

# **Downtown Eastside/Strathcona Coalition**

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Dear Coalition Partner

The Downtown Eastside/Strathcona Coalition is a consultative body that provides a forum where residents, service-providers and government, can bring issues facing this community, to build partnerships and to embark on initiatives to improve the quality of life in this community

One example of a partnership that has developed is the Community Services Fund allotment that is administered by the Coalition on behalf of this community. This initiative provides training and work experience opportunities for people who are facing multiple barriers in their quest for financial independence and is governed locally by a steering committee made up of people elected from the community.

The coalition has traditionally been the forum in which that committee has been elected.

Today, enthusiasm for the Coalition seems to be waning. In our busy lives yet another meeting can be yet another burden loaded on our tired shoulders. But the work of the coalition has provided many benefits to this community and will continue to do so, but only if you are involved.

On Thursday Oct 19, 2000, at 5:00 pm, the coalition will be convening a special meeting in the Boardroom at Vancouver Native Health Society.

After a salmon barbeque dinner, the agenda will include election of the Community Services Fund steering committee followed by a discussion regarding the future of the coalition.

We need to have this discussion in order to plan for the future.

Therefore, please accept this invitation to join us for dinner and to meet afterwards to address the two crucial issues facing the coalition.

For more information or to confirm your attendance, please contact Lou Demarais at 254-9954 or Richard Page at 254-8636.

On behalf of the DTES/Strathcona Coalition Steering Committee, we remain...

Yours Truly

Lou Demarais

Richard Page

Vancouver Native Health Society

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