

Community Resilience Notes

Inaugural Meeting 2024 03 23 with Tanya P and Tanya D

Group-built Agenda

- Introductions - Personal summary, context for interest in this topic
- Questions - Personal definitions and understandings of this topic
- Working backward from ideals
- Sharing known principles
- Working forward from needs - known, anticipated, unknowable
- Brainstorming
- Next Steps
- Closing remarks

Discussion Notes

Known principles + Ideals

- cultivating a more caring culture benefits everyone vs the status quo of individualism
- phone tree, mutual aid, barter, volunteerism, knowing those and learning to better engage with those near us vs focusing only on relationships of interest in any location, benefits of hyper local interdependence (eg self sufficiency in supply chain disruptions), peer support network, knowledge and skill sharing, being present to each other's inner weather conditions while building cooperation in a rapidly changing climate and world
- unresolved individual and collective trauma becomes a liability in times of duress, and communities with established self sufficiency/interdependence have better outcomes in emergency situations than those that do not (How to Live in a Chaotic Climate by Laura Schmidt, Aimee Lewis Reau, Chelsie Rivera)
- prior global catastrophes prove repeatedly that our government and infrastructure are not equipped to provide sufficient and just care
- as with emergency preparedness and hospice preparation, waiting until things escalate/become unmanageable (aka "when Shit Hits the Fan") with current systems is usually too late vs organizing while we have the resources of Business As Usual and yet does no harm because these efforts are worthwhile investments in any case
- the ability to stay grounded in a crisis can help others to do so (Thich Nhat Hanh boat story)
- small pods of neighbourhood networks can connect with each other to form a larger network
- some people find it hard to present their needs, while others need help and are not able to reciprocate in any way, and still others are well resourced to help without need for reciprocation
→ this reality transcends the utility of barter and monetary compensation for services (especially in a post-currency world)
- our social structures are due for revamping, and community organizing is a form of peaceful revolution

- our community groups eg here on facebook are a wonderful start, but are limited in their current format (eg they do not make it easy for us to share all needs/services because promotion isn't welcome in the main groups and membership/engagement is low in the 'classifieds' groups)
- peaceful social change preferred to RCMP prediction of revolt in 5 years if we can pre-empt that
- current power of people to take action like boycotting of mega corporations will be enhanced by reducing our need for their offerings

Unknowns

- how best to keep everyone in the loop and share information - some prefer encryption (eg signal app), others convenience (eg facebook groups and events) plus other options (slack, google documents and other apps, email list serves, offline/in person)
- potential solution - google doc/drive link of latest developments/resources shared to all preferred platforms instead of trying to choose one