BRIDGING RURAL HOMELESSNESS AND WELL-BEING

West Kootenay Homelessness Response Summit 2023





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The West Kootenay Homelessness Response Summit 2023 was a part of Selkirk College's applied research project Bridging Rural Homelessness & Well-being: A Sustainable and Collaborative Regional Response. The theme of the summit was "connection, conversation, and action". The summit took place in Castlegar on May 16, 2023. This is the first summit of the project, with two more summits to be hosted in the next two years.

Direction of Travel

The overall goal of the project is to improve the well-being of rural residents experiencing or at risk of homelessness living in and around the rural communities of Trail, Castlegar, and Nelson.

Objectives

The project aims to:

- Conduct research for evidence-based decision-making. •
- Strengthen relationships for sustainable regional collaboration and response actions. ٠
- Build regional homelessness response capacity through college resources (faculty and students). •
- Disseminate lessons learned in the region and beyond. •

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Community Partners

ANKORS	City of Trail	Navigation Table - Trail & Area	Regional District of Central Kootenay
Career Development	Castlegar Community	1100	Nootenay
Services - Trail	Harvest Food Bank	Nelson CARES	Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
Castlegar and District	Interior Health Authority	Nelson Committee on	
Community Service Society	Kootenay Career and	Homelessness	Trail Community Action Team
Castlegar Integrated	Development Society	Nelson Community	
Services Collaborative	Kootenay Savings Credit	Services	Trail FAIR
Circle of Indigenous	Union	North Island College	Trail Skills Centre
Nations Society (COINS)	Ministry of Social	Okanagan College	Trail United Church
City of Castlegar	Development and Poverty Reduction	Rural Empowered Drug	with more partners still
City of Nelson		Users Network (REDUN)	signing on

Funders

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West Kootenay Homelessness Response Summit 2023

This event aimed to bring together diverse perspectives and expertise from across the region and beyond to:

- Share experiences and perspectives on rural homelessness.
- Learn from others who are responding to rural homelessness in various ways.
- Build and strengthen relationships with others who are working to improve the well-being of those experiencing homelessness.
- Develop project ideas to help move conversations to action.

Schedule

DAYTIME: 9 AM – 5 PM

- Indigenous Welcome and Grief Acknowledgement
- Project Overview and Event Tone-Setting
- Networking Activity
- Panel Discussions
 - Lived-Experience Panel
 - o Student Panel
 - o Service-Provider Panel
- Lunch
- Open Space Discussions
- Project/Action Development

EVENING: 6 PM – 9 PM

- Dinner
- Keynote presentation: Lookout Housing and Health Society sharing the success of "It Takes a Village" housing project in Duncan, BC
- Keynote presentation: Ronnie Grigg, Zero Block Society, supporting harm reduction and harm reduction workers

Acknowledgements

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Video

A short video summary of the 2023 Summit can be found here.

Daytime Activities

Indigenous Welcome & Memorial

Elder Murhi Kencayd of the Sinixt First Nation deeply and graciously welcomed us into our shared space. She provided us with a territorial acknowledgement to recognize her people, as well as the peoples of the Ktunaxa and the Secwepémc First Nations.





Amber Streukens, Lived Experience Co-researcher for the

Bridging Rural Homelessness and Well-being project and Street College Program Coordinator at ANKORS, acknowledged the people we have lost to the toxic drug and housing crises. Participants were welcomed to honour those they have lost by adding their name and a message to a memorial display in the venue.

Project Overview and Event Tone-Setting

Jayme Jones, the Project Director for Bridging Rural Homelessness and Well-being, offered participants a brief snapshot of the project and the work done to date, as well as a covering the agenda for the event. She also set the tone for the day by leading participants in the process of a **Brave Space Agreement**.

This important collective journey required creating a container in which everyone could feel safe and empowered to share their perspectives. Below are the principles that participants collectively agreed upon before commencing their work together:

- Come as you are
- Welcome and encourage diversity of voices
- Invite participation from others where appropriate
- Listen with intention
- Be curious: INTOIT moments ("I never thought of it that way")
- Respect everyone's time

- Speak up if you can't speak on behalf of your organization, speak on your own behalf – don't hold back
- Keep personal / organizational information confidential
- Be both a safe space and a brave space
- Ask for what you need, offer what you can

Networking Activity

Our collaborative efforts began with getting to know people in the room. Participants were offered three rounds of five-minutes each, during which they were asked to form a new pair with each round to ask each other the following questions: What big challenge do you bring to this gathering? What do you hope to get from and give this group? 140 diverse participants amongst the group included:

26	61	10	6	24	25	18	18
Persons with lived / living experience of homelessness	Employees of social service agencies / organizations	Elected officials	Local government staff	Interested residents	Students	Employees of Selkirk College	Other (government agencies, researchers from other institutions)

Panel Discussions

STUDENT PANEL

This panel provided an opportunity to showcase various Selkirk College students from the School of Health & Human Services and the School of University Arts & Sciences who have helped to build regional homelessness response capacity through college resources:



- Taryn Tayes, a student from the Social Service Worker program working at the Coordinated Access HUB in Nelson.
- Tia Huttemann, a student from the Rural Pre-Medicine Program who works for Career Development Services at the La Nina Shelter in Trail.
- Lainey Dopp (Nursing student), Pier Briggeman (Nursing student), Julie Stellinger (Social Service Worker recent grad) & Kelly Vrugteveen (Social Service Worker recent grad) a team providing outreach in the West Kootenays (Trail, Castlegar, and Nelson).
- Christina Wahlers, a recent grad from the Rural Pre-Medicine program who conducted research on perceptions of homelessness in Trail.

PERSONS WITH LIVED / LIVING EXPERIENCE PANEL

This panel featured 15 individuals from across the West Kootenays who spoke honestly about living on the street, substance use, service gaps, public perception, and constant trauma. Safety, stigma, and immense struggle were key themes brought forward. Taking the stage as a group for almost an hour, individuals on this panel shared background stories and insight into their current situation. Many described a constant feeling



being unsafe and a daily existence of instability. From suffering physical abuse and theft of personal items to aggressive vigilantism and stigmatization by those in the greater community, the daily plight carries a steady sense of hopelessness. For most on the panel, substance use support and access to housing was at the core. The courage to tell their stories to the room was appreciated by those in attendance. Many on the panel received resounding positive feedback and felt encouraged that their voices had an impact. See the media release on this panel: https://selkirk.ca/news/homelessness-research-project-hears-voices-street

PARTNER PANEL

This panel brought together representatives of social service organizations from Castlegar, Trail, and Nelson to share what aspects of homelessness response are working well for them and what can be improved:

- Deb McIntosh, Manager of the Castlegar and District Community Services Society's Street Outreach Program, Drop-In Centre, and Winter Emergency Shelter, and President of the Community Harvest Foodbank.
- Sheila Adcock, Program Coordinator at the Career Development Society in Trail, including La Nina Shelter.
- Ryall Giuliano, Street Outreach Worker at Nelson Community Services and Life Skills Worker with ANKORS' Kootenay Boundary Adult Supported Recovery Program.

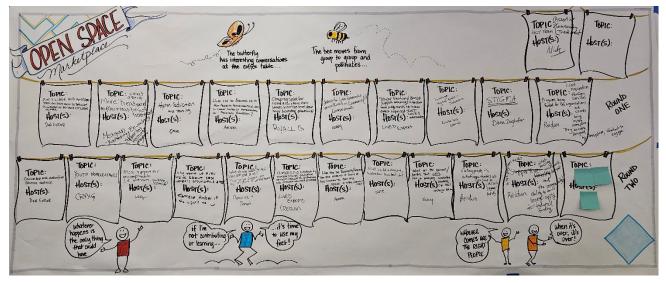


Open Space Discussions

Throughout the morning, participants were invited to record topics that they wanted to discuss with others. Two rounds of open space provided participants the opportunity to gather in groups to dialogue about the topics of interest to them. Four principles guided this open space: 1) what ever happens is the only thing that could have, 2) if I'm not learning or contributing, it's time to use my feet and move elsewhere, 3) whoever comes are the right people, and 4) when it's over, it's over.

These open space discussion topics included:

- ACT (assertive community treatment)
- Mini village and motorhome park
- More 'treatment' myths and realities of treatment
- Harm reduction and housing
- Camping space for homeless where their camps won't be torn down and overdose prevention
- Involving lived-experience voices (circles) in community conversations
- "Down", fentanyl, benzo support meetings freedom from judgements, no "clean dates" required. Just love & understanding
- Leverage digital tools and solutions
- Stigma
- Client navigation through services. Programs being funded for the organizations and clients being in the same space. They become fatigued by the system, reluctant to engage
- Columbia Ave hop on/hop off service
- Youth homelessness
- More support for encampments (ie: bathrooms, garbage removal)
- Why don't we ever talk about sex workers around this area?
- What do you want to tell your MP and MLA? How can we support you as assistants of local leaders?
- Classes for community members to be educated on harm reduction, substance use, trauma informed practices
- What are the resources/services that are working in some of our communities that are needed in other communities?
- What could a regional collaborative team look like?
- What are the barriers/hurdles that cities face in providing accessible housing in Trail, Castlegar or Nelson?
- Calling people in, what opportunities do you have to discuss stigma/beliefs?
- What programs work? What housing would work for you and the community's ability to build housing apply for federal funding?



Project/Action Development

Project/actions ideas were gathered from quarterly collaborative meetings with project partners, as well as from participant suggestions throughout the morning of the Summit. This helped to determine possible projects/actions that could be initiated as a part of the second and third years of the Bridging Rural Homelessness & Well-being project. All ideas were grouped into seven resulting themes, and a facilitator was allocated to each. Participants were then invited to gather in whichever theme inspired their participation. The themes were: housing, transportation, stigma, mental health, regional service coordination, employment and meaningful day, and basic needs.

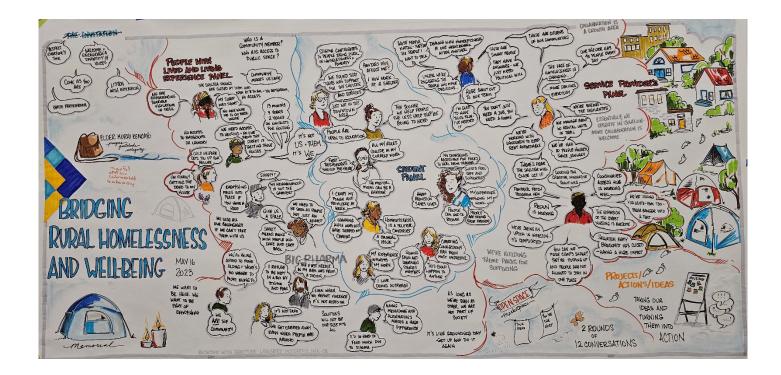
In each theme, participants reviewed and brainstormed project/action ideas that fit that theme, including completing a project/action summary form that explored impact, lead organization, link to college resources, and potential for regional collaboration. (See appendix for digitized project/action summary forms for all projects/actions included in this brainstorm.) Within each theme area, participants then prioritized their top project/actions through a sticker voting system.

These top project/actions within each theme were then developed further and presented to all summit participants. This resulted in 10 top projects across theme areas. After hearing details about each project, participants then used their individual allotment of \$15,000 "Selkirk Innovates" project bucks to show their support for the various projects. Project bucks could be divided among various projects or put all towards one project. This process helped prioritize support for the top projects. See the voting results below. While this vote tally shows the level of support by summit participants for the top projects, all projects listed were already identified as top projects/actions in each theme, and thus all have value and merit in actioning.

Project/Action Title	Lead	Project Bucks Vote Tally
Where do we put the housing?	Castlegar and District Community Services Society	\$256,000
Society's Recovery Housing Project	Municipalities	\$142,000
Housing Now	Coalition: Nelson, Trail, Castlegar, Selkirk College	\$136,000
Inhalation OPS in ALL Communities	REDUN/ANKORS & Interior Health Authority	\$102,000
Regional Coordination Committee	Need Full-time Regional Coordinator	\$80,000
Sustainable Transportation Action Network	BC Transit/RDCK/RDKB	\$75,000
Collaborative Health Clinic Space	REDUN & Selkirk College	\$67,000
Mobile Hygiene Services	ANKORS/Allied Support/Municipalities	\$62,000
Employer Training: All Together Now	Kootenay Career Development Society, Skills Centre, Peers (consultation)	\$45,000
Anti-Stigma Education	Trail Community Action Team & participating communities	\$25,000

VOTING RESULTS

Graphic Recording of the Day's Activities

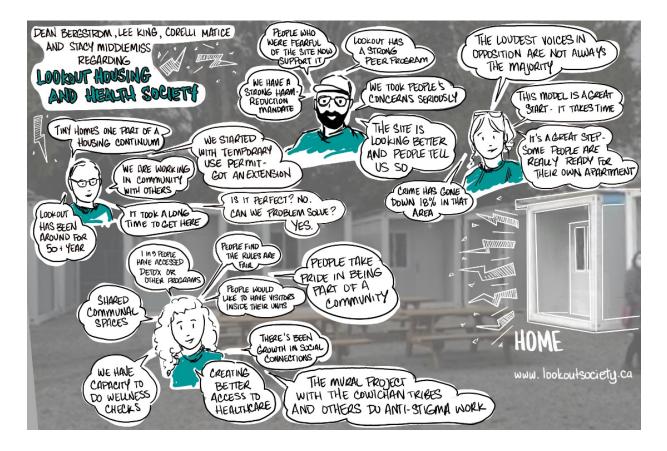


Evening Presentations

"It Takes a Village" Project Presentation

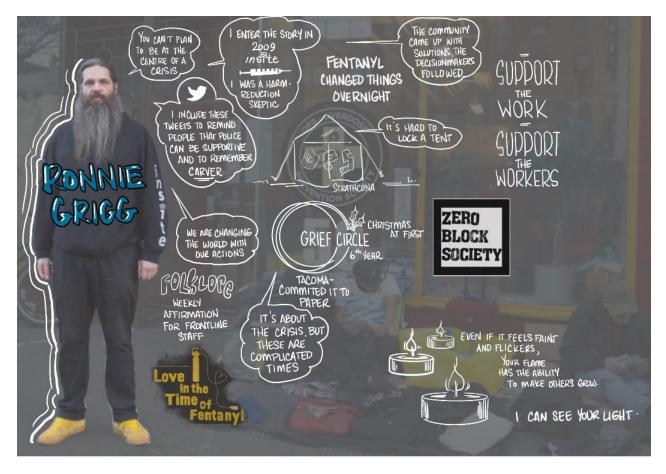
Lee King, Corelli Matice, and Dean Bergstrom from the Lookout Housing and Health Society and Stacy Middlemiss from Duncan City Council presented about the "It Takes a Village" initiative. This project is aimed at addressing the needs of low-income individuals in Duncan, BC, by providing them with housing and comprehensive support services. Residents receive shelter, meals, hygiene supplies, outreach access to healthcare, and more.

A video of this presentation can be <u>found here</u>.



Ronnie Grigg Zero Block Society Presentation

Ronnie Grigg closed off the Summit with a powerful presentation exploring harm reduction and support for harm reduction workers. Ronnie is a long-time frontline harm reduction worker in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, Canada's epicentre of the overdose crisis. His work has mainly been focused on supervised drug consumption spaces, but more generally has also worked extensively with those who are precariously housed and unhoused. He is currently the Founder and Executive Director of an emerging harm reduction non-profit called the Zero Block Society and is featured in the documentary "Love in the Time of Fentanyl." Through this film and his work with Zero Block Society, Ronnie has supported harm reduction initiatives across Canada, the United States, and Mexico. What he has witnessed transcends borders—a universal experience of profound and widespread grief. However, amidst this sorrow, Ronnie shares these stories, offering a glimmer of hope to those in need. Ronnie's unwavering dedication and compassionate spirit are inspiring, reminding us that even in the face of immense challenges, there is always room for healing and transformation.



Appendix – Digitized Notes from Project/Actions Summary Forms

Project/Action Name					
Anti- Stigma Education					
Project/Action Description (1-2 sente	nces)				
Public education through training events (e.g., farmer's markets)	g, speaker servic	es (not sure), so	cial and mainstream media, public		
Anticipated Impacts – if this project/a	action is successful,	what would be diff	erent? What would be achieved?		
 Increased empathy towards the serving of the serving			ugs		
Level of impact in improving the well experiencing homelessness	-being of people	Project/action size	2		
 Large impact Medium impact Small impact Unsure 		Medium - requir needed	pen quick with few resources needed res some time & resources; more coordination more time and resources; lots of coordination		
The project/action status is:		There is an organization within our region who has capacity to lead this project/action with support and resources from other organizations			
 New New to us - <i>it's been done elsewher</i> Existing - <i>building on what is already</i> 		 ✓ Yes ☑ No If yes, who: 	il Community Action Team		
There is a possible link to Selkirk College resources - faculty or students	Timeframe for pro started	oject/action to be	Potential for regional collaboration		
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Supporting votes for this project – add your dots here when prompted to do so					

Project/Action Name					
Encampment/Low barrier housin	Encampment/Low barrier housing/Alternative model				
Project/Action Description (1-2 sente	nces)				
Leverage abandoned/unused sp spaces; self-sufficient camps.	aces; use vacar	t buildings to wo	rk in the in between; unused		
Anticipated Impacts – if this project/a	action is successful,	, what would be diff	erent? What would be achieved?		
 Housing first model Solutions that fit within low bal Incremental steps for further h 					
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Supporting votes for this project – add your dots here when prompted to do so					

Project/Action Name	Project/Action Name				
Collaborative clinic space that in	Collaborative clinic space that incorporates peer support/engagement				
Project/Action Description (1-2 sente	nces)				
Create an accessible space that active participation and paid sup	•	althcare professio	onals to provide care along with		
Anticipated Impacts – if this project/a	action is successful,	what would be diff	erent? What would be achieved?		
 Improved access for folks with lived exp Connected to referrals/other supports. Build on relationships to create a greate Reduced cost to health services. 		y connections.			
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Supporting votes for this project – add your dots here when prompted to do so					

Project/Action Name				
OAT access and delivery				
Project/Action Description (1-2 sente	nces)			
Reducing barriers and increasing	g access to/for p	rescribed OAT tx	and flexibility.	
Anticipated Impacts – if this project/a	action is successful,	what would be diff	erent? What would be achieved?	
 Reduce interruption in treatment. Increased uptake by clients. Program retention Increased stability for clients Less exposure to triggers 				
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Supporting votes for this project – add your dots herewhen prompted to do so				

Project/Action Name					
Employer Training: All Together Now					
Project/Action Description (1-2 sente	nces)				
Employer training delivered to in with the tools, resources, compe		-	E of homelessness. Providing (?)		
Anticipated Impacts – if this project/a	action is successful,	what would be diff	erent? What would be achieved?		
 More job opportunities for PW Less stigma More community inclusion 	'LLE				
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Supporting votes for this project – add your dots here when prompted to do so					

Project/Action Name				
Arts to Reduce Stigma				
Project/Action Description (1-2 sente	nces)			
Healing Arts/ Expressive Arts				
Anticipated Impacts – if this project/a	action is successful,	what would be diff	erent? What would be achieved?	
Training trainers, teachers, facilit facilitation skills.	tators, outreach	workers, with you	ith, adults in expressive arts	
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Supporting votes for this project – add your dots herewhen prompted to do so				

Project/Action Name					
Inhalation OPS in all communitie	S				
Project/Action Description (1-2 sente	nces)				
A place where people can smoke	A place where people can smoke substances safely				
Anticipated Impacts – if this project/a	action is successful,	what would be diff	erent? What would be achieved?		
 Save lives Increased engagement with se 	ervices				
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Project/Action Name				
Mental Health First Aid Training	(MHFA)			
Project/Action Description (1-2 sente	nces)			
 Barrier free, accessible offerin Offered to both housed and un 		andlords, busines	s owners, community	
Anticipated Impacts – if this project/a	action is successful,	, what would be diff	erent? What would be achieved?	
 People empowered to be supple Reduces fear 	portive and take	action when som	eone needs help	
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Supporting votes for this project – add your dots here when prompted to do so				

Project/Action Name			
Community Grief Support			
Project/Action Description (1-2 sente	nces)		
So much loss is inherent in the w voice to overcome the shame, st		vithin this commu	inity. We need to find ways of giving
Anticipated Impacts – if this project/a	action is successful,	what would be diff	erent? What would be achieved?
 Better support and that begins Better understand the scope of PWLLE, family, friends, support 	of grief and loss e		Il aspects of the community:
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Project/Action Name				
Regular Access to Counselling for Front Line Workers				
Project/Action Description (1-2 sente	nces)			
3 – 5 organizations coordinate fu	inds to contract ((easy access) co	unsellor	
Anticipated Impacts – if this project/a	action is successful,	what would be diff	erent? What would be achieved?	
 Increased resilience and stability Decreased burnout and turnow Increased support for clients 		workers		
Level of impact in improving the well- experiencing homelessness	being of people	Project/action size	2	
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Supporting votes for this project – add your dots here when prompted to do so				

Project/Action Name				
Dental Care: Low Cost Access for PWLLE/PWUD				
Project/Action Description (1-2 sente	nces)			
Develop a framework plan to hel funders	p people access	low-cost dental o	care/roadmap to access various	
Anticipated Impacts – if this project/a	action is successful,	what would be diff	erent? What would be achieved?	
Improved overall health (infection	n, nutrition, self-e	esteem)		
Level of impact in improving the well- experiencing homelessness	being of people	Project/action size	2	
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Project/Action Name					
Regional Collaboration Housing Strategy	Regional Collaboration Housing Strategy				
Project/Action Description (1-2 sentences)					
RDCK & RDKB + 16 municipalities. Reg	gional str	ategic direction.	Short and long term goals.		
Anticipated Impacts – if this project/action is su	uccessful,	what would be diff	erent? What would be achieved?		
 Housing achievement benchmarks in e Build a regional voice for advocate for Unified funding 		nmunity			
Level of impact in improving the well-being of p experiencing homelessness	people	Project/action size	•		
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Project/Action Name			
Regional Homeless Count with profiling			
Project/Action Description (1-2 senter	nces)		
Regional and rural point in time h	omeless count		
Anticipated Impacts – if this project/a	ction is successful,	what would be diff	erent? What would be achieved?
Collaboration			
Level of impact in improving the well- experiencing homelessness	being of people	Project/action size	•
Large impact Medium impact Small impact Unsure		Medium - requir needed	een quick with few resources needed tes some time & resources; more coordination more time and resources; lots of coordination
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Project/Action Name				
"The Hive": Finding Purpose and	l Making Our Da	ys Meaningful		
Project/Action Description (1-2 sente	nces)			
Collective-style agency that pron integrated into community or indi	_	skills, passions, a	and qualities to be gifted or	
Anticipated Impacts – if this project/a	action is successful,	what would be diff	ferent? What would be achieved?	
 Building foundation that PWLL Knowing that PWLLE have me 				
Level of impact in improving the well- experiencing homelessness	-being of people	Project/action size	2	
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Project/Action Name					
Regional OAT clinician's pharma	асу				
Project/Action Description (1-2 sente	nces)				
Clinic with pharmacy dispensary					
Anticipated Impacts – if this project/a	action is successful,	what would be diff	erent? What would be achieved?		
 Meet folks where they're at Deliver to people throughout th Case management 	ne region (esp. r	ural)			
Level of impact in improving the well- experiencing homelessness	being of people	Project/action size	2		
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Supporting votes for this project – add your dots here when prompted to do so					

Project/Action Name			
Public access to washroom/shov	ver/laundry servi	ces	
Project/Action Description (1-2 sente	nces)		
Identify possible options within e hygiene amenities and services	ach community t	to provide ongoin	g and stable access to basic
Anticipated Impacts – if this project/a	action is successful,	what would be diff	erent? What would be achieved?
 Routine access to hygiene inc Access to harm reduction/course Could be expanded to include 	nselling	-	
Level of impact in improving the well- experiencing homelessness	being of people	Project/action size	2
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Supporting votes for this project – add your dots here when prompted to do so			

Project/Action Name				
Society's Recovery				
Project/Action Description (1-2 sente	nces)			
Train people to build their own lo Include contractors, community t	•		be multi-use (businesses included).	
Anticipated Impacts – if this project/a	action is successful,	, what would be diff	erent? What would be achieved?	
 Housing created. Connections built. Community improved. Community growth Reduced stigma 				
Level of impact in improving the well- experiencing homelessness	-being of people	Project/action size	2	
Large impact Medium impact Small impact Unsure		Medium - requin needed	pen quick with few resources needed res some time & resources; more coordination more time and resources; lots of coordination	
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 New New to us - it's been done elsewhere Existing - building on what is already being done 		✓ Yes No Habitat for Humanity; Municipalities; Funding agencies If yes, who:		
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Supporting votes for this project – add your dots herewhen prompted to do so				

Project/Action Name					
West Kootenay Transit	West Kootenay Transit				
Project/Action Description (1-2 sente	nces)				
Regional transit initiative; integra	ted transportatio	on system – drive	n locally, inter-transit connection.		
Anticipated Impacts – if this project/a	action is successful,	what would be diff	erent? What would be achieved?		
1. Loss of lives avoided 2. Low cost 3. Efficient 4. Less traffic 5. Greener 6. People can move around (social impact is huge); less social isolation 7. Communities are older					
Level of impact in improving the well- experiencing homelessness	-being of people	Project/action size	2		
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 New New to us - <i>it's been done elsewhere</i> Existing - <i>building on what is already</i> 		Yes No Collaboration with Regional Districts If yes, who:			
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☐ Yes ☐ No ✔ Unsure	 Under 6 month Between 6 month One year Two years or m 	nths and one year	 ✔ High ☐ Medium ☐ Low ☐ Unsure 		
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Supporting votes for this project – add your dots here when prompted to do so					

Project/Action Name				
Where Do We Put the Housing: Repurpose Existing Property/Building Owned by CDCSS				
Project/Action Description (1-2 sente	nces)			
 Blueberry Motel (CDCSS) Pink Flaming0 (CDCSS) Crescent Street (CDCSS) Chameleon (For Sale) Sandpiper (For Sale) 				
Anticipated Impacts – if this project/a	action is successful,	what would be diff	erent? What would be achieved?	
 Where are the services? Need shuttle for some Some need to be demolished: 	who will pay?			
Level of impact in improving the well- experiencing homelessness	-being of people	Project/action size	2	
Large impact		Small - can happ	pen quick with few resources needed	
Medium impact			res some time & resources; more coordination	
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□ No		nths and one year	🖌 Medium	
✓ Unsure	One year		Low	
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Supporting votes for this project – ad	d your dots herev	when prompted to de	D SO	

Project/Action Name				
Regional Service Coordinator: Data Collection/Case Management				
Project/Action Description (1-2 sented	ences)			
 Data sharing at the regional le Collaboration between staff m 		n communities		
Anticipated Impacts – if this project/	action is successful	, what would be diff	ferent? What would be achieved?	
 Continuity of care Increase safety of staff and clients Regional standardized process Outreach teams collaborate 				
Level of impact in improving the wel experiencing homelessness	I-being of people	Project/action size	2	
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Supporting votes for this project – add your dots herewhen prompted to do so				

Project/Action Name				
Zoning changes and incentivization				
Project/Action Description (1-2 sente	nces)			
Changes on multi-residential R1- Changes designations of comm		otprint option		
Anticipated Impacts – if this project/a	action is successful,	what would be diff	erent? What would be achieved?	
Increase densification options as	industrial D eside	ential		
Level of impact in improving the well- experiencing homelessness	-being of people	Project/action size	2	
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Working Group Voting Results

Project/Action Title	Votes
Anti-Stigma Education	4
Encampment/Low barrier housing/Alternative model	15
Collaborative clinic space that incorporates peer support/engagement	7
OAT access and delivery	18
Employer Training: All Together Now	9
Arts to Reduce Stigma	2
Inhalation OPS in all communities	18
Mental Health First Aid Training (MHFA)	3
Community Grief Support	2
Regular Access to Counselling for Front Line Workers	1
Dental Care: Low-Cost Access for PWLLE/PWUD	-
Regional Collaboration Housing Strategy	6
Regional Homeless Count with profiling	2
"The Hive": Finding Purpose and Making Our Days Meaningful	8
Regional OAT clinician's pharmacy	6
Public access to washroom/shower/laundry services	5
Society's Recovery	11
West Kootenay Transit	1
Where Do We Put the Housing: Repurpose Existing Property/Building Owned by	15
CDCSS	
Regional Service Coordinator: Data Collection/Case Management	7
Zoning changes and incentivization	-

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