



Town of Gibsons

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Tracy Forster, Administrative Assistant II
DATE: May 3, 2019

SUBJECT: Correspondence for the Week Ending May 3, 2019

- Please find attached the following items of correspondence for your consideration. **Please click on items to view:**
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1. Time Sensitive Material

- 2019-04-29 BC Non-Profit Housing Assoc & Homelessness Services Assoc re Lower Mainland Regional Education Networking & Tradeshow May 30
- 2019-04-30 22(1) FOIPPA, re Tree Removal Request - Delegation at May 7, 2019 Council meeting
- 2019-04-30 Victoria Gazeley re Royal Canadian Air Cadet 858 Skookumchuk Squadron Invitation - June 2, 2pm
- 2019-05-01 Geoff McKee, BC Active Transportation Summit, New West, June 17 & 18
- 2019-05-02 Anasia Gillis re Jack & Jill Preschool 50th Anniversary – May 25
- 2019-05-02 Mayor Siegers re Conversation re Micro Cannabis Industry on the Sunshine Coast May 7, 230pm

2. Regular Correspondence (Including Emails)

- 2019-04-29 Sharon Gregson, Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC re \$10aDay Child Care Plan
- 2019-04-30 Globe & Mail Article re B.C. landowners not being told property...
- 2019-04-30 Greta Guzak re Art Show Invitation
- 2019-04-30 SPARC BC re Access Awareness Day
- 2019-04-30 Tracy Wright re Childrens Festival Community Tables
- 2019-05-01 SCR D Coast Current
- 2019-05-01 UBCM The Compass Newsletter
- 2019-05-02 22(1) FOIPPA re Heatpump Repairs & Staff Response
- 2019-05-02 Deliberations Newsletter - May 2019

If there are items attached that you feel require action by staff or Council please notify the Corporate Officer .

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FEES *	MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS
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REGULAR (Starts May 7)	\$139 + GST	\$169 + GST

Includes light breakfast and lunch

ACCOMMODATIONS

Please note: There is no room block booked for the Lower Mainland RENT in Surrey.

BURSARIES

Sponsored by BC Housing, BCNPHA offers bursaries covering registration fees for the Lower Mainland RENT. For more information, please email events@bcnpha.ca. Submission deadline is May 13.

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PRESENTED BY:

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LOWER MAINLAND R·E·N·T

Regional Education Networking & Tradeshow

SURREY
THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019
 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

SHERATON VANCOUVER GUILDFORD HOTEL
 15269 104 Avenue, Surrey, BC

SCHEDULE

"A huge thank you to all the staff involved in putting together this RENT. Well done, excellent workshops and well worth the price. And the food was great too!"
 — Willow Point Supportive Living Society

"I was impressed by the organization and the content of the RENT.. and its members. It was an honour to assist an organization of groups that are stepping up to address one of the most serious and important issues of our time, the right to proper housing. I was informed and inspired by attending."
 — RENT Sponsor: D'Ambrosio architecture + urbanism



7:30	Registration
8:00 – 9:00	Light Breakfast, Tradeshow & Networking
9:00– 10:00	Traditional Welcome & Opening Plenary
10:00– 10:30	Tradeshow & Networking Break

Visit Imrent.bcnpha.ca for more detailed session descriptions

	APPLICABLE TO ALL	LEADERSHIP	LEADERSHIP	OPERATIONS	OPERATIONS	ASSET MANAGEMENT
10:30 – 12:00	Engage your Association! Meet your BCNPHA regional representatives for a dialogue session geared to understanding the issues facing Lower Mainland non-profit housing providers, and to provide feedback on how BCNPHA could best support your work. Bring your questions, thoughts, challenges and ideas and join us in this exploratory discussion.	Together We Can! Affordable Housing Through Collaboration Working with multiple stakeholders can lead to innovative and successful affordable housing developments that benefit the community, tenants, and housing providers. Learn strategies for working on multi-stakeholder projects, leveraging partnerships for a successful project, including working with market developers and multiple funders, and using local government tools.	Information and Technology Primer This interactive session is designed to answer your technology, cyber security and data privacy questions. Participants will learn how to assess the current state of their IT, risks around protection of data assets, and where you want to be in the short- and long-term future. Topics include evaluating IT service providers, business systems, cloud technologies, security threats and how to protect your organization. Bring your questions and hot button topics to share.	Writing Winning Proposals Are you intimidated by grant applications, requests for proposals and seeking donations for your housing and services? This workshop will prepare your organization to make funding applications that clearly outline your mission and the project's goals, objectives, methodology and budget. The proposal structure takes a logical, step-by-step approach to ensure you have all the needed information before you even start writing your grant application or partnership proposal.	Saving Lives, Building Compassion in the Overdose Crisis Hear candid personal reflections on navigating the world as a drug user and how organizations can adjust policies to be more inclusive of people who use drugs, and better respond to overdoses. Explore evidence-based best practices to create safer spaces to consume substances, including designing safer washrooms to save lives. Given the sensitive nature of this session, participants are requested to stay for the entire session.	Extreme Heat & Poor Air Quality Response Extreme hot weather events are becoming more frequent and intense, along with the rise of poor air quality. Join us in this interactive session where you will learn: how to recognize extreme heat illnesses and how to respond (e.g. when to call 911); how to prevent or lower the risk of extreme heat and poor air quality and related illnesses; and, explore existing resources for communicating with staff and tenants.

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch Plenary & Tradeshow | Panel Discussion: Indigneous Housing and Reconciliation in Surrey | * Housing tour bus leaves at 1:15 pm *

1:30 – 2:45	Inspired Leadership Leaders are individuals who choose to make a positive contribution to the world they inhabit, which requires a commitment to self-awareness & conscious attention to how they operate. In this course, developed in partnership with BC Housing & the Justice Institute of BC, you'll reflect on the values & beliefs that support your leadership style & explore your own strengths & challenges in the context of solid leadership competencies. <i>Session runs to 5 pm.</i>	Making Strategic Decisions About Affordable Housing Assets Learn new decision-making approaches on issues from large capital upgrades to operating agreements and redevelopment. Participants will learn about Brightside Community Homes' first-hand experience and designing a strategy for action, participate in roundtable discussions and a Q&A session, and will be better able to assess the best approaches for their organizations.	Creating Community Support: Build Homes Not Barriers Part of transforming new government funding into projects that tackle homelessness and housing need in BC is generating and maintaining community support. But such projects often face local barriers based on fears, perpetuated myths and misinformation. This session explores how to address neighbours' concerns while considering future tenants' human rights, and learning new approaches to successful community engagement.	Recordkeeping and Privacy under the New Societies Act When was the last time you looked at your privacy policy? Are you aware that members of your society now have a right to access the official records of the society? Do your members know that their contact information can be shared with other members? If this is news to you then this workshop is for you. Learn what to look for and how to keep your organization PIPA and CASL compliant.	Reducing Vulnerability to Isolation Among Seniors This session explores risk factors that can lead to loneliness and isolation among seniors. Presentations focus on how to recognize and address abuse, neglect and isolation by putting in place support systems that promote health and well-being. These interventions can support successful transitions out of homelessness, lower building repair costs, and instances of violence and other issues.	New Retrofit Incentives and Top Retrofit Opportunities This session will highlight the latest retrofit incentives available through the Social Housing Retrofit Support Program (SHRSP) as well as through Efficiency BC with a focus on how they apply to the most highly recommended retrofit projects we see in our work. We will share examples of top recommended retrofit projects including photos, information on recommended equipment as well as business case info including both energy and carbon reductions.
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2:45 – 3:15 Tradeshow & Networking Break | Sponsored by the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel

3:15 – 4:30	Inspired Leadership continued Sponsored by BC Housing	BCNPHA Services: Save Money and Work Smarter Not sure where to start? Discover how BCNPHA can support your organization with helpful resources including how to get funding and build housing, plus explore BCNPHA's money-saving member programs and how we can help with everything from asset management to communications, insurance and more.	Addressing Seniors Homelessness Leaders' Forum The 2017 Metro Vancouver Homeless Count found the number of seniors 55+ living on the streets is growing. In this session, academic and non-profit leaders share their knowledge and best practices on meeting the needs of seniors experiencing or at risk of homelessness. We'll discuss needed health and housing supports to improve discharge practices by hospitals, as well as other models and service delivery programs.	Succession Planning for Non-Profits Effective succession planning is rooted in a continuous process of building leaders for your organization. This workshop focuses on fostering a culture of succession planning with approaches aimed at all levels of the organization: board, executive director, employees and knowledge philanthropists. Learn practical steps and resources to plan for leadership transition, and be equipped to identify your current and future leadership requirements to move your mission forward.	Shifting to Resiliency Frontline staff may interact daily with individuals who have a history of trauma and resulting behaviours and survival strategies, particularly related to the opioid crisis. As a result, staff's health and well-being can be negatively affected through exposure to one or more critical incident(s), such as overdose(s) and/or loss. This session focuses on compassion fatigue, vicarious trauma, and burnout, and shifting to resiliency to continue this important work. Participants will learn new tools to care for ourselves and each other.	Easy Energy Management Tools for Building Managers Facilities managers have a powerful energy savings tool at their disposal that's delivered each month: your utility bill. Join the BCNPHA Asset Management team as they unpack all the benefits to paying attention to the numbers on your utility bills. Find out how societies like yours troubleshoot higher than normal energy consumption, benchmark performance and find immediate and low-cost measures to reduce energy for lower bills.
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Housing Tour 1:15 to 5:15 pm

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*This correspondence will be part of a
delegation at the May 7, 2019
Council meeting.

Town of Gibsons,
474 South Fletcher Road,
Box 340,
Gibsons, BC
V0N 1V0

**Application to remove trees on Gower Point Road Allowance in accordance with -
Resolution Number R2011-278.**

Resolution Number R2011-278 states that the trees may be removed in consideration of the sub-paragraphs listed below, we are requesting that the Mayor and Council review our application and approve the removal of the trees for the following reasons.

We submit the following in response to the required items:

1. B(1) Request to remove trees which has been received by the Town of Gibsons.
2. B(2) Not applicable as the trees are not in a park.
3. B(3) Not applicable as the trees are not in a park.
4. B(4) as they are a hazard to traffic in that they will limit visibility and manoeuvrability during construction and after where egress is required to and from the accessory building.
5. B(5) That the interests of neighbours and adjacent property owners in preserving views and privacy is respected. (Each neighbour has been consulted. Without exception, they wish to have the trees taken down. (See attached and previously submitted consultation record)
6. B(5) Affected property owners within 50 metres. Each Neighbour has been consulted and without exception wish the trees to be removed. (See previously submitted original)
7. B(6) Development permit applied for November 2018 to construct an accessory building adjacent Gower Point Road. The trees restrict access to the building site.
8. B(7) Reparation of the trees have been completed in the area to the south of subject trees some years ago. (See attached "before and after" photos.). We are willing to discuss the possibility of additional tree replacement follow the completion of the construction.
9. B(8) The applicants are prepared to cover all costs associated with the removal of the trees.
10. B(9) Not historic trees.
11. B(10) Remaining trees are not affected
12. B(11) Not wildlife trees.

As this section is required and is repeated however it is in the policy therefore, in accordance with paragraph C(3) of policy Resolution Number R2011-278, the following criteria is required to be submitted for consideration for the justification of removal:

- a. *reasons or purpose for the tree removal or other action*; - The trees restrict access to the building site, as well as post construction access.
- b. *location of the tree(s)*; - *On planned sidewalk area*. See attached photos.
- c. *wildlife values of the tree(s) identified*; - *N/A*.
- d. *historic value of the tree(s) identified*; - *N/A*.
- e. *species of the tree(s) identified*; - *Western Red Cedar and Douglas Fir*.
- f. *current photo(s) of subject tree(s) and the area affected*; - *See below*.
- g. *results of consultation with neighbours within at least 50 metres*; - *No objections - See previously submitted application*
- h. *alternatives proposed including location and species of trees that are proposed as replacement trees*; -
Reparation completed – See attached photos. We are willing to discuss additional replacement of trees after construction is completed.
Access would be possible by removing the Douglas fir and leaving the cedar. As the neighbours have been consulted and cedars grow very quickly and send out damaging roots which is close to the proposed structure, we are requesting to remove both trees.
- i. *long term impact on subject trees and the immediate area*; - *No negative impact*.
- j. *remedial actions or measures to be taken to protect trees that are to remain standing*; - *6 new trees have been planted and are well established in the adjacent areas south of the proposed driveway. (See photos)*
- k. *in the case of trees to be removed, the arborists report and recommendations*; - *Not applicable as the trees are healthy however they are severely restricting access to the west side of our property for construction and post construction egress.*
- l. *estimated costs for tree removal or maintenance*; - *Not applicable as these cost are borne by the applicant.*

The policy requires that tree removal follows replacement. In this case we have been proactive in planting and culturing both native and ornamental trees, and shrubs. The pictures below illustrate “before and after” (Approximately 6 years ago and today).

2010



2018



2010



2018



2010



2018



Below are pictures of the two trees to be removed.



Looking West



Looking east
Planned Driveway
3.5 meters 90 degrees off of
Gower Point Road



Subject trees

April 29th, 2019

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Gibsons, BC

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Town of Gibsons,
474 South Fletcher Road,
Box 340, Gibsons, BC
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Regarding - Request to remove trees from Gower Point Road Allowance

Dear Mayor and Council

We have made application to have two trees removed from the road allowance adjacent to our property. The trees are restricting access to the property for construction and access to the proposed accessory building upon completion. (building permit application submitted Nov. 2018).

We would like to thank the Town of Gibsons staff for taking the time to consider our application and to conduct the site visit. We have received an email regarding the request from Ms. Norma Brow after the site visit in which she has denied the request to remove the trees. With reference to the attached email received from Ms. Brow, the suggested alternatives do not meet our needs. Due to the pie shape of the lot, the area available to build is restricted to that site and therefore an alternate building site is not available. Due to the slope of the land, a retaining wall is designed into the proposed building to allow for near level access to the site. The alternative access proposed by staff does not comply with Bylaws **1175, 2012** where the driveway would exceed the maximum grade, nor does it solve the access to the building site for construction.

With reference to the Gibsons OCP where quality of life is foremost, the main purpose of the accessory building is for storage and without vehicle access, to the building there exists a hardship for both the construction phase and for the planned activity of the building.

With reference to development strategies, there exists a street tree policy for newer developments however no such vision is considered for the existing infrastructure. Consideration must be given to limit the size and placement of larger tree species on road allowances. As the town continues to grow, and density increases, large trees adjacent to roads become a hazard to pedestrians, cyclists and service infrastructure.

Within the application for the removal of the trees, the neighbours have been consulted and without exception, wish the trees to be removed. Neighborhood consultation, with respect to planning, must form the strategies for community growth and as stated in the Gibsons OCP, "4.2.3, *Where discrepancies exist between general town wide policies and neighbourhood specific policies, the neighbourhood policies take precedence.*"

Section 8.4 of the OCP further states in part ... *“Landscaping - Emphasis on major road edges is required through a combination of “street trees” and lower plantings”*. *“Table 9-1 Approved Street Trees”* do not list Western Red Cedar or Douglas Fir as approved street trees.

The OCP encourages efficient land use to enhance the quality of life for residents. Our property is a “pie shaped” lot, the accessory building will be used for storage and is on the opposite side of the dwelling from the current street access.

The application to remove the trees is to gain vehicle access to the planned accessory building from Gower Point Road. This is necessary for construction and future access which is the purpose of the building.

We are requesting approval of our application.

Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

22(1) FOIPPA

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Norma Brow <nbrow@gibsons.ca>

Feb 14, 2019, 3:54 PM

to **22(1) FOIPPA** Dave, Gibsons, Kirsten

Hello **22(1) FOIPPA**

The Town considers mature trees a valued natural resource as they play a key role in slope stability, drainage management, air quality improvements and the other benefits of nature in the streetscape. As stated at our site meeting last week, your request to remove these two trees on public land is denied.

As per the Town's Subdivision and Development Bylaw, "one additional Driveway Crossing for a parcel zoned for single or two family residential use may be allowed by the Director of Engineering if ... a second Driveway Crossing is required to access an accessory building, such as a garage or carport, that meets the requirements of the Zoning Bylaw."

So although your preferred driveway location would require the removal of two mature trees, there is sufficient space south of these trees to allow for a driveway access off Gower Point Road. You will need to redesign your proposed driveway location or relocate your accessory building to accommodate a second driveway.

If you wish to proceed an Access(Driveway) permit will be required.

Regards,

Norma Brow
Engineering Technologist
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

[Town of Gibsons](#)
604.886.2274

From: **22(1) FOIPPA** >
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:40 AM
To: Dave Newman <dnewman@gibsons.ca>; Norma Brow <nbrow@gibsons.ca>
Cc: **22(1) FOIPPA**
Subject: Sight visit.

Thank you for taking your time to stop down to our house to look at the proposed building site.

The visit, as I understand it, was to understand the access restraints imposed by the two trees adjacent the property on the road allowance.

I am looking forward to your written response regarding your site visit.

Thank you again for your time.

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Gibsons General Mailbox

From: 858Parent Sponsoring Committee <ssc858skookumchuk@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 2:41 PM
To: Gibsons General Mailbox
Subject: Invitation: Please join us for the 858 Skookumchuk Squadron Annual Ceremonial Review

Dear Mayor Beamish and Councillors



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Commanding Officer, Lieutenant David Douglas and the Parent Sponsoring Committee of Royal Canadian Air Cadet 858 Skookumchuk Squadron is pleased to extend to you an invitation to our very special 20th Annual Ceremonial Review, taking place:

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Sunday, June 2, 2019
Elphinstone Secondary School Gym
840 Gibsons Way
Gibsons, BC

Join our Cadet squadron, parents and staff for an afternoon of celebrating the end of our cadet year.

The Annual Ceremonial Review is the 'graduation', if you will, for our hard working Cadet Squadron and a chance for our community partners and leaders to gather to learn about 858 Skookumchuk, meet our Cadets, staff and parents, and experience some of what the program brings to youth on the Sunshine Coast. Activities scheduled include cadet awards, activity displays, a formal march past, and more.

We would be honored to have you as our guest.

If you are able to join us to represent your organization to our youth and the community at large, please let us know via return email so we can ensure we have a seat waiting for you.

We look forward to seeing you on the June 2nd!

Sincerely,

Victoria Gazeley
Chair

Trish Scott
Vice-Chair

858 Skookumchuk Squadron Sponsoring Committee
858skookumchuk.ca
ssc858skookumchuk@gmail.com

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Royal Canadian Air Cadet 858 Skookumchuk Squadron is a non-profit organization providing support and leadership development opportunities to Sunshine Coast youth aged 12-18. Any young person (male or female, who have had their 12th birthday but not yet their 19th) looking for an exceptional opportunity to develop both technical and leadership skills through a structured, well developed and supported program is invited to attend one of the Cadet meeting/parade evenings to see the program in action.

Through the Royal Canadian Air Cadet program, young people are offered above-the-bar curriculum and opportunities including, but not limited to: aviation industry training, pilot/flight ground school, teamwork development, leadership courses, survival and first aid training, field trips to aviation related facilities, summer training programs and camps (including some advanced topics such as aerospace and instructor training for Aviation, Survival, Fitness, Drill and others), familiarization flights twice per year, event planning, teaching opportunities, and even, for those with focus and commitment, the possibility of obtaining their glider and/or private pilot's license through this program. Any youth interested in developing leadership and technical skills to add to their resume (all the while surrounded by positive role models and supportive peers) will certainly be impressed with what Air Cadets can offer.

The 858 Skookumchuk Squadron was established on the Sunshine Coast 20 years ago and has been a strong advocate for youth development ever since, with current ranks of over 30 cadets. Many of our former cadets have pursued careers with a connection to their Air Cadet experience and count their Cadet career as instrumental in their development into confident, successful adults.

Our primary partner is The Royal Canadian Legion, Gibsons Branch - a proud sponsor of the Skookumchuk Squadron. In return, the Squadron assists with the Legion's annual Poppy Drive, Remembrance Day ceremony and other memorial vigils and services. It is a long-standing relationship that provides a high level of value to both organizations and their members and is an opportunity to the Cadets to 'give back' to the community.

As the Sponsoring Committee to the Squadron, our group of parent volunteers is tasked with procuring support for the various background components of the Cadet year. We are incredibly fortunate to pay minimal costs to School District 46 for our training facility at Davis Bay Community School (many thanks to them), so all of the support that we are able to raise goes directly to funding the Cadets' development and educational activities.

These include:

- travel off Coast for intra-Squadron training and educational excursions
- costs of familiarization flying and travel to gliding exercises
- an Annual Mess Dinner and Annual Cadet Review Ceremony and dinner event where Cadets are honoured for their accomplishments over the Cadet year
- assisting any youth requiring financial assistance in covering the annual Cadet dues (\$120.00 each), which covers the cost of the program basics, including a canteen for each Wednesday Parade night
- other incidental activities, events or items that add to the Cadets' personal development and enjoyment of the program

The Sponsoring Committee raises funds with the Cadets through TAG days twice yearly, as well as our annual "All About Flight" day held at the Sechelt airport in September. Through the hard work of Cadets and parents, this amazing program is affordable to all youth and provides lifetime memories and valuable skills.

If you are unable to attend the Annual Ceremonial Review and are interested in learning more about the

program, we'd be thrilled to extend an invitation to attend any of our Parade nights to see for yourself the pride we take in the Squadron and our community. Parade/training nights are Wednesday evenings, 6:00-8:30 pm at Davis Bay Elementary School or at an alternative site at the Sechelt Airport if training requires. If you'd like to see the program in action, feel free to contact us to confirm our training plans and schedule so we can connect with you at an optimal time.

Victoria Gazeley
Chair
604.886.0292

Trish Scott
Vice Chair
604.741.4363

RCAC 858 Skookumchuk Squadron Sponsoring Committee
e: ssc858Skookumchuk@gmail.com
w: 858skookumchuk.ca

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Regards,

858 Skookumchuk Squadron
858skookumchuk.ca



The *Commanding Officer, Staff and Cadets*
of the **858 Skookumchuk Squadron**
Royal Canadian Air Cadets
Request the honour of your presence at their

20th Annual Ceremonial Review

Sunday, the 2nd of June 2019
1400 hours (2:00 pm)
at Elphinstone Secondary School
840 Gibsons Way
Gibsons, BC

RSVP by May 15, 2019 to ssc858skookumchuk@gmail.com

Tracy Forster

Subject: FW: Invitation to attend Active Transportation Summit (June 17 and 18) - Passes and Travel Subsidies Available

From: Carley, Lianne [VC] [<mailto:Lianne.Carley@vch.ca>]

Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 4:53 PM

To: Emanuel Machado <emachado@gibsons.ca>; Lesley-Anne Staats <lstaats@gibsons.ca>; 'Tracy Corbett' <TCorbett@sechelt.ca>; Ian Hall <Ian.Hall@scrd.ca>; 'andrew.allen@scrd.ca' <andrew.allen@scrd.ca>

Cc: McKee, Geoff [NS] <Geoff.McKee@vch.ca>

Subject: Invitation to attend Active Transportation Summit (June 17 and 18) - Passes and Travel Subsidies Available

Hi Everyone,

This June 17th and 18th, you are invited to join the first annual *BC Active Transportation Summit*, at the Anvil Centre in New Westminster BC. The summit aims to promote discussion on sustainable transport in BC and ideas for creating communities that are walkable and bikeable year-round.

Vancouver Coastal Health is supporting the attendance of individuals experiencing barriers to their mobility as well as our local government partners. We have 20 passes that cover the cost of registration. In addition, we have some travel subsidies available for participants coming from rural and remote communities. Please contact Juan.Solorzano@vch.ca to inquire about these supports.

For Summit registration and further information on this event, click [here](#).
Or contact the Summit Team directly at summit@bccycling.ca

This event is produced by the BC Cycling Coalition with the support of lead sponsors: [The Province of British Columbia's CleanBC program](#) and [TransLink](#).

website: atsummit.ca

Mayor and Council

From: 22(1) FOIPPA
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2019 9:29 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Jack and Jill preschool 50th anniversary event

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Hi there, I'm Anasia Gillis, Vice President of Jack and Jill Preschool. I'm contacting you on behalf of the preschool to inform you this will be their 50th anniversary. Jack and Jill is a parent participation preschool meaning that parents all take on jobs from doing the laundry to coordinating parental workshops and fundraisers. Our school has been nurturing young minds thru play based education as well as creating community support for young families.

Our teachers are the most dedicated educators. And this year Ann Law, our senior teacher will be retiring after 26 years of service. She's been a strong pillar in the community volunteering for numerous organizations and an instrumental part of the success of our school.

Today we have numerous parents who once attended Jack and Jill Preschool now returning with their own children.

We believe a preschool celebrating 50 years in operation is a tremendous occasion which should be celebrated. That is why May 25th at Dougal Park the school will be holding a celebration including live music, food trucks, beer garden, face painting and petting zoo.

We would love for you to help us by saying a few words at our event. If someone from the council could come and speak about what a success our school has been and how it's been a great part of our community. I think it would be a great acknowledgement for all the work our teachers and parents have dedicated over the past 50 years.

Thank you for your time and I hope you will consider participating in this event . If you wish to contact us you can email or call

Myself;

22(1) FOIPPA

22(1) FOIPPA

Ann Law; 22(1) FOIPPA

22(1) FOIPPA

Tracy Forster

From: Kerianne Poulsen <KPoulsen@sechelt.ca>
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2019 3:39 PM
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Subject: Invitation to Micro Cannabis Industry Discussion Tues May 7, 2:30pm

Good afternoon,

Mayor Siegers is pleased to invite you to participate in a conversation on the micro cannabis industry on the Sunshine Coast. [Pasha Brands](#) and [BC Craft Supply Company](#) hosted a meeting yesterday evening to share information about the local micro cannabis industry that currently exists outside of legal regulations:

- There is currently a \$250 million cannabis production industry operating on the Sunshine Coast
- Pasha Brands and BC Craft Supply have offered to work with individual growers to help with the transition to legal production
- For a fee they can help local growers with licensing
- They are interested in setting up a legal distribution channel for the Sunshine Coast.

Please join us Tues May 7, 2:30pm at the Seaside Centre, 5790 Teredo St, Sechelt, to continue the conversation. Susan Chapelle, Government Relations and Affairs, with Pasha Brands and Bron Hogan, VP of Craft Specialists, with BC Craft Supply Co will provide additional information on the industry and details on the Sunshine Coast.

This invitation is going to all Sunshine Coast elected officials, RCMP, Vancouver Coastal Health, the Sunshine Coast Regional Economic Development Organization and staff from our four local governments, plus School District 46.

We understand there is a meeting for the Town of Gibsons the afternoon of May 7 and regret that another option was not available for this meeting.

Best regards,

Kerianne Poulsen

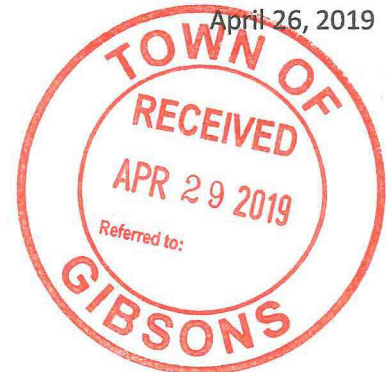
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April 26, 2019

Mayor Bob Beamish and Council
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Dear Mayor Beamish and Councillors,

The Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC congratulates your council on receiving a municipal child care planning grant. You and many other local leaders know that families need a quality, affordable child care system as part of a healthy, thriving community.

That is why, to date, 55 local BC governments have supported the \$10aDay Child Care Plan as the made-in-BC, evidence-based pathway for moving from the current child care chaos to this very system.

Now that the provincial government has made significant child care commitments that are generally consistent with key elements of the \$10aDay Plan, communities like yours can finally begin a planning process to guide child care expansion in ways that meet the needs of families in your community.

As you embark on this planning process, we encourage you to add your community to growing list of local governments and school districts that support the \$10aDay Plan. We would be happy to make a presentation to your Council and community about the Plan and share with you motions of support from other municipal and regional governments. See www.10aday.ca

Supporting the \$10aDay Plan and using it to help guide your planning process couldn't be timelier. The planning grant specifies a number of requirements that align with key elements of the \$10aDay Plan (2019 addition attached). We are pleased to highlight these connections and offer suggestions that support you to meet these grant requirements in ways that move your community towards the system envisioned in the Plan.

1. The importance of and need for quality, affordable child care is well established in research and evidence. Rather than revisit this question, **we encourage you to focus on identifying specific priority needs and opportunities for growth in your community.**
2. The planning grant calls on you to engage with local stakeholders including Indigenous organizations and child care providers. The \$10aDay Plan fully supports and respects the rights and processes of First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples to restore their own authorities for their children, families and communities. The Plan calls on federal and provincial governments to

ensure Indigenous peoples have the resources required to develop the services that meet their communities' needs. **We encourage you to ensure this is a grounding principle in your local planning process.**

The 2019 edition of the \$10aDay Plan also recommends the creation of **local child care councils** that bring together key public and community partners to assume responsibility for child care planning. If your community does not already have such a body – this grant is the perfect time to create it. **We encourage you to work with your local school district and other key partners to convene a child care council to advise on this planning process and to play a local leadership role in guiding its implementation.**

3. The local planning grant requires that you undertake at least one community engagement process, including the option of a parent or provider survey. Be aware that the results of parental surveys about child care needs and preferences are highly influenced by access and affordability issues. Families are unlikely to identify a preference for a child care service they can't afford or have never experienced. **We encourage you to frame any parent surveys within the provincial commitment to move to universal, affordable child care.**

The grant also encourages you to examine current child care utilization rates in existing facilities. You may find that some providers are licensed for more spaces than they currently offer. This is usually because their fees are too high for many families, and/or because providers cannot recruit and retain qualified staff. The \$10aDay Plan recognizes that space creation must go hand in hand with a coordinated strategy to develop the workforce and reduce parent fees. **We encourage you to acknowledge and highlight the need for the provincial government to expedite this integrated approach in your planning process.**

4. The local planning grant asks you to consider co-locating child care facilities with other public and community facilities such as schools, postsecondary institutions, libraries, recreation facilities, and family support programs. The \$10aDay Plan supports this approach and, overall, strongly recommends that all public capital funds are only used to create publicly-owned child care facilities. In the short-term, the Plan calls for a provincial program to design and purchase high quality modular child care facilities for placement on public lands. **We encourage you to focus on child care expansion with public partners in their facilities or on their lands and to support our modular purchase proposal.**
5. The local planning grant asks you to identify which organization(s) will be responsible for leading the creation of child care spaces. Based on international evidence, the \$10aDay Plan invites existing providers in as it grows a new public system. If you have a strong non-profit child care provider(s) in your community, consider contracting with them to deliver new child care services. If not – **we encourage your local government or school district to become the licensed operator of new child care – a step on the way to a public system.** A majority of BC School Districts have also endorsed and supported the \$10aDay Plan.

6. Finally, we encourage you to ensure that the staff/consultants who work on your local action plan have the required child care expertise and a strong commitment to a quality affordable system as envisioned in the \$10aDay Plan.

In closing, be assured that the \$10aDay Plan recognizes that no one community can solve the child care crisis alone. While local governments have an important role to play, this cannot lead to downloading of responsibility for child care without adequate financial and other resources in place.

That is why we have called on the province to create a Child Care Transformation Team to support communities. Building a new child care system requires specific expertise in planning, development and operational delivery. We encourage you to join with us in making this request of government.

And, please do contact us at info@10aday.ca to discuss steps you can take to become a supporter of the plan for a quality, affordable child care system in BC – the \$10aDay Plan.

We wish you well in your planning process and look forward to working with you and your community now and in the future.

Sincerely,



Sharon Gregson
Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC

B.C. landowners not being told property could go to First Nation

GLORIA GALLOWAY > PARLIAMENTARY REPORTER

PUBLISHED APRIL 30, 2019

UPDATED 16 MINUTES AGO

 COMMENTS

More than 3,000 private properties in British Columbia could be swept up in land claims by two First Nations, but those landowners are being kept in the dark about that possibility as Ottawa and the two bands litigate the claims.


Two B.C. First Nations have active land claims covering parts of the province where the Crown, long ago, granted parcels of their traditional territory to private landowners.

The Cowichan Nation Alliance has laid claim to a tract on the south side of Richmond, B.C., along the Fraser River opposite Tilbury Island, which includes an estimated 200 privately held properties that have yet to be identified. The case, which was launched in 2014, is scheduled to go before the Supreme Court of British Columbia on Sept. 9.



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THE GLOBE AND MAIL, SOURCE: COWICHAN NATION ALLIANCE

The Haida Nation, meanwhile, is seeking title over Haida Gwaii, an archipelago off the coast of British Columbia, a decision that could affect 3,285 private properties. No court date has been set for that claim.

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It is unknown what would happen to the private properties if the First Nations are successful in their claims. There is no previous case in Canada where a court has ordered that private property should be included in lands covered by Aboriginal title, the collective right of Indigenous people to occupy and use traditional territories.

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[Indigenous-led housing projects aim to transform Vancouver's west side](#)

[Vancouver's Squamish Nation plans massive apartment development for foot of Burrard Bridge](#)

The Haida and the Cowichan both say they have no plans to eject current property owners. Rather, they say, if the claims are recognized by the court, they would expect to be compensated by governments for the private properties that lie within their territories.

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land elections, whether the property values would be affected and whether they or future owners could secure mortgages.

The federal government asked the B.C. Supreme Court in 2017 for orders that would force the Haida and the Cowichan to inform the landowners that their properties were subject to land claims. Justice Department lawyers argued at the time that the property owners should be alerted so they have the opportunity to participate in the legal cases because the outcomes could adversely affect their interests.

But, in the fall of 2017, judges in both cases refused to make orders requiring such notice.

In the Haida case, Justice Barbara Fisher said giving the property owners notice could “create unnecessary fear in the non-aboriginal community, given that actions for ejectment may never actually be brought.”

And she said, if the landowners were informed that they live within the claim area, “there is a real possibility that many of them will seek to participate in this proceeding.” That, Justice Fisher said, could “frustrate” the progress of the case.

In the Cowichan case, Justice Jennifer Power, said the landowners would be able to make their arguments in subsequent court proceedings – though she did not specify which ones.

In deciding that the Cowichan do not need to provide notice to the landowners, Justice Power said there is nothing to prevent the federal or provincial governments or the City of Richmond from doing so. But no public officials have taken that step.

The federal Justice Department said in a recent e-mail that it has now decided it would be premature to formally inform private landowners of the litigation. In both the Cowichan and Haida cases, said the department, the First Nations have advised the federal government that they are not seeking any remedies against private landowners.

Ted Townsend, the director of corporate communications and marketing for the City of Richmond, said it would be inappropriate to comment because the case is before the court.

Thomas Isaac, a Vancouver lawyer who is an expert on Indigenous law, says if he were one of the landowners, he would “absolutely” want to know that his property was subject to a land claim.

“This could be a very positive discussion around reconciliation in our great province,” he said. “But it’s about clarity and transparency.”

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Cowichan Chief William Seymour said in a press release issued Monday that his people have no interest in displacing existing landowners. Rather, he said, if the First Nation is granted title, it would expect governments to compensate the Cowichan for the value of the private property within the claim area.

“We aren’t looking to invalidate the ownership of any privately held land,” Mr. Seymour said. “This case is about truth and reconciliation between the Cowichan Nation, Canada and British Columbia. Those governments need to reconcile with us.”

Gaagwiis, the president of the council of the Haida Nation, said granting title of Haida Gwaii to his people will not affect the property rights of the existing homeowners.

“We are not looking to dispossess or kick anybody out here,” Gaagwiis said. “We have a long history and relationships with our neighbours, we have signed protocol agreements with our neighbouring municipalities. Really this case is about us and the Crown in a government-to-government relationship and not about dispossessing people from their properties.”

With a report from Wendy Stueck

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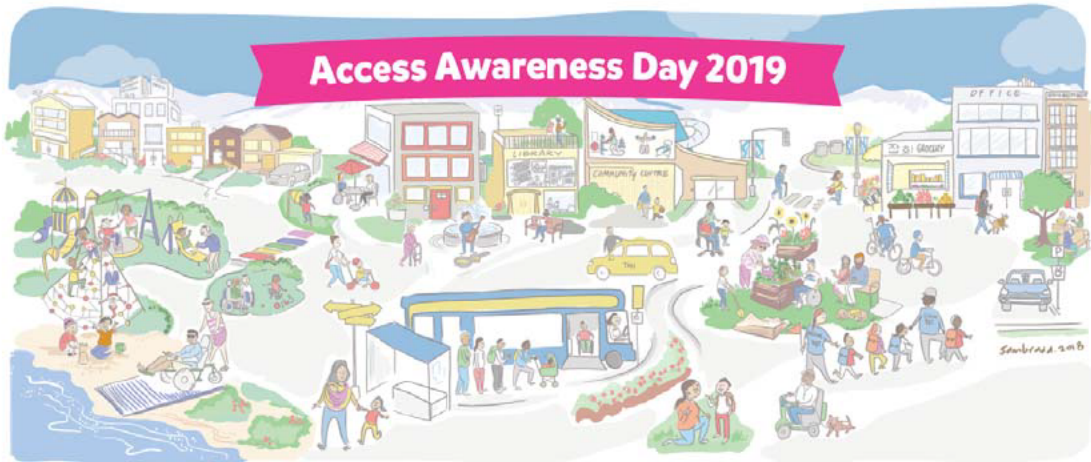
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Access Awareness Day 2019

Celebrated annually on the first Saturday in June, *Access Awareness Day* focuses on working with community partners to raise awareness about disability, accessibility and inclusion. *Access Awareness Day* is possible because of the hard work and dedication of individuals across British Columbia who are committed to building a Province where everyone is included. Through *Access Awareness Day*, SPARC BC encourages communities to come together through local events, workshops and community dialogues to promote and support the active inclusion and engagement of people of all abilities.

The theme for this year's Access Awareness Day is **"Accessibility Makes Communities More Complete."** As part of this year's planning, our goal is to draw attention to accessibility as integral to where people live, work, learn and play.

Each year, as part of our annual *Access Awareness Day* campaign, we reach out to communities across B.C. to learn about different initiatives that focus on ensuring that all citizens are able to share their talents, experiences and abilities and are fully included in all aspects of community life.

How can you get involved?

- Initiate a conversation about accessibility and inclusion (SPARC BC will be mailing out posters and other materials in the next few weeks);
- Pass a proclamation (find [a sample of the proclamation form here](#));
- Host an event and/or support an initiative that promotes accessibility and inclusion (small grants are available)

Access to Small Community Accessibility Grants

Any community hosting an Access Awareness Day event will receive \$500 to help with their event. As well, a larger amount of up to \$2,000 is available for initiatives that will have a lasting impact on the community.

The most innovative initiatives will be profiled in the ***Accessibility Guide*** that we are developing to profile different approaches and leading practices that communities have adopted to be truly inclusive and to promote greater accessibility and inclusion in all aspects of community life.

Please fill out the application form below to request the funding.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Alfiya Battalova, Manager of Accessibility Initiatives at abattalova@sparc.bc.ca or by calling (604) 718-8509.

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From: Tracy Wright <twright@sccss.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 11:44 AM
Subject: Children's Festival community tables
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Hi there,

I while back I sent you an email inviting you to be part of the 2019 Children's Festival and Duck Pluck—**see email below that has all of the details**. We were wondering if you would like to participate in this year's festival.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me!

Tracy Wright

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From: Tracy Wright
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 3:21 PM
Subject: Children's Festival community tables

Hello and happy Spring!

This year Sunshine Coast Community Services will be holding our annual Children's Festival and Duck Pluck on June 15 at Dougall Park in Gibsons (see poster attached). We reaching out to all community organizations to be part of the fun!

We would love it if your organization, as a community partner and supporter of families up and down the Sunshine Coast, would take part in the festival by setting up an information table and providing a small activity for children.

This is a great place to engage with the families of our community and spread the word about all of the great work you are doing. Last year, over 600 people attended the event!

Here's what you would need to participate:

- Information table with all of your resources, promotional materials and so on.
- Event tent that is decorated in a fun, festival kind of way—the more colourful, the better!

- Small activity for families who visit to take part in. It can be anything—building, crafts, story-telling, dramatic play, and so on. It doesn't need to be too extravagant. 😊
- Staff or volunteers to promote your organization.

Let me know if you would like to participate by responding to this email. I am also available to answer any questions you may have about the event.

As always, all funds raised from this event will go towards SCCSS's children's programs.

All the best,

Tracy Wright

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Saturday, June 15, 2019

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10am - 2pm

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All proceeds used to support the 35 programs of
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Duck Pluck tickets go on sale soon!

SCCSS is honoured to provide services on the unceded, ancestral and traditional lands of the
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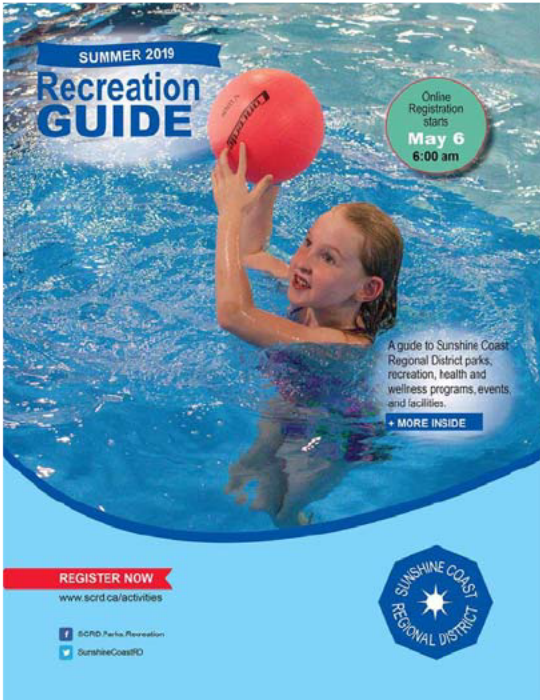


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News and information from the Union of BC Municipalities

RCMP Contract Committee Seeks Input

The RCMP Local Government Contract Management Committee (LGCMC) will be meeting on May 23, 2019 to discuss policing issues of relevance. Local governments wishing to suggest discussion items related to the agreement under which the RCMP provides local police services to BC are asked to submit input to Bhar Sihota, UBCM Policy Analyst, prior to May 8. [Read more](#)

Excellence Awards Deadline: May 10

UBCM would like to encourage members to submit an application for the [2019 Community Excellence Awards](#). The application deadline is May 10, 2019. Award winners will be recognized at a reception for delegates at the UBCM Convention in September.

Convention Session Proposals Being Accepted

UBCM is now accepting clinic and workshop applications for the 2019 Convention in Vancouver. Interested parties are asked to review the criteria and deadlines in the [Session Proposal Process](#), and submit a proposal using the online form. The deadline for submissions is June 7, 2019.

For CFOs: Cannabis Costs Survey

UBCM, in collaboration with GFOABC, has released a survey seeking to examine local government costs related to cannabis legalization. The data collected will support UBCM's discussions with the Province regarding cannabis excise tax revenue sharing, so that local government implementation costs are not paid for through the property tax. [Read more](#)

Amendments Enable Broadband Service

An update to the Local Government Act (LGA) will provide regional districts with an additional tool to expand high-speed Internet to under-served areas. The changes enable regional districts to provide financing for capital costs to Internet service providers where it may not otherwise make sense from a business perspective. [Read more](#)

Toward Parity Survey - Response Requested

Did you miss the UBCM-FCM Toward Parity webinar? You can still contribute your feedback by completing a survey. Responses will help FCM to develop a national action plan addressing some of the potential barriers that exist for women (of all identities) entering into, being elected to, or remaining in local elected office. [Read more](#)

Funding & Resources Update

May 1, 2019



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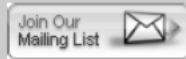
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From: 22(1) FOIPPA
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Subject: Heatpump Repairs

Dear Mayor and Council

I was just reminded that when The Town did repairs to leaks to the Town portion of the GDEU in 2018 it cost us over \$800 to have our Heatpump repairman get our Heatpumps up and running.

This type of impact on the users of the GDEU should be taken into consideration when you are making decisions about the GDEU.

Thank you
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Mayor and Council

From: Daniel Tardif
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2019 2:04 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: 2019-05-02 22(1) FOIPPA re Heatpump Repairs
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Good afternoon,

For your information, the \$800 referred to in the attached was agreed to and incurred by the strata during the re-start of the strata heat pumps following the replacement of leaky valves feeding ethanol solution to the strata (a long winded explanation but basically we had all agreed the Town was covering the Lion share of the work while the strata was to cover the minimal cost to make the system reliable again). The \$800 was also split amongst the 4 strata owners. The leaky valves were a remnant of poor material selection by the original installer of the geothermal system.

Thanks
Daniel

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Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2019 9:09 AM
To: Daniel Tardif <dtardif@gibsons.ca>
Subject: 2019-05-02 22(1) FOIPPA re Heatpump Repairs

Good morning,

Please see attached, for your response. This item will be sent to Mayor & Council on Friday, May 3rd.

Have a great day,

Tracy Forster
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May 2019

A happy spring to everyone.

This newsletter includes four items:

First, an article entitled 'Parliamentary Myths (Part 3)' .

Second: Please mark Wednesday October 16th as the date of a one day workshop on "Supporting Successful Meetings" , and Thursday October 17th as the date of a one day workshop on "Robert's Rules & Responsible Governance" . For details, CLICK <http://www.elimina.com/training/training-scheduled-vancouver.html> . Many thanks to clients who provided input on when and where to hold the sessions. Both will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Third: Is there a lot at stake when delivering essential criticisms? If so, check out this article <http://www.elimina.com/insights/criticism.html> .

And, lastly: a quote about 'the blame game': "Whenever you point a finger of blame at someone else, there are three fingers pointing in your direction." Consider this phrase the next time you complain about the Chair or another meeting participant. Instead of blaming them for a meeting irritant, why not bring attention to the problem at the meeting and specify what should be done to address it? For example: "Can we please get back on topic?" or "Can we let individuals finish what they're saying?" or "Can we hear from members who have not yet spoken on this issue?"

Parliamentary Myths (Part 3)

This is the third in a series of articles on common myths about rules of order. The analysis is based on the current (11th) edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR) and on practical experience. Please note that RONR only applies if your governing documents (Legislation, Bylaws, Policies) prescribe it as your Parliamentary Authority and do not contain specific provisions that override it.

Myth 1: "At a recent annual meeting our group voted by ballot on electing a member for an important leadership position. Our Board wanted to avoid hurting the losing candidate's feelings or raising doubts

about the legitimacy of the outcome. Therefore the Chair only announced who won the election, but omitted the vote count. Some members are complaining. Did our leadership act correctly?"

Truth: Your Board and your Chair acted incorrectly. If a vote is counted, the vote count should be announced publicly and entered in the minutes, so it can become a part of the organization's official records. This is important for verification purposes and for maintaining organizational transparency. RONR page 418 states: "Under no circumstances should this be omitted in an election or a vote on a critical motion out of a mistaken deference to the feelings of unsuccessful candidates or members of the losing side."

Myth 2: "In our village, whenever Council wants to re-visit an adopted motion, our leaders check whether this is acceptable to the mover and seconder of that proposal. If even one of them refuses, Council deems that it has no authority to re-visit the adopted motion, regardless of how flawed it may be. The view is that the mover and the seconder own and control the motion in perpetuity. Is this correct?"

Truth: This is definitely false. Under RONR page 40, only the mover (and not the seconder) owns the motion, and then only until the debate on it commences, at which point ownership of the motion becomes collective and reverts to the Council. If new data emerges that makes it necessary to re-visit an adopted motion which has not been fully implemented, a motion to rescind or amend it can be introduced at a subsequent duly convened Council meeting. Going back to the mover and seconder and seeking their approval would amount to giving the two of them veto power, and that would not be democratic.

Myth 3: "When an overwhelming number of members appeared to have voted in favor of a proposal, our Chair declined to call for the negative vote and said: 'Clearly this motion has been adopted.' Was this practice correct? And, on another occasion, when only a handful of members voted in favor of a motion, the Chair assumed that the motion would not get the required majority vote. He therefore declined to call for the negative vote and declared that the motion was defeated. Did our Chair act correctly on these two occasions?"

Truth: The Chair acted incorrectly in the first scenario. The answer for the second scenario depends on how your Legislation and/or Bylaws are written. Read on.

As to the first scenario, RONR page 45 stipulates that "The chair must always call for the negative vote, no matter how nearly unanimous the affirmative vote may appear." The underlying principle is that the majority rules, but the minority is entitled to be heard, even if it clearly does not have enough votes to defeat the motion.

As to the second scenario, skipping the negative vote may ignore the potential impacts of abstentions, which are not necessarily equivalent to negative votes. Let us examine three sub-scenarios:

First sub-scenario: Let us assume that both your applicable Legislation and Bylaws are silent about abstentions. In this sub-scenario, RONR requires a majority of the votes cast, excluding abstentions, to adopt a motion. In this setting, only positive and negative votes affect the outcome of a vote, and abstentions have no impact on the result (neither positive nor negative). There can even be an extreme situation where only one member votes in the affirmative and all others prefer to maintain a neutral position and abstain, and the motion would then be adopted by a vote of one yes to zero noes. Therefore, in the first sub-scenario, the Chair should not have assumed that the low number of positive votes meant that the motion was defeated. He was required to take the negative vote as well.

Second sub-scenario: Suppose your Legislation or Bylaws stipulate that, for a motion to be adopted, a majority of the members present must vote in the affirmative. In this case, abstentions have the impact of negative votes. For example: Suppose 31 members are present. A majority (more than 50%) of the members present is 16. So, if only 15 members vote in the affirmative and no one votes in the negative, the motion is defeated. Therefore, in this scenario, the Chair must have an accurate count of the members present (A), then count those who vote in the affirmative (B), and then determine whether B is larger than 50% of A. It would not be necessary to have a separate count of negative votes and/or abstentions in this case.

Third sub-scenario: In my home jurisdiction of the Province of British Columbia, Canada, there is a provision in the municipal legislation that forces abstentions on Municipal Councils and Boards to be counted as votes in the affirmative. So, as an example in this setting, if no one votes in the affirmative and no one votes in the negative, the motion is deemed to have been adopted by a unanimous vote.

The 'bottom line' is: Never assume how abstentions affect the voting outcome. Check your applicable Legislation and Bylaws first, as these documents would supersede RONR.

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