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B.C. Maritime Employers Support Strong, Healthy Communities ***Innovative Investment Will Make Significant Difference for Those in Recovery***

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. — The B.C. Maritime Employers Association today announced a \$5,000 contribution to an innovative new program at Prince Rupert's Trinity Men's Recovery House aimed at improving health outcomes for those recovering from alcoholism and substance abuse addictions.

The funding will support leading-edge software tools which are critical to the Aftercare Program supporting men who are leaving the Trinity facility as well as men returning to Prince Rupert from other facilities.

"No investment is more important than an investment in people," said Mike Leonard, President and CEO of the B.C. Maritime Employers Association. "Through our work with Prince Rupert's waterfront workforce and employers, we recognize that a sustainable port community is one that provides effective support to those who are struggling with alcoholism and addictions.

"We understand that a critical way to assist those struggling with addiction is to establish strong supports which can lead to successful long-term recovery," Leonard said. "Along with our local members, we are proud to support the important work at Trinity Men's Recovery House, particularly the new Aftercare Program that seeks to provide a roadmap for clients to ease their return to healthy patterns of work and living."

Trinity Men's Recovery House is a non-profit facility established four years ago to provide support, shelter and a safe environment for men seeking recovery from alcoholism and substance use addictions.

The "My Recovery Plan" software system will be accessible to the facility's staff and clients, allowing them to assess a client's needs and formulate a transition plan outside of the Assisted Living Facility. The Trinity Men's Recovery society has established a new Aftercare Program Coordinator position who will oversee implementation of the tool.



“The recovery journey doesn’t end when a client leaves our facility,” said Willy Beaudry, Director of the 333 Recovery Homes Society. “With the expansion of our programs and capacity over the last four years, we are proud to be adding integrated aftercare to our offerings. The generous support of local employers and associations like BCMEA highlights the fact that every community is stronger when it has access to resources and personnel that promote healing.”

The Trinity Men’s Recovery House currently offers nine publicly funded beds for clients, and provides healthy meals, 24/7 response, facilitated group sessions and activities, clinical counselling, a 12-step recovery program and First Nations practices.

The B.C. Maritime Employers Association provides advisory services in human resources to approximately 50 waterfront employers and the more than 7,500 men and women who work for them. BCMEA members with operations in the Prince Rupert region include DP World, Pinnacle Renewable Energy Inc, Western Stevedoring, Empire Grain Stevedoring and Tidal Transport and Trading.

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