

# Program

## Agency Awareness and Connections Breakfast

Abbotsford ACCESS (Action-oriented Community Collaborative for Equitable Supports and Services) is a network of local partners and an initiative of the City of Abbotsford's Housing, Homelessness and Community Development team focused on addressing complex social issues with a multi-agency approach. Partners include government, community agencies, law enforcement and business.

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### Shelter and Housing

**Date:** April 17, 2024

**Time:** 9:00 – 11:00am, *Doors open at 8:00am*

**Location:** Legacy Sports Centre Banquet Room

- **3270 Trethewey Street (for GPS navigation – enter off of TRETHEWEY STREET)**
- 4 32470 Haida Drive (mailing address)

8:00am Doors open, breakfast and informal networking

9:00am Welcome and Opening  
– Emcee: Mike Sikora, Housing, Homelessness and Community Development Specialist, City of Abbotsford.

9:05am Agency Updates

9:10am Networking Exercise

#### Presentations:

9:30am Coordinated Access System, Graham McMahon, Coordinated Access Specialist, **City of Abbotsford**

9:50am Official Community Plan and new Housing Legislation, Heather Kauer, Director of Community Planning, **City of Abbotsford**

10:10am HEART and HEARTH Program, Tsitsi Watt, Regional Director, Fraser Region, **BC Housing**

10:30am Extreme Weather Response and Shelters – Why they Matter, Jesse Wegenast, Extreme Weather Response Coordinator, **Mennonite Central Committee** and Executive Director, **Sparrow Community Care Society**

10:40am Housing Needs in Community, Robby Jeffery, Facilitator, **Community Living BC**

10:50am Transitional Housing, Laura Elout, Housing and Employment Services Manager, **Kinghaven Peardonville House Society**

11:00am Concluding remarks and evaluations