



**Canadian Mental  
Health Association**  
Kelowna

## **Community Advisory Committee - Meeting Minutes**

Ellis Place | 1051 Ellis Street  
May 27, 2021, 5:30 – 6:00 | Zoom

### **1) Welcome, land acknowledgement and introductions**

- Caycee Zimmerman is our new representative for community policing
- Pratap has taken over for Lorraine and is the new Interior Health representative

### **2) Committee purpose and terms of reference**

Reminder that this meeting allows community members to come together, build relationships, and provides a forum to discuss community concerns related to the Ellis Place building.

### **3) Update on Ellis Place**

- CMHA Kelowna
  - i) Art day is running. Residents are bringing forward ideas for programming so they have a say in what is available.
  - ii) Residents are becoming more comfortable in accessing health services from IH.
  - iii) As residents are settling in the building is getting quieter.
  - iv) The curling club has offered a partnership to provide space for more programs and Ellis Place is looking forward to benefiting from that once restrictions lift.

### **4) Ellis Place – Roundtable Discussion**

- Challenges or concerns
  - i) Community Representative: In relation to last month's minutes, what was meant by the activity at the front of the building?

CMHA Kelowna: There are more people spending time in front of the building. A concern from a community member was raised as there was an incident where a business member was approached by someone. CMHA Kelowna anticipates that once residents are allowed to have their guests indoors this traffic will likely lessen.

- ii) Community Representative: Wondering about resident use of e-scooters and whether they are being brought onto Ellis Place property.

CMHA Kelowna: Staff have to let residents into the locked bike cargo area, and all bikes brought in by residents are registered with CMHA Kelowna. This is reviewed weekly and any bikes that are not registered are removed from the property. CMHA Kelowna hasn't seen any of the rental e-scooters in this space. There is one resident who owns their own e-scooter and it is registered.

- iii) Community Representative: Wondering about supportive housing waitlists and turnover, has there been a lot of move-outs?

BC Housing: There are extensive waitlists for all supportive housing. There is very little turnover after the buildings are tenanted and all of the buildings funded by BC Housing are full at this point.

## **5) Opportunities**

- Lived Experience Circle: LECOH member heard a resident from Ellis Place commenting on how nice it was to celebrate her friend's birthday at Ellis Place.

CMHA Kelowna: We have implemented a birthday day once a month to celebrate birthdays for all residents born in that month. It's been a big hit so far.

- Strong Neighbourhoods Program: Restrictions on outdoor gatherings are lessening. The SNP is accepting applications for block parties for after July 1<sup>st</sup>. They provide equipment, tables, tents, sound equipment, and meet your neighbour kits which include games. If any community members are interested in hosting a block party the application is on the strong neighbourhoods website.
- Neighbourhood grant deadline is Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>. This is for small scale, neighbourhood lead projects. One example is Metro is interested in doing planter boxes for the community. If you have ideas please reach out to Tanya.

### **More information on the website: [kelowna.ca/neighbourhoods](http://kelowna.ca/neighbourhoods)**

- Community Policing: The ball diamond behind Ellis place is now fenced. If anyone is within the fenced area or the fencing has been altered please contact Bylaw. The fencing is in place because the ball diamond is going to be restored.
- Community policing in partnership with CMHA Kelowna is developing a "who to call and when" for Ellis place staff and residents. This is an elaboration on an

existing brochure but will include more specific scenarios for further guidance.

- Please report to community policing or RCMP directly if you have concerns. You do not need to wait for the next CAC.

## **6) Action items and next steps**

- CMHA to get quote to increase camera surveillance of the front of the building to address people congregating in that space.

**Next Meeting Date: TBD**



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