Nanaimo Systems Planning Organization

January 2025 Presentation

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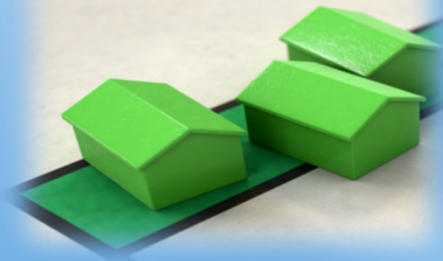John McCormick, Executive Director

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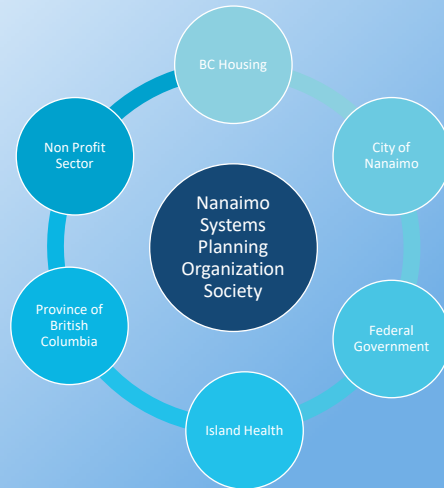
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This Presentation

- Update since December
- Research and Knowledge Mobilization

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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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Updates:

- Development Support Services
- Weather related programming
- SPO Task Force
- Travellers Lodge Update
- SPO and Data Collection: Local, Provincial, National dialogues
- AI and Housing: Emerging area of interest
- Vancouver Island Communities sharing resources

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Data, Research and Knowledge Mobilization:

Looking back, Looking forward

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- **PURPOSE**

  To provide research, data, analysis, education and information related to the community's collective homelessness prevention and response priorities to enable coordinated action and advocacy by Nanaimo's non-profit organizations, Snuneymuxw First Nation and other levels of government, the business sector and the broader community to address an end to homelessness in Nanaimo.

  Nanaimo Systems Planning Organization (NSPO) Society: Charter, Page 1.

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What we Did - 2024

• **Nanaimo PiT Count 2023 : Delivery of Community Report** Multi-Source Data Project 　　　BNL Data Blitz 　　　Out Shop 　　　PiT Count 2023	**National Homelessness Indicators Project** National HIFIS Community of Practice
CMHA 'Street Reach' Data	**Vancouver Island Wide Systems Coordination Collective**
Updated data from Health and Housing Action Plan	HEART/H Policy Framework (ongoing from May 2024)
HIFIS and Coordinated Access	**Snuneymuxw First Nation Housing Policy (First Draft December 2024)** Data Dashboards on NSPO Website
Provincial Federal Alignment of Homelessness Response	HIFIS Onboarding Community Partners – 'Sandbox' Environment

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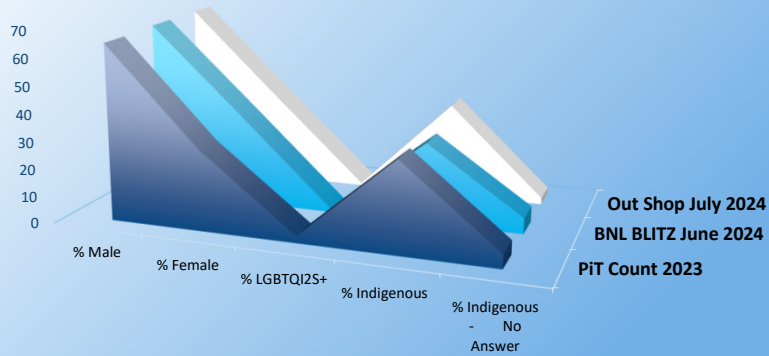
Lemons into Lemonade:

3 NSPO Projects = evidence-based insights into homelessness

- *Nanaimo 2023 Point-in-Time Homelessness Count*
  - 196% increase since the first count in 2016

- *Coordinated Access Working Group: By-Name List Blitz*
  (May '23 – Apr '24)
  - 1033 active clients counted – UNIQUE DATA

- *'Out Shop' - 2021-24 = 4 years - UNIQUE DATA*
  - 1065 unique individuals served
  - 29 New Users per month
  - 3622 completed requisitions (Data Source)

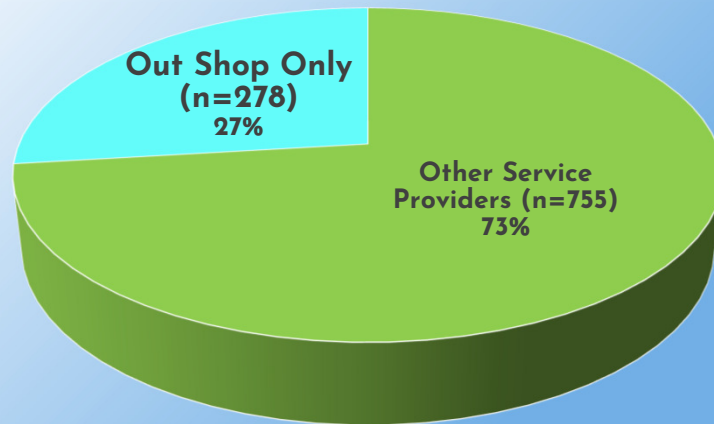*Nanaimo SPO Society*

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Consistent Pattern in Three Studies

Out Shop July 2024
BNL BLITZ June 2024
PiT Count 2023

	% Male	% Female	% LGBTQI2S+	% Indigenous	% Indigenous - No Answer
PiT Count 2023	64.7	29.4	2.6	33.3	5.1
BNL BLITZ June 2024	65.3	33.4	1.1	29.6	5.8
Out Shop July 2024	65.5	32.9	0.9	35.2	2.4

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Out Shop Data overlap with By-Name List Blitz

Out Shop Only (n=278) 27%

Other Service Providers (n=755) 73%

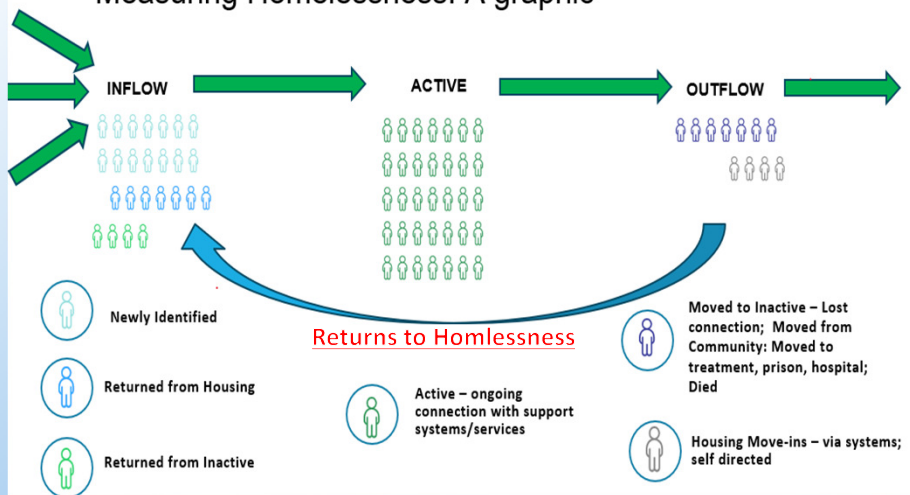RED FLAG!
High percentage NOT engaging with SYSTEMS

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Measuring Homelessness: A graphic

INFLOW ➡ ACTIVE ➡ OUTFLOW ➡

Returns to Homlessness

Newly Identified

Returned from Housing

Returned from Inactive

Active – ongoing connection with support systems/services

Moved to Inactive – Lost connection; Moved from Community: Moved to treatment, prison, hospital; Died

Housing Move-ins – via systems; self directed

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We would like to thank…

Canadian Mental Health Association - Mid-Island

Nanaimo Family Life Association

Pacifica Housing

Snuneymuxw First Nation

For providing access to their data and agreeing to collaborate with the Nanaimo SPO in bringing forward this important information about services provided to unhoused families and individuals in Nanaimo.

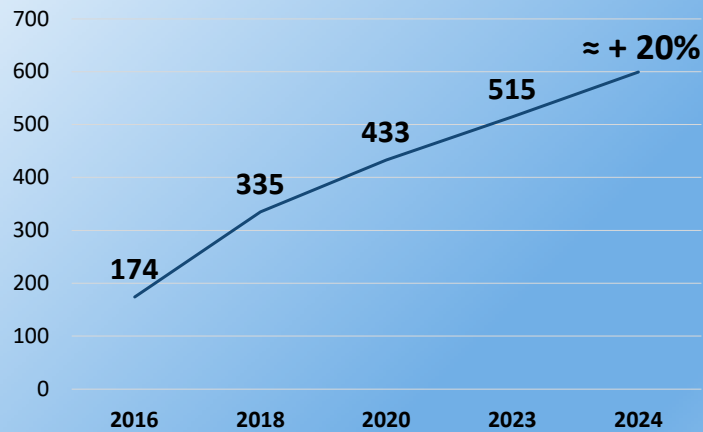*Nanaimo SPO Society*

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Looking forward…

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Plan 2025

Nanaimo 2024 PiT Count Community Report	**NEW Health and Housing Task Force: provide Data and Research**
Public Presentations of Community Report:	
Snuneymuxw Chief and Council;	Drop in Hub - Data Gathering and
Nanaimo City Council;	Evaluation
Nanaimo RH CAB	
	NSPO Research Advisory Committee
Data Dashboards:	
Nanaimo Shelter Data	Medium Sized Communities National
Homelessness Demographics (via HIFIS	Dialogue (with CAEH / HICC)
when activated)	
	GIS for Homelessness Services and
HIFIS and Coordinated Access:	**Support with Public Safety & CSOs**
By Name List via HIFIS	
Provincial Federal Alignment of	Assess and evaluate AI as tool to support
Homelessness Response	our research
National Homelessness Indicators Project	
Community Partners – "Sandbox'	**National HIFIS Community of Practice**
Environment	
Service Provider Data Engagement Project(s)	

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Preview: 2024 Nanaimo PiT Count 'Enumeration'

≈ + 20%

515

433

335

174

2016   2018   2020   2023   2024

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SPO Research and Data:
Shaping Policy, Practice and Funding

- Service provider engagements = quality / shared data collection practices

- Service provider collaboration = detailed analysis of impact through program data:
  - e.g. Drop-In Hub data collection and analysis feedback loop

- Community Data Dashboards = PiT Count Update, Shelter Use, and more

- Comparison with other 'Medium' Sized Communities

- Demonstrating Nanaimo's preparedness to translate data into actions that reduce homelessness

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2025 Actions

- **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 Abbottsford
  - Community Outreach Tracking of resources to homeless community members

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