



**Health Matters Newsletter
June 10, 2022
Today's Health Matters Includes:**

- OCCHN Meeting Schedule
- Community Meetings
- Cowichan Valley Hospice Seeking New ED
- Project Manager Posting for Cowichan Health Survey- Attached
- Cowichan Valley Hospice Society Job Postings
- Island Health Wellness Grants Open
- Cowichan Tribes Seeking Youth Centre Space
- Provincial Heat Alert Response System Information- Attached



Join us in celebrating Pride Month together we can enhance equity and inclusion in our region so all people feel welcome.

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- ✓ **Next Admin Committee Meeting July 7- 4:00 pm zoom call**
 - ✓ **Next Our Cowichan Network Meeting July 14 Zoom**
 - ✓ **Next EPIC Committee Meeting- June 16, 2022, 1:30 pm-3:00 pm zoom call** contact Cindy cindylisecchn@shaw.ca for access
 - ✓ **Cowichan CAT – June 23 2022, 10 am -noon** contact Leah Vance leahlvance@gmail.com
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Omicron Continues to Circulate Please GET Boosted

Project Manager Posting – Our Cowichan Communities Health Network Health Survey

- Attached Please distribute broadly

Cowichan Valley Hospice Seeking New Executive Director

Closing date for the ED position at Cowichan has been extended to June 22 at midnight. Our refreshed job description is here: <https://cowichanhospice.org/get-involved/careers/>

Cowichan Valley Hospice Seeking New Bereavement Services Coordinator Posting closes June 26.

Island Health Community Wellness Grant Program Call for Applications

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<http://communitygrants.islandhealth.ca/>.

VANCOUVER ISLAND – Communities on Vancouver Island will benefit from up to \$800,000 in Community Wellness Grants being provided by Island Health to improve the health and well-being of Island residents.

Now in its fifth year, Island Health’s Community Wellness Grant program provides the opportunity for not-for-profit organizations, local government organizations and Indigenous Nations, organizations and communities to apply for one-time funding for the development of new wellness initiatives and programs.

In the face of two provincial health emergencies, the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing drug poisoning crisis, the focus of the 2022/2023 funding cycle is community resilience, including connected, diverse, safe, active, and nourished communities.

“A key priority for Island Health is improving the health and wellness of the population, including supporting community-led health and wellness initiatives,” said Kathy MacNeil, Island Health’s President and CEO.

“The innovative projects funded by the Community Wellness Grant Program make a real impact for the people we serve throughout our region.”

A total of up to \$600,000 is available for individual/small grant funding. Individual grants will be awarded up to \$12,000 each.

To encourage partnerships and collaboration, the remaining \$200,000 is allocated for projects that are multi-jurisdictional/multi-agency and involve a minimum of three partner organizations. Partnership grant applications will be awarded up to \$50,000 each.

“Communities being able to identify and address the health of their members is a key component of community wellness,” said Dr. Charmaine Enns, Island Health’s Acting Chief Medical Health Officer.

“The collaborative wellness interventions that Island Health supports through this program make a difference in empowering communities for improving the social determinants of health.”

Examples of projects funded recently through Community Wellness Grants Program include a tenant-built Indigenous plants and medicine garden at a culturally supportive housing site, a trauma informed mindfulness and movement group for survivors of violence, and a ‘school to farm’ program where youth learned about agriculture and climate change mitigation.

For more information on how to apply for a Community Wellness Grant and for updates on some of our previous grant recipients, please visit <http://communitygrants.islandhealth.ca/>.

Media inquiries

Cowichan/South Island media inquiries:

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Provincial Heat Alert and Response System Recommendations

Attached

In response to the 2021 heat dome, multiple health sector partners and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) have developed a BC Heat Alert and Response System (BC HARS) for the summer of 2022. This system lays out the criteria that ECCC will use to issue a Heat Warning or an Extreme Heat Emergency alert, the appropriate public health messaging for both types of alerts, and the recommended actions for health sector and other partners. The province will continue to refine and improve the BC HARS in the years ahead.

Cowichan Tribes Looking for Space for Youth Centre

There has never been a time more critical than now to reconnect our youth with each other and supporting adults. Cowichan Tribes is currently without a youth centre space and is desperately seeking a location to host summer programs and more. If you are aware of a community space, please contact Leon Johnny leon.johnny@cowichantribes.com

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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 Friday Newsletter