



Health Matters Newsletter February 17, 2017

Today's Health Matters Includes:

- Meeting Schedule
- Community Meetings and Events
- Local Data/ Relevant Reports and Information- 2016 Census Data Release Dates
- Everyone Should Have a Home- Homeless Forum
- Recognizing International Women's Day Luncheon-Keynote



My office assistant Hudson is so happy to see the grass again he is smiling!

Our Cowichan- Network Member Meetings-

- ✓ **Next Admin Committee Meeting- TBD 5:00-8:00** Committee Room 2 CVRD
- ✓ **Next Our Cowichan Network Meeting April 13** at **Ramada Silver Bridge**. Light dinner at 5:15 pm
Meeting starts at 5:45 pm.

Community Events

- **Next Sobering and Detox Task Force Meeting March 16** Room Committee Room 2 at the CVRD
- **Homeless Count Moved To Tuesday February 21-**
- **The Canadian Federation of University Women Cowichan is hosting a luncheon and presenting Melie de Champlain** speaking about her work with Syrian refugees in Europe and locally. Please consider joining us and note that gentlemen are most welcome.
Do feel free to share the information with friends and family.

Thanks

Sheila Service

President, CFUW Cowichan ([poster and information below](#))

Local Data and or Research- New Stats Canada Data Now Available

Statistics Canada has begun to release the first data from the 2016 Census. Data on population and dwelling counts were released on February 8, 2017, launching an accelerated release schedule that will provide Canadians with all data in a more timely fashion than for any previous census.

For the first time, all census data will be released within 18 months of collection. In addition, in preparation for the population and dwelling release, key geographic information, including reference materials and boundary files, are scheduled for release on November 16, 2016.

Six official 2016 Census data releases are scheduled between February and November 2017.

February 8, 2017 Population and dwelling counts

May 3, 2017 Age and sex and Type of dwelling

August 2, 2017 Families, households and marital status, Language

September 13, 2017 Income

October 25, 2017 Immigration and ethnocultural diversity, Housing, Aboriginal peoples

November 29, 2017 Education, Labour, Journey to work, Language of work, Mobility and migration

Statistics Canada is making every effort to have census data released as quickly as possible, with the goal of providing decision makers access to the most recent and complete information.

Census information is important for all communities and is vital for planning services such as schools, daycare, police services and fire protection. Governments, businesses, and organizations across the country will use this information to shape our country for years to come.

More information:

Media Relations, 613-951-4636 or

STATCAN.mediahotline@statcan.ca.

See also the [Census Program web module](#).



Letter Re: Child Poverty in Cowichan to Premier Christy Clarke

See attached letter and response

Everyone Should Have a Home

2 Part Planning meeting on Homelessness in Cowichan

March 6, 2017 @ Ramada Silver Bridge

Who Should Attend: Representatives from agencies working to address homelessness (funders, direct service providers, municipalities, RCMP, Island Health/other provincial ministries, school districts, etc).

Part 1 – Forum: Pulling it all Together

9:00 am to 12:00 pm facilitated by Cowichan Mental Health and Substance Use Collective Impact Team

“In November and December 2016 many organizations came together to explore the issue of homelessness in the Cowichan region. We are now coming back together to design the process for how to work together more effectively to address homelessness, and to build the foundations for a Community Plan.”

1. History - What has gone on before today
2. Current State - What we are facing today structure

3. Future - What we want to see
4. Moving us forward - Developing the

Lunch: 12:00 to 12:45 - meal will be provided

Part 2 – Creating a Multi-Year Community Plan to Address Homelessness

12:45 pm to 4:00 pm facilitated by Cameron Keller, Kaleidoscope Consulting

<http://www.vancouverexecutivecoaching.ca/about-cam/>

The federal government, through the Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS), is funding a 12-month planning project to bring local agencies together to develop a multi-year plan to address homelessness in our community. Cam Keller is the consultant hired to help facilitate our community in the creation of that plan.



**RSVP required – email your attendance for either or both sessions to
Melaina Patenaude ciocci@uwcvi.ca**



THE CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN COWICHAN
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S
DAY



WE ARE PRESENTING

MELIE deCHAMPLAIN

Director, Community Integration Cowichan Valley, Island Health

WHO WILL SHARE HER PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH HER WORK WITH SYRIAN REFUGEES IN
EUROPE AND HERE IN CANADA

AT A

LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017

Arrivals at 12:00 Luncheon at 12:30

RAMADA DUNCAN

140 Trans-Canada Highway

Register by sending a \$25.00 cheque to:

Sheila Service, P.O. Box 1143, Lake Cowichan, BC V0R 2G0

Pre-registration is a requirement. Share this with a friend and please be assured
that gentlemen are welcome.

Do you have a resource, event or information you would like to share?

Send it to cindylisecchn@shaw.ca and it will be included in the weekly

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