

Friendship Lodge – Report for October 2008

- This planning meeting was attended by six Millar Addition residents.
- The Friendship Centre announced that BC Housing will be providing the funding for 24-hour staffing for Friendship Lodge. This is in addition to the funding BC Housing is providing for maintenance. The Friendship Centre reports they are still in negotiation with Northern Health for possible partnership.
- Policy and procedures (P & P) must be submitted six months prior to opening of Friendship Lodge. The first draft will be submitted to BC Housing in November.
- We discussed the possibility of inviting other service providers to the planning committee. After some discussion it was decided that the current numbers on the planning committee are sufficient. There will be a community forum prior to opening of Friendship Lodge. This will be an opportunity to invite other Millar residents and service providers to update them on what is happening.
- The committee has spent a lot of time on the “Case Management” section of the Friendship Lodge Guidelines draft. These discussions are not completed. Resident Joanne MacMillan researched a women’s housing program in Columbia Ohio and shared some of the information with the group.
- One of the members on the planning committee voiced his concern around the policies and procedures sounding too strict – like being in prison.
- It was reported that the neighbourhood was moving ahead with Block Watch.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2008.