

**Reaching Home:
Nelson Community Plan
2025–2028**

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Introduction

In completing this template, communities are encouraged to develop comprehensive Community Plans that reflect the contributions of all funding partners, including other orders of governments, not-for-profit organizations, and the for-profit sector. The Community Plan does not preclude adjustments in priorities throughout the funding cycle; communities are still expected and encouraged to regularly review priorities for investment with their Community Advisory Board(s), including sub-project approval.

To support communities in completing their Community Plan, a Reference Guide has been developed. It is strongly recommended that this be reviewed prior to completing this template to ensure understanding of the requirements.

Please note that in communities that receive funding from both the Designated Communities (DC) and Indigenous Homelessness (IH) streams, ongoing and meaningful cross-stream collaboration is expected to support the achievement of community-level outcomes reflecting the needs of the whole community.

The Community Plan for Reaching Home must be approved by the DC or TH Community Advisory Board (CAB) before it is submitted to Infrastructure Canada.

Additionally, if your community has an Indigenous Homelessness (IH) Community Advisory Board (I-CAB), they must affirm that they have been engaged on the Community Plan before it is submitted. If your community is developing a joint plan with the IH stream Community Entity, both CABs must approve the community plan prior to submission.

In addition to the core elements required in this template, communities are welcome to share any other information and/or documents that they feel might provide further insight into their local context as it relates to housing and/or homelessness context.

1. Community Engagement

As part of the community planning exercise, you must engage with community partners with the goal of understanding the needs of the local homelessness sector and identify local homelessness priorities using a coordinated, systems-based and data-driven approach.

Please describe the steps taken to engage your community partners in developing this Community Plan to ensure a community-based approach. Your response must include:

- *Which partners were engaged.*
- *When and how engagement occurred; and*
- *What aspects of the Community Plan were discussed, as well as what aspects of the Plan (i.e., decisions, outcomes, next steps) were influenced by these discussions.*

Note: *Meaningful collaboration with Indigenous and non-Indigenous partners and service providers, as well as the IH CE and I-CAB where applicable, is expected in the development of this Community Plan and must be explicitly referenced in this section. The Indigenous Partners in Your Community worksheet created for the Community Homelessness Report (CHR) may be helpful to complete this section. Please see [CHR: Reporting Tools e-course on the Homelessness Learning Hub](#).*

The Nelson Committee on Homelessness (NCOH) Community Advisory Board (CAB) is composed of the following members and/or partners: Nelson CARES Society (Ward St. Place, Stepping Stones, Transitional Housing, Affordable Housing, Advocacy Centre); Nelson Community Services (Cicada Place, Youth Services & Outreach, Street Outreach, Homeless Outreach/Prevention, Women's Outreach & Transition House); Salvation Army; Kootenay Christian Fellowship (Our Daily Bread); Nelson & District Women's Centre; ANKORS; City of Nelson; MLA Brittny Anderson; Councillor representation; Anderson Gardens (CMHA), Kootenay Career Development Services (KCDS), Nelson Community Food Centre, St. Saviour's Kokanee Parish and Food Pantry; Interior Health (IH; Home Health, Outreach, and Mental Health and Substance Use); Selkirk College (Student Union); BC Community Response Network – Nelson.

The Nelson CE CAB has been meeting monthly since before our completing our original Community Plan in 2019 and Coordinated Access in 2021. During these monthly meetings, partners and members can engage in conversations and actions for addressing homelessness and related issues. In addition to the CAB monthly meetings, NCOH has an advisory group composed of executive directors and/or leaders from three service partners: (Nelson CARES Society, Nelson Community Services, and ANKORS) that also meets at least once a month. During the CAB and Advisory Group monthly meetings, there are opportunities for engagement with community leaders, service providers, and person with lived/living experience (PWLLE).

Nelson Committee on Homelessness (CAB) held two public conversations focused on the Community Plan. The broad community consultation were broadly advertised through posters, Kootenay radio, emails, announcements and website notices.

- 1) **Broad Community Consultation** - The community of Nelson was invited to help the [Nelson Committee on Homelessness](#) to develop our 2025-2029 Community Plan to reduce and prevent **homelessness on Wednesday October 30th, 10:00am – 1:00pm**; at the Adventure Hotel, conference room: 616 Vernon Street. Coffee & Snacks were provided. We estimate close to 100 people attended, our largest attendance to date with diverse representation from people in the community including: local businesses, social service sector(s), Circle of Indigenous Nations Society (COINS), City of Nelson (Mayor & Councillors), Selkirk College, Sinixt Confederacy, H.I.C.C government, Ministry of Social Development, Family Place, Kootenay Co-op, local citizens and volunteers, a few persons with lived experience (PWLLE). During the event Rev. David Burrows opened with a Land Acknowledgement, followed by an Opening Blessing and Drum Circle led by our local Elder Donna Wright.
 - CAB Chairs presented this history and growth of NCOH, and the investments made in the community from 2001 to date.
 - Presentations from the current sub-project such as: Street Outreach, Transition Support Worker, ANKORS: Harm Reduction Services, Drop-In (Thursdays), Nelson Community Services: Food Provision, PiT Count Coordinator shared the impacts they are having in the community.
 - Selkirk College presented the Pre-liminary Data from 2024 Well-being Insights: Community Perceptions on Homelessness.
 - Based on the presentations we broke out into smaller discussion groups. Our Discussion Questions included: *1. How can we use the information (presentations & survey results) to guide our work together as a community to create a Community Plan? What actions will have the largest impact for our unhoused (most of amount of people) in our community? 2. What are the most urgent actions we can take as a community? 3. What do we want Reaching Home (resources) to focus on in the next four years?*
 - Overall direction and feedback from the community was to keep the current investment directed to the same or similar work, and a general request to do more. As reflected below, similar feedback was shared by the PWLLE focus groups, with emphasis placed on more safe housing, more harm reduction and support services, and the urgent need for a permanent centralized drop-in service in our community.
 - COINS brought forward a continued resolve to provide indigenous cultural supports rooted in Indigenous practices that strengthen cultural connection.

- 2) **On November 4 and 6, 2024:** two different 90-minute focus groups were conducted in Nelson to gather the input of 13 (9 + 4) people with lived and living experience of homelessness (PWLLE) to evaluate the current sub-

projects investments for their usefulness and impacts in mitigating homelessness and what would help right now. These sessions were 1.5 hours in length and the participants we compensated for their time with \$25 of cash and snacks at the groups. These invited rich conversations which affirmed the continue need for our current programs and supports. The results from these focus groups were shared with the CAB and discussed at the Advisory Board.

Based on the engagements, Reaching Home funds will be used to support projects selected based on Community Planning priorities and recommendations of the Community Advisory Board (CAB), as well as program terms and conditions, and related to policies and directives of Reaching Home.

Community Plan Priorities:

- 1) Individualized Services:
 - a) Transition Housing Support Program, Nelson Cares Society.
 - b) Contribution to Street Outreach Team, Nelson Community Services.
 - c) Drop-In Centre, NCOH, with Nelson Cares Society (as the Community Entity).
 - d) Food Security Supplements, Nelson Community Food Services.
 - e) Peer Support Harm Reduction, PWLE, ANKORS.
- 2) NCOH: Community Coordination & Activities.

Community Capacity and Innovation Fund (CCI):

- 1) Coordinated Access (CA) Lead, Nelson Cares Society.
 - a) HIFIS/CA Implementation deployment, Nelson Cares Society.
- 2) Next Community Planning (2028-2032).
- 3) PiT Count and Coordination, Nelson Cares Society.

2. Investment Plan

2.1 In the table below, please identify your community's allocation of Reaching Home funding in the DC or TH and Community Capacity and Innovation (CCI) streams from 2024-25 to 2027-28¹.

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total
Reaching Home Annual Allocation	\$673,350	\$673,350	\$680,319	\$680,319	\$2,707,338

2.2 In the table below, please outline your planned division of DC/TH and CCI Reaching Home funding from 2024-25 to 2027-28 by activity area. Please note that it is acceptable that your community's funding priorities change over time. This investment plan is to demonstrate that your community has a vision of moving forward for the allocation of Reaching Home funding.

¹ Communities on two-year agreement extensions should report on investment plans for 2024-25 and 2025-26 at this time.

Activities area	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Housing Services	11%	11%	11%	11%
Prevention and Shelter Diversion	12%	12%	12%	12%
Client Support Services	52%	52%	52%	52%
Capital Investments	0%	0%	0%	0%
Coordination of Resources and Data Quality Improvement	10%	10%	10%	10%
Administration	15%	15%	15%	15%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%

2.3 In the text box below, please describe how Community Capacity and Innovation (CCI) funding will be used to support coordinated and data-driven service delivery (e.g., supporting Coordinated Access, the Outcomes-Based Approach and use of HIFIS or existing, equivalent Homeless Management Information System).

Community, Capacity and Innovation (CCI) funding will be mainly used to support Coordinated Access in our community, including employing a “coordinated access lead,” training and implementation of Coordinated Access onto BC Housing’s HIFIS system; partnering with housing providers and landlord associations; holding community events for planning and outreach.

3. Cost-Matching Requirement

3.1 In the table below, please outline all funding for homelessness initiatives expected to be received from other funders from 2024-25 to 2027-28². This includes both financial and in-kind contributions.

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total
Reaching Home Annual Allocation	\$673,350	\$673,350	\$680,319	\$680,319	\$2,707,338

² Communities on two-year agreement extensions should report on cost-matching for 2024-25 and 2025-26 at this time.

Projected Funding from Other Funders towards Homelessness Initiatives					
Program Name and Funder	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	2026-27 (\$)	2027-28 (\$)	Total (\$)
BC Housing- HPP Homeless Prevention Program	\$119,993	\$119,993	\$119,993	\$119,993	\$479,972
BC Housing- HOP Homeless Outreach Program	\$120,108	\$120,108	\$120,108	\$120,108	\$480,432
BC Housing – North Shore Inn	\$1,082,805	\$1,082,805	\$1,082,805	\$1,082,805	\$4,331,220
BC Housing- Emergency Shelter and Winter Emergency Beds	\$1,337,097	\$1,337,097	\$1,337,097	\$1,337,097	\$5,348,388
BC Housing- Women’s Transition House	\$758,648	\$758,648	\$758,648	\$758,648	\$3,034,592
Interior Health – Street Outreach	\$44,898	\$44,898	\$44,898	\$44,898	\$179,592
Community Fundraising NCARES	\$153,600	\$153,600	\$153,600	\$153,600	\$614,400
TOTAL	\$3,617,149	\$3,617,149	\$3,617,149	\$3,617,149	\$14,468,596

3.2 If your anticipated community contributions are not projected to match funding from Reaching Home for each year, please explain the circumstances below and include a description of the steps you will take to meet the requirement.

N/A

4. Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS)

4.1 Using your 2023-24 CHR as a guide³, please check the box if you have met the following minimum requirements as of March 31, 2024⁴. Any status updates since March 31, 2024, must also be reflected:

Minimum Requirement	Has the MR been met?	Minimum Requirement	Has the MR been met?
HIFIS MR 1	N/A	HIFIS MR 3	N/A
HIFIS MR 2	N/A	HIFIS MR 4	N/A

4.2 For each minimum requirement that has not yet been met (as identified in 4.1), complete a table below to describe how you will meet it by March 31, 2026. Please note that confirmation that communities are on track to do this will be required by October 31, 2025.

Minimum Requirement not yet met:	
What are the next steps the community will take to meet this requirement?	Target date for completion
We are in the process of Trilateral Agreement with BC Housing to get access to HIFIS for Coordinated Access.	March 2026
HIFIS Administrator Training to be completed ASAP	March 2025
Data Provision Agreement is in the works with BC Housing & CE's	Feb 2025

³ For more information on how the minimum requirements align with your Community Homelessness Report, please consult the Community Plan Guide.

⁴ Communities with two-year agreement extensions are not required to complete section 4 at this time.

5.Coordinated Access

5.1 Using your 2023-24 CHR as a guide⁵, please check the box if you have met the following minimum requirements as of March 31, 2024⁶. Any status updates since March 31, 2024, must also be reflected:

Minimum Requirement	Has the MR been met?	Minimum Requirement	Has the MR been met?
CA MR 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CA MR 10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CA MR 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CA MR 11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CA MR 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CA MR 12	<input type="checkbox"/>
CA MR 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CA MR 13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CA MR 5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CA MR 14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CA MR 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CA MR 15	<input type="checkbox"/>
CA MR 7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CA MR 16	<input type="checkbox"/>
CA MR 8	<input type="checkbox"/>	CA MR 17	<input type="checkbox"/>
CA MR 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	CA MR 18	<input type="checkbox"/>

5.2 For each minimum requirement that has not yet been met (as identified in 5.1), complete a table below to describe how you will meet it by March 31, 2026. Note that confirmation that communities are on track to do this will be required by October 31, 2025.

Minimum requirement not yet met:	
What are the next steps the community will take to meet this requirement?	Target date for completion
MR 8 – Our CE has a system map in place that includes the name of each organization and service provider, the type of service provider, their funding source, eligibility for service and capacity to serve. During the Trilateral Alignment process we will work to ensure our system map also includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Role(s) in the coordinated access system - Role(s) with maintaining quality data used for a Unique Identifier List - If the service provider currently uses HIFIS. 	April 2025
MR 9 – Confirm housing-related projects under Resource Inventory are filling Vacancies using the Unique Identifier List.	March 2026
MR 12 – Establish Case Conferencing Process & Service Navigation during Trilateral agreement process in Spring 2025	March 2026
MR 15 – Establish a Triage & Assessment Process during Trilateral agreement process in Spring 2025	March 2026

⁵ For more information on how the minimum requirements align with your CHR, please consult the Community Plan Guide.

⁶ Communities with two-year agreement extensions are not required to complete section 5 at this time.

MR 16 – same as 15 – Determine if VAT is the right tool, due to its barrier (length of time, and trauma inflicted).	March 2026
MR 17 – same as 15	March 2026
MR 18 – same as 15	March 2026

5.3 Describe how ongoing, meaningful collaboration on Coordinated Access between Indigenous and non-Indigenous partners has or will take place as your community works to implement, maintain and improve a Coordinated Access system.

NCOH has connected with the Circle of Indigenous Nations Society (COINS) since its inception in 2013. COINS is a regional organization that was established to support indigenous individuals and families throughout the Kootenay Boundary region as there were no specific Nations organized in the area. There are many people of indigenous origin including Inuit and Metis living in this area from all over Canada as well as those who lived here traditionally. COINS focuses on supporting these individuals and families to lead healthy, self-determining, proud, and vibrant lives. The Sinixt who traditionally lived in this area live primarily on the Colville Indian Reservation in Washington, USA. The Sinixt peoples were displaced initially by the early miners who sought wealth (and brought smallpox) in this area and later by the construction of the dams on the Kootenay and Columbia rivers. The Canadian Government declared the Sinixt extinct in 1956. However, a 2019 BC Supreme Court decision upheld an earlier 2017 decision that affirmed Sinixt indigenous hunting rights regardless of their country of birth. Many Sinixt people continue to consider the land to be their traditional territory, and a small population live in the area permanently. COINS has focused on helping agencies to work on the 94 recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Report. They often assist agencies with improving their capacity to provide a culturally safe environment/services as well as providing education that addresses intolerance and stigma. They also provide safe environments for people to explore their own indigeneity.

Currently, we identify Indigenous individuals on our By-Name List, as part of Coordinated Access and discuss how to prioritize these individuals at our Coordinated Housing Access Table (CHAT) and Coordinated Access Supportive Housing (CASH) Tables. We are in discussions about the potential of having an Indigenous Peer Support Worker, in partnership with COINs, who would provide client support services, and potentially sit on the CHAT Table.

6. Outcomes-Based Approach

6.1 Using your 2023-24 Community Homelessness Report as a guide⁷, please check the box if you have met the following minimum requirements as of March 31, 2024⁸. Any status updates since March 31, 2024, must also be reflected:

Minimum Requirement	Has the MR been met?	Minimum Requirement	Has the MR been met?
OBA MR 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	OBA MR 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OBA MR 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OBA MR 7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OBA MR 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	OBA MR 8	<input type="checkbox"/>
OBA MR 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	OBA MR 9	<input type="checkbox"/>
OBA MR 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		

6.2 For each minimum requirement that has not yet been met (as identified in 6.1), including those modified and new as of 2024-25, complete a table below to describe how you will meet it by March 31, 2026. Please note that confirmation that communities are on track to do this will be required by October 31, 2025.

Minimum Requirement not yet met: [CE to add here]	
What are the next steps the community will take to meet this requirement?	Target date for completion
OBA MR 1 – We are on track to meet our minimum requirements.	December 2025

Minimum Requirement not yet met: [CE to add here]	
What are the next steps the community will take to meet this requirement?	Target date for completion
OBA MR 3 – We will develop an (“Inactivity Policy”) with our partners, including BC Housing, during our alignment process	December 2025
OBA MR 4 – same as above	December 2025
OBA MR 5 – We are waiting to have access to HIFIS, as apart of a collaborative approach with BC Housing	April 2025

Minimum Requirement not yet met: [CE to add here]	
What are the next steps the community will take to meet this requirement?	Target date for completion
OBA MR 8 – We are waiting to have access to HIFIS.	April 2025
OBA MR 9 – see above.	March 2026

⁷ For more information on how the minimum requirements align with your Community Homelessness Report, please consult the Community Plan Guide.

⁸ Communities with two-year agreement extensions are not required to complete section 6 at this time.

6.3 Please describe how ongoing and meaningful collaboration between Indigenous and non-Indigenous partners has or will take place as your community works to meet the OBA minimum requirements. In communities where the Designated Communities and Indigenous Homelessness streams co-exist, collaboration with the IH-CE and I-CAB (where applicable) is expected.

In most areas of BC, Indigenous-led health and social services are provided in partnership with or through First Nations or Métis communities, as well as through Aboriginal Friendship Centres. In the Kootenay Boundary there are no First Nation Bands or Reserves (the closest band is the Lower Kootenay, of the Ktunaxa Nation, located near Creston an hour and a half's drive from the region). There is no Aboriginal Friendship Centre in the Kootenay Boundary. The one Aboriginal-governed and staffed health and social services organization, the Circle of Indigenous Nations Society (COINS), serves a geographically dispersed and culturally diverse Aboriginal population of 4,790 people (Census 2016), a total of 5% of the region's total population. A Primary Care Network is a clinical network of local primary care service providers located in a geographic area. One was established for the Kootenay Boundary region in 2020. One of its core attributes is the provision of culturally safe and humble delivery of health care for Aboriginal people. *'Working together for the well-being of Aboriginal people living in the Kootenay Boundary region'* is the mandate of a Collaborative that was established in June 2019. The Kootenay Boundary Aboriginal Services Collaborative (KBASC) consists of a representative from (listed alphabetically): Ktunaxa Nation; Métis Chartered Communities; Secwepemc Nation; Sinixt (Arrow Lakes); Syilx Nation; and Urban Aboriginal Indigenous Organization representatives whose mandate is service delivery to Aboriginal people in Kootenay Boundary. COINS staff support a geographically dispersed and culturally diverse Indigenous population with limited core funding and a staff of less than 30 individuals. We continue to grow our relationship with COINS, and understand that they have limited capacity, and as such cannot attend all meetings and engagements. We are grateful for their presence on our CAB.

Currently, there is no specific Aboriginal programming in the Kootenay Boundary to support Aboriginal women fleeing violence. There is also a lack of emergency housing that focuses on harm reduction as opposed to 'zero tolerance'. In the Kootenay Boundary Aboriginal Community Needs Assessment Report in 2020 one Aboriginal woman shared that she chooses to 'sleep rough' and risk the very real threat of sexual assault, rather than return to a Transition House where she experienced discrimination and experienced culturally unsafe service provision. Nelson Community Services (an agency a part of NCOH) started a violence prevention program for men called *Courageous Connections* and is open to adapting the content to becoming more culturally sensitive as well. Homelessness and/or housing insecurity can be directly linked to historical trauma, oppression, racism and discrimination. In the Kootenay Boundary Region, there are no Aboriginal-specific housing solutions currently, however we are looking forward to an aboriginal led housing project run by LUMA, which is scheduled to start building in Castlegar in the spring of 2025.

Support and allyship from groups and agencies, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, is essential to preventing and reducing the amount of Indigenous unhoused, or precariously housed. Part of the work to offer Coordinated Access is to examine how we can:

- seek Indigenous input on what is culturally appropriate.
- an Aboriginal Navigator or Peer Support Outreach Worker position.
- examples of what's working to provide culturally safe services
- pathways and opportunities for increasing knowledge about Aboriginal services and the provision of cultural safety and humility. Approaching learning about Indigenous cultures and cultural safety and humility with an open heart and willingness to learn.

We are exploring and learning about a different low-barrier assessment tool, called PATH. The PATH Process was developed for Coordinated Access Systems within the Government of Canada's Reaching Home Program to meet the Reaching Home Directive: *"A common and unified assessment process must be applied across all population groups in a community to evaluate service needs and assist in prioritizing housing resources."* The PATH (Personalized Assistance to Housing) Process is a culturally informed alternative to commonly used mainstream tools in the homelessness sector and Coordinated Access systems such as the VAT. The PATH Process uses a relational approach rooted in a trauma-informed and strengths perspective that facilitates community-based wholistic supports and housing matching, as well as prioritizing and decision-making within a landscape of limited resources. Specifically, PATH prioritizes the relationship between the worker and the person experiencing homelessness and values their story, including their housing vision, needs, and barriers/obstacles to accessing housing. Unlike most other prioritization processes, PATH works to develop an understanding and measurement of the barriers and obstacles to accessing housing on a community and national level. The PATH Process has been designed for use with individuals (youth, adults, and seniors), couples, or families. We will discuss this during our Trilateral alignment process in the spring with CAEH, and BC Housing.

7. Official Language Minority Communities

The Government of Canada has a responsibility under the [Official Languages Act](#) to ensure that programs and services meet the needs of Official Language Minority Communities (OLMCs). Please describe the steps that you will take to ensure that the services funded under [Reaching Home](#) take the needs of the OLMCs into consideration, where applicable.

Nelson has a commitment to follow the OLA to ensure participants and partners can access service in both official languages as required. We have bilingual staff that can address the needs of clients, and we can translate documents as required and requested. The CAB will:

- (a) Make project-related documentation and announcements (for public and prospective project participants, if any) in both official languages where applicable.
- (b) Actively offer and provide in both official languages any project-related services to be provided or made available to members of the public, where appropriate.
- (c) Encourage members of both official language communities, including official language minority communities, to participate in the project and its activities; and
- (d) Organize activities and provide its services, where appropriate in such a manner as to address the needs of both official language communities.

8. Community Advisory Board—Designated Communities/Territorial Homelessness

Note: You may list more than one name/organization for each sector, and you may list a name/organization in more than one sector, as applicable.

(Lines below can be removed where not applicable)

Sector	CAB Members
Infrastructure Canada (Ex-Officio Member)	Tina Stenson (H.I.C.C)
Community Entity (Ex-Officio Member)	Nelson Cares Society
Provincial/Territorial government	MLA Briteny Anderson, Tammy Hunter Community Integration, Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction (MSDPR).
Local/Municipal government	Mayor Janice Morrison, Councillor Leslie Payne, Councillor Kate Tait, Councillor Keith Page, Stephen Coutu Emergency Mgt., Chris Johnson General Manager of Community Planning, Lise Beaulieu (WorkBC).
Indigenous government	
Individuals with lived experience of homelessness	Jason Thiessen
Indigenous Peoples, nations and organizations, Friendship Centres	Kris Salikin Executive Director Circle of Indigenous Nations (COINS), Herb Alex Colville Confederated Tribes, Katie Rumbolt (COINS), Sage Laboucan (COINS)
Indigenous housing organizations	None currently
Youth and/or child-serving organizations, including Child Welfare agencies	Joyce Dahms-Whiffen (Nelson Community Services), Tina Tew (Freedom Quest Youth Services), Michelle Oakley (the Foundry), Emily Mather (School District 8).
Organizations serving survivors of domestic violence and their families	Nelson Cares Society, Nelson Community Services Society, Malia Joy ED, Nelson & District Women's Centre
Seniors and senior-serving organizations	Val Sheriff (Salvation Army), Heather Von Illberg BC Community Response Network (BCCRN),
Newcomers and newcomer-serving organizations	Lise Beaulieu (WorkBC), Katie McEwen (Nelson United Church), Lyndsay Forsythe (Nelson Public Library), Jesse White (Selkirk College - Students Union).
The private sector	Tom Thomson (Nelson Chamber of Commerce). Geanine Gerrow Kootenay Career Development Services (KCDS).
Police and correctional services	Raj Saini (Nelson Police Department), Jeff Herbert (Nelson Fire & Rescue Services)

Landlord associations and/or the housing sector	Malcom Evans (BC Housing).
Health organizations, including hospitals and other public health institutions, and organizations focused on mental health and addictions	Cheryl Dowden (ANKORS), Dylan Griffith (Kootenay Safe Supply), Erin Thompson (ANKORS, OAT), Jennifer Vince (Nelson Mental Health & Substance Use), Katia Dolan ANKORS Outreach, Tammy Hunter Community Integration, Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction (MSDPR), Tiffany Teal REDUN BC/ ANKORS
Veterans Affairs Canada and/or Veterans-serving organizations	None currently
Organizations serving individuals experiencing, or at risk of experiencing homelessness	Jeremy Kelly, Lyann Hunter, Ryall Giuliano (Street Outreach – Nelson Community Services), Molly Duffy, Transitional Housing Support Worker (Nelson Cares), Taryn Tayes Thursday Together Drop-In Center, Alex Hawes (Nelson Food Services), Tyler Bethune Our Daily Bread, Laura House (Stepping Stones Shelter), Phyllis Nash (Nelson at it's Best).
Other	

CAB Chairs or Co-Chairs (if applicable):

I affirm that the above members of the CAB have reviewed the attached Community Plan, and that a majority of CAB members approve of its content.

Phyllis Nash (Co-Chair)

Name

Signature

Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

Cheryl Dowden (Co-Chair)

Name

Signature

Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

Name

Signature

Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

9. Community Advisory Board—Indigenous Homelessness

Note: You may list more than one name/organization for each sector, and you may list a name/organization in more than one sector, as applicable.

(Lines below can be removed where not applicable)

Sector	CAB Members
Infrastructure Canada (Ex-Officio Member)	
Community Entity (Ex-Officio Member)	
Provincial/Territorial government	
Local/Municipal government	
Indigenous government	
Individuals with lived experience of homelessness	
Indigenous Peoples, nations and organizations, Friendship Centres	
Indigenous housing organizations	
Youth and/or child-serving organizations, including Child Welfare agencies	
Organizations serving survivors of domestic violence and their families	
Seniors and senior-serving organizations	
Newcomers and newcomer-serving organizations	
The private sector	
Police and correctional services	
Landlord associations and/or the housing sector	
Health organizations, including hospitals and other public health institutions, and organizations focused on mental health and addictions	
Veterans Affairs Canada and/or Veterans-serving organizations	
Organizations serving individuals experiencing, or at risk of experiencing homelessness	
Other	

Indigenous CAB Chairs or Co-Chairs (if applicable):

(If Community Plan is not a joint plan): I affirm that the above members of the Community Advisory Board have been engaged on the Coordinated Access and Outcomes-Based Approach sections of the attached Community Plan.

OR

(If Community Plan is a joint plan): I affirm that the above members of the CAB have reviewed the attached Community Plan, and that a majority of CAB members approve of its content.

Cheryl Dowden (Co-Chair NCOH)

Name

Signature

Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

Phyllis Nash (Co-Chair NCOH)

Name

Signature

Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

Name

Signature

Date (YYYY-MM-DD)