



We
have a
Vision



COMMUNITY SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL
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THE COMMUNITY SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL HAS A VISION:

Sustainable and inclusive communities
creating their own social, economic and
environmental futures.

- A VIBRANT, THRIVING LOCAL ECONOMY
- NO ONE LIVING IN POVERTY
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL
- SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES



We're working hard to make this vision a reality in the Capital Region through new community programs and initiatives. Please join us by becoming a member, getting involved, and supporting our work.



AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL

YOU WILL:

Support action on our four priority areas of:

- Reducing and Preventing Poverty
- Housing Affordability
- Community Economic Development
- Sustainability of the Region (social, economic and environmental)



Make it possible for us to distribute our materials freely and widely to all

Strengthen the voice and the role of your local community in the Capital Region

Increase our capacity to engage in social policy research, analysis and advocacy for communities and the organizations that serve them.

YOU WILL RECEIVE:

Voting privileges and networking at our Annual General Meeting

An invitation to participate in Community Social Planning Council forums on social, economic and environmental issues in the region, and the community and public policy challenges related to them

E-newsletter bringing you current issues and events in our community

Notice of events and publications

Insight into community needs and strategies for solutions

Access to community leaders, new friends, and creative ideas

The opportunity to become an active participant in the Community Social Planning Council's work.

WHO ARE WE?

The Community Social Planning Council is a non-profit charitable organization governed by a community-based Board of Directors.

Our work is funded by grants from foundations and local governments, donations from individuals, fee-for-service contracts and earned revenue from community programs. We collect annual dues from our membership, and charitable donations, to keep our work moving forward.

"The Community Social Planning Council excels at innovation, collaboration, and research. They build and share knowledge so that everyone in the community gains from strengths and insights."

~ Lisa Mort-Putland,
Executive Director,
VolunteerVictoria

"The Council has a rich history in Victoria and when our Foundation was looking for a partner for our work in the Capital Region, the Community Social Planning Council was a natural choice. They have their ear to the ground, and strive to empower communities to make systemic changes."

~ Tracy Horner Cullen,
The Horner Foundation



WHAT DO WE DO?

The Community Social Planning Council develops solutions-oriented programs and initiatives to respond to emerging social issues in the region.

Through our community development and engagement programs, we work directly with citizens, community organizations and institutions on the concerns they have for the future of their communities. We manage programs, the BC Transit Ticket Assistance Program for example, that directly benefit individuals and households on low-income and seek to enhance social equity. We also design and deliver community education programs to give residents opportunities to learn from one another and take informed action on community priorities.

The Council develops new programs and initiatives to improve social conditions, and achieve sustainable livelihoods for all residents. We also partner with other organizations in joint ventures and provide contract services to a range of client organizations.

We monitor socio-economic trends and report to the public on social and economic conditions. We use social and traditional media to keep residents informed and provide opportunities for engagement in their community.

Members of the Council help direct our work and priorities through our Annual General Meeting, and through working committees that bring stakeholders together from diverse sectors to guide ongoing programs.

“Over the years, the United Way has worked closely with the Community Social Planning Council and their research has helped inform our decisions about investing in change in this community. They are highly supportive of the community’s research needs and are knowledgeable about the issues that affect this region.”

~ Linda Hughes, CEO,
United Way of
Greater Victoria



WHAT HAVE WE DONE LATELY?

The Community Social Planning Council of Victoria has been instrumental in organizing the following solution-focused programs and initiatives since 2012.

POVERTY PREVENTION AND REDUCTION

- Community Action Plan on Poverty
- Annual Living Wage Report and Program
- BC Transit Ticket Assistance Program

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Youth CED Initiative
- Community Investment Fund

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

- Tools For The Future
 - Regional Housing Affordability Strategy

COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

- Building Resilient Neighbourhoods Program
- My Green Plan
- The Capital Region Food and Agriculture Roundtable (CR-FAIR)
- It Takes a Village
 - Regional Child, Youth and Family Services Strategy





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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/ RENEWAL FORM

Name

Organization (if applicable)

Address

City

Postal

Phone

Fax

Email

Website/social media (optional)

I would like to **join/renew** membership in the
Community Social Planning Council

\$35 Individual \$3 Low-income/unwaged \$75 Organizational

I would like to **make a donation** to the
Community Social Planning Council

\$100 \$75 \$50 \$25 Other amount: _____

Please make cheques payable to:

Community Social Planning Council

and return this form to:

**203-4475 Viewmont Avenue,
Victoria, BC V8Z 6L8**

Thank You

Community Social Planning Council is a registered charity.
Tax receipts will be issued for charitable donations.

Community Social Planning Council uses your street address to
send you your charitable tax receipt and any special invitations.
Your electronic address is used to send you our newsletters and
event notices. All personal information is protected by the *British
Columbia – Personal Information Protection Act*.

“At Vancity we make you good money by putting money to good. That’s why we’ve been a long-time funder and supporter of the Community Social Planning Council. We’re enthusiastic about building a Community Investment Fund to benefit social innovation in Victoria. Together we can build resilient, healthy communities.

~ Andy Broderick, VP of
Community Investment,
Vancity



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