having on providing this service and the demand for shelter.</i>
16:30 onwards	Reflections and social at Anchor Inn bar