

Minutes
Council's Response Committee on Housing and Emergency Shelter (CRCHES)
Committee Meeting
February 11, 2026 – 9 am
Council Committee Meeting Room, City Hall

Attendees: Councillor Trevor Bolin, Councillor Sarah MacDougall, Bonnie McCue, and Glennis Wunderlich (recording secretary)

1. Call To Order:

9:00 am

2. Approval of the Agenda:

The agenda was approved by consensus.

3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

The January 14, 2026 CRCHES meeting minutes were provided and will be included on the next Regular Council agenda.

4. Invited Guests/Presentations

None.

5. Updates and Progress Reports:

- Councillor MacDougall – Upcoming CAT meeting scheduled for February 27. CRCHES invitations to be extended then.
- Councillor Bolin – attempts made to connect with Salvation Army for Senior Alt Teacher contact information. No results to date.
- Bonnie – Regular check-ins with BC Housing regarding Information Sharing Agreement. Agreement remains outstanding.

6. Ongoing Discussion Items

None.

7. New Business

- City of Victoria's *Community Safety Wellbeing Plan*
Will observe outcomes of the plan and monitor the development and performance the proposed program designed to assist individuals in moving from supportive housing to more independent living.

Advocating to BC Housing for more transitional housing in Fort St. John is necessary for such a program to be implemented locally. Finding a service provider with capacity to operate is a challenge.

Northern Lights College instructor indicated students' interest in undertaking research on behalf of CRCHES regarding other communities' approaches to housing insecurity, which could help support future requests to BC Housing.

- NCLGA Call for Nominations
CRCHES activities align with the Social Responsibility category. Nomination to highlight the Committee's engagement efforts and changing public perceptions, addressing systemic gaps, and collaborating with community partners and other public service providers to advocate for equitable outcomes for vulnerable populations.

8. Budget and Resource Planning.

- Proposed: CRCHES wrap-up event in mid to late summer, with invitations extended to collaborators, stakeholders, and Council.

9. Action Items

- Glennis:
 - Draft NCLGA nomination letter.
 - Look into venue availability for wrap-up event.
 - Reach out to Salvation Army for number of individuals in transitional housing and the shelter
- Bonnie:
 - Follow-up on BC Housing Information Sharing Agreement.
 - Schedule a business walk for June.
 - Request a meeting with David Sheach regarding the need for local transitional housing.
 - NCLGA resolution addition—information sharing on housing data province-wide.
 - Work with Communications regarding expected sheltering changes as warmer weather approaches and reminding residents of the resources available for support.
- Trevor:
 - Share email from NLC instructor regarding students' research.

10. Adjournment

10:25 am