

310 Division Street Community Liaison Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 4, 2026

Time: 5pm - 7pm

Location: 600 William Street, Cobourg, Boardroom

Attendees

Facilitators:

- Carolyn Rutherford, Community Health Centres of Northumberland CLC, Vice-Chair (virtual)

Community Members:

- Daniel Gaito
- Erisa Katono (virtual)
- Liz Greaves
- Raeanne Deschamps
- Rob James
- Sheri Syer

County Representatives:

- Bill Smith

Delegates:

- Christian Harvey, Executive Director, 310 Division Street

Regrets:

- Beth Bellaire, CLC Chair
- Catherine White
- Chloe Craig
- Donna Pogue
- Emma Taylor, Northumberland Hills Hospital Community Mental Health (maternity leave)
- Janice Byer, Cobourg Police Services
- Krystyne Gillispie
- Meaghan Macdonald, Board Chair, 310 Division Street
- Rebecca Snelgrove
- Rev. Ruth Wilkinson
- Theresa Rickerby
- Shawn Senecal, NHH Community Mental Health
- Tracey Tink, DBIA

Meeting called to Order

- Meeting called to order by CLC Vice-Chair

Acknowledgement

- Selected CLC member provided the land acknowledgment

Meeting Objectives & Agenda Overview

- Updates from 310 Division and the County – Christian Harvey, Bill Smith
- Subcommittee updates
 - Education & Awareness – Carolyn Rutherford
 - Communications – Erisa Katono, Raeanne Deschamps
- Minutes from June 2026 CLC meeting approval

Shelter Updates

- See attached 310 Division Progress Report for July 2026

County Updates

- Social Services Committee July meeting cancelled; next meeting Sept 2, 2026
- New Director of Community and Social Services (Bill Detlor) commences role on Aug 10, 2026
- Decision on warming room operation for 2027 is pending; planning for permanent solution will resume after 2026 municipal elections
- Family diversion program – Social Services and community partners took over this program in June 2026; 21 families at risk or homeless; housing was secured for all
- Transitional housing going well; people moving in, finding stability, gaining employment locally or moving on
- CLC email account activity – nothing to report

Community Feedback & Group Education

- Nothing to report

Subcommittee Updates

- **Subcommittee – Communications**
 - July newsletter distribution placed on hold due to required content changes
 - Community member feedback/suggestions on CLC operations (communicated via letter to the CLC) to be reviewed in September CLC meeting
- **Subcommittee – Education and Awareness**
 - Subcommittee met on June 19, 2026; July meeting cancelled; will next meet on August 21, 2026
 - Shared 2 videos on homelessness with CLC (that were viewed during the Aug CLC meeting); videos were produced by Iain De Jong, President and CEO of OrgCode Consulting Inc.
 - Video 1 – *The Psychology Behind How We View Homelessness*
 - Video 2 – *How Many Deaths Are We Willing to Accept?*
 - These and additional videos can be viewed on his YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/@iaindejong> and link will be shared on the CLC Facebook page

- Speaking engagements scheduled in June went well; next engagement scheduled with the University Women's Club on September 14, 2026

Unfinished Business

- Nothing to report

Final Discussion & Next Steps

- Next CLC meeting scheduled for September 8, 2026

Closing Remarks & Adjournment

- Acknowledgement and thanks to all in attendance

TRANSITION HOUSE CLC REPORT

July, 2026

Unique Individuals Served:	Average Occupancy:	Number of Turn Aways:	Service Restrictions:	Residents Over 50 years old:
58	44.8	36	6	26

Good News:

- 4 residents were housed
- 3 residents supported in receiving ID
- 1 resident began treatment
- 7 residents were supported in finishing their taxes
- 4 referred to CMHA supports
- 6 RGI Applications completed
- Culinary Training program starts on August 10th
- Trinity Church as requested that we ask security to move people off of their property
- We received 2 emails from neighbours. One regarding a noise incident that happened at night. The other was requesting that during fire alarms that residents not gather outside their building

Neighbourhood Connections

- Community 101
 - Green Wood Coalition and Transition House Partnered on an event called "Addressing Homelessness: Celebrating Strengths, Naming Challenges"
 - The even was a community discussion around how we as a community might respond to homelessness
 - Roughly 27 people attended
 - A report of the results is being created
 - We are going to continue to do Community 101 Events going forward
- The Homelessness Leadership Table is discussing putting on a Mayoral Debate on housing and homelessness. More details in the coming months