

Functional Zero Working Group

(formerly Community Wellness Alliance Decampment Working Group)

Functional Zero Homelessness

Functional zero is a **concrete** and **measurable** approach to ending homelessness; it means that there are **enough, or even more homeless-serving services and resources than needed to meet the needs of individuals** who are experiencing homelessness.

Convened by:

City of Victoria

Mandate:

To support achieving functional zero homelessness in the City of Victoria as part of the regional plan to achieve functional zero.

Meeting Frequency:

Biweekly

Membership:

Regional Director, Operations, Vancouver Island, BC Housing
Manager Harm Reduction and Early Treatment, Island Health
Executive Director or Associate Director, Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness
Executive Director, Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness
Inclusion and Collaboration Manager, Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness
Director of Research and Data Analysis, Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness
Representative from Non-profit Housing Providers Executive Director Table*
Mayor, City of Victoria
City Manager, City of Victoria
Manager of Executive Operations, City of Victoria
Head of Strategic Operations Mayor's Office, City of Victoria

* (ex: Representative selected by nomination from ED Housing Service Provider Table)

Responsibilities and Activities:

1. Meet biweekly to coordinate action to achieve functional zero homelessness in Victoria.
2. Work together on tangible shared projects to achieve functional zero in the City of Victoria.
3. Ensure open, productive and solutions-oriented dialogue among all organizations at the table.
4. Provide any insights to the CAA advisory table on system improvements to the homelessness serving systems within the jurisdiction of the organizations at this table.

5. Collaborate on ongoing system improvements to the homelessness serving systems outside of the jurisdiction of the organizations at the table.
6. Receive information on and provide input to the Province's Complex Care Housing model of care under development.
7. Ensure coordination of the funding received through the Strengthening Communities funding and other funding relevant in achieving Functional Zero in the City of Victoria in particular in areas related to housing retention.
8. Report into the quarterly Regional Functional Zero Table.
9. Stay in close connection and alignment with the CAA Table and with the organization (TBD) responsible for the regional Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) and By-Name-List.
10. Connect and collaborate with the Executive Director Housing Service Provider Table.
11. Connect and collaborate with the Downtown Service Providers Committee.

These Terms of Reference will be reviewed quarterly to ensure they reflect reality on the path to Functional Zero Homelessness.

Draft Workplan:

1. Ensure coordination of activities and programs delivered with the \$4m Strengthening Communities funding to be aligned with mandate of FZWG in context of "all the other services being offered (Police, Bylaw, Health, etc.)"
 - a. Funding announced in July 2021.
2. Proactive and tactical systems improvement.
3. Provide input and engagement to the Provincial Complex Care Core Planning Table.
4. Digest recommendations from the City of Victoria's Homeless Advocate and align with achieving FZ homelessness.