

The Regional Outcomes Monitoring Group – Community Health Network (ROM-CHN) identified Healthy and Safe Environments as a priority goal area for 2019 (in addition to Affordable and Accessible Housing, Economic Security, Food Security, and Thriving Children and Youth). On September 19, 2019, the ROM-CHN hosted a *Creating Healthy and Safe Communities workshop* with the purpose of educating and inspiring professionals working in local government across a variety of planning, design, and policy fields. This workshop was funded by an Island Health Wellness Grant. The target audience was local government land use planners, engineers, recreation coordinators, park planners, sustainability planners, elected official's/decision makers, First Nations, health professionals, police, economic developers, and transportation planners. Subthemes for this workshop included: Housing, Community Safety, Transportation, and Climate Change.

The learning outcomes for this workshop were:

1. To provide an understanding of the public health & safety implications of planning work.
2. Share on tools, data and case examples to support the creation of healthy communities for all.
3. To learn more about Community Health Networks and collective impact.
4. To start the discussion around Healthy & Safe Environment indicators for our region to support the work of policy makers and decision makers.

A final report for the workshop will be uploaded when available. Meanwhile, here is a list of the resources from the day:

[Healthy and Safe Environment Metrics Backgrounder](#) - Community Social Planning Council

Morning Presentations

[Keynote Speaker: Healthy and Safe Environments: An Overview, Trevor Hancock](#)

[Healthy Built & Social Environments, Case Study: Township of Esquimalt, Jade Yehia & Tricia deMacedo](#)

[Supporting Island Health Communities with Health Data, Maritia Gully](#)

[What is Community Safety? - Past, Present and Future, Steve Woolrich](#)

Community Health Networks - Overview & Panel Discussion

[Capital Regional District Communities Health Network, Amanda Ng](#)

[Sooke Region Communities Health Network, Christine Bossi](#)

[Alberni Clayoquot Health Network, Marcie Dewitt](#)

Afternoon Panel Presentations

[Transportation, Dr. Murray Fyfe](#)

[Metrics and Policy, Dave Thompson](#)

[Climate, Ken Porter](#)