



Minutes for CFP Meeting – Wednesday May 23, 2018
Location: Kamloops Alliance Church, Kamloops, B.C.
Time: 8:00 a.m.

Attendance:

Elizabeth Fry Society- Louise Richards, Cassandra Schwarz, Janet Bakke
Boys and Girls Club- Traci Anderson
Kamloops Brain Injury- Pardeep Tiwana
Phoenix Centre- Shae- Lynn Ross
MCFD- Rebecca Cain
Lived Experience Committee- Patrick Coughtrey
Kamloops Food Bank- Cassie Chatten
Interior Community Services- Val Janz
Communist Party Club- Beat Klossner
Interior Health- Lisa Deol- Rollo, Courtney Wilson
City of Kamloops- Natalie Serl, Jen Casorso
TRU – Terry Kading
Out of the Cold- Renee Stein

1. Introductions and Announcements

- Elizabeth Fry- Intro of Cassandra Schwarz as Executive Director.

Louise Richards

2. Housing and Shelters

- Homeless street shelter counter
- Looking for input on what the count illustrated for you
- Typically, no correlation can be done now
- 14 core questions: significant increase in numbers
- Shelter action team BC Housing and shelter managers to report back next month
- Youth homeless surveys were received yesterday; roughly #s to report to Katherine McParland for media in 2 weeks

Jen Casorso

- July 14 11-12/ 12-2 BBQ “Friends who have passed” – Out of the Cold
Renee Stein

- Homeless Camps
 - Nothing shows where to camp, just where not to
 - Maps designed to know where to go



- Times were changed: setup earlier & take down later
- Rules
- **Where can a temporary overnight shelter be setup? While the permitted areas are not listed in the actual bylaw, the prohibited areas are, including:**
 - playgrounds
 - water playgrounds
 - swimming pools
 - wading pools
 - horticulture display areas and ornamental gardens
 - maintained or landscaped public lawns
 - stadiums
 - skateboard parks
 - tennis courts or other sports facility courts
 - sports fields
 - dugouts
 - stages
 - bleachers
 - washroom facilities
 - picnic shelters
 - gazebos
 - cemeteries
 - pathways
 - driveways
 - roadways
 - lanes
 - bridges
 - docks
 - wharfs
 - boulevards
 - areas of a park that have otherwise been issued a permit pursuant to this bylaw
 - all other offices, community and recreational facilities, parking lots or parkades, that are owned or controlled by the City
- **The permitted areas will be outlined in an accompanying policy, but are generally the riverbanks along the Thompson Rivers.** Some parkland has been identified for use during high river, when the riverbanks are below water. These areas were selected because this is where homeless people are already seeking shelter. They are accessible, close to services, and outside of maintained or landscaped parks that are frequented by families and visitors.
- **When can a temporary overnight shelter be setup?**

The permitted hours for overnight sheltering are 9:00 pm – 7:00 am during wildfire season (March through November), and 5:00 pm – 8:00 am from December through February. While the City does not allow the use of any form of fire without a permit, the hours are shortened during wildfire season to mitigate the risk of interface fires.



- All temporary overnight shelters must be removed outside of the permitted hours, along with all possessions, wastes, and other incidental materials. Failure to do so may result in the removal of any or all of these items by City staff."
- City of Kamloops advocated for change through Provincial involvement: Community action team of 18 in province. Housing has the most support from the Provincial and Federal Government ever in history. Spent 8 months forming housing action committee. Fire Rescue, RCMP and By-Law senior staff spend a lot on educating people.

3. Other issues, developments, updates

- Congratulations Jen Casorso on your new Job with Urban Matters!
- Patrick spoke for Lived Experience Committee: Craig Burns broke his foot and Elmer King passed away. Patrick expressed sorrow and announced that the magazine is now on hold.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am.

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 27, 8:00 AM,
KAMLOOPS ALLIANCE CHURCH**