

Working Together to Help the Community

Today Mayor Ed Mayne met with Robin Campbell and Jerrold Paetkau of Manna Homeless Society to discuss how best the City of Parksville and the Manna Homeless Society could work together to facilitate services for the City's homeless or vulnerable population. Manna is a registered society, volunteer run, offering emergency outreach and ongoing support and help to the homeless and poverty stricken individuals and families of the Oceanside area.

The City recognizes the services provided by Manna are extremely valuable to the homeless and the at-risk of our community. Through their discussion, the City and Manna have agreed to communicate on a regular basis and work together towards improving the situation in our community. Manna has agreed to bring ideas for improvement to the City, when they see issues which could be solved together.

In the meeting, Manna Homeless Society explained their recent change in focus and that they have found alternate locations rather than using the public property at Jensen Avenue West for their mobile care van to continue to provide the much needed mobile health care services to the community.

Mayor Ed Mayne said, "On behalf of Council, I appreciate the willingness of Manna Homeless Society to meet with the City and look for ways we can work together. We don't expect to be able to eliminate the homeless situation in our community overnight, but the City can work with Manna to find those small victories together until we do."

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