



Town of Gibsons

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Tracy Forster, Administrative Assistant II

DATE: July 2, 2019

SUBJECT: **Correspondence for the Week Ending July 2, 2019**

- Please find attached the following items of correspondence for your consideration. **Please click on items to view:**
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Please note: Only correspondence indicated has been forwarded to staff.

If you have any questions, or would like staff to follow up with items on the CRF, please contact Lindsey as items do not need to wait for a Council meeting to be actioned.

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Town of Gibsons
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June 19, 2019

Honourable Rob Fleming
Ministry of Education
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E2
EDUC.Minister@gov.bc.ca

To the Honourable Rob Fleming,

RE: Provincial Support for Libraries

At the Regular Council meeting of June 18, 2019, the District of Houston received correspondence from the City of Victoria titled "Request for Provincial Support for Libraries" and dated May 29, 2019. At that time, the District of Houston Council passed a resolution to support this provincial request.

The District of Houston Mayor and Council respectfully requests the Province of British Columbia's support and consideration to increase support to restore Provincial funding for Libraries. Our Council strongly advocates for the restoration of library funding to a level that reflects both inflationary cost increases since 2009 and the value of this system to the Province.

Sincerely,

Shane Brienen
Mayor

cc: Premier John Horgan premier@gov.bc.ca
MLA John Rustad, John.Rustad.MLA@leg.bc.ca
UBCM Member Municipalities

Attach correspondence: *City of Victoria "Provincial Support for Libraries" dated May 29, 2019*

THE CITY OF VICTORIA



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

May 29, 2019,

To The Union of British Columbia Municipalities,

I am writing on behalf of Victoria City Council, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support to restore Provincial support for libraries.

At the May 23, 2019 Council Meeting, Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS WHEREAS libraries are a social justice equalizer that provide universal access to information and learning materials irrespective of income levels;

WHEREAS libraries are now so much more than books, building community and a sense of inclusion;

WHEREAS restoring funding to libraries supports the BC Government's agenda to eliminate poverty, improve access to education, and address social justice in BC;

WHEREAS funding rates have been frozen since 2009 and inflationary costs have increasingly been put on municipal property tax payers which is a regressive approach to funding public libraries;

WHEREAS municipalities face downloading from upper levels of government and have few tools to raise funds,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request the Mayor write to the Minister of Education, the Premier, and all local MLAs strongly advocating for the restoration of library funding to a level that reflects both inflationary cost increases since 2009 and the value of this system to the Province.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to other municipalities in the Capital Regional District and across BC requesting their favourable consideration.

We eagerly look forward to your support on this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor

Gibsons General Mailbox

From: Donna <donna@everythingelphinstone.ca>
Sent: June 24, 2019 4:39 PM
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Subject: Elphinstone News - June 2019

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This is the newsletter of Donna McMahon, Area E Director for the Sunshine Coast Regional District. For other news and updates visit EverythingElphinstone.ca.

June, 2019

June is Pride Month

Regional Districts don't make proclamations or hold flag raising ceremonies like municipalities do, but we wanted to acknowledge [Pride Month on the Sunshine Coast](#), so we sent out the fashion memo for our board meeting on June 13. Special thanks to the team for being good sports, and welcome to Alvina Paul who has replaced Keith Julius at the board table.



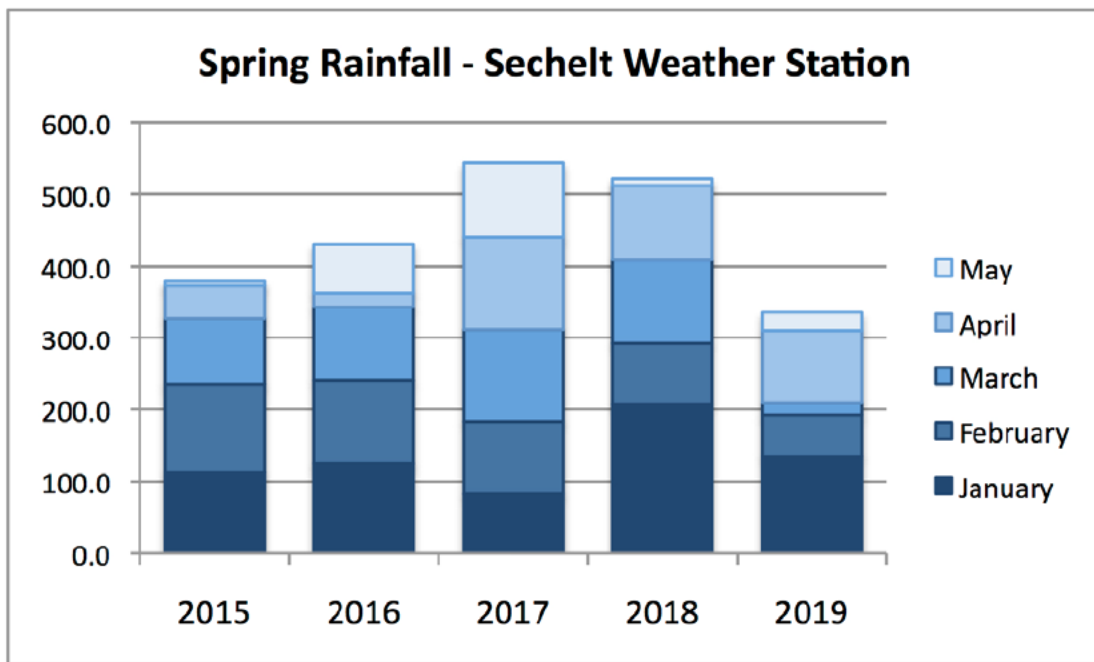
It's the rainbow team! Len Lee (Area A), Andreas Tize (Area D), Tom Lamb (Sechelt), Alvina Paul (Sechelt Nation), Darnelda Siegers (Sechelt, Vice Chair), Lori Pratt (Area B, Chair), self, Bill Beamish (Gibsons), Mark Hiltz (Area F).

Water Supply Update

On June 20, staff delivered a Water Supply Update to the Infrastructure Services Committee. You can [read the powerpoint presentation](#) or [listen to the audio recording](#). The update describes what the SCRD is doing to reduce water usage and get the conservation message out to the public, as well as measures being taken to tap other water sources in case of an emergency.

Rain is in the forecast, but conditions are still very dry across the Pacific Northwest. We expect Stage 3 water restrictions some time in early July.

I went back through weather records, and this is the driest spring we've had in ten years, if not longer. Please conserve water and be very very cautious about fire hazards.



Seeking Streamkeeper Volunteers

I recently completed a Streamkeeper training course at Malcolm Creek in Area D. Streamkeepers is a nationwide program which recruits citizen scientists to document and monitor the health of local streams, and work on projects to restore fish habitat.

Pictured at the right is a newly hatched coho fry we found in Malcolm Creek. We also found cutthroat trout.

Our salmon streams are stressed by development and climate change. They need our help. If you are interested in taking the training in September and helping organize a group to evaluate and protect Chaster Creek, please [contact me](#).



Chaster is the largest salmon stream in Elphinstone, with a watershed reaching far up onto the slopes of the mountain. [SEE MAP](#)

Recent Activities

So, other than attending regular board and committee meetings and workshops, answering inquiries from residents, and following up on Elphinstone issues with staff, what has your director been up to? I thought I'd give you a snapshot of the life of a rural director.

- May 27 - Capilano University Envisioning Session
- May 28 - Farmer's Institute Meeting at Roberts Creek Hall
- May 29 - SCRD Staff Long Time Service Awards
- May 31 - Met the Lieutenant Governor at Town Hall
- June 1 - Pride Month Kick Off event
- June 3 - Water Dialogue in Sechelt
- June 5 - Water Dialogue in Gibsons
- June 8 - Oceans Day in Sechelt, Home & Garden Show in Gibsons
- June 9 - Streamkeepers Training at Malcolm Creek
- June 10 - Pride flag-raising at Town of Gibsons, Gibsons Library board meeting
- June 11 - Agriculture Advisory Committee
- June 12 - Elphinstone Community Association
- June 15 - Coast TV Anniversary celebration, Deer Crossing Art Farm anniversary
- June 16 - Streamkeepers Training at Malcolm Creek
- June 17 - Community Foundation grants award ceremony
- June 18 - Self Employed Women's Network
- June 24 - Tour of Gibsons Recycling



SCRD News Briefs

Manager of Protective Services Appointed

On August 6, the SCRD will welcome Matt Treit as the new Manager of Protective Services, working with fire chiefs, emergency program volunteers,

and other agencies that deliver protective services. Matt hails from Coldstream and Tumbler Ridge. [READ MORE](#)

Water Dialogues Follow-up

I was tickled to see that the crowd at the SCR D's Water Dialogue on June 5 was overwhelmingly from Elphinstone. Great turnout! If you missed the event (or it was so fun that you want to revisit it) you can watch two videos--the [Message from the Board](#) delivered by Chair Lori Pratt (9 minutes) or the [Presentation on our Water Supply](#) by General Manager of Infrastructure, Remko Rosenboom (29 minutes).

You can also read the [text of the board's message](#) or view the [Water Supply powerpoint presentation](#).

Elphinstone News Briefs

Fire!

Big thank you to Rick Ruth and the Gibsons Fire Department volunteers who gave a fire safety demonstration to the Elphinstone Community Association on June 12. Rick emphasized the importance of having an appropriate fire extinguisher and knowing how to use it, and especially of having smoke detectors in every room of your home. Modern building materials, furnishings and electronics give off toxic smoke, so if you can't extinguish a fire very quickly, evacuate. Don't risk your life.

Thanks to Gayle Neilson for the photo.



Gospel Rock

Talking of fire hazards, I've had inquiries from several people about the slash on Gospel Rock so I checked in with the Town of Gibsons.

The developer started cutting trees on the property, but clearing was put on hold on hold "on the advice of the biologist in light of the presence of nesting birds." When work restarts, the timber will be hauled out and salvaged, and the rest of the slash will also be sent offsite. There is no definitive date for the work to restart.

Beach Fires

And still again on fires, it's beach fire season. Here are the rules, brought to us by Gibsons Fire Chief Rob Michael.

A beach fire must be no bigger than 1/2 meter by 1/2 meter, below the high tide line with a method of extinguishment nearby (shovel, bucket, ect.). The fire department will ban all open burning during high risk periods. This is usually done when open burning restrictions are implemented by Forestry, for uniformity and consistent messaging.



The fire department would certainly attend out of control beach fires as they are regulated by SCRD Bylaw No. 631. When there is a Provincial State of Emergency we request the assistance from the RCMP and have them issue tickets under the Wildfire Act. The ticket under the Wildfire Act for burning during restricted periods is \$1,150.

Gibsons Ready-Mix

The relocation process is grinding along for the move of Gibsons Ready-Mix concrete batch plant from Fitchett Road to the top of Gilmour Road. The new property backs on the gravel pit, with truck access through from Keith Road.

The new site will have a dust management plan that utilizes two underwater rainwater retention tanks with a total capacity of 12,730 litres (2,800 imperial gallons) to aid with water conservation in summer.

No firm timeline for the move has been set yet.



Figure 2 – 2018 aerial view of subject property with proposed building and silo locations

Sheep on the Lam

In the sheep thrills department, three sheep have escaped from a farm on Hough Road and were last spotted up at the end of Henry Road. If you should spot the fugitives, do not approach, they are skittish. Please call Raquel at 604 417-7747. The wild and woolly fugitives are described as Shetland, one black, one brown, one white.

Elphinstone Resident Profile: Beano the Albino Crow

(Shamelessly stolen from a Facebook post by the [Gibsons Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre](#).)

Meet "Beano", an albino crow who was originally saved from being drowned in the ocean by a number of "black birds" which were probably other crows or ravens.

"When he first arrived Beano was soaking wet, listless and very scared. As his eyesight is poor, he is unreleasable to the wild, so we have a special permit to keep him at the Wildlife Centre. Very mischievous and talkative, he has become a favourite of our volunteers and staff."



FINALLY....

If you have questions about SCRD concerns, feel free to [contact me](#). For more information about Elphinstone, please check out [my website](#). It includes [News and Updates](#), and a [Calendar](#) of upcoming meetings and events.

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ICET INVESTMENT SUPPORTS DENMAN, HORNBY PLAN FOR BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY

COURTENAY – There is a significant gap between broadband service levels in urban and rural British Columbia. With funding support from the Island Coastal Economic Trust, Denman Island and Hornby Island will soon be embarking on a comprehensive connectivity planning process.

Led by the Hornby Island Community Economic Enhancement Corporation in partnership with the Denman Island Internet Committee, this project will define the two communities' digital aspirations and transform them into a concrete, actionable roadmap to build out the required last-mile connectivity infrastructure.

Following the principles outlined in the Province of BC's Connected

Communities framework, the project will engage residents, businesses, local governments and associations in a consultation process to assess community needs and aspirations. The resulting feedback will be directly translated into infrastructure design specifications, costing and operational plans for implementation.

“The Islands are historically ‘have-nots’ in the digital age,” explained Karen Ross, Economic Enhancement Officer for the Hornby Island Community Economic Enhancement Corporation. “A well drafted digital roadmap will be the first step toward closing the digital divide for our communities.”

The project is supported through ICET’s Economic Development Readiness Program, Broadband Planning funding stream, which provides up to \$10,000 in matching funding for communities engaging in proactive planning to improve connectivity.

“Today, access to high speed internet is a basic need, especially for rural, remote and Island communities,” said ICET Chair Josie Osborne. “From distance education, to telehealth or working remotely, digital capability is now considered a fundamental requirement to attract and retain younger residents, remote workers and the modern entrepreneur.”

The completed plans will provide the communities with the business case required to access government funding for last-mile infrastructure, or to attract investment from telecommunications providers.

“It is clear that communities ready and willing will be the first to receive assistance, and this funding will help us develop the business case we need to be ready to play,” added Karen Ross

The project is expected to get underway in the fall with completion anticipated within a year.

About the Island Coastal Economic Trust

Created and capitalized by the Province of BC, the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) has been at the forefront of economic diversification, planning and regional revitalization for the past twelve years.

ICET is independently governed by a Board of Directors and two Regional Advisory Committees which include more than 50 locally elected officials, MLAs and appointees from the Island and Coast. This exceptional team of leaders collaborate to set regional priorities and build vital multi-regional networks.

Through a community centered decision-making process, ICET has approved more than \$52 million in funding for over 200 economic infrastructure and economic development readiness projects. These investments have leveraged over \$270 million in new investment into the region creating more than 2500 construction phase jobs and 2600 long term permanent jobs.

A full overview of ICET can be found at www.islandcoastaltrust.ca.

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Gibsons, B.C. V0N 1V2

June 25, 2019

Dear Town of Gibsons Mayor and Council,

This letter is to encourage you to continue to support the federal government's welcome initiative of transforming the former School Road RCMP building into a 40 unit affordable supported housing project. It brought tears of joy to me when I read the announcement a few months ago in our local newspapers. The rental situation is desperate for ordinary low wage earners or seniors or people with special needs or health concerns who simply cannot pay the current inflated rents. We probably all know someone in that unfortunate position and it is not something of which our community can be proud.

Please continue to pursue and encourage this project as essential in spite of the building opposition of neighbours and others who do, indeed, have valid concerns, especially its proximity to our local Gibsons Elementary School. But these concerns can be alleviated by careful planning, communication, and the establishment of careful checks and balances.

I'd like to draw a parallel. I remember being in the audience just a few years ago when Vancouver Coastal Health held neighbourhood consultation meetings about the renovation of the former Kiwanis Seniors Care Home just off North Road to become Sumac Place, a residential care facility for people just out of mental hospitals to prepare them for up to 2 years for a return to community living. There were strong fears and concerns about the perceived dangers and behaviours of these people recovering from psychiatric illnesses and addictions, and some neighbours were strongly discouraging the establishment of Sumac Place there, just behind Elphinstone High School and not far from Gibsons Elementary School.

Yesterday I phoned and interviewed four individuals who live within 1 block of Sumac Place and each person said they knew of no problems that had arisen from residents there, and there were no discussions at nearby North Oaks strata gatherings about concerns, and nothing in strata minutes. A VCH Mental Health and Addictions official knew of no problems reflecting neighbours' early fears. VCH and Sumac Place had originally invited neighbours to immediately contact them if any issues arose, and nearby Kiwanis Apartments twice successfully took advantage of that offer over minor issues such as a little trash and smoking nearby. Good communication was the key to being good neighbours. Such can be the case for this former RCMP building becoming a supported housing project with 24 hour support personnel on site.

It is natural to fear the unknown and community changes but usually our fears are not realized in reality, and we need to remember that we are all somewhat influenced by the societal stigma that still persists around mental illness and addiction. People with these unfortunate conditions live among us now in our neighbourhoods, families, and relations, and often we don't know it, and we do not live in fear of what awful things they might do. Let us all please look at what is most important here. All of our citizens deserve a home they can afford. With a stable home, we all have a much better chance to be healthy and thrive.

Thank you, Mayor and Council, for your hard work and dedication to making the Town of Gibsons the best it can be for all citizens.

Sincerely,

22(1) FOIPPA

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Subject: New Contact Form submission from Town of Gibsons Website

Name

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Comments

Comment on Mayor Beamish's statement

I am feeling sooo encouraged by the way you addressed this continuing divisive issue in our community. I especially thank you for supporting your staff. I am not sure your words will turn this mess around but your intent to try to do so is certainly the first step to show the way.

Gibsons General Mailbox

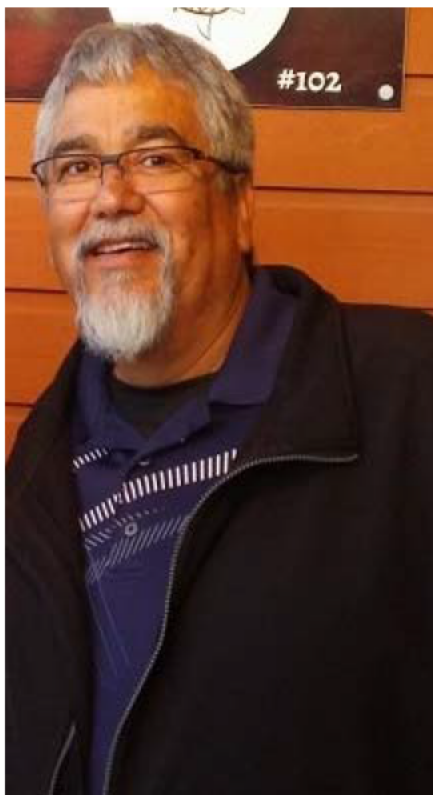
From: Safe Drinking Water Team <safedrinkingwaterteam@gmail.com>
Sent: June 25, 2019 10:00 AM
To: Gibsons General Mailbox
Subject: Saskatchewan First Nations Water Association, Visiting a Biological Water Treatment Plant, TDS and pH Meters, and Much More

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Greetings from Safe Drinking Water Team,

This month, Deon Hassler will answer many questions - from what to do if you have lead pipes to updated guidelines and standards.



Deon Hassler, Circuit Rider Trainer, File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council

Q: I have been hearing about something called "Saskatchewan First Nations Water Association" - what is it?

A: The Saskatchewan First Nations Water Association Inc. is a registered Saskatchewan non-profit organization that has the mission to provide an opportunity for education, training, networking and skills enhancement to the staff involved in the day-to-day operation and maintenance of water and wastewater systems. For more information, please visit www.fnwa.ca.

Q: If I want to see a biological water treatment plant and how it works, how could I do that?

A: Contact an operator of a First Nations water treatment plant that is biological. You can find a list of the communities that have biological water treatment plants here: <https://www.safedinkingwaterteam.org/ibrom>.

Q: From where could I get a TDS meter and/or a pH meter?

A: You can contact Safe Drinking Water Foundation at 1-306-934-0389 or info@safewater.org to ask about purchasing one or more TDS and/or pH meters.

Q: What guidelines/standards are being updated soon? What will be the guidelines/standards for those components? What if my current water treatment plant cannot produce water that meets those guidelines/standards?

A: On May 10, 2019 the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality (issued by Health Canada) aesthetic guideline for manganese was lowered to 0.02 mg/L and a new health guideline for manganese was set at 0.12 mg/L.

Recently, the guideline for lead was reduced from 0.01 mg/L to 0.005 mg/L.

If the water treatment plant cannot produce water that meets the new guidelines/standards then let the environmental health officers know about this. They and the community will request an upgrade from the federal government.

Q: How do I find out about upcoming changes to guidelines/standards?

A: Visit Health Canada's website periodically (<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/environmental-workplace-health/water-quality/drinking-water.html>). Also, keep up-to-date on water news and follow us on Facebook.

Q: My community cannot produce enough safe drinking water to meet the needs of everyone who relies on our system (especially in summer when people water lawns, etc.) what should I do?

A: As long as the water treatment system is operating to the design capacity, we should focus on water conservation. Engineers design to a ten year population

growth. Some communities grow faster than others. Investigation into potential water main breaks that have not been located, household plumbing leaks, or abandoned homes should be done. Then, we should notify water treatment plant operators or public works managers so they can look into reservoir expansion and upgrading the capacity of the water treatment system.

Q: Water treatment plant operators keep leaving our community to work in bigger cities instead - what can we do about this problem?

A: Recruit the youth to be water treatment plant operators. If you pay the water treatment plant operators more (and pay them for the overtime they work, for being on call, etc.) they will be less likely to leave.

Q: Is ultraviolet light disinfection effective? What problems do ultraviolet light disinfection prevent?

A: Yes, it alters pathogens such that they cannot reproduce and they are essentially killed. Then, these pathogens cannot cause infection. This DNA modification is called inactivation. They also destroy at least 99.99% of harmful microorganisms, including E. coli, Cryptosporidium and Giardia.

However, chlorine is still required in order for parasites, bacteria and viruses to be killed throughout the distribution lines. At least 0.1 mg/L of residual chlorine is required throughout the distribution system.

Q: There are lead water distribution pipes in my community. I know that Saskatoon and Regina are also experiencing this issue. What can I do about this problem in my small community?

A: If you live in a rural community and you suspect that you have lead pipes then talk to the members of your town council about this issue. In the meantime, you can let

the water run for 3-5 minutes before using it for drinking or cooking in order to reduce your exposure to lead. You can also install an on-the-tap filtration system or under-the-sink filtration system that filters the water finely enough to remove the lead. Another option is to purchase one of the few, new pitcher-style water filtration systems that removes lead from the water.

If you have lead pipes, lead solder, or lead faucets in your home then you need to hire a plumber and have these items replaced with pipes and plumbing fixtures that do not contain lead.

The amount of lead going into your water is diminished if the pH of the water is 7.0 or higher. This is up to the water treatment plant operator to monitor and adjust.

Deon is eager to answer more of your questions. So, feel free to hassle the Hassler! Send an email message to safedrinkingwaterteam@gmail.com with any and all questions you have regarding drinking water treatment!

Kind Regards,

Safe Drinking Water Team

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From: Cecilia Garcia <Cecilia.Garcia@scrd.ca>
Sent: June 25, 2019 10:24 AM
To: Cecilia Garcia
Subject: News Release - EVACUATION ALERT ADVISORY ISSUED FOR WILDFIRE IN CECIL HILL ROAD, PENDER HARBOUR
Attachments: 2019-June-25-EVACUATION ALERT - CECIL ROAD WILDFIRE.pdf
Importance: High

News Release

URGENT

EVACUATION ALERT ADVISORY ISSUED FOR WILDFIRE IN CECIL HILL ROAD, PENDER HARBOUR

Sechelt, BC—June 25, 2019—An evacuation alert advisory has been issued to the residents of Cecil Hill Road in Pender Harbour, Sunshine Coast. The alert was issued at 10:23 a.m. am the Sunshine Coast Regional District.

“This advisory alert is being made at this time solely in the interests of public safety and emergency planning,” said the Director of the Sunshine Coast Regional District Emergency Operations Centre. “I emphasize that this is a general advisory only. More detailed information will be provided directly to residents in potentially affected areas as the situation develops.”

Residents may be asked to leave their residence on 10 minutes notice and travel to reception centres, which will be identified to them. Plans exist to establish several regional reception centres where temporary lodging and food services would be available.

Should residents be required to leave, detailed evacuation instructions will be provided directly to them by local emergency personnel. In the meantime, residents should prepare by organizing an emergency supply kit with necessary medications, personal toiletries, change of clothing and personal and family documents.

Residents are advised to listen to 91.7 Coast FM for more up-to-date information and instructions.

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For more information:

Cecilia Garcia
Communications Officer
Tel.: 604-885-6800, extension 6407
Email: cecilia.garcia@scrd.ca



EVACUATION ALERT

Due to the risk of *wildfire* the Sunshine Coast Regional District is urging residents and visitors within the area described as Cecil Hill Road in Pender Harbour to be prepared to evacuate if ordered to do so by emergency officials. See attached map.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN AN EVACUATION ALERT IS IN EFFECT

You should be prepared for the evacuation order by:

1. Locating all family members or co-workers and designate a safe meeting place in the event that an evacuation order is called.
2. Gathering essential items such as medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (i.e. insurance), immediate care needs for dependants and, if you choose, keepsakes (photographs, etc.). Have these items readily available for a quick departure.
3. Consider moving any disabled persons and/or children to a safe area.
4. Moving pets and livestock to a safe area.
5. Arranging to transport household members or co-workers in the event of an evacuation order.
6. Arranging accommodation for your family if possible. In the event of an evacuation, emergency accommodation will be provided if required.
7. Monitoring media (SCRD Facebook, Twitter, www.scrd.ca and 91.7FM) for information on location of Reception Centres and status of evacuation orders.

IF YOU HAVE TO EVACUATE

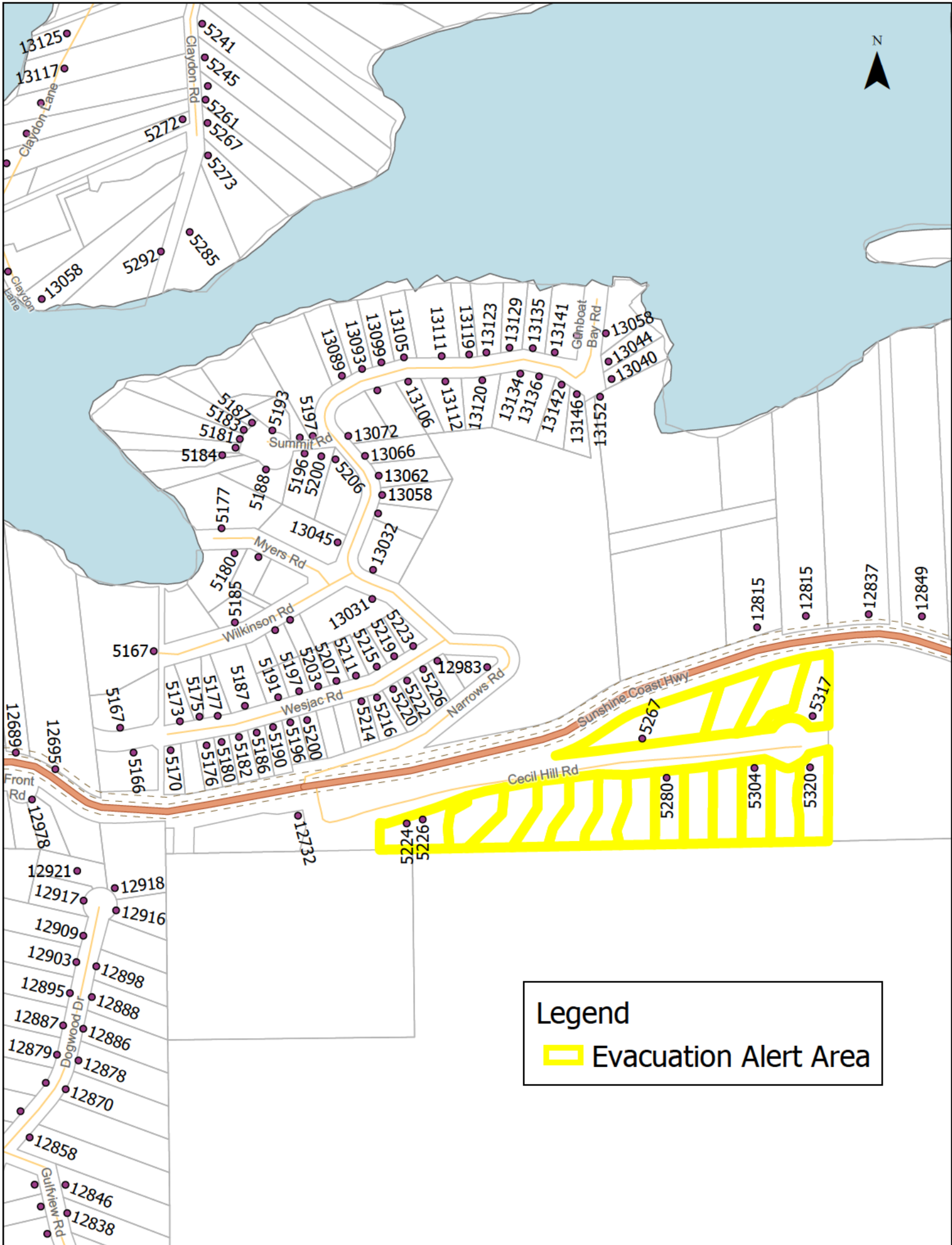
1. Take an emergency survival kit with you.
2. Make sure you take prescription medicine and identification for the entire family.
3. Listen to the radio and follow instructions from local emergency officials.
4. If you are instructed to do so, shut off water, gas and electricity. Lock your home.
5. Make arrangements for your pets.
6. Wear clothes and shoes appropriate for the conditions.
7. Follow the routes specified by emergency officials. Don't take shortcuts. A shortcut could take you to a blocked or dangerous area.
8. If you have time, leave a note telling others when you left and where you went. If you have a mailbox, you can leave the note there.
9. If you are evacuated, you will be asked to register with the local ESS emergency reception centre (to be determined at time of evacuation order).

EVERY ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO PROVIDE AS MUCH ADVANCED NOTICE AS POSSIBLE SHOULD EVACUATION BE REQUIRED. CALL 604-885-6800 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Sunshine Coast Regional District Board Chair, Lori Pratt

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Pratt", written over a horizontal line.

June 25, 2019



Gibsons General Mailbox

From: Cecilia Garcia <Cecilia.Garcia@scrd.ca>
Sent: June 25, 2019 8:59 AM
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Subject: News - Stage 3 Water Conservation Regulations in Effect June 27
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News Release

Stage 3 Water Conservation Regulations in Effect June 27

Sechelt, BC – June, 25, 2019—Our water supply is at risk due to prolonged dry weather. Effective June 27, and until further notice, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) has declared Stage 3 (Acute) water conservation regulations for water users south of Pender Harbour.

In the Town of Gibsons, Stage 3 will apply to Zone 3. For more details on the Town of Gibsons water conservation regulations, visit www.gibsons.ca/services/water/water-restrictions.

Ground water sources in Langdale, Soames Point and Granthams Landing will follow Stage 2 water conservation regulations.

Customers on SCR D water from Pender Harbour to Earl's Cove/Egmont will remain at Stage 1 until further notice.

To help prioritize water use for food production, water conservation regulations have changed.

LAWNS:

Lawn watering is **not permitted**.

TREES, SHRUBS OR FLOWERS:

- Watering with sprinklers or soaker hoses **is not permitted**.
- Watering with hand held hoses with spray trigger nozzles, hand held containers or micro/drip-irrigation **is permitted from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. any day of the week**.

FOOD PRODUCING PLANTS AND TREES:

- Watering with sprinklers or soaker hoses **is not permitted**.
- Watering with hand held hoses with spray trigger nozzles, hand held containers or micro/drip-irrigation **is permitted any time**.

COMMERCIAL FOOD PRODUCING FARMS:

- Commercial food producing farms paying a metered rate for water are exempt from Stage 3 regulations.

WASHING VEHICLES OR BOATS:

- **Permitted** only to wash off sea water.

WASHING SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS, WINDOWS OR EXTERIOR BUILDING SURFACES:

- **Not permitted** except for health and safety.

Filling swimming pools, spas, garden ponds, or fountains is not permitted.

SCRD staff patrol neighbourhoods on a regular basis to enforce regulations and to deliver educational materials. Complaints are also investigated.

Help conserve your drinking water supply by following these regulations. For more information, contact the SCRd at 604-885-6806 or the Town of Gibsons 604-886-2274. Visit www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations for more details.

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Coastal Fire Centre Status Report

CoFC Information Officer: (250) 951-4229

Fire Activity			
Fires Currently Burning	8 (1 lightning-caused / 7 human-caused)* * Subtotals may not add up to the total; fires not classified as "lightning-caused" or "human-caused" are still under investigation		
New Fires Last Week	8		
	This Season (Since April 1st)	Last Year (2018)	10 Year Average (2009-2018)
Total Fires to Date	60	69	49
Total Hectares to Date	266	149	99

Overview
The Coastal Fire Centre has been responding to a number of fires throughout the fire centre, and two of these were in publicly visible location. A fire near Horseshoe Bay on the mainland affected affected traffic on the Sea to Sky highway, and the public are encouraged to go to DriveBC for traffic information. This fire is now Being Held, and crews are working in very difficult steep terrain to put it out. The fire near Pender Harbour on the Sunshine Coast is currently Being Held and the local government has rescinded their Evacuation Alert for homes at the base of the fire. The remaining fires were relatively small and in more remote locations. Campfire prohibitions have not been implemented in anticipate of rain in the next few days, but lightning is expected which has resulted in a number of lightning fires.

Zone Activity Level					
	1	2	3	4	5
Fraser	X				
Pemberton	X				
Sunshine Coast	X				
South Island	X				
Mid Island	X				
North Island	X				
Bella Coola	X				

Fire Prohibitions and Restrictions		
		
<u>Open Burning</u>	<u>Campfires</u>	<u>Forest-Use</u>
Cat 2 - Restriction	No Ban	Not in Effect
Cat 3 - No Restriction		
For more information on specific activities that are prohibited during a Category 3, Category 2, or Campfire ban, visit: gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status		

Weather Synopsis
Issued: 1100 PDT Wednesday 25 June 2019. SYNOPSIS: (Today-tomorrow) Yesterday's widely scattered thunderstorms came with only patchy rainfalls. This morning a following rain band brought showers from Nahatlatch in the east to Whistler through Powell River and Sechart and across to central Vancouver Island and out to the west coast. Rain falls averaged only a few millimetres. Now skies are clearing again bringing a sunny warm afternoon most regions and with the added moisture and an already unstable air mass afternoon convective development is certain. Most likely areas will be Manning Park, the east Fraser Canyon, all along the Coast Mountain crest north to Tweedsmuir Park and the Bella Coola river. Winds have been surprisingly light for the last few days and there is no indication of much happening today unless a thunderstorm brings some cold downdrafting winds along with showers. This is all being driven by a large low pressure centre now lying just off the Oregon coast. The cyclonic circulation east of the low flows north into southern BC carrying heavy clouds and potentially heavy showers. New forecast models now show showers arriving as soon as 1900 daylight time today over the central and eastern Fraser zone with possible hourly rainfalls as high as 10 to 15 mm. This lead band then washes out during the evening but is followed by a more sustained rain band reaching the Lower Mainland early Thursday morning. By daybreak showers will be falling from Pemberton through Whistler to Howe Sound and over all of the Greater Vancouver area and then across the straits to most of southeast Vancouver Island. During the day the rains drift northward past Whistler into Toba and Bute Inlets, while the Vancouver Island rains drift northwest to Tofino. By Thursday evening the rain has stopped on the south Island but continues to drift north towards the mid-coast and Tweedsmuir Park. Thunderstorms are likely in the northern zones by late afternoon.

Zone Fire Danger Rating	
Fraser	Low to High
Pemberton	Moderate to High
Sunshine Coast	Moderate to High
South Island	High to Extreme
Mid Island	Moderate to Extreme
North Island	Low to Moderate
Bella Coola	Low to High

24HR Lightning Forecast
FRASER – PEMBERTON - SUNSHINE COAST - SOUTH ISLAND CHANCE OF LIGHTNING / DRY LIGHTNING Today: 60/10. Tonight: 20/0. Tomorrow: 20/0.
NORTH ISLAND - MID-COAST CHANCE OF LIGHTNING / DRY LIGHTNING Today: 60/20. Tonight: 30/0. Tomorrow: 60/20.
HAIDA GWAIL CHANCE OF LIGHTNING / DRY LIGHTNING Today: 0/0. Tonight: 0/0. Tomorrow: 0/0.

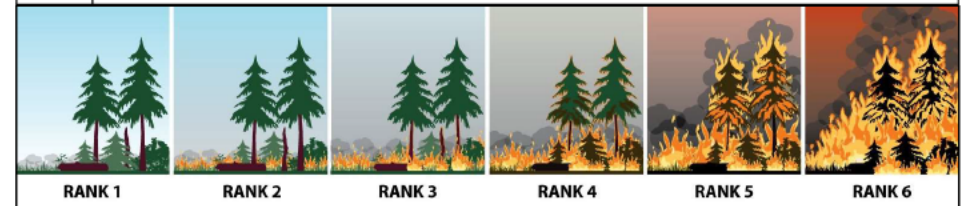
3-5 Day Weather Outlook
OUTLOOK: (Friday-Sunday) By early Friday the upper low is moving north but as it will still be centred south of Coastal zones, local circulation will maintain a band of showers over northern Vancouver Island and all the mainland inlets north of Jervis. Late Friday the low centre finally crosses the US border and carries the heavier showers into central BC leaving Coastal zones to start clearing. A few isolated showers are expected Saturday and Sunday should turn mostly sunny and warm with the low now over central BC. A few late day convective showers are possible Sunday.

Coastal Fire Centre Zones	
	Click here for more information about the Coastal Fire Centre (Fire Danger Rating Maps, Danger Class Reports, Fire Weather Maps, Active Wildfires Map) or visit gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status

Zone Activity Level	
Level 1: (Exporting)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low to normal fire activity; no additional resource support is anticipated Adequate resources to deal with anticipated fire demands Monitor and anticipate possible support for non-wildfire provincial emergencies Zone resources may be deployed to other zones, fire centres, and out of province 	
Level 2: (Exporting/Holding)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is an increase in fire activity; zone resources are adequate to meet their demands Monitor and anticipate possible support for non-wildfire provincial emergencies Limited resources may be deployable to other zones, fire centres, or out of province 	
Level 3: (Holding)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is an increase in fire activity; zone may not be able to meet local resource demands Resources from other zones / fire centres may be requested to assist zone activity Long term strategic planning becomes critical in determining what resources are needed where Zone staff on standby based on anticipated needs 	
Level 4: (Holding/Importing)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The zone is experiencing a high level of fire activity Zone resources will need to be supplemented from other zones / fire centres / type 2 crews Out of province resource requests for specific or critical resources may be required if provincial resource capacity is not able to handle fire demands 	
Level 5: (Importing)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The zone is experiencing very significant fire activity, and/or extreme fire behaviour; heavy demands on provincial and fire centre resources are occurring and anticipated to continue Resource capacity is supplemented with staff from Wildfire TEAMS, other Ministries, the forest sector, Fire Departments, and type 2/3 resources 	
Fire Stages of Control	
Out of Control	Describes a wildfire that is not responding (or only responding on a limited basis) to suppression action, such that the perimeter spread is not being contained.
Being Held	Indicates that (with the resources currently committed to the fire) sufficient suppression action has been taken that the fire is not likely to spread beyond existing or predetermined boundaries under the prevailing and forecasted conditions.
Under Control	The fire has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire.

Fire Danger Rating	
Status	Description
Low	Fires may start easily and spread quickly but there will be minimal involvement of deeper fuel layers or larger fuels.
Moderate	Forest fuels are drying and there is an increased risk of surface fires starting. Carry out any forest activities with caution.
High	Forest fuels are very dry and the fire risk is serious. New fires may start easily, burn vigorously, and challenge fire suppression efforts. Open burning and industrial activities may be restricted.
Extreme	Extremely dry forest fuels and the fire risk is very serious. New fires will start easily, spread rapidly, and challenge fire suppression efforts. Open burning, industrial activities and campfires may be restricted.

Wildfire Ranks	
Rank	Description
1	Characteristics: Smouldering ground fire, no open flame, white smoke, slow (i.e. creeping) rate of fire spread. Firefighting tactics: Direct attack with ground crews using hand tools and water delivery systems (i.e. pumps and hose).
2	Characteristics: Surface fire, visible, open flame, unorganised or inconsistent flame front, slow rate of spread. Firefighting tactics: Direct attack with ground crews using hand tools, water delivery systems, or heavy equipment. Hand constructed control lines and lines that have been cleared of combustible material will likely be successful.
3	Characteristics: Organised flame front – fire progressing in organised manner, occasional candling may be observed along the perimeter and/or within the fire, moderate rate of spread. Firefighting tactics: Hand constructed control lines alone are likely to be challenged, ground crews conducting direct attack may require air support from fixed-wing air tankers, skimmers or helicopters conducting bucketing or tanking operations. Control lines constructed by heavy equipment will generally be effective.
4	Characteristics: Grey to black smoke, organised surface flame front, moderate to fast rate of spread on the ground, short aerial bursts through the forest canopy, short-range spotting. Firefighting tactics: Ground operations may not be successful at the head of the fire, indirect tactics may be required to bring the head of the fire under control. Parallel attack may be used along the flanks of the fire to direct the head into favourable ground or fuels. Air operations may be required to support ground personnel.
5	Characteristics: Black to copper smoke, organised crown fire front, moderate to long-range spotting and spot fire growth. Firefighting tactics: The limited options available include indirect attack and planned ignitions to remove fuel in the path of this type of fire behaviour. Ground operations are often restricted to fighting the least active sections of the fire or conducting ground ignition operations from secure control lines with readily available escape routes and safety zones.
6	Characteristics: Organised crown fire front, long-range spotting and independent spot fire growth, possible fireballs and whirls, violent fire behaviour probable, a dominant smoke column may develop which influences fire behaviour. Firefighting tactics: Firefighting under these conditions is extremely dangerous. Suppression efforts will be well away from active fire behaviour and may include preparing structure protection measures or conducting indirect large-scale ignition operations in an attempt to steer the fire. Often, the safest and most prudent strategy is to pull resources back to safe areas, ensure that personnel and the general public are safe, and wait for fire behaviour to lessen before re-engaging in fire suppression operations.



Disclaimer: The information in this status report is intended for general purposes only and should not be relied on for operational decisions as fires are dynamic and situations change quickly. The BC Wildfire Service makes no warranties or guarantees either expressed or implied as to the completeness, accuracy or correctness of the information, nor accept any liability arising from any incorrect, incomplete or misleading information contained therein.

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June 26, 2019

File No. 0110

Honourable Rob Fleming
Ministry of Education
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Re: Provincial Support for Libraries

Dear Honourable Rob Fleming,

At the Regular Council meeting of June 12, 2019, the District of Sicamous received correspondence from the City of Victoria dated May 29, 2019 regarding a request for Provincial support for libraries.

The District of Sicamous Mayor and Council, by way of resolution, supports advocating for the restoration of library funding to a level that reflects both inflationary cost increases since 2009 and the value of this system to the Province.

Regards,

DISTRICT OF SICAMOUS



Terry Rysz
Mayor

Cc: Premier John Horgan (Premier@gov.bc.ca)
MLA Greg Kylo (Greg.Kylo.MLA@leg.bc.ca)
UBCM Member Municipalities

Mayor and Council

From: Dmitry Tyunin <coastconnector@gmail.com>
Sent: June 26, 2019 5:08 PM
To: dformosa@powellriver.ca; Mayor and Council
Cc: SIGD@seheltnation.ca; info@scrd.ca; info@tlaaminbusiness.com
Subject: Notice of change for bus operation

Public Notice of Inter-city Bus Application to Reduce Minimum Route Frequency

June 26, 2019

Sunshine Coast Connector Ltd has applied to the **Passenger Transportation Board** to amend its licence by reducing minimum route frequency on its route between Powell River and the Langdale Ferry Terminal from year round service to seasonal service (May 15 – September 15). The weekly minimum would remain unchanged at 3 trips per week in each direction.

More details are posted at <https://www.ptboard.bc.ca/bus.htm>.

Before the Passenger Transportation Board makes a decision on the application, it will consider written comments it receives by **Wednesday July 10, 2019**. Send comments to the Passenger Transportation Board at ptboard@gov.bc.ca, by fax at [\(250\) 953-3788](tel:250-953-3788) or by mail at Box 9850 STN PROV GOVT, Victoria BC, V8W 9T5.

The PT Board forwards comments it receives to Sunshine Coast Connector Ltd. Comments from private individuals are subject to a privacy and confidentiality agreement that Sunshine Coast Connector Ltd. has made with the Board.

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Regards

Dmitry Tyunin
Sunshine Coast Connector
Operations Manager
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Inter-City Bus (ICB) Application Summary

Application #	6041-19	Applicant	Sunshine Coast Connector Ltd.
Principal	Dmitry TYUNIN & Svetlana ZANAZOVSKY		
Address	5810 Marine Way, Sechelt, BC, V0N 3A6		
Current Licence	Passenger Transportation Licence # 72221: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Authorization: Inter-city bus (ICB) • General Authorization 		
Application Summary	Amendment of Licence—ICB Amend terms and conditions of licence (Special Authorization) to reduce the minimum route frequency of the following route from year-round operation to seasonal operation (May 15 – September 15): Route A: Powell River – Langdale Ferry Terminal.		
Submissions & Public Comments	Anyone may submit written comments about this application until July 10, 2019 . To submit comments on the proposed reduction in minimum route frequency, no fee is required. Please quote Application 6041-19 and send your comments to: Passenger Transportation Board PO Box 9850 STN PROV GOVT Victoria BC V8W 9T5 Fax: 250-953-3788 Email: ptboard@gov.bc.ca <i>The Board forwards comments it receives to Sunshine Coast Connector Ltd. Comments from private individuals are subject to a privacy and confidentiality undertaking that Sunshine Coast Connector Ltd. made with the Passenger Transportation Board.</i>		
More Info	Application details (including proposed terms and conditions of licence respecting ICBs) are set out in the Appendix . Notice of applications and published decisions are provided in the Weekly Bulletin. For convenience, published documents for recent ICB applications are also listed on the bus application webpage .		

Applicant's Rationale	Text supplied by the applicant: <i>Reduction in operation from 12 to 4 months is due to a challenging transportation environment that is characterized by declining ridership, increased competition from subsidized passenger transportation services, the new entry of ultra-low cost carriers, and increased car travel.</i>
Publication of Application:	June 26, 2019
Deadline for Submissions:	July 10, 2019

Appendix

Sunshine Coast Connector Ltd.

Terms and Conditions Proposed by the Applicant

The applicant seeks PT Board approval to operate inter-city buses under Special Authorization with terms and conditions amended as set out in this appendix. **Green text** indicates changes proposed by the applicant.

Special Authorization	Inter-City Bus (ICB)
Terms & Conditions	
Services	
Service	Transportation of passengers must be provided: a) on a scheduled basis, and b) in accordance with minimum frequencies and other terms and conditions of licence that apply to the routes and route points.
Schedule	The licence holder must publish, in a manner accessible to the general public, a schedule for each route with the time and location of each stop, and must carry in each vehicle a copy of the schedule that the vehicle is following.
Express Authorization	Transportation of standees is authorized only when all of the following conditions are met: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The licence holder has current and proper insurance coverage for the transportation of standees2. Passengers are not permitted to stand for a period that is longer than 30 minutes or for a distance that exceeds 30 road kilometers, and3. Freight and passenger baggage is not carried in the passenger compartment when standees are being transported.
Route A	
Terminating Point 1:	City of Powell River
Terminating Point 2:	Langdale Ferry Terminal
Corridor:	Sunshine Coast Highway
Route Points	Minimum Trips (in each direction)
City of Powell River	3 per week
Earl's Cove	3 per week
Garden Bay	3 per week
Town of Pender Harbour	3 per week
Madeira Park	3 per week

Town of Halfmoon Bay	3 per week
District of Sechelt	3 per week
Wilson Creek	3 per week
Roberts Creek	3 per week
Town of Gibsons	3 per week
Langdale Ferry Terminal	3 per week
Seasonal Service Minimum: At a minimum, regular scheduled service must be provided from May 15 to September 15.	
Transfer of a Licence	This special authorization may not be assigned or transferred except with the approval of the Board pursuant to section 30 of the <i>Passenger Transportation Act</i> .

Mayor and Council

From: 22(1) FOIPPA
Sent: June 26, 2019 8:53 AM
To: info@touchstonegibsons.com
Cc: Donna.McMahon@scrd.ca; Mayor and Council
Subject: Hazard

Good morning,

This is my second email and request that you clean up the debris and fallen trees up at Gospel Rock.

You are putting all the residents that live close by in harms way. It is almost July and still no action.

IT IS SO DRY UP THERE!!! Look at what has just happened in Port Mellon and now Cecil Hill.

This is a real concern and I will also be emailing Town of Gibsons and our Area E Rep Donna as well.

Let it be known that we will hold Touchstone and Town of Gibsons responsible if a fire breaks out up there.

Your inaction is so irresponsible and lacks any regard for the people who live in and around the area. This inaction is being noted and documented.

Please let us know what is happening.

22(1) FOIPPA

Mayor and Council

From: Dave Newman
Sent: June 28, 2019 4:21 PM
To: 22(1) FOIPPA
Cc: info@touchstonegibsons.com; Mayor and Council; Donna.McMahon@scrd.ca
Subject: RE: Hazard

Hi 22(1) FOIPPA

Thanks for your email – it has been passed to me for a Town Hall response.

We do share your concerns about the generally dry conditions and with the recent fires on the coast, including the house fire on Rosemund earlier this week I think a lot of coast residents have a heightened awareness of the danger of fire right now.

The Town has no authority to require the property owner to do anything on the property regarding the downed trees. However I can provide you with the following information:

- The Fire Department is aware of the conditions on the property and are not any more concerned about this site than any other site with dry vegetation. The main issue in dry conditions (of which there are many right now) is sources of ignition. I understand a representative from the fire department has or will be responding to you as well with more information.
- The reason the trees are still down and were not removed is that the developer is following Federal requirements regarding birds and nesting. A biologist has been on site several times both before and after the tree cutting to monitor for nesting birds. The last recent assessment by the biologist showed that there are still birds nesting in the area so the developer cannot continue with clearing at this time, even if he wanted to.
- Ironically, if the developer was to come on site and remove the trees and brush, there would be a higher likelihood of fire as there would be machinery working on site which could provide a source of ignition.
- When the clearing continues, the contractor will have a water truck on site as a precautionary measure.
- The developer has been very proactive and is communicating often with Town staff. The intent when I spoke with his representative earlier this week was to post signs at various trail locations on his site warning of the dry conditions and stating that there are to be no fires or smoking on site.

I hope the above helps to some degree.

Regards

Dave

DAVE NEWMAN, AScT

Director of Infrastructure Services

Town of Gibsons

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Gibsons General Mailbox

From: 22(1) FOIPPA
Sent: June 26, 2019 12:17 PM
To: Gibsons General Mailbox
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Subject: Fwd: comrades an open letter
Attachments: 2.pdf; 3.pdf

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June XXVIth, MMXIX

His Worship The Mayor Bradley West & City Council
3rd Flr. City Hall, 2850 Shaughnessy Street
Port Coquitlam, British Columbia V3V 2A8

Dear Mayor West:

I heard your more elucidating interview on "The Shift With Drex" last night broadcast from CKNW 980 AM Stereo Radio Studios. Your stance against the Chinese government & its Canadian comrades & their complete eventual takeover of UBCM by paying for these yearly receptions is justified. A truly ethical & honest stance especially when these commies are given "exclusive access" when any & all governments should be allowed to participate.

It should be noted that the Chinese Communist Party Apparatchik & they're President are now completely in charge of UBCM & UBC Management & Executives, as well as many of the professors at the various campuses who are left-wing and therefore more susceptible to communism and socialism. As well as wanting to spread that political doctrine to the students of the future so that it can expand like an infestation at UBCM & UBC campuses, as well as post-secondary institutes across The Dominion Of Canada.

I remind you the University of Alberta gave Dr. David Suzuki a 29th honorary PH. D. & his left-wing, communistic message designed to look like environmentalism has put several hundred thousand average folks out of work. And its all paid for by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) with a billion a year of Alberta's equalization money. So we are paying to have our oilsands shut down, its ludicrous. People need jobs and the Chinese need to stay out of Canada's business. And their Huawei executive is guilty of stealing North American technology for the Communist Party officials. If she wasn't they would not have her under house arrest awaiting extradition.

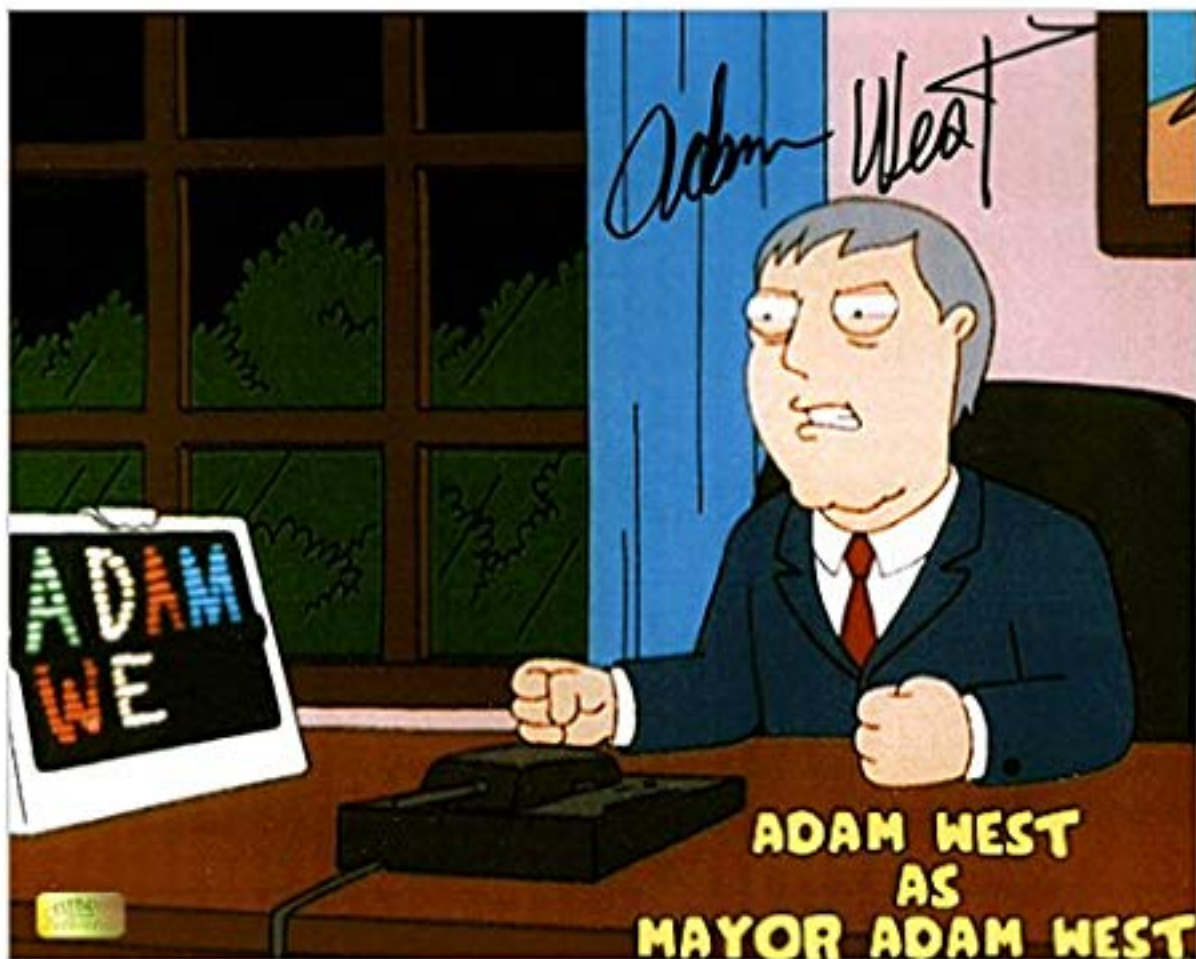
I strongly encourage you to write opinion pieces and continue speaking out against the Government of China and its unethical funding of these receptions and vote buying/vote rigging. To be honest I don't have a problem with the Chinese Diplomatic Service of Canada paying out this cash for the events, but governments of other nations should also be invited and be allowed to also pay for a portion. In this way, there would be any perception of bias by anyone.

Graciously,

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Gibsons General Mailbox

From: Cecilia Garcia <Cecilia.Garcia@scrd.ca>
Sent: June 26, 2019 9:54 AM
To: Cecilia Garcia
Subject: News Release - EVACUATION ALERT ADVISORY LIFTED FOR WILDFIRE IN CECIL HILL ROAD, PENDER HARBOUR
Attachments: 2019-June-26-EVACUATION ALERT RESCIND - CECIL ROAD WILDFIRE.pdf



News Release

EVACUATION ALERT ADVISORY LIFTED FOR WILDFIRE IN CECIL HILL ROAD, PENDER HARBOUR

Sechelt, BC—June 26, 2019—The Sunshine Coast Regional District has lifted the evacuation alert advisory to the residents of Cecil Hill Road in Pender Harbour, Sunshine Coast effective on June 26 at 9:50 a.m.

The SCRD's Emergency Operations Centre continues to be in regular contact with the Incident Commander and with Emergency Management BC.

We extend our sincere thanks to all those supporting this incident. We also thank the public for their cooperation in staying away from the immediate area in order to allow the crews to continue their efforts.

For more information, please visit www.scrd.ca or call 604-885-6800.

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For more information:

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Communications Officer
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Email: cecilia.garcia@scrd.ca



EVACUATION ALERT RESCINDED

JUNE 26 AT 9:50 A.M.

The Evacuation Alert, pursuant to the Sunshine Coast Regional District issued on June 25 at 10:22 a.m. to the area of Cecil Hill Road in Pender Harbour, Sunshine Coast is rescinded.

An Evacuation Alert may need to be reissued: however if that is deemed necessary the process will re-commence.

For more information, please visit www.scrd.ca or call 604-885-6800.

Sunshine Coast Regional District Board Chair, Lori Pratt


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Pratt", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

June 26, 2019

Tracy Forster

From: Union of BC Municipalities <ubcm@ubcm.ca>
Sent: June 26, 2019 12:18 PM
To: Tracy Forster
Subject: Resolution Process; ALR Legislation & Non-market Housing

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Elements of UBCM's Resolutions Process

The resolution sessions at UBCM's annual convention play a critical role in the development of our policies. Since the 2019 Convention will be the first for many local elected officials, we have updated the background information provided on our website that explains the key elements of the resolutions process. [Read more](#)

Guidance from the Ministry of Agriculture

A factsheet has been prepared by the Ministry of Agriculture to clarify recent legislative changes for local governments, communities and agricultural stakeholders. [Read more](#)

Building Support for Non-Market Housing

BC Housing has prepared a [Toolkit](#) for Community Acceptance of Non-Market Housing, intended as a guide for housing providers working with local governments and other stakeholders to build community support for new non-market housing developments.

Feedback Sought: Pool Design and Operations

The Ministry of Health is conducting a review is to develop updated standards and/or improvements, which reflect recent innovations and approaches around pool design and operation, while continuing to align with the provisions of the Pool Regulation. The Ministry is requesting comments on their updated, Version 3, draft guidelines for Pool Design and Pool Operations by August 31, 2019. [Read more](#)

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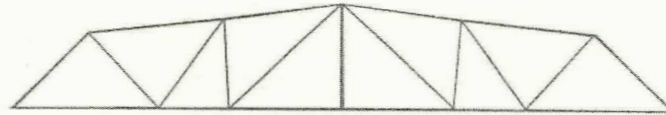
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To express our appreciation for your outstanding support of the
9th Annual Popsicle Stick Bridge Building Contest,
May 26, 2019 Sechelt, BC,
and to recognize your contribution to STEM education and family fun.

Roger Sayer
EGBC Representative

Lisa Murata
Chair

John Leech,
Community Outreach

Mayor and Council

From: Christine GILLESPIE <christine.gillespie@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: June 27, 2019 9:45 AM
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Subject: IHIT - New OIC Announcement
Attachments: New IHIT OIC - D.Chauhan_1.docx

Sent on behalf of Assistant Commissioner Stephen Thatcher

Dear Mayors/Chief Administrative Officers;

As a courtesy, I wanted to provide you with an advance copy of a news release the LMDO will issue to the media today announcing a new Officer-in-Charge of the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT). Superintendent Dave Chauhan has been officially named to the position and we look forward to introducing him at the next Mayors' Forum in the fall, if not before.

Regards,

Stephen Thatcher

From a small village in India to leading Canada's largest homicide investigation team: IHIT's New Officer-in-Charge Superintendent Dave Chauhan

For immediate release:

June 27, 2019

As a 15-year-old immigrant to Canada, Superintendent Dave Chauhan never imagined he'd be leading the largest homicide investigation team in the country.

But that's exactly where Supt. Chauhan finds himself, as the new Officer-in-Charge of the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT). He replaces outgoing Superintendent Donna Richardson, retiring after serving 30 years with distinction, finishing her career as head of IHIT since 2016.

Supt. Chauhan's position places him at the front of a multi-jurisdictional team of investigators, analysts and civilians who operate from the BC RCMP's headquarters at Green Timbers in Surrey. The team includes police officers from the RCMP, Abbotsford, New Westminster, Port Moody and West Vancouver police departments.

The thought of being an RCMP officer didn't occur to him when he arrived in Canada in 1985 from the village of Malpur in the Punjab State of India. He spent his first year in Calgary and moved to Ontario where he completed his high school degree. He went on to enroll in a Bachelor of Business Administration Program at Wilfrid Laurier University in Kitchener, Waterloo. It was there he attended a RCMP recruiting event and was drawn to join the RCMP.

He joined the RCMP in March 31, 1991 and was sent to Regina for 6 month training. After completion of his training, he was posted to Prince George Detachment where worked in several sections including General Duty, Traffic Section, Drug Investigation Unit, Property Crime Unit and Serious Crime Unit.

In 2003, he was promoted to Corporal in Prince George North District Major Crime Section providing policing services to communities in that region investigating complex serious crimes. In 2005, he moved with his family to the Lower Mainland to take a posting with BC RCMP's Major Crime Section – Serious Crime Unit.

While in the Serious Crime Unit, he was instrumental in seeking the extradition of two Canadians wanted in India for the murder of their daughter in India. In 2008, he was promoted to Sergeant and worked in “E” Division Major Crime Section – Criminal Investigation Unit, in charge of the Provincial DNA Coordination Program where he implemented several programs to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the DNA program in the province. In 2013, he returned to the Serious Crime Unit and in 2015 was promoted to Staff Sergeant of Surrey Detachment’s Major Crime Section where he led a number of high profile shooting investigations with successful prosecutions.

In 2017, he was promoted to Inspector and moved to IHIT as the Operations Support Officer. “Dave has served IHIT and the public very well in that role and I have every confidence that the abilities and commitment he’s demonstrated throughout his life and career will serve him well as the new OIC,” says the Lower Mainland District Commander Assistant Commissioner Stephen Thatcher.

Supt. Chauhan officially takes on his new role today (June 27). “My role here will be to ensure we continue to produce top-level police service to all the communities we serve in the Lower Mainland. I am humbled by this honour of leading an expert team of investigators and civilian staff and I look forward to working closely with our RCMP and Municipal Police Partners.,” says Supt. Chauhan.

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COMMUNIQUÉ



NEW: federal rural development and broadband strategies

Today, the federal government released its **rural economic development strategy**—along with its **national broadband strategy**. Together, these releases are a meaningful response to **FCM's recommendations** to champion rural communities as drivers of national progress.

Broadly, we are encouraged by federal commitments to adapt policies and programs to meet the diverse challenges faced by rural communities across Canada. That includes empowering rural communities to bring local needs to the table during the design stage of federal programs. This is a step toward building a “rural lens” into the heart of federal government—to build better rural lives.

Closing the rural broadband gap

Today's federal connectivity strategy—*High-Speed Access for All*—outlines commitments to work towards universal Internet access for Canadians. This follows Budget 2019's major commitments to invest in broadband infrastructure. And all of this comes in response to sustained advocacy from FCM, with a special push from FCM's rural members.

The federal strategy doubles down on achieving universal 50 Mbps download and 10 Mbps upload speeds. It commits to moving forward in a robust partnership, including with municipalities. And throughout, it recognizes FCM's position that “there is no one-size-fits-all solution to the diversity of connectivity challenges that rural communities face.”

Practically, it outlines steps to reduce costs and administrative burdens for rural municipalities. Those include streamlining application processes and coordinating funding programs; launching an online portal to help you access diverse funding sources; and strengthening data on broadband coverage.

By echoing so many FCM recommendations, this strategy brings us closer to turning new investments into reliable Internet connections for rural households and businesses—and the enormous potential this opens up.

Additional points of progress

A centrepiece of the rural economic development strategy is its broad commitment to build policies and programs that more flexibly meet the challenges our communities face. As your FCM team continues to examine today's releases, we note several points of progress:

- **Building climate-resilient communities:** The federal government will undertake research to better understand the climate data needs of rural communities. Better data is an important part of the path forward—as we press for robust funding tools empowering local governments to respond to new weather extremes and to build more resilient communities.
- **Attracting and retaining workers in rural communities:** The federal government is committing to better recognize rural realities and challenges through more flexible skills and labour programs—including the Canada Training Benefit, the Student Work Placement Program, and future initiatives.
- **Supporting rural economies:** We welcome federal efforts to leverage existing programs, policies and agencies to further economic development. The strategy highlights that regional economic development agencies will seek better ways to deliver federal services and programs in rural communities, and help them plan and execute investments where capacity is limited.

On the road ahead, FCM will continue to advocate for federal programs, policies and investments that recognize rural realities and empower local leaders to tackle local challenges. Today's releases show that our message is getting through. The principles they set out are a foundation to build on. And as this fall's federal election comes into view, we'll invite every federal party to work with FCM to do just that. ♦



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Mayor and Council

From: 22(1) FOIPPA
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To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Misleading poster outside Gibsons Elementary

Dear Mayor and Council:

This morning, while bringing my son to school, I noticed that someone has put up a poster on a telephone pole outside Gibsons Elementary warning of: "40 UNIT HOUSING/DRUGS ALLOWED/SCHOOL 1/2 BLOCK." The poster has no identifying information on it, so I don't know if a community group or an individual was responsible, but at the bottom there is a note instructing readers to direct concerns to this email address. I do have concerns, and I would like to address them to you:

- I'm disappointed to see low-barrier housing smeared with the words "drugs allowed" as if the project in question (presumably the supportive housing project proposed for the old RCMP building) is intended to encourage drug use, not to house the underhoused.
- I regret that this person is playing into a pervasive and harmful stigma around drug use and drug users, which only harms those who use drugs and does nothing to help them make positive changes.
- I note that whoever made this poster has gone out of their way to simplify their message and make it legible to children. No doubt they intend to stoke fear with an emotional, misleading message. It's propaganda, and placing it outside a school is shameful.

Gibsons is unaffordable for all but the most fortunate. Supportive housing projects such as the one alluded to in the poster are one way we can help people for whom the staggeringly high cost of rent - let alone property ownership is a barrier to having a home. This project has my full support.

Yours truly,

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Tracy Forster

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Subject: AVICC June Update - AGM Minutes, Cannabis Implementation Costs, UBCM Convention
Attachments: 2019 AVICC AGM Minutes Draft.pdf

Please forward to elected officials, the CAO and Corporate Officer:

1. 2019 AGM Minutes

The minutes from the AGM at the 2019 Convention in Powell River are attached. The minutes remain a draft until approved at next year's Convention in Nanaimo. The minutes, resolutions disposition and presentations from the Convention are all available on the AVICC website at [2019 Convention](#).

2. Counting the Costs Related to Cannabis Legalization

UBCM is talking to the Province about how to share cannabis excise tax revenue with local governments so that the implementation costs are not being funded through property taxes. UBCM has been asking members to send in information about their implementation costs so the data can be used to support their discussions with the Province.

While there has been a lot of media commentary from local governments about the importance of this issue and of UBCM negotiating a satisfactory revenue sharing agreement with the Province, there have only been two responses from AVICC local governments so far. We want to ensure AVICC member experiences are represented.

Please connect with relevant staff members from your local government to complete the survey, which can be found here:

<https://www.ubcm.ca/EN/meta/news/news-archive/2019-archive/for-cfos-cannabis-costs-survey.html>.

It is not intended to be a lengthy or overly time consuming exercise; the survey was designed with local government capacity in mind. Although the original deadline to complete this survey was June 1, UBCM will accept completed surveys until July 10.

3. UBCM Convention and Nominations to the UBCM Executive

Registration for the 2019 UBCM Convention opens on July 2nd. The Convention will be held in Vancouver at the Vancouver Conference Centre from September 23rd to 27th. One of the options on the registration form is the AVICC lunch on Wednesday, September 25th. We look forward to seeing AVICC members there.

July 31st is the deadline for Nominations to the UBCM Executive. AVICC benefits from having representation on the UBCM Executive. More information is available on the UBCM website at [Nominations](#)

**Association of
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Coastal Communities**



MINUTES OF THE 70th ANNUAL CONVENTION

**Powell River, BC
April 12 - 14, 2019**

2018-19 AVICC EXECUTIVE

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DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE	Director Penny Cote Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE	Councillor Colin Plant District of Saanich
PAST PRESIDENT	Director Mary Marcotte Cowichan Valley Regional District

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ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

MINUTES OF THE 70TH ANNUAL CONVENTION POWELL RIVER, BC APRIL 12-14, 2019

PRE-CONVENTION PROGRAM

The Friday morning pre-convention program began at 9:00 am with two workshops:

- Heritage Guidelines & Townsite District Tour
- The Blanket Exercise

There were two additional sessions at noon:

- Mayors, RD Chairs and RHD Chairs Forum
- New Members Orientation Session

CONVENTION OPENING SESSION – FRIDAY, 2:00 PM

The Convention opened with the AVICC Executive and honoured guests (Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; President Arjun Singh, UBCM; Hegus Clint Williams, Tla'amin Nation; Chair Patrick Brabazon, qathet Regional District; Acting Mayor Rob Southcott, City of Powell River; and Honoured Elder Eugene Louie, Tla'amin Nation) piped onto the stage flanked by representatives from the RCMP and the City of Powell River Fire Department.

President Edwin Grieve called the 70^h Annual Meeting of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities to order at 2:00 pm on Friday, April 12, 2019.

After the assembly sang O Canada, President Grieve introduced Honoured Elder Louie from the Tla'amin Nation who offered a blessing to AVICC members. President Grieve then introduced the AVICC Executive Committee members who were all in attendance.

President Grieve thanked Minister Robinson and UBCM President Singh for participating in the Convention, and also noted the UBCM Executive representatives from the AVICC region in attendance: Mayor Maja Tait from the District of Sooke and Councillor Claire Moglove from the City of Campbell River.

President Grieve thanked the City of Powell River and the qathet Regional District for acting as generous joint host communities. He introduced Acting Mayor Southcott and Chair Brabazon who welcomed delegates to Powell River. President Grieve introduced Hegus Williams and thanked him for attending the Mayors and Chairs Forum. Hegus Williams welcomed delegates to the traditional territory of the Tla'amin Nation.

President Grieve noted the MLAs and MPs who were registered for the Convention, and also thanked the following AVICC Life Members for attending:

- Christopher Causton, president from 2009-2011 from Oak Bay, and
- Rod Sherrell, president from 2007-2008 from Port McNeill (current Director of Area D from the Regional District of Mount Waddington).

President Grieve then drew delegates' attention to the *Annual Report and Resolutions Package* they received at registration on-site that contained the final program and information about sessions, election times, materials for the AGM and resolutions. He reminded delegates they would need their voting cards for the elections and the resolutions sessions.

Finally President Grieve recognized the importance of the convention sponsors, and advised of the trade show timing and location.

FIRST REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President Grieve invited Past President Mary Marcotte, Chair of the Nominating Committee to present the first report from the Nominating Committee. Past President Marcotte referred to the Nominating Committee Report included in the *Annual Report and Resolutions Package* that set out nominations received in advance of the February 7, 2019 deadline as follows:

For President:	Councillor Carl Jensen, District of Central Saanich
For First Vice-President:	Chair Ian Morrison, Cowichan Valley Regional District
For Second Vice-President:	Director Penny Cote, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
For Director at Large:	Councillor Hazel Braithwaite, District of Oak Bay Councillor Colleen Evans, City of Campbell River Councillor Sarah Fowler, Village of Tahsis Councillor Cindy Solda, City of Port Alberni
For Electoral Area Representative:	Director Vanessa Craig, Nanaimo Regional District

Delegates were directed to the Convention program for times of nominations and elections.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

At 2:30 pm Director Braithwaite introduced Mark Collins, President and CEO of BC Ferries, who spoke on the role of BC Ferries in Coastal Communities. Mr. Collins' presentation was followed by a Q&A session. Director Braithwaite thanked Mr. Collins for his presentation.

The Convention adjourned at 3:30 pm for a refreshment break and reconvened at 3:50 pm

SECOND REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR TABLE OFFICERS

At 3:50 pm Past President Marcotte, Chair of the Nominating Committee called for nominations from the floor for the positions of Table Officers in addition to those already placed in nomination. Those nominated at the close of the nominations for Table Officers were:

For President:	Councillor Carl Jensen, District of Central Saanich
For First Vice-President:	Chair Ian Morrison, Cowichan Valley Regional District
For Second Vice-President:	Director Penny Cote, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Past President Marcotte declared the positions of President, First Vice President and Second Vice President elected by acclamation.

MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, ADDRESS TO DELEGATES

President Grieve introduced the Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The Minister addressed the delegates and introduced the Honourable John Horgan, Premier of BC.

PREMIER JOHN HORGAN, ADDRESS TO DELEGATES

The Premier addressed the delegates on issues relevant to local governments in the AVICC region. President Grieve thanked Premier Horgan and Minister Robinson for attending the Convention noting it is important for the Province to work with local governments as we are all working for the same people – the residents of BC.

ISLAND HEALTH UPDATE

Leah Hollins, Island Health Board Member, gave an update to delegates on the work of Island Health.

BUILDING UNIVERSAL CHILDCARE FOR BC TOGETHER

Michelle Kirby, Manager, Partnerships and Engagement, Childcare BC presented on the opportunities open to local governments to connect with provincial resources and supports to build child care in their communities.

END OF DAY WRAP-UP

President Grieve introduced Shaye Draper from Telus who spoke for a few minutes about the work of Telus in the AVICC region, and presented a door prize provided by Telus. President Grieve wrapped up the business of the day noting the welcome reception would be held in the trade show area, and the timing for Saturday morning's program including the Annual Meeting followed by an address from the UBCM President and the first Resolutions Session.

WELCOME RECEPTION

The Welcome Reception sponsored by Vancouver Island University was held in the foyer in the trade show area. VIU President Dr. Ralph Nilson addressed the delegates.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019

LET'S TALK TRASH

2nd Vice President Morrison introduced the qathet Regional District's "Let's Talk Trash" Team. Abby McLennan and Tai Uhlmann presented on the work of the team including shoreline clean-ups and zero waste events,

The Convention re-convened at 8:30 am with President Grieve welcoming delegates back.

ADDRESS BY UBCM PRESIDENT ARJUN SINGH

President Grieve introduced UBCM President Arjun Singh who addressed the delegates on the policy initiatives and work being carried out by the UBCM.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At 8:55 am, President Grieve called the 2019 Annual General Meeting to order. He referred to the President's Report in the Annual Report and referenced the main activities of the AVICC Executive over the last term.

The report outlines changes to resolutions procedures following the 2018 convention including new procedures for "late resolutions" and "off the floor" resolutions. The new rules are in keeping with UBCM procedures. Resolutions supporting existing UBCM policy are still grouped together and moved as a "Block" but the threshold to remove a resolution from "the Block" now only requires a simple 50+1% majority to be debated separately. Members may only move to remove a resolution from the block if they wish to speak in opposition or propose an amendment to the resolution. The President's Report is attached as Appendix A to the minutes.

President Grieve also noted the new Code of Conduct implemented for the 2019 Convention and included on the registration form and in the Convention Program (Appendix C), and that Gold Start Resolution Awards were reinstated for 2019. He proceeded to the business of the AGM.

ADOPTION OF CONVENTION RULES AND PROCEDURES

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the Convention Rules and Procedures as printed in the *Annual Report and Resolutions Package* were adopted.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the Minutes of the 69^h Annual Meeting of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities held in the City of Victoria, April 13-15, 2018, as electronically posted and distributed, were adopted.

ANNUAL REPORT

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the *Annual Report* was received.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Grieve presented the Audited Financial Statements of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities for the year ending December 31, 2018 (Appendix B). On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the statements were received.

2019 BUDGET

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the 2019 budget was received.

FIRST RESOLUTIONS SESSION

The first Resolutions session began at 9:05 am with President Grieve drawing delegates' attention to the convention rules and procedures for handling resolutions as printed in the *Annual Report and Resolutions Package*. President Grieve reviewed the rules for the order of business, the resolutions process and the timing of the three sessions. The consideration of resolutions commenced with 1^s Vice President Jensen in the Chair with Director Braithwaite, EA Representative Craig and Director Plant.

PART ER - EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

ER1) AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management

AVICC Executive

WHEREAS the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities' (AVICC) Special Committee on Solid Waste Management, with representatives from nine regional districts, was formed in 2015 to research, prepare and present the findings and recommendations to the 2016 convention on this mandated service;

AND WHEREAS the Special Committee reported out to the AVICC membership at the 2016, 2017 and 2018 conventions, the membership endorsed the action plans and further directed the Special Committee to report back to the 2019 convention with outcomes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AVICC endorses and supports the Special Committee's vision and goals as:

Vision:

That local governments on Vancouver Island, qathet and the Sunshine Coast are working together to address the opportunities and challenges of managing solid waste and our residents are aware of; support the need to reduce and manage our waste in a sustainable manner; and to work toward achieving zero-waste in our communities.

Goals:

1. Ensure information is shared between AVICC local governments to encourage best practices and common solutions in solid waste management and consistent messaging to our residents.
2. Collect and maintain appropriate and consistent data associated with solid waste management within the AVICC.
3. Support an informed and unified voice to assist efforts with the Province, NGOs and other partners in developing effective waste management solutions and policies.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the AVICC endorses and supports the continuation of the Special Committee on Solid Waste Management with areas of work focused on: Organics Management, Long-Term Disposal Options, and Single-Use Plastics;

AND FINALLY THAT regional district staff continue to discuss opportunities for collaboration and alignment related to those areas of work in the following areas:

1. Communication and Outreach
2. Mandatory Source Separation
3. Solid Waste Comparative Data
4. Disposal Bans
5. Varying Tipping Fees
6. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), and
7. Solid Waste Advanced Technologies

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

PART 1 – REFERRED RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were referred to the Association by UBCM following the 2018 UBCM Annual Convention.

ENVIRONMENT

RR1) BC-Wide 100% Renewable Energy by 2050 Target (LR7)

Township of Esquimalt

WHEREAS all levels of government and society must be mobilized and coordinated to address the challenge of climate change;

AND WHEREAS Esquimalt is a leader among BC communities in the adoption of sustainable practices:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the Province to adopt a province-wide target to meet all energy needs with renewable energy by 2050.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

RR2) Support Local Governments to Plan for 100% Renewable Energy (LR8)

Township of Esquimalt

WHEREAS all levels of government and society must be mobilized and coordinated to address the challenge of climate change;

AND WHEREAS Esquimalt is a leader among BC communities in the adoption of sustainable practices:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the Province to provide adequate resources and support to local governments to plan for, and implement, a target of using 100% renewable energy by 2050, or an equivalent GHG reduction target.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

RR3) Transparent Criteria for “Green” Infrastructure Spending (LR9)

Township of Esquimalt

WHEREAS all levels of government and society must be mobilized and coordinated to address the challenge of climate change;

AND WHEREAS Esquimalt is a leader among BC communities in the adoption of sustainable practices:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the Province to implement transparent, objective and prioritized criteria for infrastructure spending that is allocated for climate action.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

RR4) BC-Wide Energy Upgrade for Buildings (LR10)

Township of Esquimalt

WHEREAS all levels of government and society must be mobilized and coordinated to address the challenge of climate change;

AND WHEREAS Esquimalt is a leader among BC communities in the adoption of sustainable practices:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the Province to commit to achieving a general upgrade to the energy performance of BC’s existing building stock to be compatible with BC’s and local governments’ climate action commitments, including economic measures to encourage building owners to do building upgrades.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

RR5) Integrated Transportation Planning for Climate Action (LR11)

Township of Esquimalt

WHEREAS all levels of government and society must be mobilized and coordinated to address the challenge of climate change;

AND WHEREAS Esquimalt is a leader among BC communities in the adoption of sustainable practices:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the Province, in consultation with local governments, to implement integrated planning for all modes of transportation that is consistent with BC’s legislated greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and climate action goals.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

TAXATION

RR6) Modernization of Utility Taxation (LR6)

District of Ucluelet

WHEREAS Section 644(2) of the Local Government Act is intended to define the requirements of a 1 per cent annual tax on utilities carrying on business in a municipality;

AND WHEREAS utility company services have expanded beyond electrical light, electric power, telephone, water, gas or television services to include Internet and cellular services:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province initiates the modernization of Section 644(2) of the Local Government Act to include internet and cellular services.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

PART 2 – RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE

The following are the resolutions received by the February 7, 2019 resolutions deadline.

Part 2 - Section “A” – This section contains resolutions regarding new issues that were debated individually.

ELECTIONS

R1) Allow Permanent Residents to Vote in Municipal Elections

City of Victoria

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has the governing authority to implement electoral legislative changes including allowing for Permanent Residents to vote in municipal elections;

AND WHEREAS more than 45 countries have granted Permanent Residents some form of voting rights — including seven jurisdictions in the U.S. and 25 European Union countries; and 11 municipalities in Canada are working toward extending local election voting rights to Permanent Residents:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia make the necessary changes to allow Permanent Residents to vote in municipal elections in Victoria and other municipalities and regional districts.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

R2) Youth Voting in Local Government Elections

City of Victoria

WHEREAS youth have a strong interest in the future of local communities;

AND WHEREAS empowering young people to participate in democratic processes fosters ongoing and active civic participation:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia revise the voting age for local government elections to 16 years of age.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

TRANSPORTATION

R3) Vancouver Island Transportation Master Plan

Nanaimo RD

WHEREAS a Vancouver Island Transportation Master Plan would outline Inter-Regional necessary improvement to the Island transportation network;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has the ultimate responsibility for transportation planning on Vancouver Island:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia prepare a Vancouver Island Transportation Master Plan.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R4) Traffic Calming

Nanaimo RD

WHEREAS regional district efforts to build more complete, compact communities within electoral areas have increased pedestrians and cyclists on roads in areas designated for growth;

AND WHEREAS the safety of pedestrians and cyclists on roads in rural areas designated for growth would be enhanced with traffic calming measures designed to reduce vehicle speeds and prioritize non-motorized traffic:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure develop new criteria and standards for traffic calming in areas designated for growth in Electoral Areas.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R5) Traffic Control and Enforcement on Rural Roads

Nanaimo RD

WHEREAS the Province and the RCMP have limited resources to regulate and enforce traffic regulations on Provincial roads in rural areas;

AND WHEREAS the lack of visible presence and consistent enforcement of traffic regulations by the RCMP results in unchecked speeding, reckless driving, illegal parking and other unsafe conditions on rural roads:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia increase resources for regulation and enforcement of traffic regulations on rural roads.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R6) Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Management Framework

**Village of Sayward,
Village of Tahsis**

WHEREAS the Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Act was intended to create safe and more convenient incidental access to public roads and highways to better connect BC's rural communities and support a first-rate ORV trail network, and to allow local governments to expand their trail networks to take advantage of economic development opportunities by way of tourism;

AND WHEREAS the current administrative process to obtain Operation Permits as permitted under the ORV Act is onerous and not conducive to convenient incidental access to trail networks connecting multiple communities as a separate operation permit must be obtained from each jurisdiction:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following changes to legislation are made:

- Only one (1) Operation Permit required for approved access to multiple jurisdictions and/or communities along a connecting designated ORV route and trail network issued in any of the jurisdictions or communities along the route.
- Operation Permits can be issued by any local RCMP or local government along a designated route.
- Operation Permit term extended from 2 years to 5 years to align with the driver's licence term.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R7) Support Transformational Improvements to Regional BC Transit

City of Victoria

WHEREAS the transportation sector is the second-largest contributor of GHG, some of the largest reductions in GHGs are possible through facilitating a mode shift to low carbon mobility options, such as increased ridership of emissions-free transit;

AND WHEREAS transforming regional public transit could drastically increase mode-shift to clean public transit system:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia and BC Transit take immediate actions to support and provide funding for transformational improvements to regional BC transit infrastructure to promote and enable rapid mode shift to transit, including transitioning the BC Transit fleet to zero emissions as early in the 2020s as possible.

Amended to remove items 1 through 7.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

Following a refreshment break, the meeting reconvened at 10:20 with a presentation from BC Hydro.

BC HYDRO EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Ted Olynyk, Manager, Community Relations for Vancouver Island – Sunshine Coast presented on BC Hydro's response to the extremely destructive 2018 windstorms that caused extensive power outages in many AVICC areas.

The second Resolutions Session resumed at 10:30 am with 2nd Vice President Morrison as Chair, with Director Cote, President Grieve and EA Representative Craig.

R8) Revitalizing Island Rail

City of Victoria

WHEREAS one of the conditions of the original Order-in-Council establishing the Esquimalt and Nanaimo (E&N) now Island Corridor Foundation (ICF) railway corridor is that if the corridor is no longer needed or used for railway purposes, it goes back to the original owner and assembling a similar multi-modal corridor connecting the Alberni Inlet to the Comox Valley to Greater Victoria in the context of current land values and land uses would be impossible to replicate;

AND WHEREAS repair of the railway infrastructure can only reasonably be accomplished by way of capital investment from senior levels of government, in co-operation with First Nations and local governments and respecting first nations interests, rail transport and a parallel trail system are integral sustainable transportation options for Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples in the context of climate change, including the option of electrified rail for the sustainable movement of people and goods on the island:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia take immediate actions to provide sufficient funding in a timely manner to restore the railway infrastructure of Vancouver Island and ensure that the corridor remains intact and available to future generations of Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

TAXATION

R9) Property Taxation

City of Nanaimo

WHEREAS Section 193 of the *Community Charter* restricts a municipality from imposing fees or taxes except as expressly authorized under the *Community Charter* or another Act;

AND WHEREAS urban sprawl creates higher infrastructure costs, transportation costs, and other expenses borne by society;

AND WHEREAS municipalities attempt to control urban sprawl whilst encouraging healthier lifestyles and alternative modes of transportation:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government amend the *Community Charter* to allow municipalities to adjust their property tax rates by setting density brackets in their jurisdiction, to use at their discretion, as an incentive to reduce urban sprawl and as a method of assigning infrastructure and maintenance costs more accurately amongst end users.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

FINANCE

R10) Improvement District Governance Policy

Nanaimo RD

WHEREAS many improvement districts are wrestling with increased costs for replacing and improving water infrastructure, and in finding adequate sources of funding;

AND WHEREAS the residents of improvement districts contribute tax monies to the provincial and federal governments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities work with the Province and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to change the Improvement District Governance Policy to allow citizens residing in improvement districts equal access to provincial and federal infrastructure grant monies.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R11) Revenue Sharing

District of Port Hardy

WHEREAS small rural communities in British Columbia are surrounded by lands within Regional Districts governed by the Provincial Government that collect revenue from industry for resource extraction from the lands;

AND WHEREAS the communities adjoining these lands provide services including parks, recreation and roads for the companies and employees and gain no apportionment of the revenue collected for providing these services:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities lobby the Province of British Columbia to consider revenue sharing of royalties and taxes with municipalities that provide services to those industries benefitting from the services of the adjoining municipalities.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

ENVIRONMENT

R12) Indoor Agricultural Fertilization Practices

City of Nanaimo

WHEREAS water sustainability, healthy watersheds and ground water are of vital importance and, commercial fertilizers can be damaging to groundwater and influence water quality in watersheds;

AND WHEREAS the use of fertilizers in greenhouses and indoor structures creates effluent that contains concentrated commercial fertilizers which, if released untreated can be damaging to groundwater and the overall watershed:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC request that the provincial government explore including in the BC Agricultural Best Practices, the requirement for closed loop greenhouse irrigation systems in commercial greenhouse and indoor agricultural structures, to prevent commercial fertilizers from being emitted into the environment.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R13) Key Marine Cumulative Effects Values

Islands Trust

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has adopted the use of a cumulative effects framework to help identify and manage cumulative effects across the natural resource sector;

AND WHEREAS the cumulative effects framework allows for the inclusion of marine values but the Province has not yet approved any marine values for cumulative effects assessment to inform decision making in coastal regions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the provincial government to prioritize the approval of key marine cumulative effects values for long-term monitoring and cumulative effects assessments in coastal regions.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R14) Recreational Boating Access Infrastructure

Township of Esquimalt

WHEREAS recreational boating is part of the fabric of many BC communities, contributes to the quality of life and is an important economic and recreational activity;

AND WHEREAS there is an ongoing decline in boating access infrastructure, and marinas and public boat launches are being removed to make way for development and community amenities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM's coastal, riverfront and lakeshore member communities incorporate existing boating access infrastructure into community planning and identify areas in which there may be potential to add boating infrastructure to their longer-term community plans.

ON MOTION, was not ENDORSED

R15) Groundwater Extraction

Strathcona RD

WHEREAS water is an essential resource upon which all life, including all ecosystems and all local communities depend;

AND WHEREAS water is a public heritage and a public trust for present and future generations and access to water must not be compromised by commercial operations relating to commercial water bottling or commercial bulk water exports:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Premier of British Columbia and the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development be requested to immediately cease the licensing and extraction of groundwater for commercial water bottling and/or bulk water exports from aquifers.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R16) Climate Emergency Declaration

Sunshine Coast RD

WHEREAS the impacts of climate change in the form of extreme weather events, wildfires and drought are occurring at an accelerated rate and with growing frequency throughout BC and are creating major financial, social and environmental costs which are largely being borne by local governments and the residents they serve;

AND WHEREAS there is an urgency for action but a lack of resources and coordination to support local governments in their ability to adapt to and mitigate the ongoing effects of climate change, especially with respect to infrastructure upgrades, repairs and maintenance, and emergency preparedness measures:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be urged to declare a province-wide Climate Emergency in order to emphasize the critical imperative for immediate action and to assist with province-wide collaboration and coordination of resources that will support local governments and communities in their ability to adapt and manage ongoing change.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

The Second Resolution Session was then adjourned at approximately 11:30 am

THIRD REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR DIRECTOR AT LARGE

President Grieve called for nominations from the floor for the positions of Director at Large in addition to those already placed in nomination. Those nominated at the close of the nominations for Director at Large were:

- Councillor Hazel Braithwaite, District of Oak Bay
- Councillor Colleen Evans, City of Campbell River
- Councillor Sarah Fowler, Village of Tahsis
- Councillor Cindy Solda, City of Port Alberni

President Grieve declared there would be an election for the position of Director at Large, and announced the time and location of the polling station. Each nominee spoke for two minutes.

JUNK TO JOULES

Director Plant introduced Siraz Dalmir, Key Account Manager for Municipalities, Fortis BC; Liz Farris, Corporate Climate Action Analyst, Capital Regional District; and Sundance Topham, CAO, Village of Cumberland. The panel presented on Renewable Natural Gas as a carbon neutral energy option with a benefit to economic development plans.

The Convention adjourned for lunch with performances by Maestro Arthur Arnold, Music Director of the Moscow Symphony Orchestra and Cellist, and Edward (Sungpil) Kim, Pianist.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Concurrent workshops were held between 1:30-4:00 pm.

- #1 Provincial Active Transportation Strategy
- #2 Revitalization of the ALC and ALR
- #3 Fair Taxation and the Fundamentals of Property Assessment
- #4 Let's Talk Rail – Island Corridor Foundation
- #5 Getting the Greatest Value for Your Tax Dollars with the CCSPi
- #6 Electoral Area Directors' Forum

ANNUAL BANQUET

The Annual Banquet was held at Dwight Hall in the Historic Townsite District.

Shortly before 7:30 pm, delegates and guests took their seats. The Piper led the parade of AVICC Executive Committee members into the banquet where delegates and guests were gathered. President Grieve welcomed delegates and guests, and thanked the host community and the sponsors for the evening.

At the banquet President Grieve presented Past President Marcotte with Life Membership in the AVICC.

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The Convention reconvened at 8:30 am with President Grieve noting that evaluation forms had been placed on the tables asking for delegates' feedback on the Convention and that the completed evaluation forms would be used for the Grand Prize Award draw just prior to adjournment.

FOURTH REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE

President Grieve called for nominations from the floor for the position of Electoral Area Representative. Nominated at the close of nominations for Electoral Area Representative was:

Director Vanessa Craig, Nanaimo Regional District

At the conclusion of nominations, President Grieve declared the position of Electoral Area Representative was elected by acclamation.

ADDRESS BY ANDREW WEAVER, LEADER OF THE BC GREEN PARTY

President Grieve introduced Andrew Weaver, Leader of the BC Green Party and MLA for Oak Bay – Gordon Head who addressed the delegates. President Grieve thanked Dr. Weaver for coming to the Convention to present.

CARBON FOOTPRINT SURVIVOR CHALLENGE

Mayor Ken Williams from the District of Highlands presented the challenge that the District was making to local governments in AVICC to reduce their carbon footprint.

WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS - AQUACULTURE

EA Representative Craig introduced Brenda McCorquodale, Manager, Aquaculture Resource Management with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans gave an overview of the role of the DFO. She reviewed how the DFO's role intersects with the roles and interests of local governments in BC. Mayor Josie Osborne from the District of Tofino updated AVICC members on the work of the DFO's Southern Resident Killer Whale Indigenous and Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group. Mayor Osborne is the AVICC Executive's representative on the Group. Director Daniel Arbour of the Comox Valley Regional District gave an update on the DFO's Aquaculture Management Advisory Committee (Shellfish) in his role as AVICC appointee to the Committee.

MUNICIPAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF BC

Director Penny Cote spoke as a Board Member of the Municipal Insurance Association of BC. She gave an overview on the history and role of the MIA and how it has assisted local governments in BC.

Following a refreshment break, Wood WORKS! BC presented Community Recognition Awards to the Village of Sayward and to the City of Campbell River.

MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

Chair Patrick Brabazon, qathet Regional District spoke as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Municipal Finance Authority. He gave an overview on the role of the MFA and how it has assisted local governments in BC with financing.

FINAL RESOLUTIONS AND LATE RESOLUTIONS SESSION

Resolutions resumed at 10:25 am with President Grieve in the Chair with Director Cote, 1^s Vice President Jensen and 2nd Vice President Morrison.

R17) Recovering Municipal Costs Arising from Climate Change

City of Victoria

WHEREAS local governments are incurring substantial costs in relation to the impacts of climate change, including volatile weather patterns, drought, wildfires, erosion and other impacts;

AND WHEREAS it is fiscally prudent to recover these costs from corporations that have profited from the burning of fossil fuels, with knowledge that these economic activities contribute to climate change:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM explore the initiation of a class action lawsuit on behalf of member local governments to recover costs arising from climate change from major fossil fuels corporations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia consider legislation to support local governments in recovering costs arising from climate change from major fossil fuel corporations.

ON MOTION, was not ENDORSED

R18) Cave Protection Act

Village of Tahsis

WHEREAS caves are uncommon and unique environments that can harbour rare and threatened species, unique mineralogy and sediments, First Nation heritage values; and are non-renewable, site-specific landscape features with natural, cultural, spiritual, aesthetic and scientific value;

AND WHEREAS caves are sensitive ecosystems that can underlie developed landscapes and as such are vulnerable to pollution, destruction by quarrying, vandalism, mismanagement, species extinction and general degradation caused by human activities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government should pass a Cave Protection Act in order to conserve caves, in perpetuity.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R19) Shifting Investment to Low-Emission Transportation

City of Victoria

WHEREAS the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premiers of BC and most provinces signed the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change in 2016, endorsing a policy shift that could substantially reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) pollution from transportation while funding public transit improvements, including inter-city and commuter bus and rail service;

AND WHEREAS the transportation sector is the second-largest contributor of GHG pollution in Canada, representing 23% of total emissions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that local governments call on the Governments of Canada and British Columbia to fully implement their commitment in the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change, to shift investments “from higher to lower-emitting types of transportation”.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R20) Promoting and Enabling GHG Reductions

City of Victoria

WHEREAS the world’s leading climate scientists have warned that we have less than 12 years to meet our climate targets, and early action is required to avoid significant costs and impacts to social and environmental well-being in our communities, and worldwide, local governments are uniquely positioned to enable this mobilisation effort, in a coordinated and integrated fashion across sectors, enabling individual action with timely and accurate information, incentives, directions, coordination, tools, targets and scalable, impactful programs;

AND WHEREAS local governments GHG reduction plans will be effectively and expeditiously realised through a dedicated focus on cutting the most impactful GHG sources, including: retrofitting existing buildings to high-efficiency standards; renewable electricity; elimination of fossil fuel heating sources; shifting people to transit, active transportation, and renewably powered mobility options; and the electrification of commercial and passenger vehicle fleets, the complexity and pace/progress of GHG reductions in both local governments and community require additional resources and planning to reduce risks of missing interim and longer GHG and renewable energy targets:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that local governments call on the Governments of Canada and British Columbia to pursue the following immediate sector actions to promote and enable GHG reductions and realize important social and economic co-benefits:

1. Make available all ICBC municipal vehicle km/make/model/fuel economy information.
2. Continue the development and implementation of world-class low carbon fuel standards.
3. Fully invest in delivery of the zero-emission vehicles sales targets as established in the CleanBC Plan.
4. Continue progressive and direct funding programs and partnerships for municipal low-carbon initiatives, including building retrofit, transportation, waste management and other priority and shared GHG reduction programs.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

LAND USE

R21) Cannabis and Farm Use Activities

City of Nanaimo

WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Commission Act states "farm use" means an occupation or use of land for farm purposes, including farming of land, plants and animals and any other similar activity designated as farm use by regulation, and includes a farm operation as defined in the Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act;

AND WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation (the ALR Regulation) has differentiated the lawful production of cannabis from other “farm use” by limiting the structures for production, and narrowing the definition of ‘necessary’ activities under section 2(3), unlike any other crop in British Columbia:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC request the provincial government to amend the ALR Regulation so that the lawful production of cannabis aligns with the growing structures and site development measures available for all other crops. More specifically, placing limits on the unique concrete structure growing method initially targeted for regulation to all crops. Thus enabling cannabis, when grown as any other crop, to be deemed a “farm use”, as defined in the Agricultural Land Commission Act and a “farm operation” under the Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act. Circumscribing cannabis production in structures that are lawful by regulation for all other crops, may not withstand judicial review.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

R22) Cannabis Plants on the Agricultural Land Reserve

City of Nanaimo

WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Commission Act states "farm use" means an occupation or use of land for farm purposes, including farming of land, plants and animals and any other similar activity designated as farm use by regulation, and includes a farm operation as defined in the Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act;

AND WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation (the ALR Regulation) has differentiated the lawful production of cannabis from other “farm use” by limiting the structures for production, and narrowing the definition of ‘necessary’ activities under section 2(3), unlike any other crop in British Columbia:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC request the provincial government to amend the ALR Regulation in order to clarify the interpretation of section 2(2.5) of the ALR Regulation regarding the lawful production of cannabis “inside a structure (a) that has a base consisting entirely of soil”, and clarify that when producing cannabis in a greenhouse, it has the same meaning as “Greenhouse” under section 2(o)(i) of the Regulation. Circumscribing cannabis production in structures that are lawful by regulation for all other crops, may not withstand judicial review.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the AVICC request the provincial government to amend the ALR Regulation section 2(2.5) to resemble something like the following:

- (2.5) The lawful production of cannabis is designated as farm use for the purposes of the Act if produced outdoors in a field or inside a structure
 - (a) which has a base consisting entirely of soil, and
 - (i) that is moveable in nature; or
 - (ii) on a helical pile foundation; or
 - (iii) whose base does not create irreversible damage to the soil.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R23) Low Impact Foundation Systems for Farm Use Structures

City of Nanaimo

WHEREAS the structural use of concrete as a foundation system and associated fill is known to cause irreparable damage to soil biology and render a site unfit for soil-based crops in the future, and low-impact, low carbon, removable foundation technologies are available as a new standard for agricultural structure foundations;

AND WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Commission Act, and the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation (the ALR Regulation) regulate “farm use” structures on the agricultural land reserve (ALR) and the deposit of fill is considered a farm use for all activities under sections 2(1) to (2.2), and does not

require notification to the ALR except under limited circumstances, and the National Farm Building Code applies to all agricultural “farm use” structures;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC request the provincial government to encourage the use of low carbon, low impact, cement-free foundation technologies for farm use structures and buildings within the ALR, thereby reducing the deposition of fill material and elimination of arable soil capability in the long term.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R24) Retrofitting of Structures to Reduce Impact of New Construction

City of Nanaimo

WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Commission Act, and the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation (the ALR Regulation) Section 2(2.5)(b) has limited cannabis production to existing structures which were previously utilized for crop production, or were under continuous production prior to the regulatory change, eliminating the ability to convert non-crop or other structures within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR);

AND WHEREAS the Cannabis Act and Regulations require “good production practices” that create hygienic conditions for the cultivation and production of cannabis, and existing structures are available for federally compliant conversion, which would strengthen municipal 2018 BC Building Code oversight, reduce the pressure for new construction, and facilitate contribution to the local and BC Economy:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC request the provincial government to amend the ALR Regulation to allow for the retrofitting of existing non-residential structures on the ALR for cannabis production.

ON MOTION, was not ENDORSED

HEALTH

R25) Canada Health Transfers

Town of Qualicum Beach

WHEREAS seniors account for 47% of Canada’s healthcare spending while comprising 17% of our country’s population;

WHEREAS the next decade is set to see a 93-billion-dollar increase in healthcare spending in Canada as a result of our aging population;

WHEREAS mid-island communities can expect per capita increases in healthcare costs owing to demographics in roughly the following amounts: Qualicum Beach: 77%, Parksville: 53%, Courtenay: 19%, Nanaimo: 12.5%, and Campbell River: 7%;

WHEREAS seniors comprise 52.1% of the population of Qualicum Beach and 23.3% of the population for Vancouver Island and the Coast;

WHEREAS demographic data was removed as a consideration for determining health transfer payment amounts by the federal government in 2012 and is presently not factored into health transfers, despite the fact there is a 444% variance in per capita healthcare spending on seniors relative to the rest of the population:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC lobby the provincial and federal ministries of health to have demographics included in determining each province’s funding through Canada Health Transfers.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

R26) Safer Drug Supply to Save Lives

City of Victoria

WHEREAS It has been two years since B.C. declared a public-health emergency due to increased overdoses, yet the death toll for those consuming substances continues to rise due to an unpredictable and highly-toxic drug supply;

AND WHEREAS people with opioid use disorder, a chronic relapsing medical condition, are at high risk of overdose-related harms including death and an estimated 42,200 people inject toxic substances in British Columbia, it is not possible for the treatment system to rapidly increase services fast enough to manage this number of people as “patients” within a medical treatment model given the many challenges in achieving and retaining the people on opioid use disorder treatment, people at risk of overdose in British Columbia do not have access to a safer alternative to the unpredictable, highly-toxic drug supply:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in an effort to save lives and reduce harm due to an unpredictable and highly-toxic drug supply, and as part of a holistic response to the public-health emergency, including prevention, treatment, and recovery, that the Province of British Columbia work with local communities, Health Authorities across the Province, the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, and the Ministry of Health ensure that people at risk of overdose harm have access to safer alternatives.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R27) Observed Inhalation Sites for Overdose Prevention

City of Victoria

WHEREAS British Columbia is currently experiencing an unprecedented public health emergency due to an unpredictable and highly-toxic drug supply, and smoking or inhalation is the second most common mode of consumption among all people who have died from a suspected illicit drug overdose and the most common mode of consumption among men and those between the ages of 15 and 29;

AND WHEREAS observed consumption services (i.e. supervised consumption services and overdose prevention services) are evidence-based harm reduction approaches shown to reduce overdose-related harm, and there is not adequate access to observed consumption services that provide space for inhalation where communities are facing crisis:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT to ensure that people at risk of overdose across BC have access to observed consumption services that provide space for inhalation, that the Province of British Columbia **fund and** work through local communities, Health Authorities across the Province, the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions and the Ministry of Health to provide these services as part of a holistic response to the public-health emergency, including prevention, treatment, and recovery.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

SELECTED ISSUES

R28) Canada Post’s Neighbourhood Mail

District of Highlands

WHEREAS Canada Post’s Neighbourhood Mail (unaddressed bulk mail) was a cost effective program that allowed local governments and regional districts to mail notices to residents within their boundary;

AND WHEREAS changes to the program now see unaddressed bulk mail going to “precision targeted areas” that are no longer aligned with local government and regional district boundaries;

AND WHEREAS the changes result in properties outside of the local government receiving unaddressed bulk mail that are not relevant to them, and to higher costs for local governments and regional districts conducting these mail outs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AVICC and UBCM urge Canada Post to continue to allow neighbourhood mail (unaddressed bulk mail) to be delivered only to properties within the local government and regional district boundary.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R29) Review of Resolutions Procedures

City of Campbell River

WHEREAS the volume of resolutions admitted for debate from each area association, various local governments and the UBCM Executive, is excessive and does not provide time for wholesome debate on the UBCM convention floor;

AND WHEREAS the vetting of resolutions is inadequate and leads to a lack of rational, structured arguments to present a compelling case for government to act:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM conduct a thorough audit and review of its resolutions procedures to ensure that the resolutions on the floor of the UBCM convention are reduced in number, repetition and are focused on priority use.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

Part 2 – Section “B” – This section contains resolutions that support existing UBCM policy, including:

- Previously considered and endorsed resolutions; or
- Resolutions in keeping with UBCM policy

LEGISLATIVE

R30) Statutory Advertising Regulations

District of Sooke

WHEREAS many constituents are accessing community news and current events through daily and weekly online publications;

AND WHEREAS municipalities should be free to advertise mandated notices additionally or exclusively in these daily and weekly online publications:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the definition of “Newspaper” in section 29 of the *Interpretation Act*, section 29, be amended to include online publications including similar criteria related to content and publication intervals to print newspapers.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

TAXATION

R31) Funding of Fire Halls and Public Safety Buildings

Village of Cumberland

WHEREAS community growth has direct impact on the provision of protective services and necessary infrastructure and apparatus, including fire halls and public safety buildings;

AND WHEREAS there are currently limited funding sources, other than property value taxes, to fund upgrades and expansion of fire halls and public safety buildings:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities AND the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia amend the Local Government Act to allow development cost charges to be used for expansion of fire protection infrastructure.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R32) Extension of Vacancy Taxation Authority to Local Governments

AVICC

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia responded to a housing affordability crisis in 2016 with legislation empowering the City of Vancouver to introduce a surtax on vacant residential properties, resulting in \$38-million in revenues for that community in 2018 and creating a strong disincentive to leaving properties vacant;

AND WHEREAS communities across British Columbia face housing affordability pressures, while a portion of the housing supply in all communities remains vacant, including properties that have remained derelict for years or decades, and vacant and derelict buildings pose substantial risks in terms of public safety in communities, as well as liveability and desirability for nearby and adjoining neighbourhoods and properties:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia extend the authority to introduce a surtax on vacant residential properties to local governments across British Columbia, providing communities with the discretion to decide whether to introduce an additional tax to discourage vacant and derelict buildings, and encourage the occupancy, maintenance, and improvement of buildings to address housing affordability and public safety.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

FINANCE

R33) Development Cost Charges

City of Nanaimo

WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* currently restricts the imposition of Development Cost Charges to areas of sewage, water, drainage, highway facilities and park land;

AND WHEREAS new development creates capital cost burdens on municipalities in other areas, such as emergency services, solid waste management, and recreational and cultural facilities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and Union of BC Municipalities request the provincial government amend the *Local Government Act* to allow for the imposition of Development Cost Charges in areas other than sewage, water, drainage, highway facilities and park land.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R34) Property Transfer Tax Redistribution for Affordable Housing

Comox Valley RD

WHEREAS affordable housing for low-income citizens is in critical need and is currently severely challenged by current supply conditions and lack of adequate funding;

AND WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia collects approximately \$2 billion annually through the Property Transfer Tax:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UBCM petition the Province of British Columbia to provide an annual redistribution of 1% of the Property Transfer Tax to local governments across the Province for the specific purpose of addressing affordable housing.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R35) Share of Liquor Tax for Policing

City of Courtenay

WHEREAS the policing cost for the City of Courtenay is one of the most significant expenditures in the City's financial plan;

AND WHEREAS the availability of alcohol under the jurisdiction of the B.C. Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch can have significant implications on local policing costs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be requested to provide a portion of the British Columbia Liquor Tax to communities to be used towards policing costs.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R36) Isolation Allowance

District of Port Hardy

WHEREAS it is challenging to attract and retain employees in isolated communities because of a lack of full services and the extra cost to obtain these services elsewhere;

AND WHEREAS the provincial and federal governments recognize this challenge by providing isolation allowance to their employees:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial and federal governments provide a tax credit/deduction to all employees living in and around the same communities that those governments recognize with Isolation Allowance.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R37) Strong Fiscal Futures

Cowichan Valley RD

WHEREAS the Province's response to the 2014 UBCM Strong Fiscal Futures resolution was limited to recognition of the need for more regular, structured dialogue between the Province and UBCM to better address shared duties to ensure the delivery of effective, responsive services to citizens;

AND WHEREAS local governments continue to face significant challenges in providing effective, sustainable services and infrastructure management under an outdated local government financial system and archaic revenue sources:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province commit to pursuing the Strong Fiscal Futures report as a flexible blueprint for a diversified local government finance system that is both fairer and more sustainable.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R38) Agricultural Support Services

Alberni-Clayoquot RD

WHEREAS agricultural extension services support government and community priorities around food security, economic development, climate change adaptation and water management; and

WHEREAS agricultural producers and stakeholders in each local government are subject to unique challenges and opportunities that are difficult to address in the long-term or in a consistent manner without predictable, non-project-based funding:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Agriculture provide funding to local governments through a stable, annual and accountable framework to establish strategic and long-term regional agricultural extension supports.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

ENVIRONMENT

R39) Single-Use Disposable Products

City of Powell River

WHEREAS single-use disposable products, whether they are recyclable or not, must be manufactured, handled and then disposed of which is not always done in the proper waste stream;

AND WHEREAS all petroleum plastic disposable products are derived from fossil fuels which increases carbon emissions in the atmosphere, and all plastic products created never “go away”;

AND WHEREAS the “compostable” or “biodegradable” disposable products are not accepted at all composting facilities and can contaminate the recycling stream by being confused with recyclable plastic products;

AND WHEREAS the costs (both known and unaccounted for) associated with these disposable “products of convenience”, should be borne by the manufacturers, the distributors and the retailers who are creating the products and then handing them out to consumers, would create an environment of responsibility and awareness by assigning an environmental handling fee to these products which is dispersed to local government responsible for financing solid waste and recycling;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC/UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to engage with retailers, manufacturers and industry to implement an environmental fee for all single use plastic products and packaged goods, (including compostable and biodegradable) entering the British Columbia market place to incentivize reduction, to help subsidize regional solid waste management programs, and to take action towards creating a Provincial Single-Use Item Reduction Strategy as part of a Provincial Zero Waste Strategy.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

LAND USE

R40) Development Permit Area Requirements

Islands Trust

WHEREAS in 2003 and 2011 UBCM endorsed resolutions calling for legislative changes so local governments can issue municipal ticket information or bylaw violation notices for contraventions of the prohibition on altering land in designated development permit areas, or contrary to issued development permits, but these changes have not yet occurred;

AND WHEREAS in British Columbia, designation of development permit areas is the main legislative mechanism for addressing protection of riparian and environmentally sensitive area and for protecting development from hazardous conditions such as erosion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the provincial government to improve the enforceability of development permit area requirements by enabling local governments to enforce violations by way of prosecution, ticket or bylaw notices.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R41) Regulation of Privately Managed Forest Lands

Cowichan Valley RD

WHEREAS forest management practices on privately managed forest lands are primarily governed by the Private Managed Forests Lands Council with an objective to encourage forest management practices on private managed forest lands, only taking into account the social, environmental and economic benefits of those practices;

AND WHEREAS forest management practices on privately managed forest lands can negatively impact the quality and quantity of water and effect ecosystem resilience to the impacts of climate change:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province be requested to undertake a comprehensive review of, and amendments to the Private Managed Forest Act and all relevant legislation to strengthen requirements of private managed forest land owners to prevent negative impacts to the quality, quantity and distribution of water in our watersheds.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R42) Logging in the Urban Interface

Sunshine Coast RD

WHEREAS urban-rural fringe areas are transition zones where industrial land uses such as logging or other resource extraction, may conflict with local values or impact private water sources or contribute to property damage related to storm water management and erosion;

AND WHEREAS local government and private property owners have limited ability to influence resource extraction decisions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government establish buffer zones adjacent to residential properties that reduce conflict and ensure that property owners are protected from the adverse effects of resource extraction.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R43) Intergovernmental Collaboration on Land Use Planning

Sunshine Coast RD

WHEREAS the inclusion of local governments in joint indigenous - provincial land use planning processes would offer an opportunity for intergovernmental collaboration and open communication that supports relationship-building and government-to-government reconciliation efforts with First Nations;

AND WHEREAS local governments who are responsible for undertaking planning activities and providing services within defined geographic boundaries wish to engage with First Nations partners to address common interests and community needs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be urged to include local governments in land use planning discussions with First Nations to ensure continuity of government-to-government engagement and support collaborative and complementary approaches to land use planning that recognize community interests.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R44) Protection of Old Growth Forests

City of Victoria

WHEREAS old-growth forest has significant economic, social and environmental value as wildlife habitat, tourism resource, carbon sinks, drinking watersheds and much more;

AND WHEREAS old-growth forest is increasingly rare on Vancouver Island and current plans on provincial Crown land call for logging the last remaining old-growth forest, outside of protected areas, Old-Growth Management Areas, and similar reserves, over the next 10-20 years:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the old-growth forest on provincial Crown Land on Vancouver Island be protected from logging, beginning with a moratorium and followed by amendments to the Vancouver Island Land Use Plan.

AND IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Provincial government work with First Nations, local communities, labour organizations and industry to pursue a just transition and expanded economic opportunities through sustainable management of second-growth forests and value-added production of forest products.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

REGIONAL DISTRICTS

R45) Regulate and Enforce Vehicle Parking on Provincial Roads

Nanaimo RD

WHEREAS regional districts have not been granted the authority to regulate vehicle parking on roadways in rural areas;

AND WHEREAS the Province and the RCMP have limited resources to regulate and enforce the increased volume of vehicles parked illegally on roads and right-of-ways that cause congestion and unsafe conditions for other vehicles, pedestrians and emergency first responders:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia extend authority to regional districts to regulate and enforce vehicle parking on provincial roads and right-of-ways.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R46) Parking Enforcement in Rural Areas

Sunshine Coast RD

WHEREAS the RCMP are responsible for enforcing parking regulations in rural areas which takes policing resources away from other priorities;

AND WHEREAS the provincial response to UBCM Resolution 2014-B102 requesting that regional districts be granted the authority to enforce parking regulations within their boundaries indicated that further research was required prior to undertaking any policy change:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General jointly review parking enforcement in the rural areas to either provide regional districts with the authority to enforce parking regulations within their boundaries or to adequately resource rural detachments to ensure that community safety issues related to illegal parking are addressed.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

SELECTED ISSUES

R47) Wireless Connectivity in Rural Areas

Alberni-Clayoquot RD

WHEREAS intermittent or complete lack of cellular services in remote communities and along over 5,000 km of BC's rural highways creates a significant barrier for access to emergency services, negatively affects emergency response time, and increases public safety risk; and

WHEREAS there is a market failure to provide cellular services where revenue cannot support costs to deploy and maintain the service:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province set targets to close gaps in cellular service in remote communities and along rural highway sections, and oblige service providers in partnership with all levels of government to close these gaps.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R48) Provincial Universal School Food Program

City of Victoria

WHEREAS almost 500,000 individuals in BC experience food insecurity, and Canada remains one of the only Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) nations without a national school food program and Canada's current patchwork of school food programming reaches only a small percentage of students;

AND WHEREAS school food programs have been shown to increase children's consumption of vegetables, fruits and other healthy foods and decrease the consumption of unhealthy ones; improve students' mental

health, including reductions in behavioural and emotional problems; improve cognitive skills and increase scholastic success:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM advocate to the provincial government for a Universal Healthy School Food Program that will enable all students in BC to have access to healthy meals at school, building on existing programs and including food education to serve culturally appropriate, local, sustainable food to the fullest extent possible.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

PART 3 – LATE RESOLUTIONS

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that Resolution L1 titled “Moratorium on Hornby and Denman Fishery” distributed to members in attendance be admitted for debate was endorsed.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the Late Resolutions Report recommending that Resolution L3 titled “Increase Provincial RCMP Contribution” be admitted for debate was endorsed.

AVICC RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE

A. LATE RESOLUTIONS: ADMIT FOR PLENARY DEBATE

L1	Moratorium on Hornby and Denman Fishery	Comox Valley Regional District
L3	Increase Provincial RCMP Contribution	City of Colwood

B. LATE RESOLUTIONS: NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DEBATE

L2	Eliminate GST and PST on Construction Materials	Town of Ladysmith
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L1) Moratorium on Hornby and Denman Fishery	Comox Valley Regional District
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WHEREAS coastal communities rely on the sustainable management of our oceans and the Salish Sea in particular, as well as the protection of species at risk;

AND WHEREAS 4/5 of the herring fisheries have already been closed due to poor returns, with the last remaining fishery being located around Hornby and Denman Islands;

AND WHEREAS over 70,000 signatures have been gathered against this particular fishery;

AND WHEREAS the K’ómoks First Nation, whose unceded territory this fishery occurs on, has expressed concerns about current harvest levels:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities request that the Department of Fisheries consider a moratorium on the Hornby and Denman Islands fishery, or a substantial reduction in the allowable catch volume effective in 2020.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

L3) Increase Provincial RCMP Contribution

City of Colwood

WHEREAS British Columbia Municipalities may jointly participate in RCMP/Policing to cost-effectively manage community safety in their region with the Province providing funding to each Municipality based on population;

AND WHEREAS the 2018 West Shore RCMP General Duty Service Assessment has identified that the current 81 officer detachment needs to be bolstered by 9 officers immediately and another 4 by 2023 with the current

share contributed by the Province providing 40% fewer officers per capita, equating to an approximate \$720,000 short fall, forcing some municipalities to contribute more than their equitable share;

AND WHEREAS the Province does not hesitate to force a municipality to hire additional officers when it determines that the Municipality requires them to meet the needs of the community, as was the case for the City of Victoria this year:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province immediately increase their contribution for the provincial component of RCMP funding to meet the immediate and projected service needs for the communities they serve where a General Duty Service Assessment has identified a short fall.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

RESOLUTIONS OFF THE FLOOR

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the resolution titled "Subsidies to Fossil Fuel Companies" distributed to members in attendance be admitted for debate was endorsed.

OF1) Subsidies to Fossil Fuel Companies

City of Victoria

WHEREAS the Federal government recently released a scientific report that reveals that Canada is warming at twice the global rate, the Provincial government recently approved a \$5.35-billion package of tax incentives for a \$40-billion LNG Canada megaproject, supported by \$1.275 billion from the Federal government, and, according to a 2015 report by the International Monetary Fund, the annual Federal government subsidy to the fossil fuel industry is \$46 billion;

AND WHEREAS the funding formula for local governments has changed little since 1867 with local governments receiving roughly 8 cents of every tax dollar leaving them unprepared for the emerging and significant costs of mitigation and adaption to climate change;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the Provincial government to end all subsidies to fossil fuel companies and to invest the money instead in climate change mitigation and adaptation activities being undertaken by local governments in a predictable and regularized funding formula;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM through the FCM call on the Federal government to end all subsidies to fossil fuel companies and to invest the money instead in climate change mitigation and adaptation activities being undertaken by local governments in a predictable and regularized funding formula.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

GOLD STAR RESOLUTION AWARDS

1ST Vice President Jensen announced the winners of the awards for Gold Star Resolutions.

The two runners up were the Islands Trust for R13 Key Marine Cumulative Effects Values and the Village of Tahsis for R18 Cave Protection Act.

The winner of the Gold Star Resolutions Award was the Sunshine Coast Regional District for R16 Climate Emergency Declaration.

INSTALLATION OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE

President Elected Jensen introduced the 2019-20 Executive and extended congratulations to them:

President	Councillor Carl Jensen, District of Central Saanich
First Vice President	Director Ian Morrison, Cowichan Valley Regional District
Second Vice President	Director Penny Cote, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
Electoral Area Representative	Director Vanessa Craig, Nanaimo Regional District
Directors at Large	Councillor Hazel Braithwaite, District of Oak Bay Councillor Coleen Evans, City of Campbell River Councillor Cindy Solda, City of Port Alberni
Past President	Director Edwin Grieve, Comox Valley Regional District

PRESIDENT ELECT'S REMARKS

President Elect Jensen thanked the assembly for confirming him as President, saying he was very honoured and looked forward to working with the Executive Committee. He thanked retiring Director Colin Plant and Past President Mary Marcotte for their service, and thanked President Grieve for his leadership and guidance.

President Elect Jensen also extended the appreciation of AVICC members to the host communities, and in particular to Councillor CaroleAnn Leishman for all her contributions including the entertainment at the banquet.

CONVENTION CLOSING

President Carl Jensen then closed the 70^h Annual Convention. The Convention adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Liz Cookson
AVICC Secretary-Treasurer

2019-20 AVICC EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT	Councillor Carl Jensen District of Central Saanich
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	Chair Ian Morrison Cowichan Valley Regional District
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT	Director Penny Cote Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE	Director Vanessa Craig Nanaimo Regional District
DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE	Councillor Hazel Braithwaite District of Oak Bay Councillor Colleen Evans City of Campbell River Councillor Cindy Solda City of Port Alberni
PAST PRESIDENT	Director Edwin Grieve Comox Valley Regional District

APPENDIX A

2018-2019 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WELCOME

I would like to welcome everybody to Powell River for the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities' 70th Convention and Annual General Meeting. I would especially like to welcome our many newly elected officials who are attending for the first time. I'm sure you will all enjoy the program our staff and Executive have put together for this year's event. Over the next three days there will be resolutions, presentations, panel discussions and, of course, time for socializing, networking and making contacts and establishing new friendships.

It should be stated AVICC is not an arm of local government but rather a Society whose membership happens to be made up of local government elected officials. We are your professional organization dedicated to addressing the needs, concerns and challenges we all face in our day-to-day lives in community service.

Resolutions endorsed this weekend are brought forward to the Union of BC Municipalities who, in turn, advocates with senior levels of government on your behalf. As the AVICC President I have the privilege this year of being your representative on the UBCM Executive. Other AVICC members on the Executive include UBCM First Vice-President, Mayor Maja Tait from the District of Sooke, Director at Large, Director Travis Hall from the Central Coast Regional District, and Director at Large, Councillor Claire Moglove from the City of Campbell River. We are all very lucky to have such capable and dedicated representation on UBCM from our region.

I would like to mention some of our members serving on committees and boards starting with our own AVICC Director at Large, Director Penny Cote from Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District who sits as our representative on the Board of the Municipal Insurance Association of BC.

Another member, Mayor Josie Osborne from the District of Tofino, represents AVICC on the Federal Government's "Southern Resident Killer Whale Indigenous and Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group." Josie has a degree in Marine Biology and she brings her expertise and experience as well as a coastal local government perspective to that table. We thank her for reporting out to the Executive at our Executive meeting in December.

A newly elected member, Director Daniel Arbour from the Comox Valley Regional District, has been nominated to represent our Association on DFO's "Aquaculture Management Advisory Committee (AMAC)" for Shellfish. Daniel is the representative for Area A in the Comox Valley which boasts the largest shellfish industry in western Canada. The DFO group meets in April and Daniel is here looking for options and input from AVICC members.

I would be remiss if I did not mention former Director Ian Winn from the Sunshine Coast Regional District who served with great dignity and ability in the role of AVICC Electoral Area Representative. Ian has retired from public life and we wish him and his family all the best.

Replacing Ian as the interim Electoral Area Representative is Director Vanessa Craig from the Regional District of Nanaimo. Welcome Vanessa, and thank you for facilitating the Electoral Area Forum that will be held on Saturday afternoon.

RESOLUTIONS

At the convention last year in Victoria, the membership discussed and endorsed many resolutions including:

ER2 AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management

This Special Committee was formed in 2015 with representation from staff and elected officials from 9 Regional Districts to address collaboration, common strategies, synergies and economies related to solid waste management over the AVICC area. At the 2018 convention the membership reaffirmed support for the areas of work that include: Partnership; Advocacy; Long Term Disposal; Regulation and Enforcement.

Of these directives the most challenging has been the “Advocacy” bullet that speaks to engagement with the BC Ministry of Environment. Although there was some initial dialogue, the Provincial election cycle and ensuing change of government required a reintroduction of the conversation and re-establishing of relationships.

At the UBCM Ministers meetings in Whistler last September, Committee representatives met with the Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and his staff. The Ministry has now committed to having Provincial staff participation at the staff committee level. In January the Ministry staff presented to the CAO/Technical Group on the Ministry’s “*Love Food-Hate Waste*” campaign.

The Special Committee’s Communications campaign called “*Recycle Right - At Home*” was developed collaboratively by the participating RD communications staff, and features five videos that are being released, one a week, this Spring.

R8 Climate Accountability for Fossil Fuel Companies

Letters were sent to 20 of the world’s largest fossil fuel companies outlining the types of costs that local governments are incurring and expecting to incur due to climate change, and requesting that corporations pay their fair share of those impacts on local governments. These letters were shared with the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Catherine McKenna and the provincial Minister of Environment, George Heyman.

West Coast Environmental Law helped prepare the letters and, to date, AVICC has received responses from Shell Canada and BHP in Australia. This was in addition to some colourful unsolicited emails from citizens of Alberta and an interview from a reporter from the Globe and Mail. AVICC also received a letter of response from Minister McKenna’s office.

R11 BC Ferries Medical Priority Loading

This was a resolution about modifying the BC Ferries Travel Assistance Programme (TAP) to allow assured loading for patients travelling for treatment and care. The resolution was referred to the Executive to confirm how the current system operates.

Representatives from BC Ferries met with the AVICC Executive to clarify the policy and process. Karen Tindall, Director Customer Care and Stephen Nussbaum, Superintendent Customer Service and Operational Standards described how a patient’s doctor can apply for a “Medical Assured Loading” letter (MAL). Separately, the BC Ministry of Health offers a “Travel Assistance Program” (TAP) that is designed to help alleviate some costs for BC citizens who must travel within the Province for services. BC Ferries has now included information on the MAL program on their website. Details of the programs and the presentation are available in the October 26, 2018 minutes on the AVICC website at <https://avicc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/2018-10-26-AVICC-Minutes-Final.pdf>

R19 Active Transportation Infrastructure

R20 Cycling Infrastructure Funding

Advocacy on these resolutions included a meeting in May between five Regional Chairs and Minister Trevena in Victoria to discuss the Vancouver Island Master Transportation Plan, MoTI contracts and active Transportation Corridors. A further follow up meeting was held with the Minister in September at the UBCM Ministerial meetings in Whistler. The release of the Provincial budget in February shows

deeper commitment by the Province for these Transportation initiatives. Under the AVICC, RD senior staff are currently working with MoTI to draft MOUs to allow construction and maintenance of active transportation corridors adjacent to provincial roads.

CONVENTION POLICIES

As the President, I presented to two sessions in Parksville at the Local Government Leadership Academy (LGLA) to let newly elected members know about AVICC (who we are and what we do) and to give an overview of the resolutions process.

Following the 2018 convention and input from members, the AVICC Executive reviewed and updated the resolutions process to be in line with UBCM practice. The Executive this year has brought forward new policies that make some changes in the way “late resolutions” and “off the floor” resolutions can be brought forward to the convention floor. Instead of requiring 75% “super majority” vote to accept a late or off the floor resolution for debate, the threshold has been reduced to 60%.

Also, resolutions supporting existing UBCM policy are grouped together and moved as a “Block.” The threshold to remove a resolution from “the Block” for debate or amendments now only requires a simple 50+1% majority to separate it from the “Block.” Members may only move to remove a resolution from the block if they wish to speak in opposition or propose an amendment to the resolution.

Also, in keeping with current best practice, is the new AVICC “Code of Conduct.” AVICC is committed to providing a safe and respectful environment for all its members and we celebrate diversity in all its forms. By registering for the convention delegates have agreed to the Code of Conduct.

The AVICC Executive has also established Gold Star Criteria for the best written resolution with an award to be given out at this year's convention. As we regularly receive many resolutions (over 50 this year) the quality of which can vary wildly, the Executive has initiated a “gold star resolution” award to encourage the submissions of resolutions that are fact based, clear, concise and well thought out. It is incumbent on the submitting local government and their staff to author the best package that they can in hopes that they can bring home the “Gold Star.”

AVICC LUNCH AT UBCM

The Annual AVICC lunch affords our membership an opportunity to get together every year at the Union of BC Municipalities Convention in September. Last year the convention was hosted in Whistler. In addition to our members, many MLAs and MPs from the area were present. BC Premier, John Horgan and Deputy Premier, Carole James also joined us with Premier Horgan giving a short address to the attendees.

Also honoured at the lunch with a lifetime membership was Past President Barbara Price. I'm sure everyone joins me in congratulating her and gives a heartfelt thanks to Barbara for her commitment and contributions to the AVICC and to local government as both a councillor and a regional district director.

AVICC INSURANCE

This year the Executive initiated a full year insurance policy for the Society. We have researched and implemented the new annual insurance policies for CGL and D&O to ensure continued good management and protection of the Association.

AVICC AUDIT

Much discussion was had as the Executive researched different alternatives for financial reporting including the “Notice of Reader” model and moving to an audit every two years. We obtained quotes

from large and small firms, and decided to stay with an annual audit with KPMG. It was felt that a proper audit every year would bring the greatest transparency and ensure the confidence of the AVICC Membership.

CHANGES TO CANADA REVENUE AGENCY REGULATIONS

Due to changes in regulations, discussion was had on how best to update the per diem payments to the Executive to reflect preparation time for meetings and to account for the change in CRA policy. New regulations require 100% of compensation to be reported as income. The Executive adjusted the per diem payments to take the new regulations into account.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

In an acknowledgement of the importance of the forestry sector to the Island and Coastal Communities, we are in discussions with the Council of Forest Industries (COFI) on extending the MOU signed a few years ago between Coast Forest Products Association and AVICC. Coast Forest Products Association has now been absorbed into the bigger association. COFI is province wide and has planned a reception for AVICC members at this year's convention to give our members an opportunity to get to know COFI.

MEMBERSHIP, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION

- 100% membership has been maintained
- AVICC continues to enjoy a solid financial position
- AVICC has a five-year Contract for Services with UBCM, and continues to benefit from a strong relationship with UBCM staff

IN SUMMARY

The work of AVICC over the 2018-2019 term was a tribute to the great team and staff of the Association.

We look forward to serving our members through 2019-20 and welcome your input.

APPENDIX B

Financial Statements of

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Year ended December 31, 2018



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (the Entity), which comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2018
- the statement of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies

(Hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at December 31, 2018, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "**Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**" section of our auditors' report.

We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged With Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with Governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation



- Communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the Societies Act (British Columbia), we report that, in our opinion, the accounting policies applied in preparing and presenting financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding period.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'KPMG LLP'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. Below the signature is a horizontal line that starts under the 'K' and ends under the 'P'.

Chartered Professional Accountants

Victoria, Canada

March 8, 2019

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

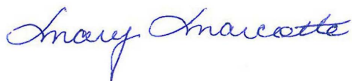
	2018	2017
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 2)	\$ 265,834	\$ 249,779
Prepaid expenses	-	7,700
Accounts receivable	1,510	1,170
	<u>\$ 267,344</u>	<u>\$ 258,649</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 18,441	\$ 25,773
Deferred revenue	4,200	-
Deferred contributions (note 3)	57,390	57,390
	<u>80,031</u>	<u>83,163</u>
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	187,313	175,486
Contractual commitments (note 4)		
	<u>\$ 267,344</u>	<u>\$ 258,649</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:



Director



Director

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

Year ended December 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

	2018	2017
Revenue:		
Annual meeting - registration	\$ 91,686	\$ 71,443
Association dues	86,254	83,940
Annual meeting - sponsorships	69,530	52,400
Interest	4,693	2,444
Other	-	8,173
	<u>252,163</u>	<u>218,400</u>
Expenses:		
Annual meeting	130,680	95,804
Union of BC Municipalities contract fees	85,168	78,154
Executive meetings	12,126	9,575
Professional fees	5,618	5,350
Consulting fees	2,460	2,172
Communication and staff travel	2,397	1,633
Other meetings	1,567	9,347
Postage, office and miscellaneous	320	6,405
	<u>240,336</u>	<u>208,440</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	11,827	9,960
Net assets, beginning of year	175,486	165,526
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 187,313</u>	<u>\$ 175,486</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

	2018	2017
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operations:		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 11,827	\$ 9,960
Changes in non-cash operating working capital:		
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	7,700	(2,700)
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	(340)	(79)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(7,332)	18,737
Increase in deferred revenue	4,200	-
Increase in deferred contributions	-	4,515
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	16,055	30,433
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	249,779	219,346
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 265,834	\$ 249,779

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2018

Nature of operations:

Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (the "Association") is incorporated under the Society Act (British Columbia) and is exempt from the requirement to pay income taxes. Its purpose is to promote autonomy within local government and to advance the principles of local government. The Association represents the various municipalities and regional districts of Vancouver Island, Powell River and the Sunshine and Central Coasts. On November 28, 2016, the new Societies Act (British Columbia) became effective. On May 9, 2018, the Association transitioned to the new Act.

1. Significant accounting policies:

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations ("ASNPO") in Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook. The Association's significant accounting policies are as follows:

(a) Basis of presentation:

These financial statements present the financial position, results of operations and changes in net assets of the Association and, as such, do not include all the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of the members of the Association.

There is no provision in the accounts for income taxes as the activities of the Association are conducted on a not-for-profit basis.

(b) Cash and cash equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents are defined as cash and highly liquid investments consisting of term deposits with original maturities at the date of purchase of three months or less.

(c) Revenue recognition:

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Annual meeting sponsorships, registration and exhibit revenues are recognized as revenue when the conference takes place.

Association dues are recognized as revenue in the year they are earned and collection is reasonably assured.

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2018

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(d) Contributed materials and services:

Due to the difficulty in determining fair value, contributed materials and services are not recognized in the financial statements.

(e) Financial instruments:

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value on initial recognition and are subsequently recorded at cost or amortized cost, unless management has elected to carry the instruments at fair value. The Association has not elected to carry any such financial instruments at fair value.

Financial assets are assessed for impairment on an annual basis at the end of the fiscal year if there are indicators of impairment.

(f) Capital assets:

In accordance with the ASNPO Handbook section 4431, *Tangible Capital Assets held by Not-for-profit Organizations*, the Association has met the criteria to be considered a small organization and as such has not capitalized any expenditures. Capital assets owned by the Association but which have not been capitalized under this accounting policy include computer hardware.

(g) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with ASNPO requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. Cash and cash equivalents:

	2018		2017	
Cash	\$	61,944	\$	49,198
MFA Money Market Funds		203,890		200,581
	\$	265,834	\$	249,779

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2018

3. Deferred contributions:

Deferred contributions include \$44,665 (2017 - \$44,665) of provincial grants restricted for the facilitation of the activities of the Treaty Advisory Committee.

Also included in deferred contributions is \$12,725 (2017 - \$12,725) in contributions restricted for the activities of the Special Committee on Solid Waste Management.

4. Contractual commitments:

The Association has a contract with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for administrative, office and various support services and has committed to pay \$86,820 in 2019 in respect of this contract by way of quarterly payments. The contract term ends on December 31, 2020. The amounts are subject to adjustment each January.



ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

qathet Regional District & City of Powell River

2019 AGM & Convention

April 12 - 14

A WARM WELCOME

The qathet Regional District and the City of Powell River welcome the AVICC Convention delegates again this year after last hosting our Convention in 2010. We appreciate the host communities in not only providing a beautiful location in the upper Sunshine Coast, but also all the support and assistance. The 2019 AVICC Convention is sure to be a great opportunity for learning, policy making and networking.

PREMIER JOHN HORGAN



We are thrilled to welcome Premier John Horgan to the 2019 AVICC Convention, and look forward to his address to the delegates on Friday.

Born and raised in Victoria, Mr. Horgan was first elected to the Legislature in 2005 as MLA for Juan de Fuca, and has been re-elected three times to ridings in the region. He became leader of the BC NDP in 2014, and Premier of BC in 2017.

As a young man, Mr. Horgan worked in a BC mill and in a joinery. He earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Trent University in Ontario and Sydney University in Australia. A meeting with Tommy Douglas sparked his interest in social democracy and he went on to work for Members of Parliament in Ottawa. Prior to becoming Premier,

Mr. Horgan attended the AVICC Convention each year to address delegates in his role as Leader of the Opposition. We appreciate his continued commitment to the AVICC and support of local governments in our region.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MARK COLLINS

The Role of BC Ferries in Coastal Communities



Mark Collins is a mariner and marine executive who leads a team dedicated to connecting people and communities in coastal BC. In his current role of President and CEO of BC Ferries, one of the largest ferry operators in the world, Mark oversees the delivery of safe, reliable ferry service that is vital to the social and economic health of coastal regions and their residents, and to BC.

Mark began his career on the water, first on bulk carriers, oil tankers and container vessels, eventually taking on shore-based management roles. Prior to joining BC Ferries, Mark was the President of Rolls Royce Marine Brazil and Rolls Royce Marine Italy. He holds a Masters in Business Administration in Transport and

Logistics from UBC, a Bachelor of Arts in Marine Geography from Saint Mary's University in Nova Scotia, a Diploma of Mechanical (Marine) Engineering from Memorial University in Newfoundland, and a Certificate in Strategic Leadership from Oxford University in the UK.

Mark's experience and knowledge are the foundation of his vision for BC Ferries today: to be a future focused enterprise that is trusted and valued by communities and customers.

PROGRAM IN BRIEF

Friday, April 12

- 9:00 am Pre-Convention Workshops
- 12:00 pm New Member Orientation
- 2:00 pm Official Opening
Keynote Address
- 4:00 pm Plenary
Minister's Address
Premier's Address
- 5:30 pm Welcome Reception
- 7:30 pm COFI Reception

Saturday, April 13

- 7:30 am Hot Breakfast
Elections for Table Officers
- 8:30 am AGM & Resolutions
UBCM President's Address
- 12:00 pm Delegates Lunch
- 12:45 pm Elections for Directors
at Large
- 1:00 pm Activity Break
- 1:30 pm Concurrent Workshops
- 3:00 pm Concurrent Workshops
- 6:30 pm Pre-Banquet Reception
- 7:30 pm Annual Banquet

Sunday, April 14

- 7:30 am Hot Breakfast
- 8:30 am Resolutions
Elections for EA Reps
Leader of BC Green Party
Plenary Session
Grand Prize
- 12:00 pm Adjourn



PROGRAM

Friday, April 12

70th Annual General Meeting & Convention
Powell River Recreation Complex, 5001 Joyce Avenue

PRE-CONVENTION PROGRAM

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| 8:00 am | Registration Desk Opens (Foyer) |
| 9:00 am – 12:00 pm | Workshop: Heritage Guidelines & Townsite District Tour (Elm Room) |
| 9:00 am – 12:00 pm | Workshop: Blanket Exercise (Arbutus Room) |
| 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm | Mayors, RD Chairs and RHD Chairs Forum
(First Credit Community Room, Powell River Public Library, 100-6975 Alberni St) |
| 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | New Members Orientation Session (Elm Room) |
| 1:00 pm | Trade Show Opens (Foyer) |

AGM & CONVENTION MAIN PROGRAM – Evergreen Theatre

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|-------------------|--|
| 2:00 pm | Convention Welcome & Opening Remarks: AVICC President Edwin Grieve
O' Canada
Blessing: Honoured Elder Dr. Elsie Paul
Welcome from Hosts: Chair Patrick Brabazon and Acting Mayor Rob Southcott
Welcome from Tla'amin Nation: Hegus Clint Williams
Convention Program Overview: AVICC President Edwin Grieve |
| 2:25 pm | Nominating Committee Report: Past President Mary Marcotte |
| 2:30 pm | Keynote Address: Mark Collins, President and CEO, BC Ferries |
| 3:30 pm | Refreshment Break |
| 3:50 pm | Nominations from the Floor for Table Officers, Candidate Speeches |
| 3:55 pm | Address: Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing |
| 4:05 pm | Address: Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia |
| 4:45 pm | Island Health Update: Leah Hollins |
| 4:50 pm | Workshop: <i>Building Universal Child Care for BC Together</i> |
| 5:20 pm | Final Comments and Wrap-Up, Major Door Prize Draw from TELUS |
| 5:30 pm | Adjourn |
| 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm | Welcome Reception (Foyer and Theatre) |
| 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm | Council of Forest Industries (COFI) Reception (Seasider at Beach Gardens Resort) |

PROGRAM

Saturday, April 13

The Trade Show is Open from 7:15 – 3:00 pm today

7:15 am	Breakfast Service Starts – Networking Breakfast (Arbutus Room)
7:45 am – 8:25 am	Working Breakfast – Let’s Talk Trash Team (Evergreen Theatre)
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Voting for Table Officers (as necessary) (Foyer)
8:30 am	Opening Remarks (Evergreen Theatre)
8:35 am	Address: UBCM President Arjun Singh, Councillor, City of Kamloops
8:55 am	Annual Meeting Convention Rules and Procedures Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting President’s Address and Annual Report 2018 Audited Financial Statements
9:05 am	Consideration of Resolutions, First Session
10:00 am	Refreshment Break
10:20 am	BC Hydro – <i>Emergency Response</i>
10:30 am	Consideration of Resolutions, Second Session
11:20 am	Nominating Committee Report Nominations from the Floor for Directors at Large Candidate speeches
11:30 am	FortisBC – <i>Junk to Joules: Renewable Natural Gas</i>
12:00 pm	Delegates Lunch
12:45 pm – 1:30 pm	Elections for Directors at Large (Foyer)
1:00 pm – 1:25 pm	Physical Activity Break Led by 1 st VP Carl Jensen (Meet by Registration)

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	#1 Provincial Active Transportation Strategy (MoTI) (Evergreen Theatre) #2 Revitalization of the ALC and ALR (Elm Room) #3 Fair Taxation and the Fundamentals of Property Assessment (Poplar Room)
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Refreshment Break
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	#1 Island Corridor Foundation Update (Poplar Room)
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	#2 CCSPI: Getting the Greatest Value For Your Tax Dollars (Evergreen Theatre)
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	#3 Electoral Area Directors’ Forum (Elm Room)

BANQUET

6:30 pm – 11:30 pm	Reception and Banquet (Dwight Hall, Walnut Street, Townsite Historic District)
6:30 pm	Reception and Entertainment
7:30 pm	Dinner and Remarks
9:00 pm	Jim Baron Band

PROGRAM

Sunday, April 14

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Networking Breakfast (<i>Arbutus Room</i>)
8:30 am	Opening Remarks Nominating Committee Report Nominations from the Floor for Electoral Area Representative, Candidate Speeches
8:35 am	Dr. Andrew Weaver, MLA, Leader of the BC Green Party
8:50 am	Carbon Footprint Survivor Challenge – District of Highlands
8:55 am	Working with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans – Aquaculture Division
9:55 am	Municipal Insurance Association of BC Update
10:00 am – 10:20 am	Refreshment Break
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Elections for Electoral Area Representative (as necessary) (<i>Foyer</i>)
10:20 am	Municipal Finance Authority of BC Update
10:25 am	Consideration of Resolutions and Late Resolutions
11:45 am	Nominating Committee Report (as required) Installation of New Executive Remarks by President Elect Prizes and Grand Prize Draw – <i>Must Be Present to Win</i> BC Ferries prize package
12:00 pm	Adjourn & Safe Travels BC Transit Bus to Downtown Ferry Terminal for Foot Passengers

THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTS

Special thanks are extended to qathet Regional District and the City of Powell River for hosting the 2019 AGM & Convention including supplying the facilities, decorating for the banquet, organizing the Friday morning sessions, providing local contacts, and speaker gifts.

Thank you for making the Convention a great experience for our Association.



qathet
REGIONAL DISTRICT

TRADE SHOW

HOURS

Friday 1:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Saturday 7:15 am – 3:00 pm

EXHIBITORS

BC Assessment

BC Hydro

BC Lottery Corporation

BC Transit & Powell River Regional Transit Commission

BC Council of Forest Industries & Wood WORKS! BC

Canada Post

FortisBC Energy

Health Networks

ICBC

Let's Talk Trash Team

Managed Forest Council

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology

Ohtoqken Canoe Family of Tla'amin Nation

Pacific Coastal Airlines

Private Forest Landowners Association

TELUS

Tourism Powell River

Vancouver Island University

Western Forest Products

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We wish to thank our sponsors for their contributions toward the 2019 AVICC Convention:

Saturday Delegates Lunch

FortisBC

Concurrent Workshops

BC Hydro

Municipal Finance Authority

Keynote Speaker

Friday Opening Session

Island Health

Audio Visual

TELUS

Banquet Dinner

Young Anderson

Banquet Entertainment

BC Lottery Corporation

Banquet Reception

BC Seafood Alliance

Trade Show

Mining Association of BC

Friday Welcome Reception

Vancouver Island University

Mayors and Chairs Forum

Lidstone & Company Law Corporation

Saturday Morning Breakfast

ICBC

Sunday Morning Breakfast

Municipal Insurance Association of BC

Program

BC Assessment

Speaker Gifts

Geoscience BC

Pre-Convention Session

BC Council of Forest Industries (COFI)

Pre-Convention Session

Wood *WORKS!* BC

Registration Services

Western Forest Products

Communications

Shaw Communications

Friday Afternoon Refreshment Break

Private Forest Landowners Association

Saturday Morning Refreshment Break

KPMG

Saturday Afternoon Refreshment Break

Truck Loggers Association

Sunday Morning Refreshment Break

CUPE VI

Transportation

BC Transit / Powell River Regional Transit

Grand Prize

BC Ferry Services

Banquet Wine

Pacific Coastal Airline

SESSIONS & SPEAKERS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MARK COLLINS, President & CEO, BC Ferries

Role of BC Ferries in Coastal Communities

Friday, 2:30 pm

The Convention will begin with a presentation and conversation with BC Ferries' President & CEO, Mark Collins. Mr. Collins will share information about how the company is preparing for the future and contributing to a sustainable environment.

Mr. Collins will also talk about the ways BC Ferries is moving to more closely align its vision and strategic plan with the aspirations of ferry customers and the communities served by ferries. He'll share the company's plans to add capacity to our coastal ferry system to meet demand and to build resiliency for the millions of customers who rely on BC Ferries each year.

PLENARY PRESENTATIONS

Building Universal Child Care for BC Together

Friday, 4:50 pm

With a one billion dollar commitment made in Budget 2018, the Provincial Government is seeking to build partnerships with local governments to support the creation of new child care spaces in their communities. This session will provide an overview of opportunities open to local governments to connect you with provincial resources and supports to build child care in your community. We will highlight successful project examples, and share insight into the vision taking shape for a universal child care system for BC.

Presenter: Michelle Kirby, Manager, Partnerships and Engagement, Childcare BC and former Oak Bay Councillor

Let's Talk Trash

Saturday, 7:45 am

Join Let's Talk Trash, qathet Regional District's waste reduction education team, to learn about the region's shoreline clean-up initiative and how you can integrate a similar volunteer-driven program that diverts 90% of what is collected in your community. The team will then dive into zero waste events, displaying zero waste stations that are available for use in the community, a mobile dishwashing trailer to facilitate the use of real dishware at outdoor events, and other resources that can help event coordinators integrate zero waste efforts into event planning.

Presenters: Abby McLennan, Let's Talk Trash Team Member
Tai Uhlmann, Let's Talk Trash Team Member

SESSIONS & SPEAKERS

Junk to Joules

Saturday, 11:30 am

Join us for an inspiring panel discussion about Renewable Natural Gas. Learn how FortisBC is working with AVICC communities and local governments to realize benefits from this innovative, carbon neutral energy option. CRD will give an update on the project being considered in the Capital Region, and hear how the Village of Cumberland is looking at RNG as a building block in their economic development plans.

Presenters: Siraz Dalmir, FortisBC Energy, Key Account Manager, Municipalities
Liz Ferris, Capital Regional District, Corporate Climate Action Analyst
Sundance Topham, CAO, Village of Cumberland

Working with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada Aquaculture Division

Sunday, 8:55 am

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has responsibility for regulating aquaculture activities in British Columbia. This includes marine finfish, shellfish, freshwater/land-based, and enhancement. DFO staff have responsibility for a variety of duties including: environmental reviews, approval and management of licences; First Nations consultation; stakeholder and industry engagement; policy development and intergovernmental liaison; monitoring and adaptive management (including fish health); research and science; compliance and the newly announced Area Based Aquaculture Management initiative. This presentation will provide an overview of the role of the DFO, and an opportunity to discuss how this intersects with the roles and interests of local governments in BC.

Presenters: Allison Webb, Director, Aquaculture Management Division
Brenda McCorquodale, Manager, Aquaculture Resource Management
Zac Waddington, Lead Veterinarian, Aquaculture Management Division

SATURDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Provincial Active Transportation Strategy – Hearing from Your Community

Saturday, 1:30 pm

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is developing an Active Transportation Strategy to be released later this year. The Strategy will aim to increase the use of active transportation (including walking and cycling) by British Columbians of all ages and abilities. The Ministry is hosting a series of regional consultation sessions in communities around the Province. The AVICC session is an opportunity to share information about the development of the strategy, some of the feedback we have heard so far, and provide details about how communities can have input into the themes, priorities and major initiatives of the forthcoming strategy.

Presenters: Dean Murdock, Project Manager, Active Transportation Project, MoTI
Jesse Skulmoski, Director, Strategic Initiatives, MoTI and BikeBC

SESSIONS & SPEAKERS

Revitalization of the ALC and ALR

Saturday, 1:30 pm

In January 2018, BC's Minister of Agriculture tasked an independent committee to provide recommendations to the provincial government on the revitalization of the Agricultural Land Reserve and Agricultural Land Commission. The Provincial Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) is an independent administrative tribunal dedicated to preserving agricultural land and encouraging farming in British Columbia. In November, the Province gave Royal Assent to amendments to the ALC Act. Join ALC Chair Jennifer Dyson to learn about the outcomes of this revitalization initiative and how changes to provincial legislation governing the ALR affect your local government.

Presenters: Jennifer Dyson, Chair, Agricultural Land Commission
Kim Grout, Chair, Agricultural Land Commission

SATURDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Fair Taxation and the Fundamentals of Property Assessment

Saturday, 1:30 pm

The session will provide a background on the history of taxation and BC Assessment, including the products and services BC Assessment offers and the role it plays in supporting the development of vibrant communities in BC. New and returning elected officials and senior staff will have the opportunity to learn more about fair taxation and property assessment, and to be a part of the continued conversation about building and strengthening our relationships and communities. Topics that will be covered include a history of taxation; principles of fair taxation; and an overview of BC Assessment including how it values and classifies properties, the assessment appeals process, and the relationship between assessments and taxes.

Presenter: Michael Spatharakis, Manager, Local Government Customers, BC Assessment

SATURDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Let's Talk Rail

Saturday, 3:00 – 3:30 pm

The Island Corridor Foundation's new CEO, Larry Stevenson will share information regarding the future of Rail on Vancouver Island.

Presenter: Larry Stevenson, CEO, Island Corridor Foundation

SESSIONS & SPEAKERS

SATURDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Getting the Greatest Value For Your Tax Dollars with the CCSPI

Saturday, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

This dynamic, 60 minute presentation will trace the roots of social procurement and the development of the new Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast initiative that is helping local governments in the AVICC region maximize the value of tax dollars spent to procure goods and services. The presentation will provide case studies of social procurement projects on Vancouver Island that have delivered successful infrastructure projects that maximize community benefits while staying on (or under!) budget and compliant with international trade agreements. The Coastal Community Social Procurement Initiative is the result of two years of development and incubation by Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast local government officials, staff members and experts, and this session will describe how your local government can join the CCSPI to benefit from the growing network of local governments and suppliers delivering successful social procurement.

Presenters: Kristi Fairholm-Mader, SCALE Collaborative
Rory Kumala, CEO, Vancouver Island Construction Association
Sundance Topham, CAO, Village of Cumberland

SATURDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Electoral Area Directors Forum

Saturday, 3:00 – 4:30 pm

The EA Forum has been an annual fixture at the AVICC Convention since 2016. The Forum provides an excellent opportunity to discuss issues that are common to many electoral areas. As an EA Director we may often feel that we are unique in the challenges we might have in our area, but by attending the Forum soon realize that there are many shared issues. What is most important from the Forum is that we can identify paths to advocate to senior governments to effect change and turn our collaboration into action. A louder voice is better heard.

Director Craig sent out a request for directors to suggest topics for discussion and these will be confirmed at the Forum.

Facilitator: Vanessa Craig, AVICC EA Representative and Nanaimo RD Director



BC ASSESSMENT



CODE OF CONDUCT

In keeping with practice at the UBCM Convention, AVICC is implementing a Code of Conduct for this year's convention. The online registration included a link to a form outlining the Code. By registering, delegates are acknowledging that they are aware that they are expected to adhere to the 2019 Code of Conduct.

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES CONVENTION CODE OF CONDUCT

2019 Convention

The AVICC Executive has implemented a code of conduct for convention participants based on the following principles.

1. The primary purpose of the annual AVICC Convention is to provide the membership with an opportunity to set the Association's policy direction for the year ahead.
2. The Convention also provides delegates with an opportunity to learn, share and meet with other local, provincial and federal government officials in addition to other associations that are interested in engaging with local governments.
3. All delegates and convention participants have the right to a safe, fun and enjoyable experience. AVICC will not tolerate any communication or behaviour that demeans, threatens, or harasses anyone at its events.
4. All participants at the Convention, regardless of their employer, their position, their perspectives or priorities will treat others, and be treated, in a respectful, understanding and cooperative manner and behave in a manner that is respectful to other participants and their guests, and will not do anything that threatens the health, safety, security, or dignity of other participants or their guests.
5. Only local elected officials who are AVICC members are entitled to speak and vote on matters put forward to the membership. However, the annual Convention is open to the public, and anyone may attend the Convention so long as they register.
6. All AVICC members are viewed as equal regardless of their population, location, or their ability to attend the annual convention.
7. Participants are expected to adhere to this Code of Conduct at AVICC and other non-AVICC organized events associated with the Convention; and will be required to sign a confirmation that they have read, understood, and agree to this Code of Conduct at time of registration.
8. Breaches of the code of conduct will be addressed by the AVICC Executive.



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All BC Municipalities
Via email

Re: Recovering Costs for Local Climate Change Impacts

This is to advise that Richmond City Council at its Regular Council meeting held on Monday, June 24, 2019 considered the above matter and adopted the following resolution:

- (1) *That the draft letter attached to the report titled "Recovering Costs for Local Climate Change Impacts" from the Senior Manager, Sustainability and District Energy dated May 14, 2019, be endorsed; and sent to the Premier of British Columbia, British Columbia Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, British Columbia Attorney General, with copies to local MLAs, the leaders of the opposition parties and Metro Vancouver; and*
- (2) *That the draft Union of British Columbia Municipalities resolution attached to the report titled "Recovering Costs for Local Climate Change Impacts" from the Senior Manager, Sustainability and District Energy dated May 14, 2019, be endorsed and copies sent to BC Municipalities requesting favourable support at the UBCM convention.*

Accordingly, the above has been submitted to UBCM and the City of Richmond Council requests your favourable consideration of the resolution at the 2019 UBCM convention.

Yours truly,

David Weber
Director, City Clerk's Office

RECOVERY COST FOR LOCAL CLIMATE CHANGE

City of Richmond

WHEREAS local governments have incurred significant costs in response to the real and projected threats of climate change including flooding, sea-level rise and weather variations;

AND WHEREAS fossil fuel corporations profit without sharing the costs of the pollution caused by their operations and their products:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province enact legislation to hold the fossil fuel industry responsible for its role in causing climate change by making it accountable for costs incurred by governments to adapt to climate change.

Gibsons General Mailbox

From: BCWS COFC Information Officer FLNR:EX <BCWS.COFCInformationOfficer@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 28, 2019 2:52 PM
Subject: 2019 June 28 Coastal Wildfire News.pdf
Attachments: 2019 June 28 Coastal Wildfire News.pdf

Please see the attached Coastal Wildfire News for June 28, 2019.

Lightning bands have cycled through the Coastal Fire Centre resulting in numerous fires. Using air patrols many of these fires were quickly spotted, reported and brought 'Under Control'. Please remember that there is the possibility of 'holdover' fires so if you do see a column of smoke report it to: 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on your cell phone.

Thank you,



Marg Drysdale

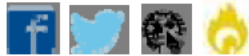
Communications Assistant

Coastal Fire Centre

BC Wildfire Service | Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations
and Rural Development

Phone: 250 951-4209

Report Wildfires: 1 800 663-5555 or *5555





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To obtain copies of the FireSmart Homeowner's Manual to share with your community go to: <https://firesmartbc.ca/resource-ordering-form/>.

FireSmart Discipline: Interagency Cooperation



FireSmart's "inter-agency cooperation" discipline helps identify opportunities to better support wildfire preparedness, prevention, response and recovery more broadly across

government. Although the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) works with many external agencies, stakeholders and First Nations, it also relies on the expertise of various agencies within the provincial government.

BCWS works closely with the Compliance and Enforcement Branch (CEB) of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) and with the Conservation Officer Service (COS) of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy on investigations, compliance and enforcement activities, and legal actions authorized under the Wildfire Act and Wildfire Regulation.

The duties and responsibilities conferred on BCWS staff are restricted to the provisions of the Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act, the Forest and Range Practices Act and the Wildfire Act. To fulfill those duties and responsibilities, BCWS relies on COS and CEB assistance.

COS is guided by its law enforcement mandate under the Environmental Management Act, as well as authorities established by appointments and designations under provincial and federal statutes.

CEB is a part of FLNRORD's Integrated Resource Operations division. Its Natural Resource Officers (NROs) have the authority to enforce many statutes. The Natural Resource Compliance Act and Regulation specifies which pieces of legislation the NROs are authorized to enforce. They include the Land Act, Forest and Range Practices Act, Heritage Conservation Act, Wildfire Act and Wildfire Regulation.

Part of BCWS's mandate is to identify human-caused fires, look at whether a contravention of the Wildfire Act or the Wildfire Regulation has occurred, and pursue compensation for:

- the cost of suppressing a fire,
- and/or damage to Crown values,
- and/or monetary penalties (where warranted).

The BC Wildfire Service is responsible for conducting Fire Origin and Cause (FOC) determinations on all human-caused fires.

Members of the COS have expertise in all aspects of investigations, including (but not limited to): securing and collecting evidence, conducting interviews, obtaining forensic analysis of exhibits, writing investigation reports, and providing testimony in court.

Natural resource district land managers also play a key role, since they support the development of Response Fire Management Plans within their jurisdictions. This information is made available to the BC Wildfire Service, which can then make decisions based on these plans.

Local governments, including First Nations, work diligently to protect their lands and their people. Funding from the Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) program and the Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia (FESBC) supports strong, co-operative relationships as local governments implement wildfire risk reduction plans and conduct FireSmart training within their communities. This work often relies on resources, information and co-ordination assistance provided by the BC Wildfire Service.

BCWS has also established strong working relationships with other stakeholders, including: the federal government; professional groups such as the Association of BC Forest Professionals; businesses; societies (e.g. the BC FireSmart Committee); and a host of other organizations.

Due diligence requires BCWS to work cooperatively with any organization or government to provide professional expertise as needed and to use the best available information from others that the BCWS serves.

North Island Complex 2018

On Aug. 10, 2018, a lightning storm rolled across parts of the Coastal Fire Centre, impacting a large area of remote terrain with lightning strikes but no precipitation. As a result of that storm, 63 wildfires ignited on northern Vancouver Island and 18 were discovered on the mainland in the mid-coast area.

Our response was aided by preparations that we had made the previous spring. Through a process known as “pre-organization”, many people in other parts of the ministry were available help if the need arose. An inventory of these people (as well as details about their training and experience) created a deep pool of people we could call upon. The local fire zone had also contacted larger forest industry companies to find out what kind of equipment and personnel they had available. A tentative agreement was hammered out, along with a list of contact numbers and expectations if their help was required. This agreement was a key part of our success on Vancouver Island last summer.

At the same time, many communities elsewhere in the province were experiencing large fires that were threatening homes and livelihoods. The other fire centres sent what resources they could to the Coastal Fire Centre, while maintaining enough resources to respond to anticipated wildfires in their own jurisdictions.

On Aug. 9, 2018 (a day before the lightning storm rolled in), the Coastal Fire Centre’s weather forecaster had predicted a high chance of lightning in the area. The track of the storm was pretty much what had been expected.

Firefighting personnel, aircraft and other resources had been placed on standby in anticipation of the storm. As more and more fires were detected by staff, pilots, boaters and other members of the public, more resources were mobilized to help out.

A Ministry Zone Operating Centre (MZOC) was established at the existing Quinsam zone office just outside of Campbell River. The cluster of wildfires was named the North Island Complex and the area of MZOC responsibility was defined. Control of the airspace around the fires was established with the arrival of experienced dispatchers who could monitor the safety and movement of aircraft and personnel. People working on the North Island Complex were guided locally, with input from staff who knew the area intimately. As fires were detected, guidance provided by the BC Emergency Management System Response (BCEMS) Goals were followed:

1. Ensure the health and safety of responders;
2. Save lives;
3. Reduce suffering;

4. Protect public health;
5. Protect infrastructure;
6. Protect property;
7. Protect the environment;
8. Reduce economic and social losses.

Many of these wildfires were burning in very steep terrain (some on cliff faces) and firefighters’ activities were limited to where they could safely work. This impacted Goal #1. Some fires threatened road and power supplies, impacting Goals 2, 3, 4 and 5. Some of the fires could have impacted recreation sites (Goal 6) or endangered species habitat (Goal 7), and some threatened logging assets (Goal 8).

Each fire was assessed in terms of where it was, where it could spread, what it could impact, and how soon that impact could happen. The fires were then added to a list, in priority order, for crews to work on. As

fires were controlled, they were moved off the list. Existing fires were monitored regularly and their priority rankings were raised or lowered as appropriate.

The Coastal Fire Centre also reached out to its contacts in the local forest industry. They rose to the challenge by sending staff, equipment and management representatives to help fuse the world of complex fire response with their operational knowledge. Their detailed knowledge of terrain, forests and forestry roads in the area helped with the BC Wildfire Service’s decision-making. Many of the fires were responded to by forest industry personnel who had the appropriate training and experience to keep staff safe, while also launching an effective fire response.

This approach required some personnel to be moved to a fire camp in Woss. Travel by road was long and convoluted because of the many deep inlets and mountain ridges in the region. Aircraft time was valuable, so it was imperative to keeping travel times for crews and equipment short.

Many of the fires were categorized as “held”, “under control” or “out” due to the hard work of crews. Many more fires in remote areas were extinguished when the long-anticipated coastal rains finally arrived. The entire region was assessed again this spring to see if any of the 2018 fires had managed to burn through the winter, but no active fires were found.



Woss Camp

Fire Departments

The BC Wildfire Service's firefighters are trained and equipped to respond to fires composed of wildland fuels and vegetation. They are not trained or equipped to deal with structure fires (e.g. fires in residential buildings) and structure protection.

Structure firefighters, on the other hand, are trained to control and extinguish fires in structures. Some structure firefighters have training and/or equipment to help suppress wildfires, but not all of them do.

Recognizing that both wildland and structure firefighting expertise are needed to respond effectively to Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) fires, an agreement was reached to formalize the nature of that co-operation — called the Inter-agency Operation Procedures.

The Office of the Fire Commissioner, the Fire Chiefs' Association of B.C. and the BC Wildfire Service have clearly defined the operational procedures required during wildfire incidents that involve structures. The agreement sets out how the parties will cooperate and communicate, and also addresses compensation and jurisdictional issues.

However, the true nature of the relationship is not based on a formal agreement, but on the mutual respect that structure and wildland firefighters have for each other and their roles in protecting the public from harm.

Forest Industry

The Coastal Fire Centre works closely with the forest industry to reduce and mitigate fire hazards in coastal forests.

The forest industry has statutory obligations to monitor forest conditions and only work when it is safe to do so. The industry uses many of the tools available on the BC Wildfire Service's website (e.g. the list of weather station readings).

Forest industry personnel will often contact the local fire zone office when they have questions about the implementation of Category 3 open burning prohibitions or "high-risk activities". The BC Wildfire Service does not interpret legislation, but leaves that to the professional reliance of foresters. (For more information, visit: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/wildfire-status/prevention/prevention-industry-comm-ops/bcws_wildfirereg_interpretivebulletin.pdf).

Another way that BCWS relies on the forest industry is to engage with the forest sector during wildfire incidents. Resources that are useful for fighting wildfires are engaged according to the Forest Sector Agreement and are invaluable to BCWS's success in many instances.

Having everybody working collaboratively during a wildfire event is essential to the safety and security of all.

Prevention Blog

The official first day of summer has come and gone, and I hope that the rain in the forecast will provide a bit of relief for the dry conditions that persist in parts of the Coastal Fire Centre.

Preventable, human-caused wildfires continue to occur throughout the Coastal Fire Centre, although no single cause stands out this year. With continuing dry conditions, there has been a lot of interest in bringing in a campfire prohibition. A few of the BC Wildfire Service's partners have implemented campfire prohibitions within their jurisdictions and we endorse that approach, since they know their local conditions and can enforce their bylaws accordingly.

The Coastal Fire Centre takes a regional approach to campfire prohibitions and multiple factors are considered when assessing wildfire hazards and deciding whether to implement an open fire prohibition, including: current and forecasted weather conditions; the availability of firefighting resources; and the "Buildup Index" (BUI).

The BUI is a numeric rating of the total amount of fuel available for combustion, using a system that accounts for the effects of fuel moisture and wind on fire behaviour. When over 50% of the weather stations within a defined geographic area are expected to surpass the BUI threshold, we review all of the factors that we consider when deciding whether to implement a campfire prohibition.

The good news is that the majority of people who have campfires are following the rules and completely extinguishing their campfires when they're finished using them. This is a good thing, considering that anyone who leaves a campfire unattended for any length of time may be fined up to \$1,150, while anyone whose campfire causes a wildfire may also be subject to a penalty of up to \$100,000 and one year in jail, along with any costs associated with fighting the fire and damages.

Stay Safe,
Alan Berry, Senior Wildfire Officer—Prevention

Fires to Date Since April 1, 2019

Total 73

Lightning 10

Person 63

Number of fires since June 14, 2019

Total 31

Lightning 9

Person 22

Fire Danger Rating today



Current Prohibitions (within BCWS jurisdictional area)

Category 2 Open Fire Prohibition throughout the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdictional area.

Campfire and Category 3 prohibitions are being considered, but not implemented yet.

Go to BCWildfire.ca for the latest information.

At Coastal

Cecil Hill (V50714) - this fire was reported on June 25, 2019. The fire is 9 hectares in size and is a Rank 1/2 ground fire burning under the canopy of a densely forested area. Initially 26 firefighters, 6 helicopters and airtanker support were assigned to the fire. This was increased to 47 firefighters on June 26, 2019. The fire burned uphill during the day but crept downhill overnight towards structures. No structures or values have been lost. The status of this fire currently is 'Being Held'.

Port Mellon Highway Fire (V50677) - this fire was reported the afternoon of June 19, 2019. The fire is now listed as 'Under Control' and has been scanned. Crews targeted hotspots identified by the scan and are now patrolling the fire. The status of this fire is 'Under Control'.

Spring Creek Fire (V30699) - Sunday June 23, 2019, a fire located near Strip Creek between Horseshoe Bay and Lions Bay north of Vancouver was reported. The BC Wildfire Service originally estimated the out-of-control blaze to be about three hectares in size but it has since been mapped at 4.18 ha. The fire that is burning up a slope above the Sea to Sky Highway. The fire cause is under investigation. The area where the fire is located is on and near a cliff face which poses a risk due to tumbling debris. The fire posed no risk to structures. The Sea-to-Sky Highway has been impacted; contact DriveBC for more information.

Deployments to Alberta - A total of 114 personnel were deployed to Alberta from the Coastal Fire Centre. This included 17 single resources and 5 unit crews. Almost all of those deployed have returned and are now back at their home bases.



Alberta—Black Spruce (C2 Fuel) Free Burning—areas of aspen would burn then hit a pocket of C2 and torch.

Weather

Issued: 1100PDT Friday 28 June 2018.

SYNOPSIS: (Today-tomorrow) Very complicated pattern this morning: the upper low centre south of Vancouver is filling and becoming a trough as it drifts slowly northeast; showers are falling over the eastern Pemberton and Fraser zones and there is enough instability in the cloud cover that there is a chance of late afternoon thunderstorm development; a return circulation around the far north end of the low is bringing showers to the central Cariboo and will almost certainly see extensive rain bands flow out over the Coast Mountains into Tweedsmuir Park and throughout the Mid-coast and northern Sunshine Coast zones and these showers will be accompanied by a few thunderstorms starting in mid-afternoon. Also, the circulation around the low over southern Vancouver Island is from the west and here it brings some clearing allowing morning sunny periods although the unstable air mass will probably pop up a few late day showers. Tomorrow the low-trough pattern will lie along a line from Kamloops to Victoria and active weather will be found along the north side of the feature: mostly clouds and a few showers. The shower

activity likely dissipates Saturday afternoon to some extent due to a new ridge beginning to build in from the far northwest. Temperatures ramp up a few degrees tomorrow, humidity remains moderate and no more than light winds are expected.

OUTLOOK: (Sunday-Tuesday) The above mentioned ridge continues to strengthen Sunday bringing further clearing and warming. Monday and Tuesday, a continuing northeasterly circulation does bring shower threats to the Coast Mountains especially east of Bella Coola.

6 TO 10 DAY: (next week) A quite weak ridge sits over the north coast next week and a persistent trough holds over the eastern mountains all next week. Very changeable mixed conditions all week with a fair chance of showers moving into the eastern Pemberton and Fraser zones late Tuesday but followed by clearing again Wednesday and then more shower chances Thursday.



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June 28, 2019
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All BC Municipalities
Via email

Re: Lobbyist Registration

This is to advise that Richmond City Council at its Regular Council meeting held on Monday, June 24, 2019 considered the above matter and adopted the following resolution:

To forward the following resolution for consideration at UBCM and to send copies to the local governments of B.C. for their favourable consideration prior to the 2019 UBCM meeting:

Whereas the BC Lobbyists Registration Act (LRA) requires individuals and organizations who lobby public office holders and meet specific criteria to register their lobbying activities in an online public registry; and

Whereas the goal of the BC Lobbyists Registration Act (LRA) is to promote transparency in lobbying and government decision-making;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that a lobbying regulation system for municipal government, similar to the provincial mechanism under the BC Lobbyists Registration Act, be established.

Accordingly, the above has been submitted to UBCM and the City of Richmond Council requests your favourable consideration of the resolution at the 2019 UBCM convention.

Yours truly,

David Weber
Director, City Clerk's Office



City of Richmond

June 28, 2019

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All BC Municipalities
Via email

Re: Proposed UBCM Resolution – Conflict of Interest Complaint Mechanism

This is to advise that Richmond City Council at its Regular Council meeting held on Monday, June 24, 2019 considered the above matter and adopted the following resolution:

To forward the following resolution for consideration at UBCM and to send copies to the Local Governments of BC for their favourable considerations prior to the 2019 UBCM meeting. Additional copy to be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Conflict of Interest Complaint Mechanism

Whereas professional regulatory bodies, such as CPABC, BC Law Society, APEGBC, and others, have conflict of interest and ethics rules for their members and enforce them through a complaints process;

Whereas the public expects elected representatives to be held to a professional standard of conduct;

And whereas the only remedy for a citizen complaint of a municipal elected person's conflict of interest is through a judgement of the Supreme Court of British Columbia;

So be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia consider a mechanism including to resolve and remedy conflict of interest complaints through a non-partisan Municipal Conflict of Interest Commissioner or expansion of the scope of powers of the BC Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

Accordingly, the above has been submitted to UBCM and the City of Richmond Council requests your favourable consideration of the resolution at the 2019 UBCM convention.

Yours truly,

David Weber
Director, City Clerk's Office

pc: The Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing



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Re: Proposed UBCM Resolution – Statement of Disclosure Updates

This is to advise that Richmond City Council at its Regular Council meeting held on Monday, June 24, 2019 considered the above matter and adopted the following resolution:

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Statement of Disclosure Updates

Whereas professional regulatory bodies, such as CPABC, BC Law Society, APEGBC, and others, have conflict of interest and ethics rules for their members, under which appearance of conflict of interest is disallowed;

Whereas the public expects elected representatives to act to a professional standard of conduct;

And whereas the scope of decisions and responsibilities of an elected representative can be broad and encompass a variety of issues;

So be it resolved that the Statement of Disclosure for municipal nominees and elected representatives be updated to additionally include a spouse's assets; a spouse's liabilities; and real property, other than their primary residence, held singly or jointly by a spouse, child, brother, sister, mother or father, to the best knowledge of the candidate. Further, within 60 days of being sworn in, to file a confidential financial disclosure statement to a non-partisan Municipal Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

Accordingly, the above has been submitted to UBCM and the City of Richmond Council requests your favourable consideration of the resolution at the 2019 UBCM convention.

Yours truly,

David Weber
Director, City Clerk's Office

pc: The Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Gibsons General Mailbox

From: OSA COMMS HLTH:EX <OSA.COMMS@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 28, 2019 11:03 AM
To: OSA COMMS HLTH:EX
Subject: OSA Research Rounds - June 28, 2019

Welcome to the OSA's Research Rounds. We seek to both educate and inspire in this monthly compendium of research, publications, commentary and events about seniors in British Columbia and beyond. Please feel welcome to email us feedback and items to share.

Research Rounds



Published June 28, 2019

BRITISH COLUMBIA

[Home exercise program reduces rate of falls for at-risk seniors](#)

UBC Faculty of Medicine

This University of British Columbia study involved older adults who had been referred to a falls prevention clinic following a fall. Participants performed a particular set of training exercises in their homes. Those who completed the program were less likely to experience repeat falls and even improved in some markers of cognitive function.

[Earlier, more intense exercise improves recovery for stroke patients](#)

Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute

This article outlines the Determining Optimal post-Stroke Exercise clinical trial being conducted by the Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute. The results of the trial suggest that patients participating in higher intensity exercise could walk further and reported a higher quality of life than patients receiving standard care.

[Seniors' Housing Report – British Columbia](#)

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

This report, issued by CMHC, provides a variety of statistical information regarding seniors' housing in British Columbia. It is important to note that a "standard space" as referred to in this report is a Canada-wide term applied by CMHC and does not conform to any one particular form of seniors housing in B.C.

CANADA

[A Dementia Strategy for Canada: Together We Aspire](#)

Public Health Agency of Canada

The Public Health Agency of Canada has published Canada's first national strategy on dementia, which sets out a vision for the future and identifies common principles and national objectives to help guide actions by all levels of government, non-governmental organizations, communities, families and individuals.

[The mask we wear: Chronological age versus subjective age inside](#)

International Journal of Aging Research

The goal of this study was to explore the concept of "age inside" and its relationship to actual years lived or physical health. The study found that "age inside" does not correlate well with chronological age and is more closely associated with self-reported gender and self-reported health.

[Making the transition to retirement](#)

McMaster University

McMaster University's Optimal Aging Portal has compiled resources on the social, health-related and financial issues that seniors face as they transition between work and retirement. Topics include financial literacy, retirement income and ageism in the workplace.

[Unbefriended: The tragic fate of many older adults](#)

McMaster University

The Optimal Aging Portal has also produced a collection of resources regarding "unbefriended" seniors who are unable to make decisions on their own and do not have a family member or friend who can be their guardian, representative or substitute decision-maker. Topics include advance care planning, end-of-life care and powers of attorney.

INTERNATIONAL

[Podiatry interventions to prevent falls in older people: a systematic review and meta-analysis](#)

Age and Ageing

This review examined podiatry interventions for falls prevention delivered in the community and in care homes. The review concludes that certain forms of podiatry intervention do produce significant reductions in falls rate.

[Positive physical and mental outcomes for residents in nursing facilities using music: a systematic review](#)

Clinical Interventions in Aging

This study investigates the applicability and effectiveness of the use of music in achieving positive outcomes in nursing facilities. It concludes that the use of music did show positive outcomes and should be considered for implementation as part of the normal culture within such facilities.

[Pressure Injury Prevention: Outcomes and Challenges to Use of Resident Monitoring Technology in a Nursing Home](#)

Journal of Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing

This article examines the usability and user perceptions regarding patient monitoring systems used in achieving standard of care for pressure ulcer/injury prevention in nursing homes. The study found that such systems could be useful as a means to cue staff to comply with repositioning standards.

[Adverse Effects of Pharmacologic Treatments of Major Depression in Older Adults](#)

Journal of the American Geriatrics Society

This study assesses the adverse effects of pharmacologic antidepressants for treatment of major depressive disorder in adults 65 years of age or older. It concludes that certain antidepressants are associated with a greater number of adverse events. It goes on to state that comparative long-term studies reporting specific adverse events are needed to inform clinical decision-making regarding choice of antidepressants in this population.

[Strategies to reduce potentially avoidable hospitalisations among long-term care facility residents](#)

BMJ Quality & Safety

This editorial discusses the prevalence of potentially avoidable hospitalisations among residents in long-term care facilities. It goes on to suggest the on-site presence of a physician, nursing education and the development of tools that can be used in everyday practice as possible options for reducing this problem.

[Surgical Decision Making for Older Adults](#)

JAMA

Surgery in older patients involves an increased risk of complications and subsequent changes to quality of life. This article provides some guidance for the decision-making process and suggests asking the following three questions before agreeing to surgery:

1. Will surgery prolong my life?
2. How will surgery affect my quality of life?
3. Will surgery allow me to preserve my independence?

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Mayor and Council

From: Sunshine Coast Tourism <info@sunshinecoastcanada.com>
Sent: June 28, 2019 5:38 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Keep Your Summer Safe - Travel Tips For Wildlife, Wildfires And More!

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2019 Summer Travel Tips To Help Keep You Safe & Informed!

The best part about travelling through the Sunshine Coast, and BC as a whole, is being able to enjoy the natural beauty our province offers. This summer, travel smart and keep safe by staying educated and informed on wildfires, wildlife, and adventure preparedness!

Share on your social media channels!

Sunshine Coast Tourism has created content for you to easily download and share on your social media channels. Click the button below for details, and

remember to use hashtags **#sunshinecoastbc** and **#explorebc** in your posts!

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Be Adventure Smart

The “Canada Day Long Weekend” is all about celebrating with family & friends by hiking, biking, paddling, camping & boating. Incidentally, mishaps occur that can be prevented.

No matter what outdoor activity you are planning, be prepared. Follow the three T's - trip planning, training, and taking the essentials. [AdventureSmart](#) is a great resource to help you get informed before heading outdoors!

Visit adventuresmart.ca for more info, and tag your travels by using **#BCAdventureSmart** to help spread the word!

Wildfire Preparedness

Did you know nearly half of all wildfires in B.C. are caused by human carelessness? You can make a difference by following a few simple rules. Always check for [fire bans and restrictions](#). Then, if allowed, ensure your campfire is no larger than 0.5 metres by 0.5 metres, keep a shovel or water nearby and don't forget to create a one-metre, debris-free firebreak around your fire. [Watch this video from BC Wildfire Service](#) to learn more. [Learn more about how to prevent wildfires.](#)

- **Call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on your cell if you spot smoke, flames or an unattended campfire.**

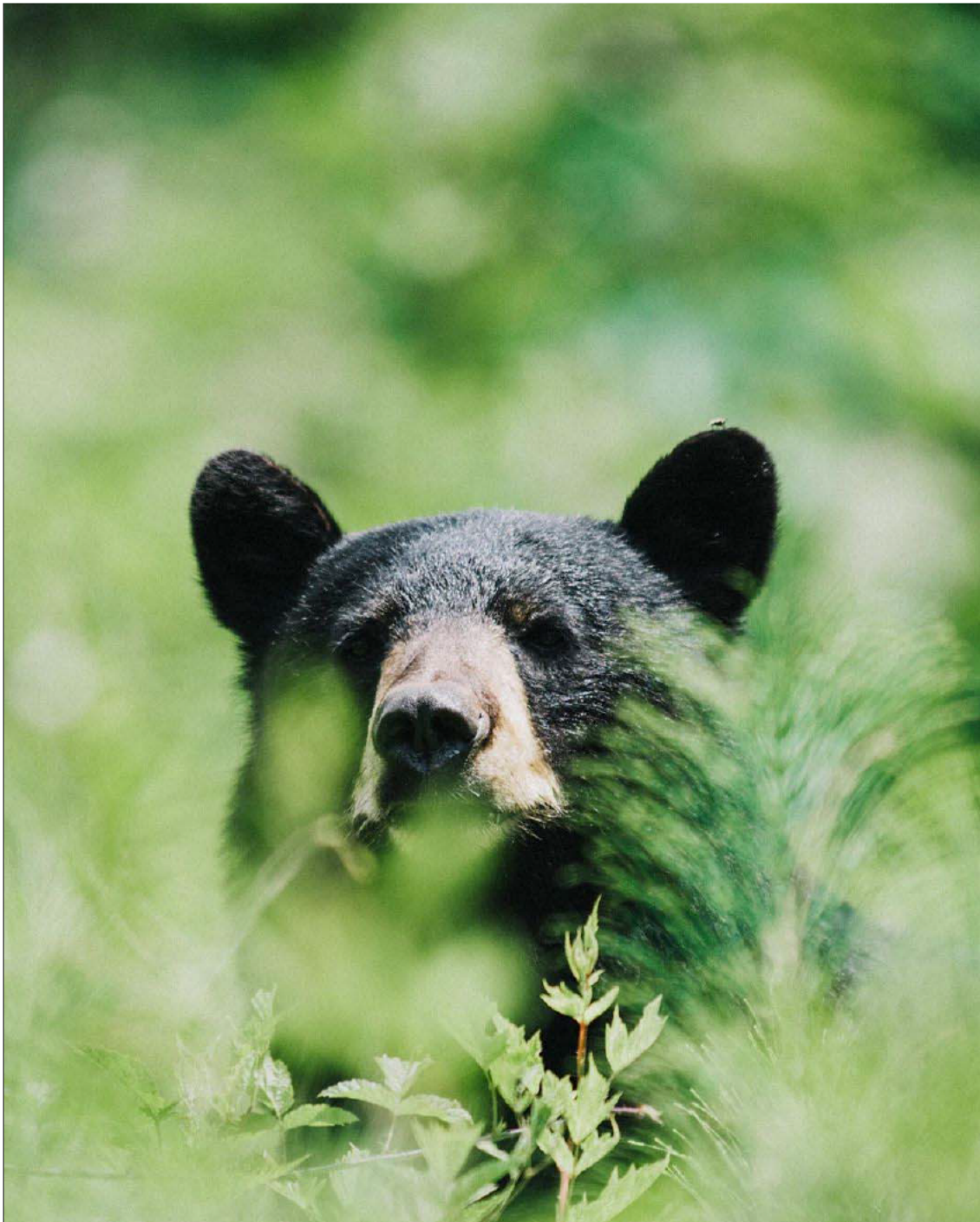
Please be aware that local Fire Departments can enforce fire bans for their particular areas. For example, the [Sechelt Fire Department](#) has imposed a campfire ban within its protection area as of June 20 which includes beach fires, both above and below the high tide mark. Stay informed by checking the latest updates from [BC Wildfire Services](#).

Staying Safe Around Wildlife

British Columbia has an abundance of wildlife and unsurpassed outdoor recreational opportunities. Despite our best efforts, we can never eliminate the risk of human-wildlife conflict. We must accept that it's all our responsibilities to ensure that humans and wildlife can coexist.

There are a variety of simple things that each of us can do that make a big difference in preventing human-wildlife conflicts. When endorsed and supported by an entire community, these activities have the power to prevent dangerous wildlife from entering our communities, and becoming a public safety concern. For more information, visit wildsafebc.com.

- [Learn about different species in BC and staying safe around Wildlife](#)
- [How to report human-wildlife conflict to the BC Conservation Officer Service](#)



Bear in Sechelt, BC. Photo by: Nathaniel Martin

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Sunshine Coast Tourism is proud to operate both the Gibsons and Sechelt Visitor Information Centres.

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Mayor and Council

From: Wendy Gilbertson
Sent: July 1, 2019 6:50 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Thank you

Thank you all for coming out for Canada Day and lending a hand.

Wendy

Sent from my iPad

Tracy Forster

From: Lindsey Grist
Sent: July 2, 2019 10:16 AM
To: Tracy Forster
Subject: FW: this bullying issue

file no: 0530-60

From: Mayor Bill Beamish
Sent: July-02-19 10:15 AM
To: 22(1) FOIPPA
Cc: Lindsey Grist <lgrist@gibsons.ca>; Emanuel Machado <emachado@gibsons.ca>
Subject: Re: this bullying issue

Hi 22(1) FOIPPA, I am not interested in going after people for their past bad behaviours. I can only deal with matters that are in house to the Town. How I do this in-house as a personnel matter is not shared with the public.

I hope tha by reviewing and strengthening our procedures and by adopting zero tolerance for bullying and harassment in our workplace we will be better equipped to respond to this kind of behavior when it happens, including in correspondence and on social media.

Also, our dialogue on July 30th is intended to be a discussion of how we treat each other and how we can do better. However, attendance and participation is not mandatory so only those who come out will benefit from the discussions.

I know that there are issues to come that will challenge our ability to manage the conversation, but I will try to keep it civil.

Thank you again for your interest.

Regards, Bill

Bill Beamish
Mayor-Gibsons, BC
604-989-2364

"Our Vision for the Community includes You"

On Jul. 2, 2019 09:48, 22(1) FOIPPA > wrote:

Thank you, Bill, but you still haven't answered my question about why, if it is members of the public who are the alleged bullies, the public is not to be part of the consultation. After all, Mr. Machado is not claiming that staff were bullied by their fellow employees. He's saying members of the public are doing it, and he is specifying various groups.

Sincerely,
22(1) FOIPPA

On Monday, July 1, 2019, 12:31:06 p.m. PDT, Mayor Bill Beamish <mayor@gibsons.ca> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED] thank you for your email. As an employer, when an employee or group of employees make complaints about bullying and harassment, we are legally bound by the Workers Compensation Act and Regulations, as well as by our own policies to investigate and resolve the complaints or concerns.

I agree that others have been similarly bullied in this community and I hope that by taking ownership and leadership on this issue we can create a new paradigm and help to reduce this problem. However, I do recognize that we cannot change everyone and that we do not have jurisdiction over all forms of bullying and harassment in the community.

I hope you will work with us.

Regards, Bill

Bill Beamish
Mayor-Gibsons, BC
604-989-2364

"Our Vision for the Community includes You"

On Jun. 29, 2019 10:23, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mr. Beamish,

What good is a meeting with a "bullying consultant" if the alleged bullies aren't to be included in the meeting? All the allegations of bullying I have read about in the newspaper have been about members of the public supposedly bullying the staff.

Of course certain members of the pro-George faction have been bullies from the get-go--attacking and smearing any citizen who questioned the project in the slightest. I know of at least two incidents of blatant bullying by pro-Georgers against GABC and GWDA members. I suggest, too, that you ask former counselors White and Valeriote about how they were attacked by [REDACTED]'s supporters when they tried to negotiate the building height. I still have an email from counselor White, from about a year and a half ago, wherein he (astonishingly) actually admits that this happened.

Is [REDACTED] dictator of the Town, or what?

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]