



**Health Matters Newsletter  
July 24, 2020  
Today's Health Matters Includes:**

- Meeting Schedule
- Community Meetings
- State of the Air Report is Now Available
- North Cowichan Official Community Plan- You Can be Involved- Here is How
- Supported Housing Projects- Engagement and Information Documents (attached)
- Homelessness Services Association of BC Conference and Webinar Opportunities
- Helpful Links During COVID Crisis



*Its easy to social distance out here!*

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- ✓ **Next Admin Committee Meeting **October 1, 4:30 pm- Location to be Determined****
  - ✓ **Next Our Cowichan Network Meeting **September 10 In Person Meeting Mellor Hall- Cowichan Exhibition Grounds 5:15-8:00 pm****
  - ✓ **Next EPIC Committee Meeting- **July 30 1:15 pm-2:15 pm Teleconference Call****
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**Community Events- Meetings**

- **Community Action Team (CAT) Meeting 9:00 am September 24, 2020, TELECONFERENCE 1-844-445-4475 Access Code 4381 5922 Due to the large number of participants **Please send Email to Cindy if you are going to be on the call to assist with Moderation – technical difficulties may occur due to busy systems- keep trying to get on line so line will be open 10 minutes early****
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**The 2020 State of the Air Report is now available** Check it out on the BC Lung Association website.

<https://bc.lung.ca/protect-your-lungs/air-quality-lung-health/bc-state-air-report>

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## North Cowichan Official Community Plan Revision Ways to Connect

We want the plan to be driven by the community. Here is how you can stay informed and get involved:

[Sign up](#) for our "Official Community Plan Project" newsletter

**Connect with the OCP Project on [PlaceSpeak](#) where various surveys and discussions will take place** (note: you will need to sign into your PlaceSpeak account or register)

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) (@NorthCowichan)

North Cowichan OCP – Come Learn and Engage on PlaceSpeak

1. Video – What is PlaceSpeak and why do we use it? <https://youtu.be/y5B3AXXDd0s>
2. Video – PlaceSpeak and Privacy [https://youtu.be/2iUK2\\_T4p-g](https://youtu.be/2iUK2_T4p-g)
3. Video – How to Register <https://youtu.be/-tSFgtZZVYI>
4. Here is an FAQ: <https://www.placespeak.com/faq/>

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## Opportunity for Community Organization to Apply for Grant Funding re Pandemic Response



TD is making available \$10 million through one-time grants ranging from \$350,000 to \$1 million to organizations that have designed innovative, scalable and/or replicable solutions that address the impacts of the pandemic. Applications must **explicitly address inequities** exacerbated by the pandemic, for example, those experienced by:

- Individuals from racialized and/or newcomer communities;
- Those who are a part of Indigenous communities;
- Those that have unstable employment or inflexible working conditions;
- Those experiencing insecure, inadequate, or nonexistent housing conditions;
- Individuals living in remote communities and are socially or geographically isolated.

In addition, applications must address one or more of the four interconnected drivers of change of the TD Ready Commitment: [Financial Security](#), [Vibrant Planet](#), [Connected Communities](#) and [Better Health](#).

The deadline to submit an application is **August 13 at 4:00 pm ET**.

For more information on this funding opportunity as well as to apply, please click [here](#).

If you are interested in developing an application, please contact [Isabel.Moore@viha.ca](mailto:Isabel.Moore@viha.ca) (Research Grant Facilitator).

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## Homelessness Services of BC Conference and Workshop Information

HSABC News & Updates

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### Upcoming Webinars

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#### ***Navigating Safe Supply with Corey Ranger***

*July 27, 2020, 10:00 - 11:30 AM*

Corey Ranger a registered nurse with experience working in harm reduction will discuss safe supply.

Corey has facilitated blood-borne pathogens programming for street-entrenched individuals in Edmonton's inner-city core; worked on the harm reduction team in Calgary; started HIV programming in Brooks; and most recently been responsible for implementing naloxone programming and supervised consumption services (SCS) in Medicine Hat. Corey has been a post-secondary instructor for community and mental health nursing at Medicine Hat College, and is an advocate for evidence-informed, pragmatic public policy. Corey is currently a project manager for BCcampus, responsible for the development, implementation, and evaluation of a provincial peer training curriculum and standards of practice (SOP).<sup>1</sup>

[Register](#)

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## 2020 HSABC Annual Conference September 24-25, 2020

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2020 HSABC virtual conference will offer a range of capacity building opportunities through panels, workshops and training sessions, and keynote addresses from community leaders centred around supporting partnerships between health and homelessness sectors.

HSABC's conference program will also offer diverse interactive features such as virtual tours, community discussion boards and self-care opportunities. Our event platform supports comprehensive networking opportunities through personalized attendee profiles, private messaging, virtual hangout events and other connection points based on each participants' region, interests, and field of work.

[Register Here!](#)

### Conference Workshop Highlight:

#### ***Acute Care Best Practices for Patients Experiencing Homelessness***

The Addiction Recovery and Community Health (ARCH) Team is a consult service at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton, AB. The team provides the following services for

emergency department and admitted patients: treatment recommendations for any substance of use; addiction counselling, peer supports and referral to recovery resources; assistance with the social determinants of health including housing, income supports, photo identification and Alberta health care coverage; and, health promotion interventions such as immunizations and screening for infections. This session will focus on how the team works with patients experiencing homelessness, both while they are in hospital and after discharge in the ARCH Transitional Clinic. Successes, challenges and next steps will be discussed.

**Presenters:** Dr. Kathryn Dong (ARCH Team) and Esther Leung (ARCH Team).

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## Some Information that may be helpful during the COVID 19 Crisis

- **If you feel sick**, isolate yourself and use B.C.'s online [self-assessment tool](#).
- **BC Centre for Disease Control**  
<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/covid-19-care>
- BC Housing provides great information <https://www.bchousing.org/COVID-19>
- **How to support your clients or residents**  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/vulnerable-populations-covid-19.html>
- **Self isolating in the home or co-living setting**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/interim-guidance-cases-contacts.html#app1>

- **How COVID-19 puts people who use drugs at greater risk**  
<https://leaderpost.com/diseases-and-conditions/coronavirus/how-covid-19-puts-people-who-use-drugs-at-greater-risk/wcm/66c9b32f-bc4f-4684-a8c1-b9d0a485aead/>

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## **Health Matters Newsletter**

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

Send it to [cindylisecchn@shaw.ca](mailto:cindylisecchn@shaw.ca) and it will be included in the weekly newsletter