

August 7th, 2007

**Mission Statement:**

We are committed to providing the safety, expertise, and support; for people to reclaim, develop, and sustain a healthy and meaningful identity free from self-destructive behaviours.

Meetings with Neighbours	
<p><b>April 19th:</b></p> <p>Approximately 50 neighbours came! Tremendous openness and respect for dialogue was demonstrated!</p> <p>There was considerable support expressed along with concerns about potential crime. Concerns appeared to subside when people recognized the centre would not accept referrals from court and proposes an extensive screening procedure with a psychiatrist to ensure clients are keen to work on therapeutic issues and do not pose a threat to themselves or others. The threat a future flood could present to the centre was another concern raised.</p>	
<p><b>June 22nd:</b></p> <p>With less than 10 neighbours attending the 2nd meeting after having mailed out invitations, it appears the majority of neighbours concerns were alleviated during the first meeting. Investigative reports commissioned regarding the potential threat of crime and flooding were presented.</p>	
Meeting Health Care Providers	
<p><b>June 18th:</b></p> <p>Over 40 professionals working in the health-care field attended an information meeting at the Howe Sound Inn. Tremendous support for the centre was voiced. People acknowledged the need for such a centre and the benefits to the community.</p>	
Public Information Meeting	
<p><b>September 6th</b></p> <p>Being held at the Outdoor Education Centre from 630pm-830pm provides another opportunity to discuss the proposed centre and for the project to receive feedback.</p> <p>A public hearing where city council votes on the proposal is anticipated before the end of November.</p>	