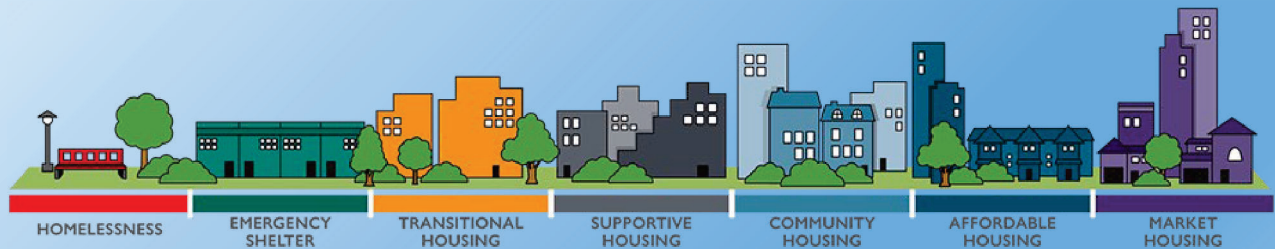


# Nanaimo Systems Planning Organization

Presentation to the City of Nanaimo Council

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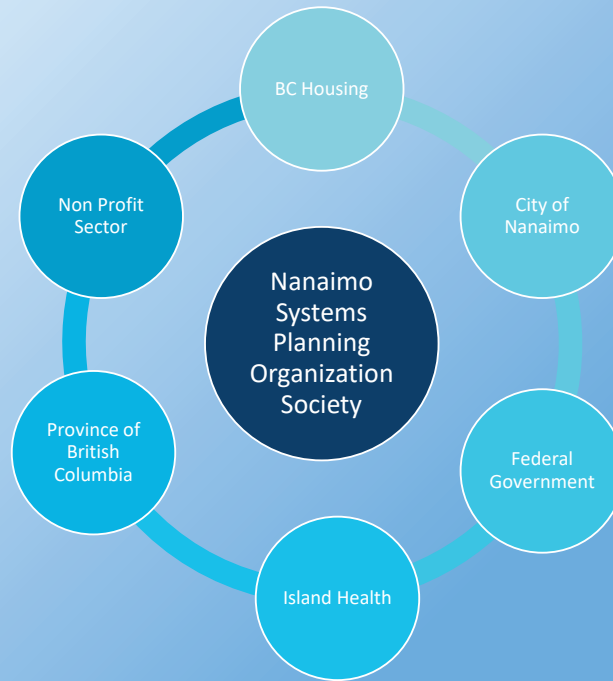
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## This Presentation

- Review: Mandate, Structure
- Homelessness Context
- Current Projects
- Fall 2024 New Projects



# Overview



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## Systems Planning Organization *Reason for Being*

The HHAP supports a **Systems Planning Organization** to help optimize a current approach and maximize return on investment.

The SPO's primary focus is on the resources to meet the housing needs of for housing: seniors, Indigenous peoples, people with diverse abilities, families, dealing with mental health and addiction issues, veterans and young adults.

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# Systems Planning Organization

## *Mandate*

Recognize the collective value of multiple sectors and organizations working together with a common goal to build strong relationships, develop a well-resourced and high-functioning sector and to address homelessness:

- **Research, data, analysis, education and information** related to the community's collective homelessness prevention and response priorities;
- **Convene** transparent leadership in support of the entire community for housing and homelessness;
- **Coordinate a systems approach to homelessness planning** that connects the sectors together through information and analysis about funding and resources, client service needs, and shared accountability measures to advance strategic outcomes; and
- Identify, communicate and coordinate approaches to deal with **system gaps, priorities and opportunities**.

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# Systems Planning Organization

## *Governance Structure*

The SPO is an independent, non-aligned agency that jointly manages and makes decisions through an equitable structure. This structure is defined within parameters of the *Society Act*.

- **Board of Directors:**
  - 9 Board Members: City of Nanaimo, SFN, Prosperity, Practitioners, Community
- **Staff: Team of 4**
  - Executive Director, Research, Data and Communications, SPO Manager

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# Operating Approach in Community

- **We Leverage Resources, Capacity, Data**
- **Facilitate, Collaborate, Convene and Provide Research** with City, Partners, Stakeholder and Funders
- **We Seek Resources for the Community Housing Effort**
  - Support local housing related organizations
  - Emergency Weather Response Program
  - CMHC Research Fund
  - Rental Protection Fund
  - BC Housing HEART/HEARTH Funding
  - Island Health Road to Recovery Funding



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## Work of the SPO : What We Don't Do

- We Don't...Duplicate efforts or displacing existing organizations
- We Don't...Wander outside of our Mandate
- We Don't...Compete for funding
- We Don't...Run Housing Programming
- We Don't...Speak on Behalf of Funders, City, Community Housing Providers

**= Support and Consultancy**

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# Community Perspective:



**10,000 PEOPLE**

*in Nanaimo are living on the edge of homelessness*



**2,700 PEOPLE**

*experience homelessness over the course of a year*



**ABOUT 1,000 PEOPLE**

*are experiencing long term, chronic homelessness*

## Nanaimo Homelessness Counts

	<b>BNL BLITZ June 2024</b>	<b>PiT Count Survey April 2023</b>	<b>CMHA Out Shop July 2024</b>
% Male	65.3	64.7	65.5
% Female	33.4	29.4	32.9
% LGBTQI2S+	1.1	2.6	0.9
% Indigenous	29.6	33.3	35.2
% Indigenous (unknown)	5.8	4.5	2.4
<b>N =</b>	<b>1033</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>1065</b>

# Out Shop Survival Supplies

	<b>Tents</b>	<b>Sleeping Bags</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2611</b>	<b>2795</b>

## Some Current/Recent Activities

- **Coordinated Access:**
  - HIFIS leadership locally and provincially
- **Research:**
  - Updating Nanaimo Comparative Analysis
  - Warming Centre Report
  - Updating the Health and Housing Action Plan
  - Vancouver Island Communities Collaboration
- **Funding for Programming:**
  - BC Housing Extreme Weather Response
- **Shelters/Housing:**
  - 238 Units (Heart and Hearth)
  - Travellers Lodge

# Travellers Lodge: Update

- **78 Units: Path to Wellness**

- BC Housing Heart and Hearth Funding



## Activities in Progress

- **SPO Taskforce (reconstituted HH Taskforce)**
- **Funding for Programming:** Expand BC Housing Extreme Weather Response
- **Capital Development Services:**
  - Support for community redevelopment opportunities, including partnerships that will move latent redevelopment toward housing
  - Add annually to the below market housing stock, urban Indigenous housing, shelter spaces, long-term transitional housing
- **Opportunities to enhance Community Outreach:**
  - Standards of Practice, HR support and training, etc.
  - Supporting funding opportunities

# Fall 2024: New Projects

- **SPO TaskForce**
  - Re-Invigoration of Health and Housing Taskforce
  - Crystal-Clear Vision of Housing Needs/Costs
- **Capital Development Services**
  - Non-Profit and community owned
  - Inventory and dialogue
  - CMHC Research Funding
- **Combining Community Agency Resources**
  - Work with partners in community
  - Focus on Rental Property Inventory
- **Tracking Housing Resources in Community**
  - GIS-Based System Developed in Abbotsford
  - Community Outreach Tracking of resources to homeless community members

## In Summary: Work of the SPO Increased Resources and Shelter/Housing

- **Laser Focused on Gaps and Leverage Points**
  - E.g. Non-Profit and Community Re-Development Support
- **Every Action of the SPO is tied to INCREASING:**
  - Supply of below market/subsidized housing stock and shelter spaces
  - Supply of related Housing Services
- **New Housing/Shelter Annual Target**
  - 100 additional units a year

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