# Port Alberni Association for Community Living Strategic Plan 2022 – 2025



#### Introduction

#### Message from the Executive Director, Craig Summers

It was a real privilege working again on PAACL's Strategic Plan as there was input, feedback, insights and opinions from Self-Advocates, Employees and the Board of Directors; All who participated in this process recognized that there are many assets at PAACL and that the organization is successful in its delivery to persons-served.

PAACL is in a healthy financial position with assets & resources and is in very good standing with provincial funders and community partners.

The following plan reflects the strategic direction for PAACL over the next few years and the desire of the PAACL board, staff, and self-advocates to further create a community that is inclusive, accessible, and respectful.

#### Vision

"A community where everybody belongs"

#### Supporting statements:

PACCL envisions a community where:

- everybody is welcomed and included.
- everybody is supported to thrive and live their best life.
- everybody cares and supports each other to ensure inclusion of all.

#### PAACL is recognized as:

- a leader in providing caring support and services to enrich people's lives.
- a model for raising community awareness and advancing inclusion to ensure equal rights,
   respect and acceptance of everybody in the community
- the organization of choice for community partners.
- an excellent employer and is sought out by individuals seeking employment.

#### Mission

The mission of Port Alberni Association for Community Living is to provide quality, person-centred support and services enabling individuals to thrive.

#### This is achieved through:

- advocacy,
- providing programs and services designed to provide opportunities for meaningful work,
- residential options,
- community involvement, and
- support in daily living.

#### **Values**

The following values are the backbone of the work that PAACL does:

**Person-centered** Persons served and their needs are the primary focus of PAACLs

programs and services

**Inclusive** Each individual's unique qualities are valued at PAACL; we actively

create and maintain an environment that promotes diversity and

inclusion

**Accessible** PAACL is responsible for eliminating barriers to support by ensuring

that all programs and services are accessible to all

**Respectful** Board members, employees, and persons swerved behave in a manner

that reflects the dignity and potential of all human beings

Safe and Supportive All PAACL sites are safe, supportive, and caring environments for

persons served, staff, volunteers, and other stakeholders

**Collaborative** PAACL works in partnership with agencies, stakeholders, and funders to

meet the needs of the individuals that we serve

#### **Environmental Scan**

The environment in which PAACL operates is influenced by many internal, external and demographic factors. These factors provide challenges and opportunities as we work to achieve our strategic priorities. Highlights of these factors are presented here.

## PAACL SPOT Analysis

### STRENGTHS

- Responsive to pandemic; safety of individuals and staff
- Staff pivot quickly alternative way
- Progressive –
   management quick to
   respond to opportunities
   (funding and
   underrepresented
   individuals); forward
   thinking
- One stop shopping womb to tomb
- + Long term employees
- New employees bring innovation and new ideas
- + Dedicated Board
- Good reputation within the community
- + Fiscally responsible



Increased program space

Change the way we deliver community inclusion Partnerships with other NGOs

Expanding programs – children and family hub

LIFE program

– opportunity

to change

Programs outside of the Alberni Valley

FUTURE/EX1



CURRENT/INTERNAL

#### **PROBLEMS**

- Staff retention
- Staff recruitment
- Impact of public health orders
- Board succession
- Succession planning management turnover
- Lack of skill in technology area – being outpaced
- Heavily reliant on external IT support

THREATS

Political – climate change/pandemic – resources being diverted and not able to sustain current level of funding – Tighter with funding – grant and proposal writing to offset costs

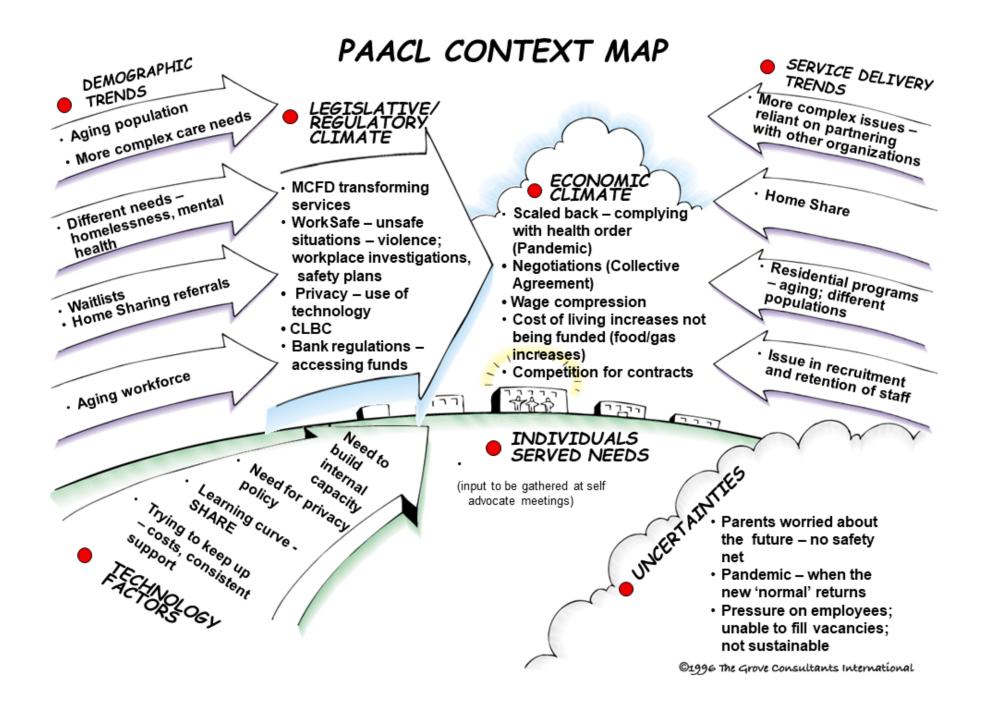
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Increased competition amongst NGO – RFP process Programs outside the Alberni Valley (can isolate e.g. highway closure)

highway closure

Increased cost of living; Housing affordability \$375/month for housing; cost of travel

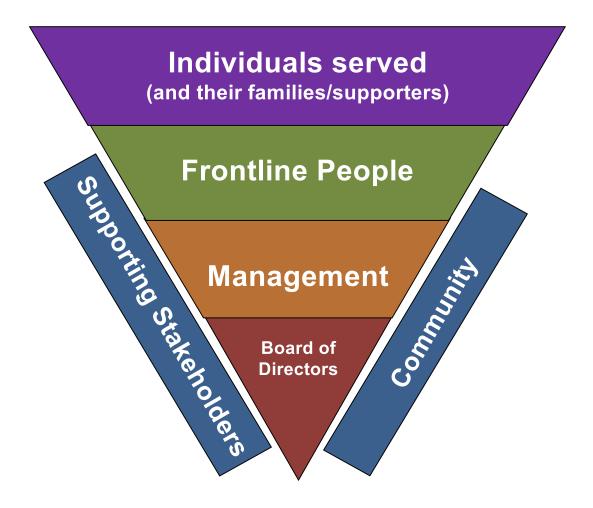




#### Force Field Analysis - Moving from the Present to the Future

In order to successfully implement the Strategic Plan, actions must be incorporated into the plan to maximize the driving forces while taking action to eliminate or reduce the impact of the restraining forces.

Driving Forces	<b>←</b>		Restraining Forces
Strengths/Opportunities			Barriers/Obstacles
Strong leadership from the Management Team			Employee retention and succession
Dedicated professional staff		Fu	Recruitment of qualified employees
Committed Board	Present	Future	Competition for funding
Programs and services that meet individual	es		IT resources and support
needs (person-centred)	4	(Visio	Board succession and recruitment
Community support		on)	Changing government expectations/processes
Quality Facilities			Community support/ participation

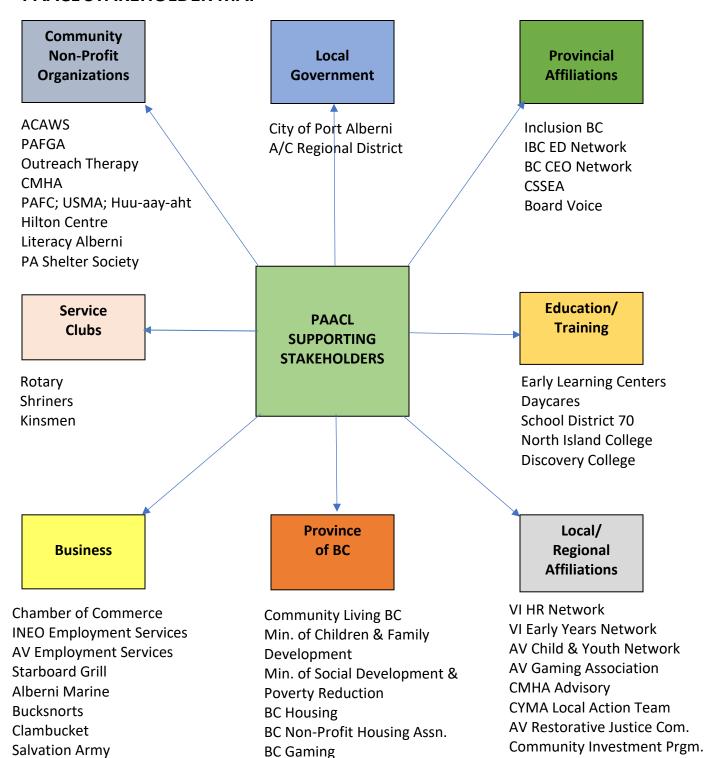


#### PAACL STAKEHOLDER MAP

**Port Authority** 

Alberni News

NETP



Island Health

#### Trends in coming years

Here are some of the issues and policies likely to influence the organizations work in the coming years.

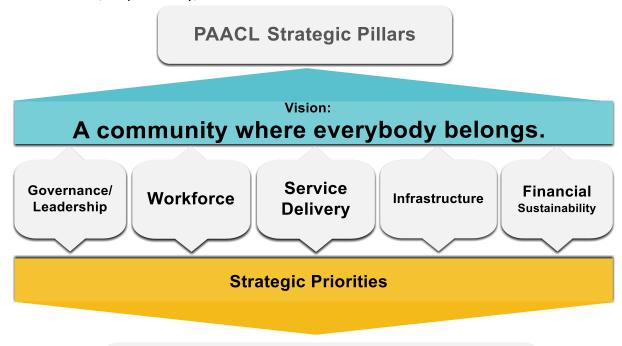
- COVID-19 pandemic impacts, including but not limited to stimulus funding and impacts on employment and remote work.
- Reconciliation initiatives in alignment with United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples including BC's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples' Act
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada report, and the Government of Canada's commitment to implement its recommendations.
- opioid crisis,
- increasing competition for the funding available to support programs and the uncertainty of much funding due to the variable socio-political directions
- Government funding and awarding of contracts may go through the BC Bid or Request for Proposal process
- Increase in the amount of community living-based agencies and services in the Port Alberni area, creating increased competition for staff

#### **Strategic Pillars (Goals)**

The structure of the Strategic Plan is based on a hierarchy of:



The Strategic Plan is based on five Strategic Goals with related Objectives. Each objective is broken into specific Initiatives and each initiative into Tasks which also detail where possible the time frame, responsibility, resources and outcome measures.



Service Delivery Outcomes
The mission of Port Alberni Association for Community Living is to provide quality, person-centred support and services enabling individuals to thrive.

The work of PAACL will be guided by the following strategic goals. These priorities have been selected as they are deemed to have the most significant impact on making the vision a reality.

**Strategic Goal #1:** Governance/Leadership – Provide strong sustainable leadership (Board and Management) and engage the community in-order to achieve the vision.

**Strategic Goal #2:** Workforce – Enhance organizational capacity to ensure provision of excellent services through attracting and retaining highly skilled and effective people at all levels of the organization.

**Strategic Goal #3:** Service Delivery – Deepen our impact with persons served and the community through delivery of flexible, quality services.

**Strategic Goal #4:** <u>Infrastructure</u> – Provide optimal facilities, equipment and technology to support high quality service delivery.

**Strategic Goal #5:** Financial Sustainability - Create stability and long-term sustainability by ensuring appropriate funding.

Strategic Goal	Focus for objectives	
1. Leadership/Governance	Board of Directors	
	Management Team	
	Community	
2. Workforce	Workforce Planning	
	Recruitment	
	Retention	
3. Service Delivery	Current programs/services	
	Future programs/services	
4. Infrastructure	Facilities	
	Technology	
	Equipment	
5. Financial Sustainability	Revenue Generation	
	Financial Planning	