Services to Seniors Coalition – North Shore

Notes

Co-Chairs
- Trish Alsop, *North Shore Neighbourhood House, and John Braithwaite Community Centre*
- *Margaret Coates, Lionsview Seniors' Planning Society*

About the Coalition

The ***Lionsview Seniors' Planning Society*** is the host agency for the Services to Seniors Coalition – North Shore. The Coalition has been operating since 1992 and is the planning table for issues facing seniors and services to seniors on the North Shore. The 50+ participating organizations and individuals represent a wide spectrum of service providers. We come together as the Coalition to network, plan services and supports strategically and set priorities and target resources for collaborative action.

Contact the Coalition
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Tuesday, September 15, 2026
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm
Paul Myers & Shore Family Respite Centre

1. Welcome – Trish Alsop

2. Land Acknowledgement

Lionsview Seniors' Planning Society acknowledges and honours that we live and work on the unceded territories of the Coastal Salish people, including the St'at'imc, Sḵwxwú7mesh (Squamish), xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) and səl̓ilwətaʔɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

3. Introductions

Lionsview Seniors Planning Society: Margaret Coates, Barry Goodwin, Lindsay Macklin, Wallis Dixon
North Shore Neighborhood House: Lea Kohli, Trish Alsop
Keep Well: Christine Miller, Maya Graves-Bacchus
CFUW: Margaret Harrington, Eleanor
Parkgate Society: Alexandra, Kelsey Grass
West Vancouver Seniors Activity Centre: Michelle
Care BC: Sylvia Ceacero
CNV: Lisa Wambaa
NSCR: Kathy Jarvis
Comfort Keepers: Carlie
Alzheimer's Society: Amelia Gillies
BCCRN: Joanne Cooper
Capilano Community Services Society: Austin Neaves, Maya Graves-Bacchus
Hollyburn Society: Veronica Traille
Silver Harbour Seniors Activity Centre: Annwen Loverin
North Shore Stroke Recovery Centre: Tara Arvan, Narmeena Sunderji
Memory Arts Facilitator: Cindy Bouvet

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4. **Presentations**

CareBC: Paul Myers & Shore Family Respite Centre

Respite Centre

The new respite centre will offer both overnight and day programming

- Referral-based through VCH case worker
- 18 overnight beds
- 25 spaces for the adult day program
- The centre is awaiting operational funding
- All staff are awaiting to be recalled
- Opening has been delayed to the new year

Adult Day Program

The adult day program will include art therapy, garden therapy, physical programming, social programming.

- Operating 5 days/week from approximately 9:30am-2:30pm

Overnight Respite

The overnight respite program will be separate from the 25 day respite spaces and will include overnight social programming for the 18 placements during the day

- Participants can stay 1 overnight to 30 nights within a calendar year

Partnership with Catalyst

- Above unites are rented based on income
- Strata between catalyst and CareBC

Funding & Fundraising

- $14 million fundraised by CareBC
- Province of BC contributed $3million

Caregiver Support

CareBC will provide information sessions for caregivers, including evening engagement opportunities with caregivers.

Professions/staffing

Planned staffing includes:

- Four RNs
- Care Aides
- Facilities Manager – will also be a registered nurse
- Recreation therapist

Criteria

Access will be based on assessment.

- Ideal if participants are able to participate
- Only open to residents of the District and City of North Vancouver
- Complexity is a consideration
    - Based on VCH criteria
    - CareBC will develop their own assessment based on their capacity

Registration for the Day Program

- Rolling basis
- Working with VCH to implement a "book a break" system to caregivers can register online
- First come, first serve

Fees

Fees are set by VCH:

- Overnight: $49
- Day Program: $10
- Must be accessed through a VCH case manager

5. **Updates from Organizations**

BCCRN:

- Said goodbye to Lorna Harding, who has resigned
- They are looking for a new coordinator – generally a partnership
- The position involves supporting vulnerable seniors, usually 10hrs/month

VCH/Cindy Bouvet:

- Advertising arts-based programs for people with dementia and their caregivers including activities like music, art, drama, improv, etc.
- The programs have beneficial outcomes, including increased socialization and the development of broader support system
- Memory Arts: running at NSNH and Silver Harbour

City of North Vancouver

- Community grants for the City are open and close on September 30
- Maximum $15,000

6. **Next Meeting:** Silver Harbour - October 20, 2026 at 12:00 pm