

205 Kingsway Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes
January 25, 2021
5:00 – 6:00 pm

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Introductions

- Ideaspace – Facilitator
- COV Homelessness Services – 2 Reps
- Coast Mental Health – 2
- BC Housing – 1 Rep
- Vancouver Coastal Health – 2 Reps
- Community Members – 3 Reps
- Collingwood Community Policing Centre – 1 Rep
- VPD, Collingwood CPC Liaison – 2 Reps (incoming and outgoing reps)

3. Update on Current Conditions

a. Coast Mental Health

- Close to fully tenanting, should have last units full soon.
- Best Western sign has been removed, new signage will be going up soon.
- Working on an official opening ceremony/celebration in the 2nd or 3rd week in February.

b. Questions

- What will the opening ceremony/celebration look like?
 - COV/Coast – Likely a virtual event due to COVID protocols.
 - There will be political and community representation, as well as an acknowledgement about the land and building.
 - The new name will also be announced at this time.
- Have there been any meetings between 205 Kingsway and the Biltmore Hotel? Previous discussions had indicated advantages of sharing information and shared CAC membership.
 - Coast – There is not an official set communication process, but the two operators are in close contact on issues as needed.
- At last meeting it was said that Raven Song was providing services at the Biltmore and whether this would be beneficial for 205 Kingsway as well.
 - VCH – The same VCH staff are providing services to the 205 Kingsway as at the Biltmore.
- There was a break-in at the building next door that was determined to be linked to residents of 205 Kingsway. Has any follow-up been done?
 - Coast – The VPD is responsible for the follow-up on these issues. Coast will cooperate with any investigations as needed.
 - VPD – The BIA and security at Kingsgate Mall have expressed concern about supportive housing residents and security issues but it has been determined by neighbourhood officers that these concerns have not resulted in actual increases in issues.
- Has there been any turnover in the building?

- Coast – There has not been any turnover in the building as of yet.
- At the last meeting it was discussed that VCH and Coast would connect about services onsite. What has happened since then?
 - VCH – VCH staff are providing a variety of services to the building.
- Can meeting minutes be circulated to the group more quickly after the meeting? The last meeting minutes were circulated more than 4 weeks after.
 - COV – We will commit to circulating the minutes within 2 weeks of the meetings. The partners need to review them and it can take a little bit of time.
- There was someone camped out in front of the commercial business next store and left quite a large mess including human waste. Coast staff cleaned most of the debris but not the human waste. How can we deal with human waste?
 - COV – 311 will accept requests to remove human waste from public property, like streets, parks, and beaches, but will not respond on private property. That is the responsibility of the landlord.
 - COV – A feces collection pilot project has been rolled out in some neighbourhoods as part of the micro-cleaning program, but not Mount Pleasant. It is unknown if this might expand to other neighbourhoods.
 - COV – Ultimately it is the responsibility of the property owner to clean up the waste. The operators are helpful and may help clean-up but this is not their responsibility.
 - COV – Needle pickups and sharps will typically be picked up Coast and Raincity housing in the areas their program covers.

4. Roundtable Discussion

- a. Challenges or concerns
 - BC Housing is conducting a survey on CACs and one member of this group has been approached to participate. Was this open to all members or were they selected?
 - BCH – Not directly involved in this project but will look into it and get back to the member.

5. Action Items and Next Steps

- Next meeting will be in about a month's time – Invite will come from COV and Coast
- COV will send out meeting notes to the group within two (2) weeks.

Coast Mental Health Contact Information

- 205 Kingsway Office – 604-566-1622
- Coast Head Office – 604-872-3502 or email info@coastmentalhealth.com
- <https://www.coastmentalhealth.com/>

More Information

If anyone has any further comments or questions to direct them to Andrea Jung and the Homelessness Services team at homelessness@vancouver.ca and they will follow up with you directly.

Additional information on the City of Vancouver's efforts to address homelessness can be found here:

- [Homelessness Services](#)
- [Supportive Housing](#)
- [Shelters and Winter Response Strategy](#)
- [Rapid Response to Homelessness](#)