Community Advisory Committee

The John Howard Society of North Island will develop a Community Advisory Committee that may include representation from:

BC Housing, Vancouver Island Health Authority, the City of Courtenay, local RCMP, local service providers, local supportive housing resident and a few selected community members at large.

The Committee will aim to meet once a month initially, starting in September, with the overarching objective of maintaining regular communication to discuss emergent and ongoing issues towards building a safer and healthier community.

Responsibilities of the Committee
The Community Advisory Committee is responsible for:

• Communicating proactively with each other in order to develop solutions to issues;

• Identifying and working together on revitalization initiatives and/or neighborhood events; and

• Identifying and working together on crime prevention initiatives, including the formation of a block watch program.

Areas of Focus

- **Property:** It is desirable for property owners and residents to show pride in the community by caring for their property and public spaces in order to maintain the property at the highest possible values.

- **Safety:** Safety and security are essential for citizens to live peacefully and free from harm, and for neighbourhoods to remain desirable and attractive. Property owners and residents share the responsibility of creating and maintaining a safe and secure neighbourhood.

- **Conduct and behavior:** Conduct and behavior that is respectful of others contributes to the peaceful enjoyment of life in the community. Individuals have the freedom to act as they please, so long as those actions are lawful, and do not harm others or infringe upon their rights. Co-operation and respect between citizens are desirable qualities and will be actively promoted in the neighbourhood.

- **Communication:** Communication between 8th Street Supportive Housing and the surrounding area community is important to develop and maintain positive relationships. Methods will be established to ensure routine communication, feedback, and monitoring of this agreement’s commitments.