

Health Wellness Coalition

June 2019 Newsletter



Membership renewals and new members lined up to be part of our group, it was heartwarming to see the interest, especially as we work hard towards getting Interior Health to hear the voices of our communities, through a petition.

Election of officers submitted by the nominating committee, all were elected by acclamation, and we are looking forward to another year of action.

- Sheila Corneillie – Chair
- Jacquie McMahon – Vice Chair
- Donna Monford – Recording Secretary
- Leanne Davies – Membership Director

Information was shared with the group about the petition and the results to date – over 1800 signatures on the paper petition and over 600 for on line petition (more than 1220 but we only included those that are directly impacted by the services), still have more signatures arriving after we delivered the petitions. We had involvement from all of the communities in our catchment, including all 6 first nations, it truly represents the catchment area of our Hospital. A motion was passed approving escalating activities if we don't get a response from the petitions. This might include things like rallies, demonstrations, community interest meetings.

We delivered the petition to Jackie Tegart MLA, Fraser Nicola at her constituency office here in Ashcroft. It was well received and she offered her assistance where possible to facilitate meetings and some guidance. The others were sent by Registered Mail, we know they are delivered, but still waiting . . .

The new executive did an interview for / with Gareth Smart of the **Hub Online Network**, it is about the work of this group and an emphasis on the decline of Emergency Services, it should be posted Tuesday he tells me.

I did an interview with Radio NL this past week, a link was posted on our FB page, (hope you have all found it) and will be doing another with CBC Radio on Tuesday of next week.

We are so fortunate to have more help behind the scenes for a number of things that we haven't had time to do. I can't tell you how much that helps us, so thanks to those people. We will share their work soon. If there are others who can do a little bit, please email or call me. Thanks

News – We learned of a meeting taking place between Interior Health, Division of Family Practice and the communities of our catchment area. We were **not** invited! After much perseverance between our group and thanks to the Ashcroft Village Mayor and Council, we were offered an invitation in place of Marilyn Anderson (our healthcare Council rep). I attended with Mayor Roden. The meeting was not about our current crisis, but we managed to come up with a plan to discuss emergency services at a meeting in July, as early as we could get. It is a small step. Ashcroft Health Services Area Planning Table is the name of this group.

Sheila Corneillie – Transparent, Consistent and Sustainable

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