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A SAFER PLACE TO BE COMMUNITY OUTREACH PILOT PROJECT STINK CREEK PARK

Port Hardy- The District of Port Hardy has collaborated with Island Health, Mental Health And Substance Use to provide a community location for outreach to the North Island's most vulnerable population in Stink Creek Park.

With the planning for a location for heat dome events to mitigate health incidents during extreme heat, an opportunity arose to provide daily access to services, including addiction services, mental health, and food resources, in a central location in the community.

Businesses, residents, and tourists have been concerned about the public congregations that conflict with their ability to provide and access services in the community. By delivering a central location in the community to support those individuals most in need, we can attempt to help all citizens positively and productively.

With RCMP, Island Health, Mount Waddington Health Network, and the District of Port Hardy working proactively, we can ensure that this project is monitored, evaluated, and redirected to meet the needs as the project continues to the end of September.

What will you see- The addition of coverings in the Park to allow for shelter, staff providing much-needed support, including access to water, services and outreach and bathroom facilities.

What we hope to achieve- Having a central location for the community to access information throughout the day will encourage community members to gain access to services.

Timing- From now until the end of September, to be re-evaluated as the project continues.

Enforcement- RCMP will provide routine patrols of the site and support.

Join the conversation – Community Planning, Business, and Learning

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