



CAMPBELL RIVER AND NORTH ISLAND TRANSITION SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ending: August 31, 2017

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Campbell River and North Island Transition Society
Annual General Meeting
February 1, 2018
5:30pm
Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

of voting members present:

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M: S:

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 Consideration and adoption of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of CRNITS held January 23, 2017

M: S:

3. REPORTS

- 3.1 From the Board of Directors: Cheryl Stinson, Vice-Chair

3.2 Financial Reports:

- 3.2.1 Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements and Treasurer's report:
Susan McEwen, CRNITS Financial Director and Meghan Harrison, Treasurer

- 3.2.2 Acceptance of Audited Financial Statements - **Motion: to accept the Audited financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2017 as presented.**

M: S:

- 3.2.3 Appointment of the Auditor for 2017/18- **Motion: to appoint Moeller Matthews as the Auditor for the year ending August 31, 2018**

M: S:

- 3.2.4 Operations Reports: **Valery Puetz, Shelly Kernovich, Susan Trayler, Diane Palmer**

4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1 Election of Directors for positions #1, 3, 5, 7, (2 year terms) (directors with one year remaining: Darlene Hawes, Pat Grono)

Nominations: Cheryl Stinson (1)
Meghan Harrison (3)
June Spelay (5)

_____ (7) two year
_____ (6) one year

5. ADJOURNMENT

Campbell River and North Island Transition Society
Annual General Meeting, January 23, 2017, 4:30 pm
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 4:40 pm

18 voting members present

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M: J. Spies S: Pat Grono Carried

2. MINUTES

2.1 Consideration and adoption of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of CRNITS held January 18, 2016

M: J. Spies S: D. Wilson Carried

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chair of the board: **Darlene Hawes**

3.2 Financial Reports:

3.2.1 Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements – Charlene Brown, CA

3.2.2 Adoption of Audited Financial Statements - **Motion: to adopt the Audited financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2016 as presented.**

M: D. Wilson S: T. Mooney Carried

3.2.3 Appointment of the Auditor for 2016/17-

Motion: to appoint Moeller Matthews as the Auditor for the year ending August 31, 2017

M: J. Spies S: P. Grono Carried

3.2.4 Treasurer's Report: **Jacqueline Spies**

3.1 Executive Director's Report: **Valery Puetz**

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Election of Directors for positions #2, 4, 6 & 8 (2 year terms) and 5 & 7 (1 year)

Nominations: Darlene Hawes_____ (2) two year

Pat Grono_____ (4) two year

Sheila Janicki_____ (6) two year

Jacqueline Spies_____ (8) two year

Meghan Harrison_____ (5) one year

Laura Ritchie_____ (7) one year

All elected by acclamation

Directors with one year remaining:

Dianne Binette Wilson (1)

Cheryl Stinson (3)

June Spelay (9)

5. ADJOURNMENT 5:38 pm

Report from the Chair of the Board of Directors

February 1, 2018

Dear Friends,

Thank you all for taking time out of your busy lives to attend our AGM. I'm the acting Board Chair. Darlene our Board Chair is was not able to attend tonight. I know she wishes she could have been here.

I want to take a minute to introduce you to our current board:

1. Darlene Hawes – absent tonight
2. Pat Grono
3. June Spelay
4. Meghan Harrison
5. Cheryl Stinson

I want to start by thanking the current board, management team, staff and every one of our volunteers. Together you make up an incredible team and we are grateful for all of your hard work. Every role is vital in our success and we could not do it without you. We said goodbye to Carrie Sjostrom this year. She was a great asset to our team and we were sad to see her go.

Thank you to our outgoing board members:

1. Dianne Wilson
2. Jax Spies
3. Sheila Janicki
4. Laura Ritchie

2017 was a busy year on many fronts and it set the groundwork for an exciting 2018.

Here are a few highlights:

1. We took on the challenge of being the sole host of the Campbell River Coldest Night of the Year for 2018 which is happening Feb 24th. Just over 3 weeks away. Time to ramp up the donations.
2. Transitions Used Furniture and More had its one year anniversary. The store surpassed their budget and continues to grow its reputation as the friendly little store.
3. We had some great strategic planning sessions. Thanks to all who participated. The two top priorities are: more supported housing and a freestanding recovery program for women.
4. Packages have been created to hand out to potential board members. They can be picked up upon request.

I think you will agree we are set up for an exciting 2018.

Cheryl Stinson

Treasurer's Report
Year Ending August 31, 2017
Prepared by: Meghan Harrison, Treasurer

My report includes the income statements for the fiscal year of September 01, 2016 – August 31, 2017.

First, I'd like to begin by thanking our bookkeeper, Susan McEwen, and Valery Puetz for all of their help and efforts this year.

I have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report and have reviewed the following financial statements:

- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Changes in Net Assets
- Statements of Revenue and Expenditures
- Statement of Cash Flow
- Notes to Financial Statements
- Schedule of Society Funds

The income statement shows a net income gain of \$30,349 in comparison with (-\$14,976) at this time last year. This income gain is due to the success of the thrift store, "Transitions", donations from the community and local businesses. Overall our assets remains positive \$6,666,087 in comparison with \$6,752,719 last year. I believe, we are in a good financial position and have sufficient cash flow to carry us through to our next fiscal year.

Let's continue to make the Campbell River and North Island Transition Society a great social environment. Let's promote it and demonstrate to the outside world what a great place we have.

Yours Truly,

Meghan Harrison, Treasurer

Executive Director's Report

To the Society membership at the AGM, February 1, 2018

2017 in review:

The Ann Elmore House building is over 50 years old and has been renovated twice by CRNITS. The last renovation was in 2004. This year we have received funding approval from BC Housing to do some substantial repairs to the facility. The work will continue over the next year. As many of the systems are quite old it is wonderful to be upgrading. Over the past two years we have replaced all of the windows with funding provided by the Campbell River Community Foundation.

Rose Harbour celebrated 4 years of occupancy in 2017. We continue to learn and then adapt the programing to optimize our resources while providing the best service possible. The top priority is developing the internal community to provide social connection for folks transitioning to a new lifestyle.

Our Outreach programs are in high demand. We have limited funding for counselling support and the programs are fully utilized. The support groups continue to be well attended. We have received additional funding for our groups from the United Way, so we are able to increase the group options. We are presently running a Seeking Safety group, and have plans for parenting and expanded life skills groups.

TRANSITIONS, Used Furniture and More has grown and developed a lovely reputation as "the friendly little store". The store is now open 6 days a week and there is a steady flow of traffic most days. Our revenue for the year exceeded our projections by about 10%. This year has started out well and our monthly revenues are consistently exceeding last year's. A big thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who help Diane and Sandra keep the store humming along!!

The annual funding gap of \$50-75,000 is getting closer to resolution. Again, the Royal LePage Salmon Derby provided \$24,000 to support our services. We were the recipient charity for one night of the Jazz and Blues weekend at Spirit Square where we raised over \$2000. We have taken on hosting the Coldest Night of the Year, awareness and fundraising event on February 24th. We are aiming to realize \$20,000 from that event. This will become an annual event for us. We also receive tremendous support from community groups, including the Campbell River Altrusa Club and St Vincent de Paul, businesses and individuals. I am very grateful for our supportive community.

In November we gathered staff and board directors to look at our programs and set priorities for the coming years. There were great discussions. The number one problem for many of our clients is a severe local shortage of appropriate housing. At the end of the 3rd gathering we had identified our top two priorities for CRNITS:

1. To work towards increased supported and subsidized housing.
2. To work towards a freestanding recovery house

We are a strong and resilient organization. This is due to all of the folks who are involved with CRNITS. I offer a sincere and huge THANK YOU to all who are a part of this organization, including society members, directors, staff, clients, volunteers, donors and partners. **Every one of you are a valuable part of the Campbell River and North Island Transition Society, and we are able to do what we do because of you.**

Valery Puetz

ACTIVITY REPORT

To the CRNITS Membership

At the Annual General Meeting, February 1, 2018

PROGRAMS:

Women's Safety – Ann Elmore House

Women's Recovery – Ann Elmore House

Rose Harbour

Palmer Place

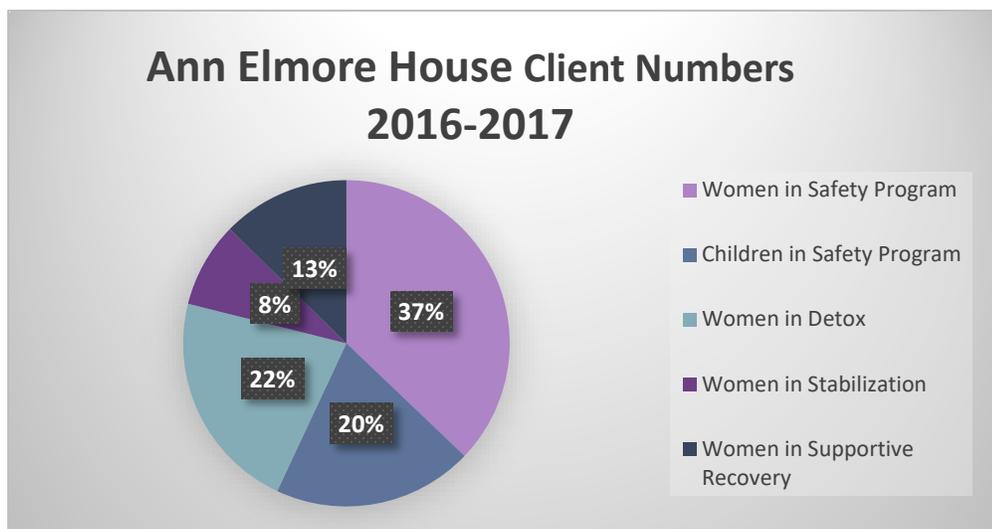
Outreach, Counselling and Support

Safe Homes

Transitions Used Furniture and More

WOMEN'S SAFETY – ANN ELMORE HOUSE

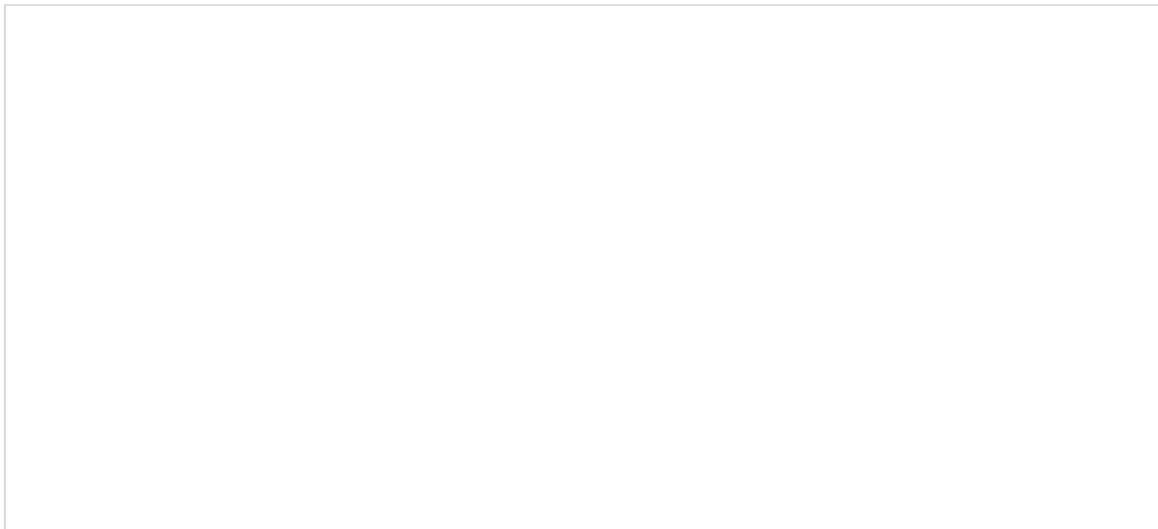
The Women's Safety Program, located at Ann Elmore House, provides safe shelter for women and their children who are fleeing abuse or at risk of abuse/violence.



The frontline staff at Ann Elmore House respond to crisis and support calls by phone 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This year 946 calls were responded to. These calls vary from emotional support to urgent crisis intervention.

The Women's Safety Program is busy throughout the year. We have been busy this year doing upgrades to Ann Elmore House including; new flooring throughout most of the house, painting inside and out, the hedge was replaced by fencing, and some electrical upgrades that included getting a generator for power outages. We are extremely grateful to BC Housing for funding these renovations. This coming spring we will continue with some yard upgrades.

There were 143 nights in the year that the Ann Elmore House was full to, or above, capacity.



RECOVERY PROGRAM – ANN ELMORE HOUSE

The recovery program provides residential programming for non-medical substance withdrawal (detox), Supported Recovery (28 day early recovery program) and mental health stabilization. There were 95 women in the three programs for a total of 898 bed nights. This program is operating at full capacity.

Shelly Kernovich, Ann Elmore Transition House Manager:

ROSE HARBOUR

Rose Harbour is a program that includes time limited subsidized housing and specialized services for women, with or without children, who are impacted by homelessness, abuse, violence, and /or substance misuse.



The common room / kitchen are the center of client activities. The activities and programming continue to evolve as we respond to the needs of the women and children in the program.

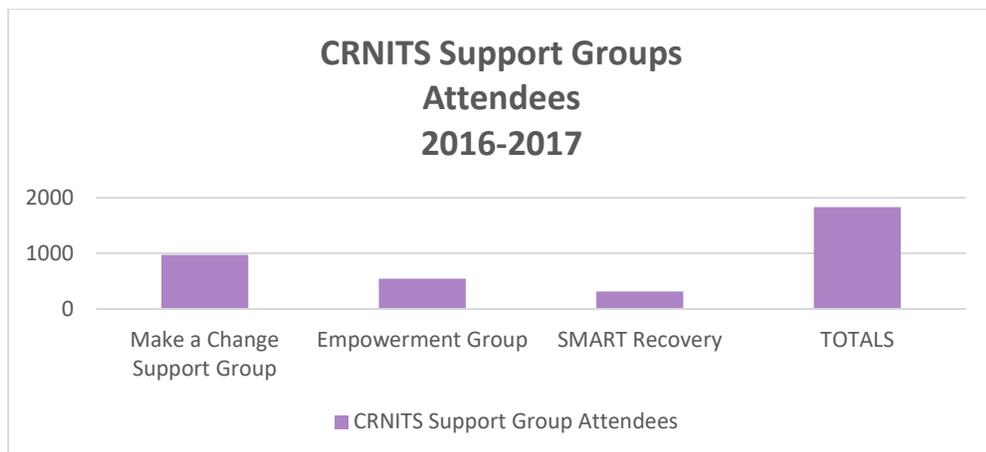
Every day there is coffee and breakfast available in the common room. A weekly community kitchen and regular potluck dinners also provide an opportunity for food sharing and social interaction, which is appreciated by the clients.

Susan Trayler, Housing Manager:

OUTREACH

Groups

There are three ongoing support groups; Make a Change, Women’s Empowerment and SMART Recovery. The groups have been so successful that we ran a few short term groups to reduce the size of groups. Seeking Safety and Connections were run.



In 2016-2017 there were 1,834 attendees at groups – an increase of more than 400 over the previous year.

The Outreach program provides workshops on Healthy Relationships and Dating in the schools. There were 34 presentations to approximately 500 students during 2016-2017.

Counselling

There were 416 counselling sessions, including 191 Stopping the Violence counselling sessions and 225 outreach supportive counselling sessions. Each month about four hours is spent on accompaniment to Court or Ministry of Child and Family Development (MCFD) meetings.

SAFE HOME

The Safe Home program ensures access to safe shelter and support for women in some of the remote areas of our region. There is service available to women in Gold River and area and Cortes Island. This program also provides community development activities. These activities include Wellness Days for women, commemoration of International Women's Day, Prevention of Violence Against Women Week and the Clothesline Project Display, and Community Health Fairs.

PALMER PLACE

Our clients continue to enjoy subsidized housing at Palmer Place through our partnership with the Campbell River and District Association for Community Living.

TRANSITIONS USED FURNITURE AND MORE STORE

Our store has now been open for almost two years. It has grown and developed and gained a lovely reputation as a "friendly little store." A tremendous amount of work has gone into creating this lovely and productive venture. We have over 25 dedicated volunteers who work alongside our paid staff to receive, sort, clean and price our donations, stock the store with goods for sale, assist customers, and so many more things. It is truly a shop with a heart!

For the year revenues exceeded our predictions by 10%. This year we continue to exceed predictions every month.

We receive great support from the community in donating items to us.

Ann Elmore Clients Share Their Thoughts.....

- Thank you for helping me help myself. I have grown and will continue to grow as a strong, proud independent woman. You did a good job! I made it!
- I felt safe and secure! I was respected and was trusted to find my responsibilities. Thank you very kindly for all the support on my path.



- My stay was amazing. A journey to the beginning of a whole new world filled with light. No more darkness. I had ups and downs and all-arounds, but in all a great place to feel safe enough to let it all out.
- I've never felt so supported, cared and comforted and accepted ever. Thank you so much. You all have helped me become strong again.
- Feel strong enough to continue learning and gaining skills to live sober.

Rose Harbour Clients Share Their Experience.....

- My stay is helping me grow into a new person.
- My stay at Rose Harbour for the last 17 months has been wonderful.
- The safe, stable housing and support are available to heal and right myself. You've been excellent for me.
- I felt safe and secure.
- I found my stronghold in my inlet of Rose Harbour
- This program is exactly what a woman needs to grow and become a confident, independent woman. I feel better than I've ever felt in my life. I owe it to the fabulous staff. Without them it would not have been possible. Thank you!

