



Chemainus

Traditional village

About Amisto

Yonas has lived in Windsong Cohousing, Yarrow Cohousing and presently lives in Pacific Gardens Cohousing. Yonas launched Vancouver Cohousing in 2012, a 31 unit project in Vancouver near Commercial Drive. Has a business and project management background.

Jennifer lives in Pacific Gardens cohousing and helped to purchase the land to launch Lost Lake Cohousing (Nanaimo). Has a background working for the government in various ways.

Together we have launched Lost Lake Cohousing in Nanaimo and hope to make this way of life available to more folks.

Learn more at **amisto.ca**



What is cohousing?

Cohousing is much more than just a Strata

- A community where not only do you greet your neighbours, you know your neighbours
- Together, you create a community with people of all ages and backgrounds
- From the energy of youth to the wisdom of elders everyone is enriched
- Enhances physical, mental and social health

Townhomes and condominiums

- Owned
- Financed
- Not coop, not commune

20-40 homes, village-sized setting

- Large common house for entertaining, community dinners, events and growth activities.
- Aging in place for people of all ages.
- Share meals
- Like-minded people
- Rooms for guests and visitors.
- Community gardens



Private individual homes

A just like in every other townhome, including kitchen, dining, living, bedroom, bathrooms, laundry, etc.

Except there is an emphasis on having a community side of the home and a private side of the home.



Pedestrian Walkway



Shared Meals



Outdoor Shared Meals



Lounge



Playroom



Community Shop



Community Gardens



Things in view are
more frequently used



Bicycle locker Viewable from most homes



Connection with neighbours starts on the street



And continues on the front porch

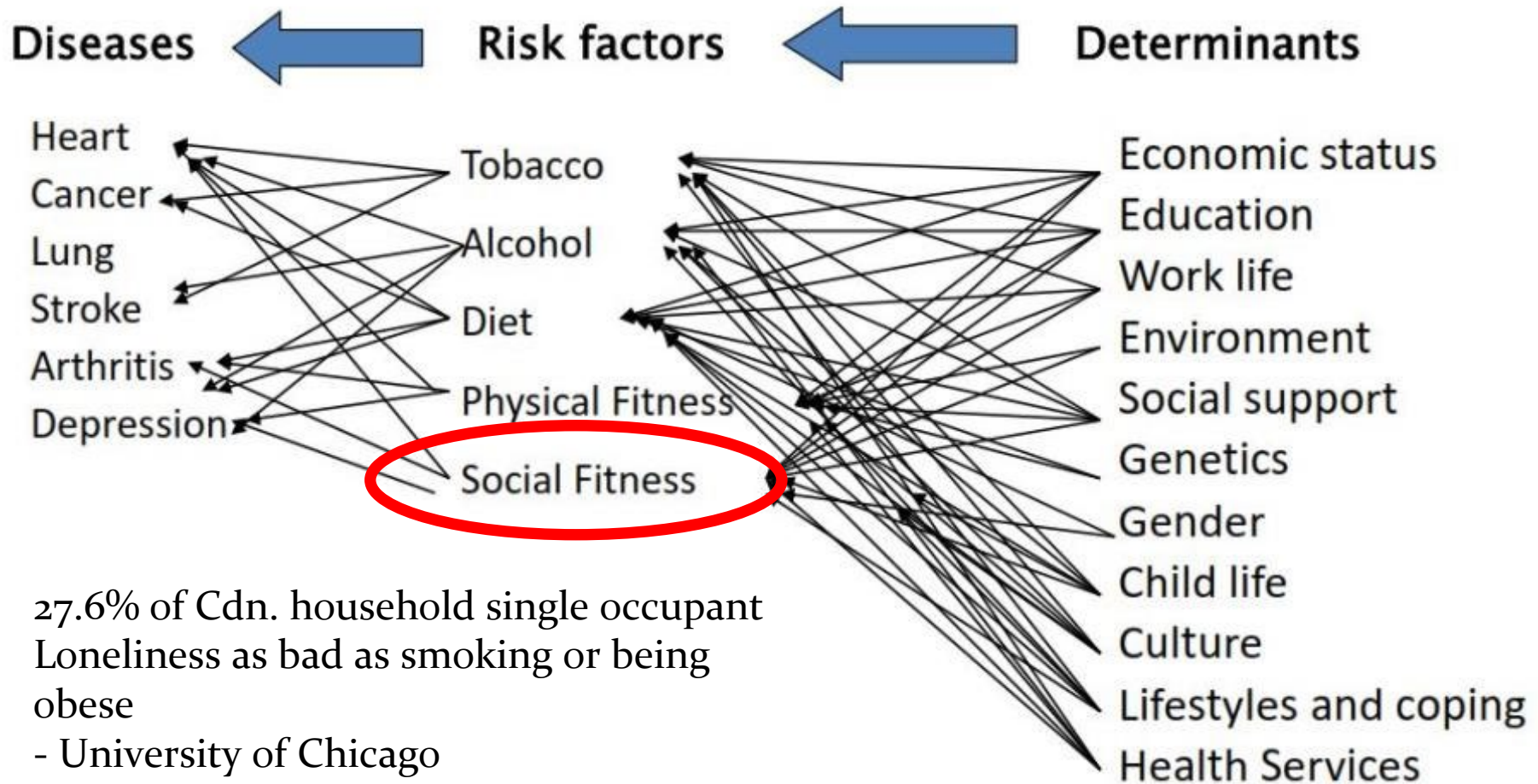


Intergenerational Activities



Determinants of Health

per Paul Hasselback,
VIHA Medical Health Officer



27.6% of Cdn. household single occupant
Loneliness as bad as smoking or being
obese
- University of Chicago
(cardio, immune system suppression)



~ 1 Hectare

Holly St

Beach Dr

Elliott St

Daniel St

Pine St

Lang St

Arbutus St

Seaview St

Severne St

Cedar St

R3

R3

R8

PU

R3-MF

R3

R3

R3

R3

C1

Aspirations

- Pedestrian connectivity between Elliot and Severne be preserved
- Community space and pedestrian connectivity along Elliot street
- Walkable from site to all shops and services.
- No connectivity to Lang Street - that would remain closed.
- Building format to be townhouses and 4-plex units.
- Units would be primarily owned, with a modest number of affordable rentals.
- Cohousing will support the broader community by acting as a connection point.
- Build the 28 units allowed by present zoning, cluster them and create a community garden and greenspaces within the development

We request that you direct staff to collaborate with us to prepare a proposal for procurement.