



**Canadian Mental
Health Association**
Kelowna

Community Advisory Committee - Meeting Minutes

Ellis Place | 1051 Ellis Street
October 19, 2021, 5:00 – 5:30 | Zoom

1) Welcome, land acknowledgement and introductions

- The Facilitator welcomed attendees and began the meeting.

2) Update on Ellis Place

- CMHA Kelowna
 - i) Some residents have applied to Walmart for jobs stocking shelves
 - ii) At the most recent tenant meeting residents were interested in developing more community connections, learning more about their neighbours, and telling the community about Ellis Place. Some resident suggestions included a haunted house or art show. Given COVID-19 protocols we will likely wait until spring/summer to host a community barbecue.
- BC Housing - No updates

3) Ellis Place – Roundtable Discussion

- Challenges or concerns
 - i) Community Representative: Ongoing challenges related to security of the industrial properties. Still dealing with syringes and other garbage around the property.
Community Policing: Please reach out to RCMP about building security. RCMP is prioritizing prevention and is aware of the issues common to this area. Contact information: Caycee Zimmerman:
Caycee.Zimmerman@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
Community Representative: The relationship between building management and the RCMP representative has been very positive and effective for other buildings. Strongly recommend making this connection.

4) Opportunities

- Strong Neighbourhoods Program: Neighbourhood grants intake deadline is November 5th for projects between Jan-April. Communities are taking advantage

of virtual formats. Perhaps this would be an option for Ellis Place's suggested art show. Other winter options include a block social with hot chocolate. A minimum of three community residents need to take leadership on the grant and event process. There is always the option to have a neighbourhood meeting first to find out what event has the most interest for the community.

More information on the website: kelowna.ca/neighbourhoods

5) Community Advisory Committee Status

- Consensus among community representatives to move forward with quarterly meetings.

6) Action items and next steps

- Cathy to connect with Caycee Zimmerman re: property security concerns

Next Meeting Date:

- January, 2022 – Date TBD