



DISTRICT OF SECHELT COMMUNITY WELLNESS AND SAFETY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

Meeting Highlights

February, 2026

At the Community Safety Technical Working Group, the team was excited to get back in working together to come up with ideas and make them happen!

Who's in the group?

RCMP, VCH, BC Housing, DOS and other community members.

Community Safety Coordinator position

This idea came from the working group and has now been approved by Council for 2026. This is great news for the community. Now Council and staff will clarify the job description and move on to the hiring phase.

Encampment connection and reduction

Encampment numbers have reduced. VCH outreach workers are connecting with encampment residents with the hopes of relocating them, ideally into secured housing.

Bylaw changes

Prohibiting daytime camping: The group would like potential changes to the bylaw to prohibit daytime camping in District spaces. The group is considering changes.

BC Housing Projects

During this meeting, BC Housing said that they would report back on the timeline of the Ebbitide and Hightide complex care and supportive housing projects. Since then, we have learned that due to fiscal constraints at BC Housing, the Ebbitide complex care project will not continue. BC Housing remains committed to building 40 new supportive homes on Hightide.