



# NOTES Caledonia Tiny Homes Village Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

November 22, 2022, 5-6 p.m.

**BC Housing:** Amanda Parnham – PRESENT

**Business Community Representative:** HarbourCats - Christian Stewart – PRESENT

**Caledonia Tiny Homes Representative x 2:** - REGRETS

**City of Victoria:** Michael Hill - PRESENT

**North Park Neighbourhood Association:** Sarah Murray – PRESENT

**Not for Profit Representative:** REGRETS

**Not for Profit Representative – Alternate:** REGRETS

**Our Place Society:** Julian Daly PRESENT

**Resident Representatives:** Adit Prasad – REGRETS Charles Joerin – PRESENT, Jennie Greven – REGRETS

**Resident Representative – Alternate:** Margaret Bell – PRESENT

**Security, Paladin Security:** Ewan Chesterley – PRESENT

**Umbrella Society:** REGRETS

**Victoria Police Department:** Lisa Forcier PRESENT

**City of Victoria Councillor Liaison:** Not Assigned

**Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness:** Janine Theobald – PRESENT Steven Crombie – PRESENT

## Territorial Acknowledgement

- Janine acknowledged the work we are doing is within the homelands the Lekwungen peoples, known today as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations

## Approval/Introductions & Check-in

- Previous Notes and Meeting Agenda Approved – Participants introduced themselves

## Tiny Homes Operational Update

- Tenting has reduced significantly
- Clean Team is increasing work outside in the neighbourhood surrounding the site; Paladin is letting Clean Team know when they see items for clean up on their rounds
  - Tiny Homes Office – 250-590-4535 for calls for Clean Team etc.
- Security shed is in place outside the entrance providing a place for security staff to have a presence in the neighbourhood
- 4 people have moved to permanent housing this month
- People celebrated Hallowe'en by decorating their doors and carving pumpkins
- Statistics reported: 53 individuals have enrolled in the Tiny Town Program
  - 10 discharges from the program, 7 moved to permanent housing, 4 moved to alternative housing, 7 self-discharged, 4 unknown, 21 current occupants
- Q. Is the site full? A. Site is currently not being backfilled as it is scheduled to close at the end of March
- A number of folks don't want to leave the site, they have found community there
- Q. What will happen to Tiny Town structures after March? A. GVCEH will be working with developer and managing with partners as asset owners
  - There are request for proposals for the assets in the works



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- Our Place is not interested in managing anything else at the site, there is not a current plan for anything else at the site
- Q. What is happening with the permit? A. See below from City of Victoria Council Meeting:  
Council's resolution on the TUP extension: 2. And subject to the required notification and advertising, Council consider issuing the Temporary Use Permit as follows:  
"That Council authorize the issuance of Temporary Use Permit Application No. 00023 for 940 Caledonia Avenue and 953 and 963 Green Street, in accordance with:
  - a. Plans date stamped June 1, 2022.
  - b. The Temporary Use Permit lapsing 3 years from the date of this resolution and that the City consult with the North Park Neighbourhood Association, BC Housing and the service provider before considering an extension of the License of Occupation beyond March 2023, and report to Council in an open meeting on the results of that consultation."
- Participants noted there have been challenges for neighbourhood perceived to be increased with opening if Tiny Town Village. It was expressed there is a hope from some that the March 31st, 2023 deadline for closure of the site be met.
- Some of the BC Housing sites under construction are delayed due to supply chain and workforce challenges, this may delay the closure of the site if they are not ready for the current occupants to move to – the Coordinated Access and Assessment team is working hard to match people with the most appropriate sites

### Roundtable Discussion

- City of Victoria
  - Extreme Weather Response Season is here and there have been a few activations. The City will operate an overnight shelter at the James Bay United Church and a daytime warming shelter when activation criterion are met. Overnight sights include The Salvation Army ARC on Johnson Street and Rock Bay Landing. Sooke has a shelter, and there is a shelter in Saanich, although it has not been able to open due to lack of staffing.
  - Council Neighbourhood Liaisons will be identified at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting (December 1, 2022)
- NPNA
  - December 18<sup>th</sup> – 10:30am – 1pm – Save On Foods Memorial Arena – the North Park Multicultural Festival in collaboration with the Masjid Al-Iman Mosque, free admission, skating and 40+ vendors
  - It was frustrating to have all of the camping at Tiny Town – service requests were placed starting in June and it took until November to see an end to the camping. The community wants to see this be a success, but it is hard when this is going on. For any community considering this model, there needs to be responsive structure in place for issues like this. Residents expressed appreciation for Sarah's email to get clarity on which department is responsible for refuse, camping and other issues being experiences.
- Paladin



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- Ecstatic about new booth, it's wonderful and provides more visibility. Having a consistent presence outside of the site and frequent interactions with people setting up is a deterrent to camping. Hope to continue to provide supports to clean team and improve the system.
- Victoria Police Department
  - From a VicPD perspective this has been a highly successful supportive housing site, very few police calls. There was a discussion about when to call the police – it was noted that calls for people using drugs would not be a high priority. Calls should be made to the non emergency number when there is no threat of harm of a crime in progress. VicPD does keep statistical records for calls received
- Resident Report
  - Clean team is doing a great job, have noticed a difference. Encouraged people to take photos when they can to identify areas in need of attention. Having respectful conversations with people can also help – an example was relayed where a neighbour pointed out where someone could dispose of their excess cardboard. Another resident noted that it has been frustrating, but it is getting better.
- HarbourCats
  - There is a dumpster by the back hate of Royal Athletic Park (RAP)– it was asked if anyone knew who put it there? There are lots of pallets being placed there  
**ACTION:** Michael Hill will follow up about dumpster at RAP
  - Sarah's email was appreciated, and the issue of camping currently seems resolved.
  - Generally this is a quiet time, off season – gearing up for Christmas now
  - Rifflandia and Beer Fest did tear up the RAP field
  - College team will be back and next season the 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the HarbourCats
- GVCEH
  - Continuing to support resident meetings, they have now gone back to doing a resident and staff meeting at the beginning of each session. As reported, more people are finding permanent housing. This creates mixed feelings of anxiety and hope for the future. People have been through a lot, and are appreciative of the community they have built.

### Review ACTION ITEMS

- **ACTION:** Michael Hill will follow up about dumpster at RAP – **IN PROGRESS**

### Next Meeting & Check Out

- January 24, 2023 – 5-6pm
- One Word Check Out Word Cloud:



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Transitions  
All of the Above  
Gratitude  
Hopeful Patient  
Informed  
Thankful  
Transparency  
Merry Christmas