



Town of Gibsons

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Tracy Forster, Administrative Assistant II

DATE: May 13, 2019

SUBJECT: Correspondence for the Week Ending May 13, 2019

- Please find attached the following items of correspondence for your consideration. **Please click on items to view:**
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1. Regular Correspondence (Including Emails)

- 2019-03-15 **22(1) FOIPPA**, Gibsons Resident re George Bond Letter & Mayor's Response
- 2019-05 10 Globe & Mail Article Nature Offers Serious Benefits to our Physical & Mental Health
- 2019-05-02 Mike Hurley, Mayor, City of Burnaby re Expanding Investment Opportunities
- 2019-05-03 BC Wildfire Service Newsletter
- 2019-05-06 Alan Scalet, Howe Sound Pulp & Paper Mill re 110 Anniversary & 2019 Fireworks Sponsorship
- 2019-05-06 **22(1) FOIPPA**, Gibsons Resident re Supportive Housing
- 2019-05-06 MNAI May Update
- 2019-05-07 Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affaris and Housing re Building BC Funds Local Governments Signed Final
- 2019-05-08 **22(1) FOIPPA** re Parkland GDEU
- 2019-05-08 Community Resource Centre Newsletter
- 2019-05-08 MP Pamela Goldsmith-Jones re Announcement
- 2019-05-08 UBCM The Compass Newsletter
- 2019-05-09 ICET re Powell River to Capitalize on its Growing Tech and Creative Sector
- 2019-05-09 Kerianne Poulsen, Exec. Assistant, District of Sechelt re Follow Up from May 7 2019 Micro Cannabis Meeting
- 2019-05-09 Kerianne Poulsen, Exec. Assistant, District of Sechelt re Intergovernmental Meeting Agenda & Elected Officials Contact List
- 2019-05-09 SCRD re 2019-Watering Conservation Regulations – CHART
- 2019-05-10 **22(1) FOIPPA** re Sunshine Coast Climate & Water Issues
- 2019-05-10 **22(1) FOIPPA** to Nicholas Simons re Real Estate Speculation Tax for Sunshine Coast

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- **2019-05-10 Canadian Federation of Independent Business re Zoning & Building Bylaws, Dearden Marine**
- **2019-05-10 Cancellation of 2019 BC RCMP Open House, Mayor's Forum**
- **2019-05-12 SC101 Committee Response to Minister Trevana 2019 05 09**
- **2019-05-13 BC Healthy Communities Newsletter**
- **2019-05-13 22(1) FOIPPA re Supported Housing**
- **2019-05-13 SCR D News Release - Stage 1 Water Conservation Regulations in Effect**

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

Dear Mayor and Council.

March 15, 2019

We the undersigned citizens of Gibsons, still have serious concerns regarding the way in which the previous mayor and council conducted the permitting process related to the George Hotel and Residences project (the George), which KFE Inc. proposes to build on Gibsons' waterfront. During the previous council's tenure, concerned citizens¹ questioned why the mayor and council refused to require that the George developer post a bond to specifically protect the Gibsons aquifer during the construction phase, a bond that could be used to remediate any accidental damage to Gibsons' drinking water supply. Council refused the requests for a bond despite admissions of risk to the aquifer as noted in the peer reviews by engineering firms^{2/2} hired by the Town and by Town staff³.

Given the recent example of two egregious engineering errors, our concerns have been re-awakened.

The first example concerns the errors made vis-à-vis the Seawatch development in Sechelt. In defence of its refusal to require any bonding to protect the Gibsons aquifer, the Town stated that the developer's and consultants' liability insurances will suffice⁴. But we note that despite all the liability policies held by those involved in the Seawatch development, many homeowners are now faced with a major catastrophe. As a result, multiple lawsuits have been launched against the District of Sechelt, the developer, fourteen engineering firms, five real estate agents and an insurance company.

The second example occurred in Vancouver.

At a Gibsons Special Council Meeting,⁵ Gibsons citizen Ms. **22(1) FOIPPA** referred Council's attention to the costly breach of an aquifer in Vancouver and she requested an insurance policy to help mitigate the costs of a similar breach of Gibsons aquifer. In his reply, the Town's Director of engineering, Mr. Newman, stated, "... to compare this process to Vancouver is somewhat misleading". And yet the ten-million-dollar (and still counting) bill to the City of Vancouver was ultimately caused simply by human error, an ever-present condition whenever any human undertakes any endeavour. There is no doubt that should an error result in a breach of the Gibsons aquifer it would cause havoc. The town would suffer the loss of its critical water supply and the harbour would be subjected to an environmental disaster. We citizens do not want to have anything like the Seawatch sinkhole imbroglio or the Vancouver aquifer breach happen in Gibsons.

It is of further concern to us that the Town has not released a peer review of the revised project done by an expert hydrogeologist since the May 2015 Waterline review. The Town claims to have based its decision to approve this project on expert peer reviews but has not to date released any beyond the aforementioned Waterline Review. We find only the peer review conducted by Geosystems, which reviewed the deep soil-mixing technique proposed by Isherwood Ltd. It appears that no further hydrogeological review exists and that the Town is basing critical hydrogeological decisions on engineers and geotechs and not on hydrogeologists.

Moreover, the proposed Remedial Plan for this site has never been peer-reviewed by a hydrogeologist and the developer has admitted that there are still unresolved risks of aquifer perforation within the Remedial Plan. These risks were acknowledged by the developer's Consultant in his request⁶ for a one-year postponement of the appeal to the Environmental Appeal Board by the Gibsons Alliance of Business and Community. This appeal, previously scheduled for late 2018 is now rescheduled for October 2019 in order for the developer to do further investigating and testing relating to the presence of highly toxic tributyl-tin on the site. Given all the foregoing we hereby propose that our mayor and council consider and act on the following.

.....According to the Gibsons Building and Plumbing Bylaw # 822⁷ the George Building Permit is now expired. Our reasons for stating this are:

The Town's website⁸ states that the Building Permit is, "ready to be issued once the developer decides to proceed". The use of the word "ready" in the phrase, "ready to be issued" certainly means that an actual permit exists. Also, The Coast Clarion, a local online publication, quoted Mr. David Bell, building inspector, in its August 28th 2017 issue⁹, as saying that the building permit for the George "has been issued", thus confirming the existence of an actual permit. [We note that the dictionary definitions of the words "issue" and "issuance" do not require that something has to be actually received by an applicant, but only that it be made available, which is the case here]. All the foregoing would mean that the original permit, at the time of this writing, is now about seventeen months old.

Further: Section **14.4** of Gibsons Building Bylaws states, "Every permit is issued upon the condition that the permit shall expire and the rights of the owner under the permit shall terminate if:

14.4.1 the work authorized by the permit is not commenced within 6 months from the date of issuance of the permit;"

We do note that there are provisions for extending the availability of the permit in section **14.5** of the bylaw, but the wording stipulates that the extension must occur, "prior to the expiry date" (i.e., before circa February 28, 2018). If the applicant did not renew before that date, the permit is further invalidated.

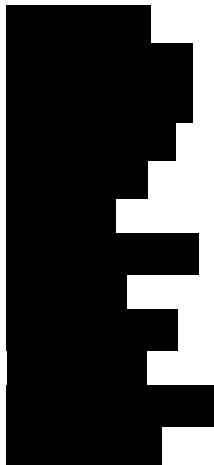
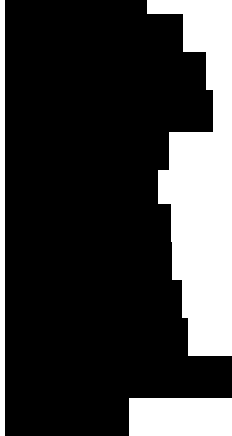
As an aside to the foregoing, we note that section **9.4** of the same Building Bylaw clearly calls that two permits would be required for this project and not just one: "Each building or structure to be constructed on a site requires a separate building permit....." Since the project consists of a condominium building on one side and a hotel on the other, we ask the question: Did the Town issue two permits as is required by our bylaws?

Many mistakes were made in the whole process that led up to the final approvals surrounding the George project. The former council itself admitted that the Town could have done a better job of making the process less combative between those who championed the form and character of the George and those who opposed it. We cannot change that fact now. Nevertheless, we are still intent on protecting our aquifer from harm from this proposed development. Our aquifer is of growing importance not only to residents of Gibsons but also to

the many residents outside of Gibsons who may eventually have to rely on it as a water source. Before the Town re-issues any new building permits, we insist that our new mayor and council be prudent and take the opportunity to re-visit the need of requiring the developer to post a bond to shield the Town from costs if a catastrophic event should occur to our aquifer. In order to protect the citizens and taxpayers of Gibsons we strongly recommend that a bond in the order of twenty million dollars be posted by the developer before the commencement of construction and be in place until the George project declares Substantial Completion.

Sincerely:

22(1) FOIPPA



1. [\(SCMT\)](#) Special Council Meeting Transcript) pg10 22(1) FOIPPA & pg12 22(1) FOIPPA

2. [Waterline](#) Peer Review. (all pgs esp. Comments 5.4.2 & 21.2)

2. [Staff Report](#) Pgs. 13-14 Levelton – Discussion .2

3. [\(SCMT\)](#) pg 15 paragraph one, Machado, (risk)

4. [\(SCMT\)](#) pg 15 paragraph one, Machado, (liability)

5. [\(SCMT\)](#) pg.13 paragraph one, Newman, (compare)

6. [Request delay](#) Coast Reporter

7. [Bylaw 822](#) Plumbing

8. [T.O.G. site](#) Permit ready to be issued.

9. [Clarion](#)- Permit issued & Building docs.

This letter is sent by citizen 22(1) FOIPPA who is also one of the above signatories. He is acting on behalf of all the above and will forward all replies. He can be contacted by post at P.O. Box 22(1) FOIPPA, Gibsons, BC V0N 1V0, or by telephone at 604 22(1) FOIPPA, or by email at 22(1) FOIPPA

Tracy Forster

From: Mayor Bill Beamish
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2019 3:43 PM
To: sean@coastreporter.net
Cc: Emanuel Machado; Tracy Forster
Subject: Fwd: Re: Bond Request

Hi Sean, here is my reply to Mr. [REDACTED] ^{22(1) FOIPPA}'s letter you referenced. It did not get on the correspondence list because he emailed it directly and not via the website. Sometimes we catch that and sometimes not. It also was not presented at council as a petition.

We had the workshop last week and council was informed of work still ongoing on the site. No decision about bonding has been made, however, it is still an option that council will consider if it is needed. Another option is to ensure that insurance limits are high and that the Town is named as an additionally insured party which has been done up to now.

Bill

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

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: 22(1) FOIPPA [REDACTED] >
Date: Mar. 25, 2019 11:43
Subject: Fwd: Re: Bond Request
To: Mayor Bill Beamish <mayor@gibsons.ca>, Councillor Annemarie De Andrade <adeandrade@gibsons.ca>, Councillor Aleria Ladwig <aladwig@gibsons.ca>, Councillor David Croal <dcroal@gibsons.ca>, Councillor Stafford Lumley <slumley@gibsons.ca>
Cc:

Hello Mayor Beamish. Thank you for your prompt reply to our letter regarding an aquifer protection bond. I sent your response to all the signatories and have received feedback from them. I am forwarding the main points of that feedback to you with this email.

The general consensus of the signatories is that the possibility of having a mayor and council that is open and transparent with Gibsons' citizens is definitely positive. We are thankful that you committed to an open local government in your February 2019 paper entitled "[Talk of the Town](#)" in which you stated, ".....where possible though, Gibsons' council is strongly committed to opening up local government and I invite you to email me directly at mayor@gibsons.ca if you have any ideas about how we can move closer to that goal." With that in mind, I am putting to you the most-voiced question from the signatories:

- Will the planned "full briefing and update on the status of this project" as stated in your email of 2019-03-19 be open and accessible to the citizens of Gibsons too?

Sincerely, [REDACTED] on behalf of 34 signatories.

On 2019-03-19 6:29 a.m., Mayor Bill Beamih wrote:

Mr. [REDACTED], thank you for your email concerning the George Project and for your recommendation that the developer be required to place a \$20,000,000 bond on the project in respect to any impacts to the Gibsons aquifer.

Prior to receipt of your letter, I have requested that staff provide full briefing and update on the status of this project to council. I expect this briefing to take place later this month.

Any determination by council in respect to bonding or other matters will occur after we have received this information.

Thank you for your email and for your suggestion.

Regards,

Bill

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

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On Mar 15, 2019 13:16, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello Gibsons mayor and council. A group of citizens has come together to submit a formal request to you regarding protection of our aquifer.

We hope that you will give serious consideration to the contents of the letter which is attached to this email. Thank you for the work that you do in representing all of us who live in the town of Gibsons.

[REDACTED] Gibsons BC ph. 604 [REDACTED]

Health

Nature offers serious benefits to our physical and mental health, research suggests



Students who spend time outside are less stressed and have longer attention spans, educators find

[Marcy Cuttler](#) · CBC News · Posted: May 10, 2019 4:00 AM ET | Last Updated: May 10



When you're immersed in green, your troubles go away, says Ryerson University student Natalie Pavlovich. (Craig Chivers/CBC)

[comments](#)



The students of Gradale Academy in midtown Toronto are on their way to a place they call "Mud Mountain" for some outdoor time that may offer an antidote to everyday problems affecting their physical and mental health.

Situated near their school around the trails of the Don Valley, "Mud Mountain" is, yes, dirty and mucky. Armed with clipboards, the students, who range from kindergarten to Grade 6, examine the foliage and wildlife of an early spring day.

But researchers believe nature offers more than just its beauty; it offers serious academic and mental-health benefits.

A [recent review](#) of hundreds of studies has found mounting "evidence of a cause-and-effect relationship": Experiences in nature led to improvements in attention span, self-discipline and physical fitness, all while reducing stress.

Researchers also found that children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) who take a 20-minute walk in a park can improve their symptoms as effectively as if they took a dose of prescription stimulant medication.

Dr. Melissa Lem is a family physician in Vancouver. She believes in the power of greenery.

"There are two different major theories as to why nature is good for your brain, and one of them is called Stress Reduction Theory. Essentially, it speaks to how humans evolved in nature," she said.

Because we humans have been surrounded by forests, flowers, and fauna for most of our existence, scientists believe there may be an evolutionary reason that nature feels to us like a comfortable, familiar place.

There's also what's called the Attention Restoration Theory, first developed in the 1980s, which proposes that exposure to nature is not only enjoyable, but can also help us improve our focus and ability to concentrate. Nature, says Lem, is simpler and less taxing than the crowds, lights, traffic, and noise of city life.





Michelle Gradish, who runs Toronto's Gradale Academy, believes even an hour a day spent outdoors can help children learn. (Craig Chivers/CBC)

"It doesn't tire out your concentration. It just lets you kind of enjoy and restore your brain."

Michelle Gradish, who's been running the Gradale Academy for 18 years, is a firm believer in outdoor education. She says even an hour a day spent in nature can teach students how to cope with the unexpected.

"They don't even realise that they're learning at that point, as opposed to when they're inside and at their desks and they're almost told what to do and how to do it."

Nature and mood

Meanwhile, a group of students at Toronto's Ryerson University has found that nature breaks reduce their stress and make it easier for them to handle their workload.

Every week, they participate in Mood Routes, a program run in partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association. They visit parks, greenhouses and nature trails all over Toronto, with the goal of boosting health and fitness, as well as improving their state of mind.

"[Nature's] green. I guess I equate that with [feeling] happy and with healthy," said Natalie Pavlovich, a 26-year-old psychology student at Ryerson who has joined the Mood Routes.

"I think when you're [immersed] in green, your troubles go away and you feel pure."

- [Urban stress changes brain, scans show](#)
- BOB MCDONALD'S BLOG [How to improve education: move the classroom outdoors](#)
- [Battling mental illness, B.C. mountain climber finds peace in the outdoors](#)

A recent study backs that up. Researchers at the University of Michigan say that taking [at least 20 minutes](#) out of your day to take a walk somewhere close to nature can lower your stress hormone levels.

"For the greatest payoff, in ... efficiently lowering levels of the stress hormone cortisol, you should spend 20 to 30 minutes sitting or walking in a place that provides you with a sense of nature," said lead author MaryCarol Hunter in a news release.

Hunter is a landscape architect and ecologist with an interest in the effect that experiences in nature can have on mental well-being.



Deena Shaffer runs Mood Routes, a program at Ryerson University whereby students who are stressed and lonely take revitalizing walks in parks, greenhouses and nature trails around Toronto. (Craig Chivers/CBC)

Participants in the experiment were asked to spend 10 minutes or more in nature at least three times a week over eight months. Hunter's team took saliva samples to measure cortisol levels before and after the leisurely walks, which were taken without conversation or smartphone interruptions.

Deena Kara Shaffer, the coordinator of student transitions and retention at Ryerson, runs the weekly Mood Routes. She's seen students who are stressed, lonely, and exhausted become

revitalized after visiting a garden, forest, or park.

"They connect with a perspective of something larger than themselves, which can be really helpful if you're studying, really fixed on one thing," she said.

Back at Mud Mountain, Gradish's students are noting the nests and plants that are part of the Don Valley ecosystem.

Gradish believes that learning in natural settings promotes warmer, more co-operative relationships, and teaches lessons that will last a lifetime.

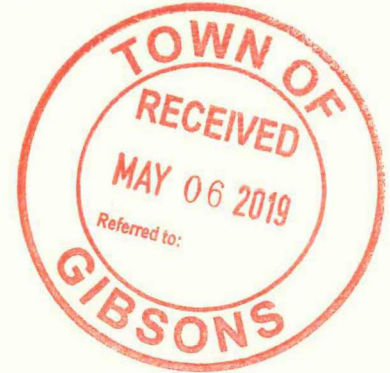
"They have matured in ways with their leadership skills, with their teamwork, and with their confidence."

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CITY OF BURNABY
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MIKE HURLEY
MAYOR



2019 May 02

Dear Mayor and Council:

Subject: Expanding Investment Opportunities
(Item No. 6(J), Reports, Council 2019 April 29)

Burnaby City Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2019 April 29, received the above noted report and adopted the following recommendations, **AS AMENDED**:

1. THAT Council provide support for changes to the Community Charter to allow for expanded asset class investments under prudent investor rules.
2. THAT Council request support from other municipalities and regional districts for the requested changes to the Community Charter.
3. THAT Council submit a resolution, as outlined in Section 4.1 of this report, to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, as outlined in this report.

In accordance with Recommendation No. 2, a copy of the report, containing text of the resolution, is *enclosed* for your information.

Burnaby City Council appreciates your support on this matter.

Yours truly,

Mike Hurley
MAYOR

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: EXPANDING INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council provide support for changes to the Community Charter to allow for expanded asset class investments under prudent investor rules.
2. THAT Council request support from other municipalities for the requested changes to the Community Charter.
3. THAT Council submit a resolution, as outlined in Section 4.1 of this report, to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, as outlined in this report.

REPORT

The Financial Management Committee, at its meeting held on 2019 April 24, received and adopted the attached report requesting Council to support changes to the Community Charter to allow for prudent investor rules, thus expanding investment parameters and opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor M. Hurley
Chair

Councillor S. Dhaliwal
Vice Chair

Copied to:	City Manager Director Finance
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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 2019 April 17

FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE

FILE: 7500-01

SUBJECT: EXPANDING INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PURPOSE: To request Council to support changes to the Community Charter to allow for prudent investor rules, thus expanding investment parameters and opportunities.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** the Committee recommend Council provide support for changes to the Community Charter to allow for expanded asset class investments under prudent investor rules.
2. **THAT** the Committee recommend Council request support from other municipalities for the requested changes to the Community Charter.
3. **THAT** the Committee recommend Council submit a resolution, as outlined in Section 4.1 of this report, to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities as outlined in this report.

REPORT**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Financial investments form a critical part of the activities of a municipality, providing a source of revenues for capital expenditures and to offset cash flow fluctuations. The allowable investment parameters as laid out in the Community Charter is considered a “prescribed” or a “closed” set of legislated guidelines designed to protect municipalities from taking unnecessary or undue risks. The concept being that the current regulations provide for a list of instruments that can be placed in the portfolio, instruments that are considered the most creditworthy and least risky, such as provincial debt obligations and investments in financial institutions in Canada. What occurs in a market such as Canada, which represents less than 3% of the global economy, is an over concentration of holdings and limited investment diversification due to the regulation limitations.

The parameters set and limitations for investment powers and opportunities has not changed for decades in British Columbia. The purpose of the proposed changes to Section 183 of the Community Charter is to provide municipalities with the ability to obtain improved returns

through asset class diversification, which in return can reduce tax implications and funding costs associated with capital funding; while also reducing investment risks. Analysis and discussion for structured governance will be critical to determine the scope of change and authority granted through legislated changes. However, the purpose of this report is to start the conversation with the Province.

2.0 POLICY SECTION

Goal

- A Connected Community
 - Partnership –
Work collaboratively with businesses, educational institutions, associations, other communities and governments
- A Dynamic Community
 - Economic opportunity –
Foster an environment that attracts new and supports existing jobs, businesses and industries
 - Community development –
Manage change by balancing economic development with environmental protection and maintaining a sense of belonging
- A Thriving Organization
 - Financial viability –
Maintain a financially sustainable City for the provision, renewal and enhancement of City services, facilities and assets

3.0 MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS

3.1 Investment Funds

Part 6, Division 3, Section 183 of the Community Charter provides investment guidelines to British Columbia municipalities. These legislated guidelines state that municipalities may invest or reinvest money that is not immediately required for expenditures as follows:

183 Money held by a municipality that is not immediately required may only be invested or reinvested in one or more of the following:

- (a) securities of the Municipal Finance Authority;
- (b) pooled investment funds under section 16 of the *Municipal Finance Authority Act*;
- (c) securities of Canada or of a province;

- (d) securities guaranteed for principal and interest by Canada or by a province;
- (e) securities of a municipality, regional district or greater board;
- (f) investments guaranteed by a chartered bank;
- (g) deposits in a savings institution, or non-equity or membership shares of a credit union;
- (h) other investments specifically authorized under this or another Act.

The British Columbia provincial government is responsible for the laws and framework that provide governance across the province. The *Municipal Act* has provided this guidance since the 1880's. In 1991, UBCM proposed the idea for the creation of a Bill of Rights for municipalities for the purpose of providing broader powers and greater freedoms for BC municipalities. The *Local Government Act* was then created and received Parliamentary approval in 1996. Finally, with Royal Assent in August 2001 of the *Community Charter Council Act*, a Community Charter Council was created for the purpose of developing the *Community Charter*.

BC municipalities have managed investment portfolios under these guidelines as a matter of fiduciary responsibility and with due diligence. Internal investment guidelines support each municipality's investment activities within the constraints of the *Community Charter*. While protectionist in nature, the regulations actually place inadvertent restrictions on the ability to generate higher rates of return and increased revenues, as well as limiting asset class diversification which is paramount to financial sustainability and risk diversification. Currently, BC municipalities can invest in two of the four main asset classes - money market (including cash equivalents) and fixed income (bonds). The other two asset classes include equities and real estate (or other tangible assets). This limitation in turn affects the portfolio real rate of return once inflation is considered and it affects annual taxation rates and other capital costs for a municipality.

3.2 Prudent Investor Rules

The prudent investor rule (aka prudent investor standard) requires the investment manager of an organization to conduct investment activities with care, skill and due-diligence for that which a prudent person would do when managing their own investments, such as property, cash or securities. Such a person would therefore deploy investments through a diversification strategy that can potentially reduce risks while enhancing returns.

A prudent investor would therefore have flexibility and seek opportunities based on market and economic cycles, as well as utilize diversification opportunities both in and outside of Canada. For a municipality, benefits from increased returns can reduce taxation requirements and fees. Without a change to provincial legislation, BC municipalities will continue to invest in

prescribed investment products which under varying market conditions, like the historical low interest rates experienced over the last 10 years that has in turn translated into the lowest yields and lower income.

3.3 Prudent Investor Rules – Other Jurisdictions

Various municipalities and pensions maintain prudent investor rules such as the cities of Ottawa, Edmonton, Calgary, Medicine Hat and more recently the City of Toronto. In 2000, the Canada Pension Plan began investing in equities and other investment products (real estate, commodities and futures) with the main goal of seeking higher returns and to stabilize the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) program for future generations. This change meant a more diversified and global deployment of funds for capital appreciation, taking advantage of a much larger global market than just Canadian content.

When the Province of Ontario decided to make changes to the municipal legislation, it was for the purpose of providing municipalities more flexibility. Thus, allowing local governments more freedom to invest available funds in a larger pool of diversified investment products. Providing the added flexibility and freedom could potentially deliver higher returns while lowering or removing systemic risks, reinvestment risks and interest rate risks. The Ontario government put in place specific requirements that a local government must meet to permanently opt into the prudent investor program. The logic was to ensure appropriate governance and structure was in place with separate guidance from an independent board for the expanded portfolio.

The City of Toronto is currently preparing to place their initial investments into equities now that the legislated requirements for prudent standards have been met. The City of Ottawa however has been investing endowment funds of over \$200 million since 2007. Ottawa conducted an RFP and hired two fund managers to manage the investments of the endowment. Applying prudent investment standards to the endowment funds has allowed the City of Ottawa to generate much higher yields over the last decade when compared to the funds invested based on the prescribed legislation. Also, the City of Ottawa is watching Toronto's activities closely and will contemplate the opt-in decision for the remaining portfolio funds as they have first-hand knowledge of the large differential in returns between their funds.

The City of Edmonton began investing in equities in 1995 with the creation of an endowment fund. A May 2014 staff white paper identified that through the use of asset class diversification, the endowment fund has contributed well over \$700 million to the City of Edmonton's operating budget and the fund has grown from \$445 million to \$710 million. Staff reports indicate that the change to investment structure has allowed the city to achieve cost efficiencies and to better align the portfolios with specific risk profile needs and objectivity. This in turn allows for the creation of new asset class investing, such as global infrastructure and emerging market equities, while achieving the goals of increasing overall returns and long term financial sustainability.

Another report highlighted that Edmonton home owners have saved over 7% for the period 2005 – 2014 on property taxes paid. Not only have the funds increased returns resulted in a reduction of the tax burden on citizens, but has and will continue to the support the city's financial position

and sustainability. The investment diversification through prudent investor rules has meant an expanded revenue base for operating and capital budgets.

3.4 Prudent Investor Rules – Capacity and Knowledge

While providing expanded investment options to municipalities through legislation can achieve many benefits, consideration must be made regarding municipal capacity and expertise. Any change in legislation will require municipal input in determining the governance structure that will work best for the province and each municipality. With examples from Ontario and Alberta now in place, this presents a tremendous opportunity to learn from the legislative process and experiences and to understand the need for improvements and the request to change.

Because of the vast range of assignments and work conducted in municipal treasury, the current staff compliments most likely will not have the expertise to branch out into a larger array of investment asset class products. Indeed, smaller municipalities have very few staff that manage varying professional disciplines such as budgets, banking, trades payable, accounting and investments. There are however significant differences amongst the municipalities in the lower mainland and across the province when it comes to portfolio management expertise and knowledge. So governance must consider inclusion for all without creating additional costs and risks.

Such risks can be mitigated through pooling investments or contracts with qualified funds managers through the set-up of simplified but effective reporting standards and clear guidelines. Under prudent investment standards the need for monitoring the decisions made, portfolio performance, policy and governance principles becomes even greater. Setting the criteria by thoughtful consideration will ensure a more comprehensive and general acceptance and adaptation by municipalities. The goal is not to make prudent investing an impossible challenge, but to ensure there is significant and meaningful impact when prudent investment standards are followed.

4.0 REQUIRED CHANGE IN LEGISLATION

The City of Burnaby has maintained a concentrated and focused effort on the investment portfolio for over three decades. This attention has provided for consistently improved yields and income generation. While the City of Burnaby has outperformed market benchmarks and municipal peers, there are still missed opportunities due to investment restrictions based on the current legislation.

While protectionist in nature, a “prescribed” or “closed” set of guidelines can introduce unintended risks by being extremely limited, thus introducing systemic and interest rate risks to a municipal portfolio. This can increase in magnitude for a large portfolio that seeks additional product and yield within the limited reach and size of the Canadian fixed income market. The *Community Charter* provides clarity but does not empower a municipality to obtain greater investment variation and seek to reduce risk further through asset diversification and allocation.

It is therefore proposed that by providing prudent investor standards within the *Community Charter* or other provincial legislation, risk versus reward through asset class diversification can culminate into various funding and cash flow opportunities as returns increase. If the City of Burnaby moved 30% of current holdings to other asset classes for example (Edmonton has 60% of the endowment fund in equities), with only a 2.5% increase in yield on that portion of the portfolio, the annual additional revenue would be \$12.75 million per year.

The evidence is very clear from municipal examples to pension plans and historical analysis that asset mix is a critical determinant of long term investment fund stability, yield and income. Maintaining a set of guidelines that limits municipal investing to a restricted list of products within limited asset classes will result in what is occurring in many municipal portfolios today – yields that range from 1.50% - 3.00% with significantly reduced income. The current standards limit municipal investments to the Canadian market only and to the fixed income asset class which is based on Canadian interest rates only.

The size and utilization of the City’s investment reserves, without debt payment obligations other than internally through annual depreciation, means we are well positioned for the longer term investment time horizon that is needed under other asset classes such as equities and real estate. Providing proficient and transparent oversight to the investment portfolio ensures the City of Burnaby is acting in the best interest of citizens. This also means identifying that as investment markets and economies have changed over the years, opportunities have been missed. The best starting point is to begin the conversation about making changes to the current investment legislation in British Columbia.

And while those opposed to change may suggest that introducing the prudent investor rules will bring with it needless risks, one must consider that risk is defined in many ways, including the long term financial sustainability of municipalities and the tax burden placed on residents. Risk diversification also means fund managers and fund management, not just guarantors and asset class diversification. Risk management means a governance structure that takes into consideration the varying investment strategies that can be deployed and empowering municipalities to diversify and grow for future generations of citizens. For these reasons, updating legislation to include prudent investment rules is practical and warranted.

4.1 Resolution: Expanded Asset Class Investments Under Prudent Investor Rules

Given the discussion above, and recognizing that the ability to properly manage and grow assets is an important role of local government, the following resolution has been prepared for the Committee and Council’s consideration.

WHEREAS financial investments form a critical part of the activities of a municipality, providing a source of revenues for capital expenditures and to offset cash flow fluctuations;

To: Financial Management Committee
From: Director Finance
Re: Expanding Investment Opportunities
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AND WHEREAS allowable investment parameters as laid out in the *Community Charter* is considered a “prescribed” set of legislated guidelines.

AND WHEREAS the Provinces of Alberta and Ontario have implemented a wider scope for local government investment, which responds to the needs of local governments of all sizes:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request the Ministry of Finance to amend the *Community Charter* to provide municipalities with the ability to obtain improved returns through asset class diversification, which in return can reduce tax implications and funding costs associated with capital funding, while also reducing investment risk.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee recommend Council provide support for changes to the Community Charter to allow for expanded asset class investments under prudent investor rules. It is also recommended that the Committee recommend Council request support from other municipalities for the requested changes to the Community Charter and that a resolution, as outlined in Section 4.1 of this report, be submitted to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities on this matter.



Noreen Kassam, CPA, CGA
DIRECTOR FINANCE

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Copied to: City Manager

Gibsons General Mailbox

From: BCWS COFC Information Officer FLNR:EX <BCWS.COFCInformationOfficer@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2019 2:32 PM
Subject: Coastal Wildfire News
Attachments: 2019 May 3 Coastal Wildfire News.pdf

Hello Everyone,

Please find attached the first Coastal Wildfire News of the 2019 season. Included this season you will find a lot of information about the BC Wildfire Service's Prevention program – FireSmart! Note that tomorrow, May 4, 2019, is Wildfire Community Preparedness Day. Look for an event near you by contacting your local government.

Also included is the Seasonal Outlook. Remember, it is early and we are still hoping for those June rains on the Coast.

As always if you have any comments, or suggestions, we would be happy to hear from you.

Have a safe weekend,

Marg Drysdale

Communications Assistant

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

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FireSmart—a ‘Shared Responsibility’

British Columbia is experiencing a serious and sustained trend of extreme wildfire behaviour and extreme fire events, particularly in the wildland-urban interface where developed areas border on forests or grasslands.

More human activity and development is taking place in or near forests, resulting in greater potential consequences for the socio-economic health and safety of citizens and visitors. Climate change impacts are more evident in terms of increased wildfire size and severity, and longer fire seasons.

British Columbia makes up 9.5% of Canada’s land mass and has a population of only 4.9 million people, which is largely concentrated along the Canada-U.S. border. (The Coastal Fire Centre covers 12.8 million hectares). The province contains about 60.3 million hectares of forest, all of which can be exposed to wildfires at varying intervals and intensities.

Wildfires will occur. They’re simply a fact of life in British Columbia.

Since we cannot stop all wildfires, we need the public’s assistance to prevent human-caused wildfires and mitigating potential damage

when a wildfire does occur.

Here on the coast, we have a situation where dense, large-treed forests traditionally retain moisture in the understory (below the forest canopy) and in the forest floor. The biomass (i.e. the amount of fuel that’s available to burn) is immense. With higher summer temperatures and longer dry periods, the risk of severe coastal fire behaviour is increasing.

The FireSmart program is based on the reality that wildfires will occur, and that we all

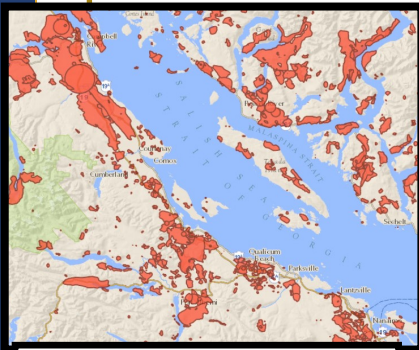
must live with and prepare for this certainty. The FireSmart program uses preventative measures to reduce wildfire threats to British Columbians and their communities, while balancing the beneficial effects of fire on the landscape (such as rejuvenating forests and increasing biodiversity).

The key premise of FireSmart is that preparing for wildfire threats is a “shared responsibility.” Local governments, First Nations, forestry companies, industry, the B.C. government and members of the public all have a responsibility to reduce the damaging effects of wildfire. Communities and neighbourhoods can make a difference by using FireSmart techniques, while governments (local and provincial) have responsibilities related to planning, preparedness, urban development policy and legislative changes.

To learn more about FireSmart, visit: <https://firesmartbc.ca>

For specific questions about the FireSmart program, contact:

- info@firesmartbc.ca
- your local fire department
- the BC Wildfire Service zone office nearest you



Coastal—Historical Fire Perimeters



qathat Regional District in the Powell River area undertaking a fuel mitigation project at Penticton Trails.

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

The Seven Disciplines of FireSmart



Education: raising awareness of wildfire risks and opportunities for prevention and mitigation

Educating the public about the advantages of FireSmart is an important aspect of the program. Once members of the public learn about the program, we encourage them to pass this knowledge on to friends and neighbours, and use it to influence local government decisions in their area.



Vegetation management: managing fuels on the landscape through effective treatments and using the best available science

Vegetation management not only refers to conducting prescribed burning. It also covers a multitude of technical forestry methods and includes wildfire risk management plans. Public support for various fuel treatments is key to managing and maintaining healthy forests in B.C.



Legislation and planning: effective development of policy and legislation related to forestry management practices, integrated land use planning, compliance and enforcement programs, and legal orders

The BC Wildfire Service is guided by legislation, so altering or enacting new legislation to help reduce or mitigate wildfire risks is important. This discipline also addresses enforcement. Open fire prohibitions are one way to reduce potential wildfire starts during periods of high fire risk.



Development considerations: using the best available science and technology to promote effective local government and land use planning that supports community wildfire resiliency and infrastructure survivability

This discipline addresses some overarching building and land use planning objectives, including how a community is built and what building products are used in houses. How can community plans be tested to make sure that the best available science is used when developing communities, particularly those that straddle a wildland-urban interface area? This discipline often works in concert with the legislation and planning discipline, since the government

can enact building code changes, development policies and infrastructure bylaws specifically to address issues in the wildland-urban interface.



Interagency cooperation: promote intra-ministry and inter-agency collaboration to better support wildfire preparedness, prevention, response and recovery

The BC Wildfire Service works with stakeholders and First Nations to develop efficient and cohesive partnerships for preventing or mitigating wildfire risks. This work can involve meetings, specific projects or inter-agency training.



Emergency planning: encourage and participate in emergency planning by combining local knowledge with wildfire management expertise

The BC Wildfire Service supports local emergency planning and it works with ministries, communities and First Nations to develop appropriate emergency procedures in response to wildfire threats. The BC Wildfire Service provides expert advice for developing Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs), participates in emergency planning exercises and offers its expertise to assist with recovery and rehabilitation. Does your community have a CWPP?



Cross-training: participate and promote cross-training opportunities that support the delivery of the FireSmart program

The BC Wildfire Service supports and takes part in cross-training exercises with other fire departments, First Nations communities, local governments, industry and others. This may include tabletop exercises, scenarios, fuel management and rehabilitation/recovery projects.

For more information about the FireSmart program, visit <https://firesmartbc.ca/>

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day—May 4, 2019

What it is?

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day is an annual FireSmart campaign that encourages people to come together on a single day and take action to increase their communities' wildfire resiliency.

Getting involved with volunteer efforts to keep your community safe is a great way of observing Wildfire Community Preparedness Day. Put on some gardening gloves and help clear away materials that could spark or fuel a fire.

Participation in Wildfire Community Preparedness Day projects helps create a sense of community where neighbors look out for each other. These projects can also strengthen relationships between residents and local fire departments, land management agencies, community leaders and elected officials.

It's also a great day to teach your children about wildfire dangers, and the effects that careless behaviour can have on wildlife and forest ecosystems.

Communities can receive funding through FireSmart Canada to sponsor Wildfire Community Preparedness Day events. Was your community one of them?

Please forward any photos of your event to FORHPRP.INFOCO@gov.bc.ca

**Local Events Near You:****Sproat Lake Fire Department**

May 4 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: 9346 Bomber Base Road, 9346 Bomber Base Road
Port Alberni, British Columbia V9Y 8Z3

Regional Municipality of Whistler (RMOW)

FireSmart crew hosting a walk along the Valley Trail

May 5 @ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FireSmart Community Chipper Days

Sundays from May 6 to June 10

Saturna Island

Saturday, May 26 @ 10:00am to 2:00pm

Event Location: Emergency Services Building #1

Langford Emergency Preparedness Expo

Sunday, May 5 @ 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Juan de Fuca Rec Centre, 1767 Island Highway

Nanoose Bay, Regional District of Nanaimo

Saturday, May 4 @ 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Nanoose Fire Hall, 2471 Nanoose Road

Check with your local government for an event near you!

Prevention Blog

As the new senior wildfire officer for Prevention in the Coastal Fire Centre, this spring has been very busy time, but I wanted to share my observations in my new role. It's been a relatively dry spring on the coast and we have seen multiple fires escape from backyard burning that required both BC Wildfire Service and local fire department response. These types of fires are avoidable and can be very costly for the person who mishandles a burning substance. We work with our Natural Resource Officer partners to follow up on each of these occurrences. You may ask, "If backyard burning can cause wildfires, why doesn't the BC Wildfire Service or the local government just restrict open burning?" Well, we also know that spring is a great time to follow [FireSmart BC](#) recommendations to clean up your property and prune your vegetation, so we want to make sure the public can use all tools at their disposal — including backyard burning — to reduce this hazard. This opportunity won't last forever though. We regularly review Coastal Fire Centre weather station data and when we reach a predetermined level of dryness, I'll recommend that the fire centre manager restrict open burning until safe burning conditions return, typically in the fall. Thanks for reading, and have a look around to see what is happening for Community Wildfire Preparedness Day (May 4) in your neck of the woods.

Alan Berry, RFT

Senior Wildfire Officer- Prevention

**Fires to Date
Since
April 1, 2019**

Total 13

Lightning 0

Person 13

**Number of
fires since
April 26, 2019**

Total 6

Lightning 0

Person 6

**Fire Danger
Rating today**



Current Prohibitions
(within BCWS
jurisdictional area)

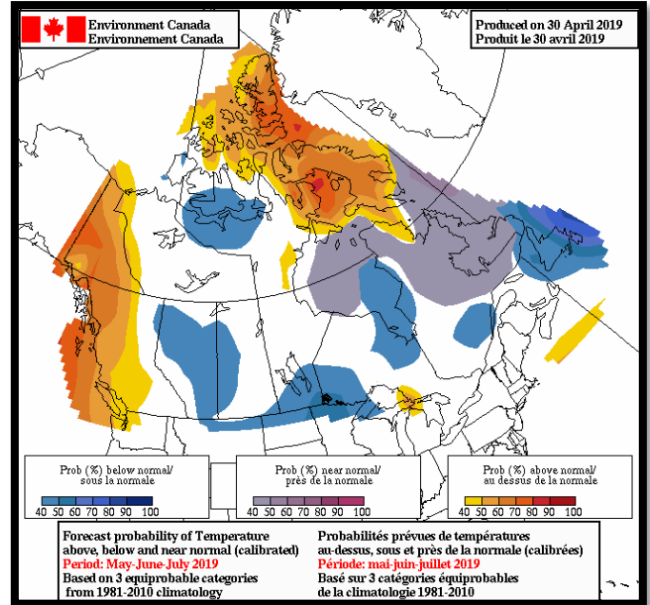
None
Check with your
local government
for burn bylaws in
your area.

Coastal Seasonal Outlook

According to Environment Canada, the seasonal outlook for the Coastal Fire Centre is for a slightly warmer-than-normal April to June, and warmer-than-normal temperatures from June to August.

According to our fire weather technician, a Pacific ridge should dominate over the west coast for much of the summer. A westerly or northwesterly flow should prevail most (not all) of the time. This pattern often supports frequent or prolonged [outflow events](#) on the coast, with occasional wind and lightning events are possible when the ridge breaks down.

The severity of this fire season, however, will depend on local, short-range weather patterns, including the amount and timing of rain, and how that relates to thunderstorms and wind events.



**Long-range forecasts are not wholly reliable, but they are used by the fire centre to prepare for possible wildfire activity. For more information about weather forecasts, visit: https://weather.gc.ca/saisons/prob_e.html*

Weather

SYNOPSIS: (Today-tomorrow) Well established and stable weather pattern with an upper level high pressure ridge centred over the Gulf of Alaska and a shallow surface trough over the BC interior. The high level ridge brings a cool northerly wind with some moisture and instability to areas east of the Coast Mountains and once in a while a few clouds do drift over into Coastal zones. One such shower is observed at this time over the Fraser Valley but so far the rainfall is insignificant. No major instability is expected and thus no chance of lightning. A light pressure gradient today will become a moderate inflow pattern as the afternoon temperatures increase. Some gustiness is likely reaching the 30 km/h range for a few hours in mid-afternoon. The band of showers currently over the mountains is drifting southward and most areas clear in the afternoon allowing fair solar heating and temperatures climbing to the high teens and even a few low 20s. There is enough moisture available so that the afternoon warmth regenerates a few shower clouds but mostly only over the mountains. Mostly clear skies tonight with a return to near normal

lows and good recovery. Much the same pattern and forecast tomorrow with little chance of showers, no chance of lightning and temperatures again climbing to about 5 degrees above the normal. Continued moderate or slightly lower than normal humidity for Friday and another day with a light to briefly moderate inflow breeze.

OUTLOOK: (Saturday-Monday) The ridge remains nearly stationary over the weekend with little change in local weather. By Monday the forecast models show the ridge edging closer to the coast which brings warmer afternoon highs and the start of an outflow pattern.

6 TO 10 DAY: (next week) Its Tuesday and Wednesday next week that sees the upper ridge suddenly pop up over the coast and settle in over Coastal zones. An inverted outflow surface trough forms meaning areas of poor overnight humidity recovery and widespread afternoon very warm temperatures along with relative humidity dropping not the teens. Winds remain quite light.



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Attention: Mayor Bill Beamish & Council Members

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

A point of interest: did you know the start of the pulp and paper industry in British Columbia began on the Sunshine Coast? On October 14, 1909 at 2:30pm, the first paper ever made in British Columbia was produced at the Port Mellon Paper Mill. This year marks the momentous achievement of our 110th anniversary.

While our operation has been through many transitions over the past 110 years, the one constant has been the support and partnership of our surrounding communities. Our success can be attributed to our employees, our contractors, and the businesses of the Sunshine Coast - and for that, we are grateful.

To show our gratitude, we wish to celebrate our 110th Anniversary with the whole of the Sunshine Coast Community. We would like to take the lead role in supporting the 2019 Fireworks Display traditionally held on the 3rd Saturday Night of July during the Sea Cavalcade Weekend.

When considering options to celebrate our milestone, our employees expressed concern over the 51st Sea Cavalcade being in jeopardy of cancellation. In conjunction with your articles in the local newspaper expressing interest in other aspects of the Sea Cavalcade, we at Howe Sound felt that supporting the fireworks in the 51st Sea Cavalcade was the best measure of thanks to the community.

Much like Howe Sound, this 50 year historical festival has roots in the whole of the Sunshine Coast. While the Sea Cavalcade parade is popular in its own right, the spectacular Saturday Night Fireworks festivity is without a doubt, the highlight of the Sea Cavalcade weekend and draws the largest gathering of people from across all areas of the Coast to the shores of Lower Gibsons. We at Howe Sound feel there is no better place to acknowledge our partnership with the community and to give thanks than hosting the 2019 Fireworks Display.

As July is fast approaching and to ensure resource availability, we have been in contact with key individuals involved in past Sea Cavalcade firework displays and are in the process of applying for the required permit approvals necessary (both provincially and locally). Additionally, we are in the process of securing last years certified pyrotechnic experts for the event. All required permits, insurance, firework purchases, assembly and detonation would be paid for and organized through Howe Sound Pulp & Paper. The expert involved in past years' fireworks display has committed to the coordination of this event in conjunction with key people from HSPP.

What we are requesting from the Town of Gibsons is your support for our participation. At the end of the day, Howe Sound Pulp & Paper's goal is to give back to the community and we feel this is the best way of saying "thank you for 110 years of support".

We welcome an opportunity to discuss any concerns, requests or details you or members of the Council may have. We are hopeful to receive the Town's support of this undertaking as soon as possible as we would like to begin announcements to the community so that we can ensure a high turnout and successful event.

Sincerely,



Alan Scalet
General Manager

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Recent press releases regarding 'supportive housing' in Maple Ridge, Surrey, Nanaimo and Penticton

1. **Crime is on the Rise near Nanaimo's new supportive housing centers**

April 10, 2019 CTV News Gordo Kubis Journalist, online CTV News Vancouver Island

Longtime residents report dramatic changes and say they are becoming increasingly concerned about their safety.

"It's just a real undesirable place to be right now. One individual threatened to cut all our throats with razorblade; was going to put hits on all of us. The same individual chased fellow a week later with a knife" (quoted by Terry Usher)

RCMP released supportive stats showing that crime is on the rise around the housing projects and plan to crack down on crime in these areas. Constable O'Brien states that, "We're going to hit the people who are stealing from cars. A lot of criminals do certain types of crime. Drug trafficking is a huge issue."

Neighbor Karen Kuwika said, "Residents, especially seniors are having trouble dealing with the noise and increased activities around the complexes."

2. **Maple Ridge - what was experienced when 'supportive housing' opened a year ago:**

April 11, 2019 CBC Radio Interview with city councilor (Ahmed Youssef)

Businesses in downtown core have experienced increased property crimes, seen increased open drug use on the street, and taken on excessive costs for security – including security systems, cameras and security guards.

Councilor Youssef stated he agrees with the idea to provide help out of homelessness but has not seen residents improve – the only thing is that they've been moved indoors and clustered together. He stated that the model is an 'ideal' but as for its effectiveness on the ground – are the stories of shared wait times for help and lack of programs and treatment – it's more like warehousing.

Anita Place was built without community or council support by BC Housing - building on a site it previously owned. Council and Mayor want more supports – including policing, medical and social supports. They want attention paid to the surrounding neighbors before the second housing unit begins. Without these they oppose any further low barrier housing beds in their community!

3. **Effects on the community:**

April 11, 2019 afternoon CBC radio interview with John van Dyke Jr. - owner of property next door to existing supportive housing units in Maple Ridge,

In his experience in this community there was an immediate rise in incidences of crime, more drug use, greater noise – shouting and screaming and damage to property. Businesses also experienced greater theft. "The timeline of changes was from the day they opened the doors of the housing unit. In one year they've had to build fences around properties, add security systems and lights. He has also had to hire a 24/7 security guard who walks around the property. Even so he has lost two tenants already."

He went on to say that he is sympathetic to the needs of the homeless and has been involved in faith-based cold weather supports of the homeless. But he feels the one year old 'supportive housing' is failing because of its approach. He strongly stated that the community doesn't need the rhetoric of 'us

vs them' from the agencies which is rendering the lack of community support to be of no consequence. He stated that Council needs to see real changes to the operation and changes to 'supportive' housing initiatives to include supports for the safety and peace of mind of the existing community including: security from property crimes, security from open drug use and deals, financial support for security systems and fencing properties, and street security guards.

4. **Push back against 'supportive housing, in Surrey:**

April 12, 2019 CBC Radio, The Early Edition interview with former Mayor of Surrey

Supportive housing moved 120 street people off a 'strip' into supportive housing units. From her experience she urges all Councils to consider the real concerns they face including:

- Residents needing injection assistance and access to keep drugs off the nearby streets
- Residents needing sufficient social agency involvement to prepare residents to be more self-reliant and able to move out of supportive housing within a 2 year time period
- Plans in place regarding what the residents will need for their progression out of supportive housing so that housing isn't considered a long term solutions for residents.

Two pieces of advice she would give Councils is to insist that the 'partners' address community concerns going forwards. The 'partners' also must address the critical secondary pieces that includes agency support and incentive and work done by residents to move on or move out within a two year time frame. The big question of the long term vision must be agreed on.

5. **Mayor Mike Morden and his council are furious at the Horgan government**

April 25, 2019 Excerpts from Mike Smyth's article in the Province:

"Mayor Mike Morden and his council are furious at the Horgan government for forcing a 51-unit, low barrier housing project on the city...The 'low-barrier' design means residents will not be banned from using drugs and alcohol, leading to fears of crime and mayhem... Morden states that at the first supportive housing project they have a whole facility of people not going forward with their lives. "There's crime taking place there. People have died there."

He also warned all provincial municipalities to "consider the ramifications of unilateral action by the province to overrule land-use regulations".

6. **Penticton Council sends housing project back to drawing board**

May 22, 2018 Penticton Western News

"Council voted against second and third reading for a zoning amendment to change an empty lot that is currently zoned for duplexes, to fit a modular project with 52 units of supportive housing... Later, at a public hearing, council bowed to pressure from local residents who claimed the location of the project - near three schools was a major issue, citing concern about kids walking down and forth in front of the complex, needles in the neighborhood ...and behavior that affects the park."

BC Housing identified a new location in the downtown core that conformed with current zoning ... "ideal for supportive housing due to close proximity to both social services and transit routes". Churches will flank both sides of the structure.

mayorandcouncil@gibsons.ca

To: Mayor Bill Beamish and Councilors Annemarie de Andrade, Stafford Lumley, Aleria Ludwig, David Coral

Regarding: the properties 739 and 749 School Road zoning bylaw amendment and official community plan change needed before community housing proposal by BC Housing can proceed

I am inviting you to a walk-around of our community which surrounds the old RCMP building. Driving up or down School Road or parking at Gibsons' Elementary School or the Legion does not adequately portray our neighborhood. So, I invite you to move off School Road and turn into Wildwood Crescent. I did last August and after wandering along the quiet crescent, meeting kind neighbors, walking the steep and secluded community trails to upper and lower Gibsons, and reading through the community plan I invested in a home here.

We ask that you take a walk-around with us so you can become knowledgeable about the space and surroundings as they are currently used and

1. Walk around Wildwood Crescent
2. Continue up School Road passing the homes closely adjacent to the old RCMP building
3. Walk along O'Shea passing post boxes and into the woods flanking homes and school fields
4. Return down the community pathway towards lower Gibson's

We urge you to become both familiar with this area and aware of our neighborhood safety concerns regarding the proposed location for supportive housing. These concerns include:

1. School Road is steeply graded so amenities in lower or upper Gibson's is not accessible or serviced by bus *Refer to Community Plan
2. School Road is very dark at night with densely treed areas thus not secure from crime/attacks
3. Wildwood Crescent, built in 1980's, has tall trees, hedges and landscaping making security difficult and expensive to do, for seniors aging in place *Refer to Plan
4. Close proximity to adjacent single family homes creates noise issues and risks of fire with increased numbers and outdoor smoking area and dry our summers

Community members have increased concerns after the presentations held April 3rd and 4th

1. Although the proposed building will have fobbed entry doors and 24/7 security its residents will be able to come and go 24/7: our community will not be provided with any extra security.
2. Even though residents sign an agreement, if they break it the consequence is that they may be moved to another residence: a solution which indicates a lack of treatment for residents.
3. Regarding increased crime, theft and break in problems in our community: a reply to call housing staff when something looks suspicious inadequately addresses the concerns.
4. Regarding security from drug deals and paraphernalia for children walking to school and playing at park: a reply that other residences have been located by schools didn't address real concerns.
5. Regarding wooded areas creating security issues to neighboring homes for break and enter crimes for drug money: answer that they may initially increase didn't answer our concerns.

These are some of the concerns and fears we have been living with since the unexpected proposal of building a large structure in the midst of our single home dwellings became apparent. We are very worried and sincerely request that you find a location that won't disregard the community plan, the current zoning bylaws or our community's concerns. We believe you can meet your responsibility to all members of the community to find the best location for the proposed project so we can all feel secure when it goes ahead.

We hope you will take up our offer and will accommodate each of your timeframes and keep the walk short and informative.

Sincerely,

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Councilor Aleria Ludwig reported on attending the Community Discussion April 4th evening

Tracy Forster

Subject: FW: FOR CRF -- May Update from MNAI

From: MNAI [<mailto:royb@mnai.ca>]
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2019 9:16 AM
To: Emanuel Machado <emachado@gibsons.ca>
Subject: May Update from MNAI



MNAI Update

Hello everyone: here is the latest news and updates from the MNAI team.



Funding opportunities for natural assets & their management

Evidence of the value of municipal natural asset management from a growing number of Canadian municipalities provides a strong rationale to fund natural assets and their management – as do the floods devastating many communities this spring.

Happily, there is a growing number of substantial funding sources for natural assets. However, some eligibility requirements, such as restricting funding to tangible capital assets or minimum cost thresholds can make it more difficult to fund specific natural asset management projects than to fund engineered infrastructure.

The MNAI team researched and identified three programs with high potential to fund municipal natural asset management projects, and three where eligibility will depend more on project details. [Details and analysis are here.](#)



MNAI is tracking the progress of local government participants in the first cohort, which ended in 2017:

- As you will see at [this link](#), major flooding challenges lead to a move to include nature-based solutions in Grand Forks, BC through a \$49.9 million in funding for flood infrastructure from the Federal Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund program. *(You will find details of the DMAF program at the link in the section above).*
- For its part, the Region of Peel is now scaling up the original MNAI pilot across the region; [click here](#) to read about why and how.

Out and About

- Op-Ed: Ontario Greenbelt's natural assets can help with flood risks: Expensive engineered solutions aren't always needed — sometimes nature has the answers. Appears in [Hamilton Spectator](#) as well as Welland Tribune, Niagara Falls Review, Peterborough Examiner, St. Catherines Standard and Waterloo Region Record.
 - At [this link](#) you will find an interesting article about how municipal natural asset management is helping the Town of Gibsons to prepare for climate change.
 - In April, MNAI had the opportunity to present to the Mayor and Council in the City of Courtenay and in the Town of Gibsons.
 - In May, MNAI will present at: the [Canadian Network of Asset Managers Conference](#) in Kelowna; the [BC Land Summit](#) in Vancouver as part of a session organized by the Engineers and Geoscientists of BC; the [BC Water and Waste Association Annual Conference & Trade Show](#) in Victoria; and the [European Climate Change Adaptation conference](#) in Lisbon
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Reporting

Biodiversity and ecosystem health underpin natural asset service delivery and natural infrastructure.

The newly published brief Summary of Canada's 6th National Report to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity ([EN](#) [FR](#)) reflects on the capacity of Canada's biodiversity, the pressures that it faces, and the efforts to conserve and use it sustainably. The summary contains highlights of national progress on meeting our domestic [2020 Biodiversity Goals and Targets for Canada](#)

A [supporting document](#) prepared by Smart Prosperity Institute for reporting on Canada's biodiversity target 13 contains a small feature on the Municipal Natural Assets Initiative.



May 7, 2019

Ref: 246050

Dear Local Governments:

As you are aware, housing availability and affordability are some of the biggest issues facing British Columbians today. That is why I am writing to let you know about exciting partnership opportunities that can be used to increase the supply of affordable housing in your community.

With the 30-point housing plan, the Government of British Columbia is making the largest investment in housing affordability in B.C.'s history—approximately \$7 billion over 10 years—through the **Building BC** funds. In the first year of this plan, we have already made significant investments in communities across British Columbia:

- **Building BC: Community Housing Fund (CHF)** will provide close to \$1.9 billion over 10 years to develop 14,350 units of mixed income, affordable rental housing for independent families and seniors. The new homes are designed to address the need for affordable housing across a range of income levels, in response to a housing crisis that has made housing unaffordable for even middle-class families. *Currently, more than 4,900 of these new homes have been approved in 42 communities. (See map: <https://www.bchousing.org/partner-services/Building-BC/community-housing-fund>)*
- **Building BC: Indigenous Housing Fund (IHF)** is a \$550 million investment over the next 10 years to build and operate 1,750 new social housing units for Indigenous families and seniors. *In Fall 2018, we announced 1,100 new affordable homes for indigenous peoples in 26 communities across B.C. (See news release for project list: <https://www.bchousing.org/news?newsId=1479152910395>)*
- **Building BC: Women's Transition Housing Fund (WTF)** is investing \$734 million over 10 years for 1,500 units of transition and second-stage housing to help women and children get out of violent and abusive situations and rebuild their lives. *More than 280 of these new spaces have been approved for 12 communities.*

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- **Building BC: Supportive Housing Fund (SHF)**, an investment of \$1.2 billion over 10 years, will deliver 2,500 new homes with 24/7 support services for people who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness. This fund builds on the ***Rapid Response to Homelessness initiative*** (now fully subscribed) in which 2,000 homes with supports are currently being built in 22 communities across the province, with 1,285 units already opened.
- **Building BC: Capital Renewal Fund (CRF)** is a \$1.1 billion investment over the next 10 years to make existing B.C. social housing stock more livable, energy-efficient, and safer. This investment will make dramatic improvements to the existing social housing stock in the province and benefit thousands of British Columbians.

Many of these housing projects are underway, but I wanted to make sure you knew about upcoming opportunities to apply for future funding. BC Housing is interested in partnering with municipalities, non-profit housing providers, and community groups to create more innovative and sustainable housing solutions through the following:

- **Future RFP** - BC Housing will be issuing a second formal Request for Proposals for the *Community Housing Fund* and the *Indigenous Housing Fund* in 2020. We encourage groups interested in submitting proposals to start their planning early, to ensure their projects are ready when applications open. Interested organizations can visit bchousing.org/partner-services/funding-opportunities-for-housing-providers to learn more about these funding streams and their requirements.
- **Ongoing Opportunities** - BC Housing welcomes discussions with partners interested in developing new housing through the *Supportive Housing Fund* and/or the *Women's Transition Housing Fund*. Visit bchousing.org/partner-services/Building-BC to learn more or contact your local Director of Regional Development (contact list below).
- **Major Repairs for Existing Social Housing** - Funding is available for non-profit housing providers or housing co-operatives to support capital projects that maintain or benefit an existing social housing building's condition or improve the building's seismic or fire safety, as well as for projects focused on energy performance. Visit bchousing.org/partner-services/asset-management-redeveopment/capital-planning-repairs to learn more about eligibility criteria and how to apply, or speak with the local Regional Non-Profit Portfolio Manager.
- **The HousingHub** is a new division within BC Housing, and was established to seek innovative partnerships with local housing organizations, community land trusts, Indigenous groups, faith-based groups, charities, the development community, financial institutions and other industries to create affordable rental housing and homeownership options for middle-income British Columbians. As a centre for housing expertise and collaboration, affordable housing will be developed through the HousingHub either through new construction or through the redevelopment of existing sites. Partners bring suitable land, equity and/or the catalyst for development. The HousingHub can provide:
 - Expertise to provide advice on assisting the group in the planning and development process
 - Access to pre-development funding
 - Low-cost financing
 - Project coordination advice
 - A place for organizations to collaborate

Learn more: www.bchousing.org/partner-services/housinghub

There are many ways that municipalities can help to partner with BC Housing, such as providing city-owned land or waving Development Costs Charges, as a few examples. If you have an identified housing need in your community, we are hoping that you will help share some of these opportunities with interested community groups in your area. If you are interested in providing housing but are unsure of how to connect with a non-profit, BC Housing or the BC Non-Profit Housing Association can help you identify housing non-profits that operate in your region.

While BC Housing will be promoting these opportunities, we are hoping that you will also reach out to encourage key stakeholders in your community to apply. We have included a *Building BC* factsheet to help you promote these opportunities.

Please have interested key stakeholders in your community contact their local Director of Regional Development for more information:

Region	Director of Regional Development	Email
Interior Region	Danna Locke	dlocke@bchousing.org
Northern Region	Amy Wong	awong@bchousing.org
Vancouver Coastal & Fraser Region	Naomi Brunemeyer	nbrunemeyer@bchousing.org
	James Forsyth	jforsyth@bchousing.org
Vancouver Island	Malcolm McNaughton	mmcnaughton@bchousing.org
HousingHub	Raymond Kwong	rkwong@bchousing.org

Thank you in advance for your support in helping to bring more affordable housing to your community.

Sincerely,

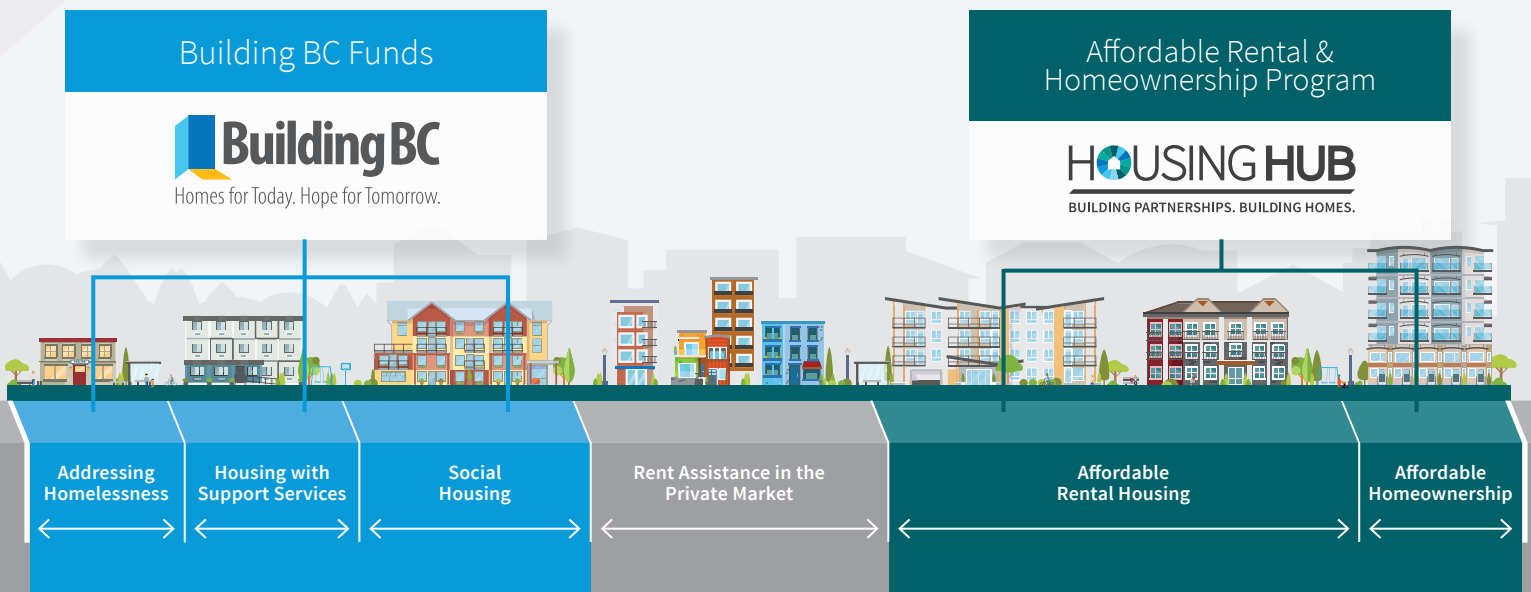


Selina Robinson
Minister

Enclosure

Partnering with BC Housing to Build Affordable Housing

BC Housing welcomes the opportunity to work with individuals and organizations to create affordable housing solutions. We work in partnership with non-profit sectors and private sectors, community and Indigenous groups, provincial health authorities, ministries and other levels of government. As a partner, we build and facilitate community and business partnerships to find innovative solutions to housing.



▶▶▶ How to apply

Visit us online to learn more about how to partner with BC Housing.

▶▶▶ Funding Opportunities for Housing partners

Website: bchousing.org/partner-services/funding-opportunities-for-housing-providers

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Building BC Funds

Supportive Housing Fund



\$1.2 billion

An investment of **\$1.2 billion over 10 years to deliver 2,500 new homes** with 24/7 support services for people who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness.

-  Adults over 19 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
-  Affordable rental housing with onsite support services.
-  Non-profit housing providers that are interested in providing property management and support services.




Ongoing opportunities

Community Housing Fund



\$1.9 billion

This investment will provide close to **\$1.9 billion over 10 years to develop 14,350 units** of mixed income, affordable rental housing for independent families and seniors.

-  Families and seniors capable of living independently, without on-site support.
-  Affordable rental housing that includes: 30% affordable housing (moderate income), 50% rent geared to income (housing income limit), and 20% deep subsidy.
-  Non-profit housing providers or for-profit firms that partner with non-profit societies who are interested in developing and operating new rental units.




Future Proposal Call

Women's Transition Housing Fund



\$734 million

The Province is investing **\$734 million over the next 10 years to build and operate 1,500 new units** to support women and children at risk of violence.

-  Women and their children who are at risk of violence and/or who have experienced violence.
-  There are four typical models: safe home, transition house, second stage housing, and permanent housing.
-  Non-profit service providers who are interested in developing and operating new rental housing.




Ongoing opportunities

Indigenous Housing Fund



\$550 million

The Province is investing **\$550 million over the next 10 years to build and operate 1,750 new social housing units** for indigenous families and seniors.

-  Indigenous families, seniors, individuals, and persons with a disability.
-  Affordable rental housing.
-  Indigenous non-profit housing providers, First Nations, Metis Nation BC, non-profits, and developers who want to partner with Indigenous organizations and First Nations.

Future Proposal Call



How to apply

Visit us online to learn more about how to partner with BC Housing.

Building BC Funds

Website: bchousing.org/partner-services/Building-BC
Email: Mike Lachocki at purchasing@bchousing.org

Building New Affordable Housing in BC

The *HousingHub* was developed to increase the supply of affordable housing for British Columbians, and is one of several new provincial initiatives introduced in *Homes for BC: A 30-Point Plan for Housing Affordability* in British Columbia.

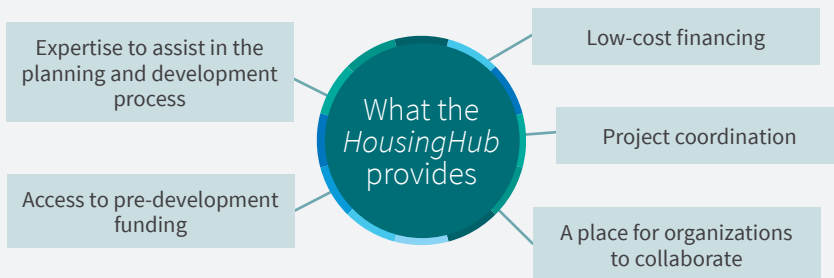
The *HousingHub* is a division within BC Housing, and was established to seek innovative partnerships with local housing organizations, community land trusts, Indigenous groups, faith-based groups, charities, the development community, financial institutions and other industries to create affordable rental housing and homeownership options for middle-income British Columbians.

As a centre for housing expertise and collaboration, the *HousingHub* develops affordable housing through new construction, or through the redevelopment of existing sites.

Increasing the Housing Supply

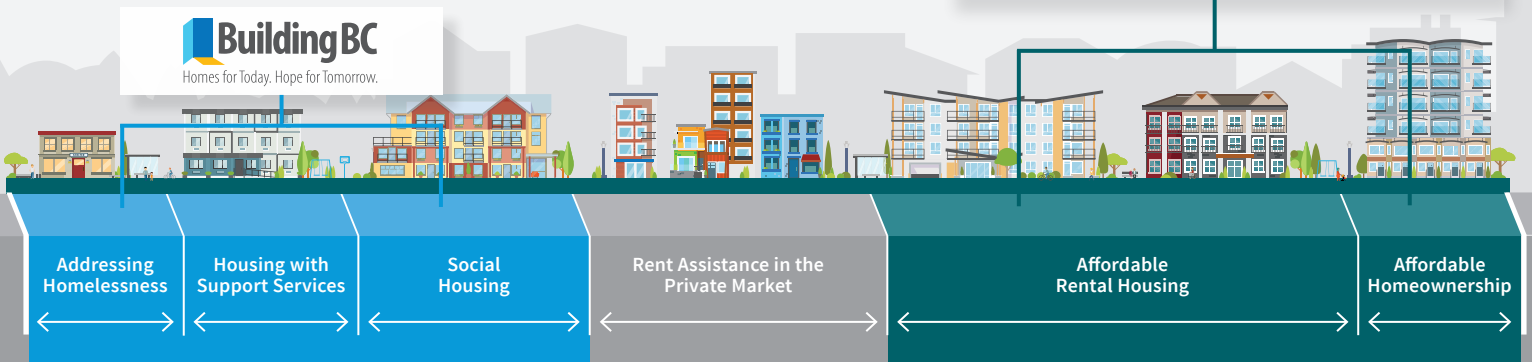
The *HousingHub* seeks partnerships with levels of government to:

- Increase the supply of affordable rental housing
- Improve the ability of renters to move into homeownership, thus freeing up rental stock



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- Middle income British Columbians, households with **average incomes between \$70,000-\$150,000**, depending on the community.
- Affordable rental housing at or below market rate, affordable homeownership.
- Non-profits and private developers, faith groups, property owners, federal and local governments, and Indigenous partners.



▶▶▶ Visit website:
bchousing.org/partner-services/housinghub
 to learn more

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Mayor and Council

From: 22(1) FOIPPA <22(1) FOIPPA@gmail.com>
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To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Parkland GDEU

Thank you for acknowledging our correspondence in last night's council meeting and committing to further discussions following Mr. Newman's report. Please forgive Mr. 22(1) FOIPPA's outburst. He meant no disrespect towards Council but was expecting a more definitive answer. We realize Parkland is only a small part of Council's oversight although for many residents here it has been three frustrating years attempting to deal with a public utility devoid of customer service. We look forward to a resolution and thank you for your advocacy on our behalf.

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Sunshine Coast Resource Centre Society

Unit 107A – 5710 Teredo Street, Sechelt

Pop by our New Location!

We've officially moved! As many of you know by now, we are now located at [107A – 5710 Teredo Street in Sechelt](#), between the Scotiabank and the FUSE Work Hub.



Feel free to visit us at our new space during our office hours Monday to Thursday 10am – 2pm.

Our office carries a wide range of brochures, publications and directories on community, legal, social and government programs. Staff are also available in person, by email or phone to help any community member find programs and services they need to address issues in their life, big or small.

Welcome Ken and Darcy

We are excited to welcome Ken Carson and Darcy Lawrence to our team here at the Resource Centre.



Ken is our new Community Legal Advocate and works full-time out of our office providing low-to-moderate income clients with confidential, one-on-one advocacy on issues such as disability assistance applications and appeals, welfare information and appeals, tenants' rights and dispute resolution and more. He has over 25 years of advocacy experience in the field of human rights.



Darcy is a Sunshine Coast-based lawyer and has been practicing as a litigator for 24 years. He joined as the Supervising Lawyer for our new Community Legal Advocacy program and will work with Ken to provide legal advice and oversight on client advocacy cases. Since 1999 he has practiced primarily in the areas of criminal defence, small claims and child apprehension. He regularly assists Sunshine Coast residents who suffer from addiction and homelessness issues and he feels that his position as supervising lawyer is a natural extension of that work.

Ken and Darcy bring a wealth of advocacy and legal knowledge and experience to our team. [Read their bios on our website](#) to learn more.

The Community Legal Advocacy program will be officially launched in June – stay tuned for program details in our next newsletter.

We're Hiring! Summer Program Assistant

Are you between the ages of 15 – 30 years old? Are you available to work full-time for 12 weeks between the months of June to August? Are you tech savvy with excellent communication and research skills?



**WE'RE
HIRING!**

We have a summer Program Assistant position available through the Canada Summer Jobs – Youth Employment Strategy. The Program Assistant will support the Resource Centre by conducting research, updating our print and online materials, developing social media posts, providing reception support and assisting with office administration.

[Visit our website for a detailed job description.](#)

This is a 12 week position at 30 hours per week, to start early to mid June 2019. To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to Kara McDougall at info@resourcecentre.ca

Volunteer Opportunities on the Coast



Did you know? Community members can now find local volunteer opportunities online at www.govolunteer.ca/centres/sunshine-coast

Organizations currently recruiting for volunteers include the Sunshine

Coast Affordable Housing Society, Ruby Lake Lagoon Society, Sunshine Coast Hospice Society, Team Wolverine Athletics, Sunshine Coast Healthcare Auxiliary and the Sunshine Coast Salmonid Enhancement Society.

This online portal is part of our [Volunteer Sunshine Coast program](#). Be sure to [bookmark the GoVolunteer webpage](#) on your computer – new volunteer opportunities are posted regularly!

We also launched an in-person Volunteer Recruitment and Non-Profit Expo on April 13 during National Volunteer Week. Over 23 local non-profits and one from Powell River were at hand to connect with the close to 100 members of the public looking to find out more about volunteering opportunities or just to get to know some of the over 300 non-profit organizations on the Sunshine Coast.

Here is a typical comment from one of the attendees: "I thought it was very successful, well publicized. We got a good list of potential follow-ups. What a great networking opportunity for the community!"

Community Events and Programs

Below is a list of community development events and programs offered by other organizations across the coast. [Email us](#) to promote your event or initiative in our monthly newsletter.



Sunshine Coast Hospice Job Posting



The Sunshine Coast Hospice Society is currently recruiting for a youth between the ages of 15 – 30 years old for a 12 week full time summer position. [Visit their website](#) for the job description and how to apply. The application deadline is May 10 by 4:30pm.

Gibsons Public Library: May Public Events



- May 11, 2:00 – 4:00pm: [Unrest Film Screening](#), an award-winning documentary about ME/CFS and Fibromyalgia
- May 15, 1:30 – 3pm: [Support Group for Caregivers of People Living with Dementia](#)
- May 22, 5:30 – 7:30pm: [Death Cafe](#) – a safe space for a respectful conversation about any aspect of death
- May 24, 1:30 – 4:00pm: [Chronic Pain Self-Management Program](#), registration required for this 6-session program
- May 24, 7:00 – 8:30pm: [Angst Film Screening](#), a film about children and youth who suffer, or have suffered, from anxiety and what they have learned about it

The Power Of Kindness



On Sunday, July 7th at the Rockwood Centre, the Sechelt Hospital Foundation and the Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts will co-present Dr. Brian Goldman, host of the CBC Radio show White Coat, Black Art. Dr. Goldman will discuss his book *The Power of Kindness: Why Empathy is Essential in Everyday Life*. Tickets are at share-there.com



Resources for Non-Profits: Employee On-boarding

Effective onboarding leads to better job performance, greater commitment to the organization, reduced stress, higher job satisfaction and better retention.



Check out this [Employee On-boarding Checklist](#) developed by Vantage Point to get your new hire ready to go!



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Inform, Refer, Educate and Empower our community one person at a time.



Pamela Goldsmith-Jones

Member of Parliament
West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky Country

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 8, 2019

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

I have advised the Prime Minister and I am announcing today that I will not be running for re-election in 2019 as your Member of Parliament.

Serving as your MP and representing Canada on world issues has been a distinct honour. However, when I look forward to the next four years, I feel that I need to spend time closer to home, particularly with my parents.

I will continue to serve as your member of parliament until the next election, and I will remain as Minister Freeland's Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

I believe in Prime Minister Trudeau and in our Liberal team. Going into the next election, I will do all I can to help ensure we have an outstanding candidate and that the Liberal Party continues to have a strong voice in western Canada.

I would like to thank you for your passion for our community and for your commitment to public engagement and public ideas. It truly has been a privilege to serve as Member of Parliament for West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country and to be your representative in Ottawa.

We have accomplished a lot together. Strong relations with local and regional government, the province and First Nations has ensured that our investments reflect local priorities. Renewal in downtown Pemberton, the Ts'zil Learning Centre in Mount Currie, environmental restoration in the Squamish estuary, Gibsons supportive housing and the public market, West Vancouver's Kay Meek Centre's accessibility project and the DFO Pacific Science Enterprise Centre, Bowen Island's arts centre, along with investment in water and wastewater projects in every community in the riding (including the Lions Gate Wastewater Treatment Plant which is the largest capital investment in the history of Metro Vancouver) – these are all the result of engagement with the local communities.

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British Columbians have led in putting a price on carbon pollution, legalizing cannabis and introducing medical assistance in dying. Our \$1.5 billion investment in the Oceans Protection Plan, adoption of derelict and abandoned vessels legislation and restoration of \$1.4 billion to the base budget of DFO are significant improvements to marine safety and ocean health and reflect effective representation from the west coast.

I would also like to thank Ministers Freeland and Champagne for the opportunity to serve as parliamentary secretary for foreign affairs and international trade throughout this term. The Canada – EU trade agreement, an improved and inclusive Trans Pacific Partnership and the new NAFTA together improve Canada’s competitive access to global markets.

Thank you to the staff team and volunteers who support us. I am very grateful for your work ethic, resilience, perseverance and positive outlook. To all parliamentarians, it has been my honour to know you and to work together. To the community, I look forward to seeing you at home.

Sincerely,




Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, MP
West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

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Remuneration of Local Elected Officials

UBCM is developing a resource to support local government decision-making with regard to remuneration policies for elected officials. This undertaking follows upon a resolution to the 2018 Convention that tasked UBCM with examining the issue of remuneration and developing a process that would assist local governments in establishing fair and equitable remuneration for elected officials. [Read more](#)



Deadline approaching for code of conduct survey

The Working Group on Responsible Conduct (Working Group) is seeking feedback to guide the development of a code of conduct framework for local elected officials, including processes for establishing, adopting, maintaining and enforcing a code of conduct. The survey is open to individual local government elected officials along with CAOs and CCOs. CAOs are asked to convey the survey link to Council and Board members. The deadline for submissions is May 15. [Read more](#)


May 8, 2019



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POWELL RIVER TO CAPITALIZE ON ITS GROWING TECH AND CREATIVE SECTOR

COURTENAY – As Powell River positions itself as a hub for knowledge-workers, cultural creatives and tech entrepreneurs, a project funded with support from the Island Coastal Economic Trust will help accelerate growth in those sectors.

The Upper Sunshine Coast Entrepreneurial Ecosystem project will deliver programming to incubate local start-ups, foster innovation, and develop a network of mentors to support tech and creative sector entrepreneurs in the Powell River area. The physical space will feature a wide range of programs from youth coding camps, to e-commerce workshops and targeted entrepreneur training in addition to offering business co-working opportunities.

For the past few decades Powell River has been transitioning its economy to a more service focused economy. Community strategies have been focused on the cultural sector with an overarching recognition of the need to foster entrepreneurship and innovation in the region.

“The recent influx of remote-workers, in combination with a vibrant creative sector, presents a significant opportunity for economic diversification in our region,” explained Julie Jensen, one of the project leaders from Vancouver Island University. “This project will focus on growth-oriented businesses while supporting the attraction of new talent and startups.”

The project is a joint initiative between Powell River Educational Services Society (PRESS), Vancouver Island University (VIU), the City of Powell River and other regional organizations and funding partners. The innovation hub will include an incubation function with targeted startup and entrepreneurial supports and a wide range of programming designed to support the growth of the tech and creative sector in the region. The facility will be located at the Crossroad Village site, above the Regional Library, with room for about 15 clients and co-workers at a time.

“This project is a direct outcome of the partnership’s recently completed Creative Economy Roadmap, which was supported with funding from our Economic Development Readiness Program,” explained ICET Chair Josie Osborne. “It’s an excellent example of the Trust’s model to support community economic development and innovation from strategic development through to implementation.”

The project is expected to deliver a wide range of benefits. In the shorter term the innovation hub will support new business development, help to fill latent opportunities and generate direct economic and employment impacts for contractors, professional services providers and other businesses in the region. Longer-term, the growth in tech and creative sector initiatives will enhance the region’s overall investment attraction profile, strengthen the tech and creative talent pool and create opportunities for youth to remain in the region.

Project funding of \$95,000 was approved through the Economic Infrastructure

and Innovation program's newest funding stream, launched in early 2018. The Innovation Support funding stream provides up to \$100,000 in matching funding for projects that enable communities, business or industry to seize innovation opportunities or adapt to change and new technology.

The project is expected to begin in late spring, continuing until December 2020.

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 \$50 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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Subject: Follow up from May 7 Micro Cannabis meeting
Attachments: 2019-05-07 cannabis production legalization slides.pdf

Good afternoon,

To follow up from the meeting on the micro cannabis industry from Tuesday May 7, 2019, please find attached Susan Chapelle's slides. She has added some information based on questions that were asked at the meeting.

Susan also shared the link to her [Google Documents account](#) where she has assembled articles and studies on the health implications and economics of cannabis.

The meeting was attended by 24 people, including elected officials, RCMP, VCH and local government staff from the SCRD, Town of Gibsons, shísháhlh Nation, School District 46 and District of Sechelt.

Following Susan's presentation, the group discussed the following topics:

- Regulations on cannabis cultivation in residential areas
 - o Outdoor cultivation is permitted for up to 4 plants
 - o Indoor cultivation must be in a separate structure with a separate civic address
 - Can not be in a home where people live
 - Specific requirements are mandated by federal and provincial legislation, in addition to the BC Building Code
 - Cost to build the required layout, including required lab facility, security and air filtration typically costs \$80 - \$100 per square foot if renovating an existing structure

- Local government zoning would have to permit this type of land use in order to be approved by the Province
- Cannabis can be grown on ALR land if zoning permits
- Co-op model for micro cannabis
 - Growers could partner with a company like Pasha to gain access to quality testing and legal distribution channels
 - Similar model to microbreweries
 - Illegal growers may be motivated to partner with a company like Pasha to access skills in business operations and liaising with government, as well as mitigating the stigma they may currently face
 - Pasha hopes to become a licensed producer and licensed distributor when their applications are approved by the Province of BC (expected approval in 2 weeks)
- Concerns
 - The majority of RCMP and bylaw complaints with respect to cannabis cultivation are currently in residential areas
 - Risk of organized crime and theft from legal and illegal grow operations are an ongoing concern
 - Cost to build a legal grow facility may be prohibitive
 - Many residential properties are too small to allow for a legal grow under current zoning
 - Current property values may limit the ability for illegal growers to purchase a larger lot and build a legal grow facility
 - Tax rates and business licensing fees would have to be considered for micro cannabis cultivators
 - Some medical marijuana producers may be operating in facilities that do not meet current legislation and could pose safety risks to the community
 - Alignment of Sunshine Coast local government zoning and bylaws with respect to cannabis should be considered
 - Appropriate setbacks should be considered for schools and other areas
 - Current illegal grow operations may employ children under the age of 18, this would be restricted to 18+ in legal grow operations.

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The Politics and Economics of Cannabis

Canadian policy and interactions between Federal, Provincial and Municipal government

May 06 2019

Federal: Health Canada	Provincial	Municipal
<p>Cannabis production</p> <p>Cannabis possession limits</p> <p>Trafficking</p> <p>Advertising policy</p> <p>Minimum age limits (18)</p> <p>Home cultivation</p> <p>Oversight of medical cannabis regime; including personal cultivation registration</p> <p>ACMPR, MMAR licences</p> <p>Health Canada licencing, compliance and inspection.</p> <p>Regulations for micro or licenced producers</p>	<p>Wholesale and retail distribution of cannabis</p> <p>Selection of retail distribution model</p> <p>Workplace safety</p> <p>Discretion to set more restrictive limits for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum age for consumption • Possession amount 	<p>Zoning (density, location)</p> <p>Infrastructure: Water, sewer, waste, transportation</p> <p>Retail Locations</p> <p>Business licencing</p> <p>Building codes</p> <p>Nuisance</p> <p>Smoking restrictions</p> <p>Odours</p> <p>Municipal workplace safety</p> <p>Enforcement</p> <p>Regulations around public consumption</p> <p>Personal possession</p> <p>Municipal costs: Police, bylaw enforcement</p>

New Health Canada Regulatory Process

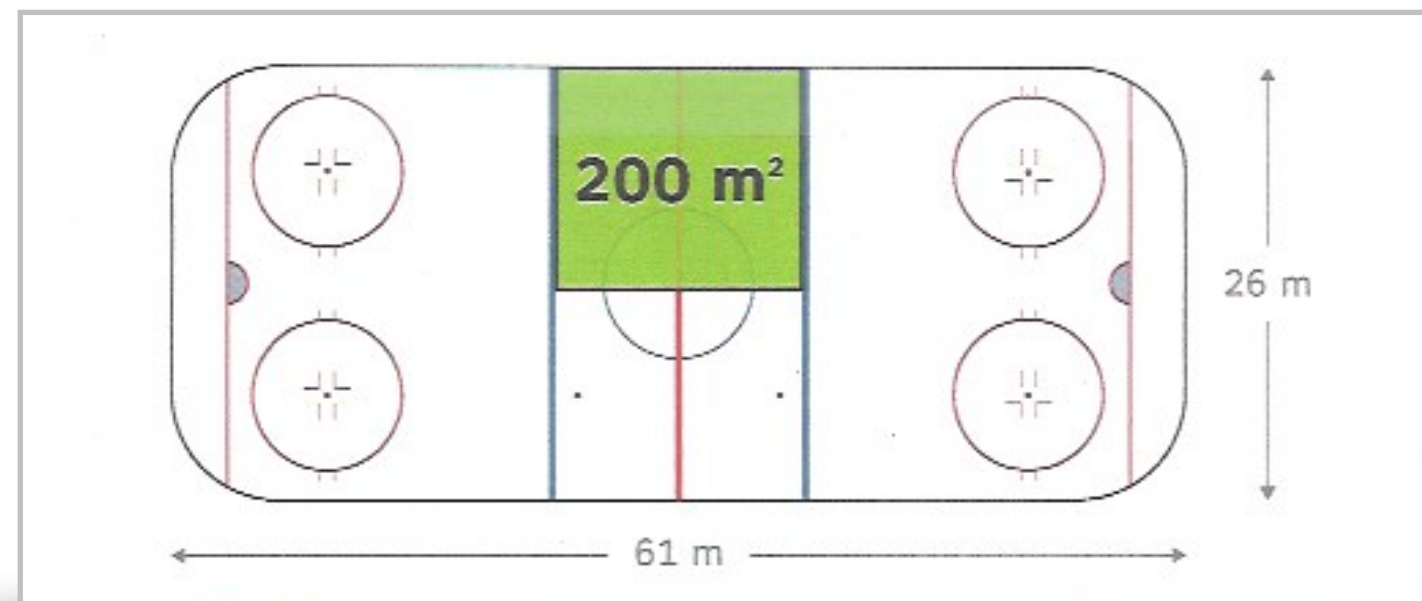
- ❖ Completed building and fully built site
- ❖ Municipal approval and inspection
- ❖ Apply to Health Canada for licensing with SOP's*
- ❖ 8 categories of licence class
- ❖ Status update letter
- ❖ Health Canada inspection
- ❖ APPROVAL

*Standard Operating Procedure's

Micro Cultivation Licence



- Limited to 200 m² of growth canopy
- Growing cannabis plants until they produce 'flowers' to be harvested
- Sales to other federal licence holders, **not** to the general public
- Subject to monthly federal inventory reporting to prevent diversion



<http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2018/2018-07-11/html/sor-dors144-eng.html>

Required Micro Licence Application Information

Security Clearances:



- all applicants' corporate directors and officers and any persons exercising control over the business,
- the 'responsible person',
- head of security,
- master grower,
- quality assurance person,
- each investors' individual identity and contribution to the operation must be disclosed,
- prior convictions for non-violent, non-trafficking offences will not prevent a clearance from being granted

Site:



- municipal address and GPS co-ordinates,
- property survey and aerial photographs,
- information about neighbouring properties,
- building floor plans

Facility:



- municipally compliant for electrical, plumbing, HVAC, code
- interior materials must comply with Good Production Practices (non-shedding, non-porous material that is easily cleaned and disinfected),
- separated work areas

Facility Security:



- physical security plan,
- exterior fence or physical barrier,
- interior physical barriers and controlled access points

Residential 4+ acres



- Small scale cannabis is appropriate where agricultural, hobby farm, greenhouse activities are already permitted

Non-ALR Agricultural



- Small scale cannabis is appropriate where agricultural, hobby farm, greenhouse activities are already permitted

Industrial



- Small scale cannabis is appropriate where light and heavy industrial activities are already permitted

Health Canada's Regulatory and Licence Compliance Tools Include:



Facility inspection



Monitoring licensees' paperwork and record keeping



Product sampling and analysis



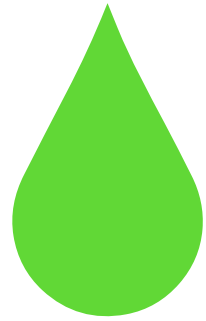
Complaint follow-up



Sharing of information with provincial or federal agencies



Municipal Services for Micro-Licence Businesses



- Water use will be similar to other agricultural activities
- Recycling from cooling system and rain water is standard practice
- Hydroponic growing is becoming standard



- Electricity use will be higher than other agricultural activities if cultivating indoors



- Waste is compostable organic matter
- Use of herbicides, pesticides and fungicides is strictly regulated by Health Canada.

Economic Opportunity

- ❖ Management
- ❖ Agronomy
- ❖ Horticulture
- ❖ Analytical Chemistry
- ❖ Software Development
- ❖ Accounting
- ❖ Security
- ❖ Supply Chain Logistics
- ❖ Sales



Cultivation



Infusion

Direct Cannabis Business



Sales



Testing

Ancillary Industries

Avoid Arbitrary and Sweeping Restrictions

- ❖ Lab Services
- ❖ Health Technologies
- ❖ Lawyers
- ❖ Social Enterprise Startups
- ❖ Financial Technology
- ❖ Building Science
- ❖ Security Systems
- ❖ Seed to Sale Technology
- ❖ Contractors: HVAC, Electrical, Plumbing, Servicing



Vertical
Economy

Natural Health Products

Edibles

Extractions

Cannabis

Vertical Economic Integration



“Convince a man against his will, he is of the same opinion still”

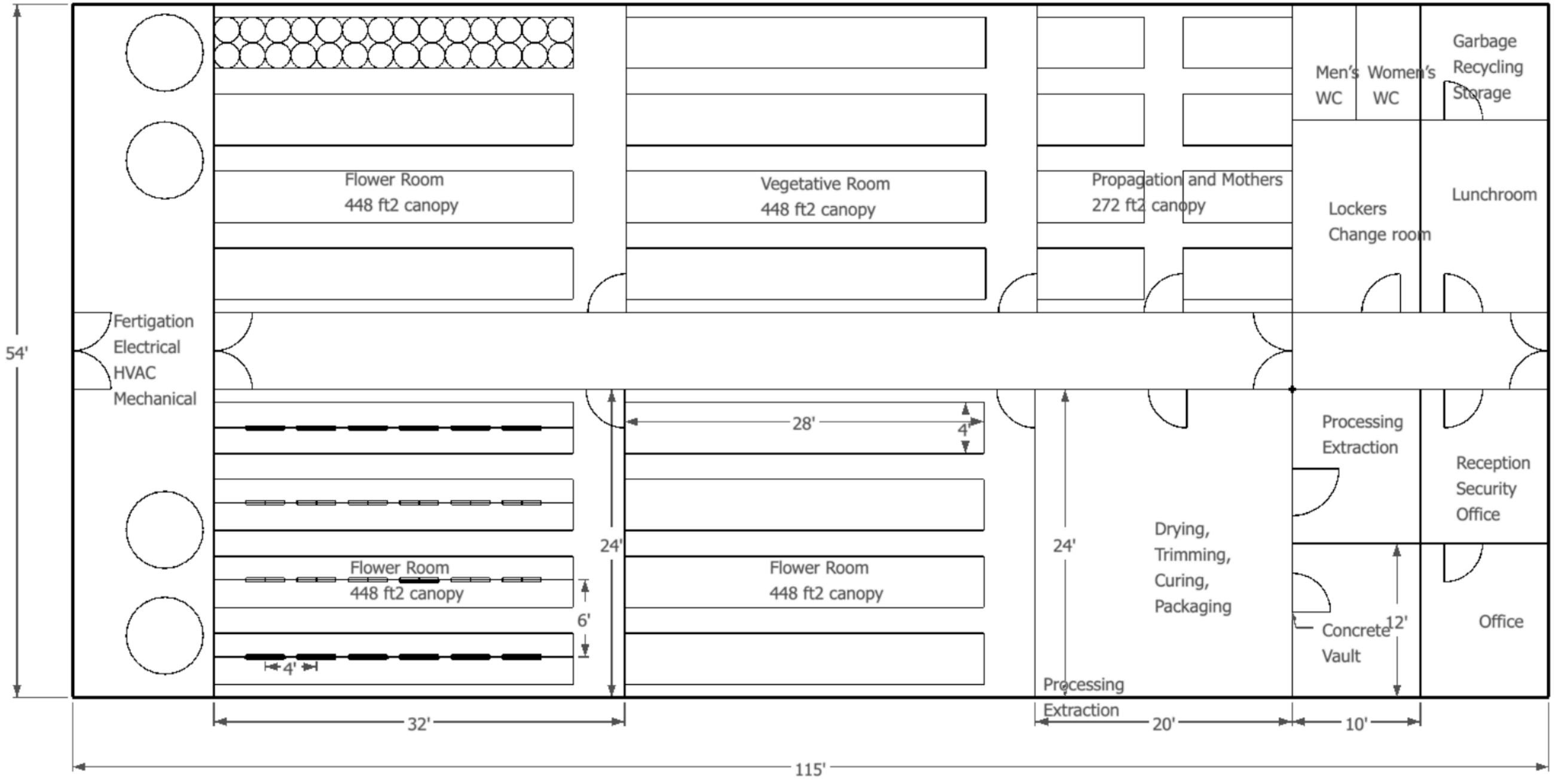




**Micro Licences Will
Not Look Like This.**

Examples of Micro Licence Structures





ODOUR MITIGATION and MUNICIPAL SERVICES

- ❖ HVAC systems and filters required
- ❖ Water use can be mitigated through recycling and hydroponics
- ❖ 3 phase power
- ❖ Building permits
- ❖ Municipal licences
- ❖ Taxation on land use
- ❖ Engineered buildings to meet all local code
- ❖ Activated Charcoal Filters, Ozone, Air Ionizers



Key facts

The female farm operator in 2016:

- Average age of 54.5
- Median age of 55.0
- 10.3% were immigrants
- Average total income of \$43,216
- Median total income of \$32,363
- Top three mother tongue (excluding English and French):
 - ▶ German: 38.8%
 - ▶ Dutch: 19.7%
 - ▶ Punjabi: 5.3%
- Top three place of birth (excluding Canada):
 - ▶ Netherlands: 17.2%
 - ▶ United Kingdom: 15.5%
 - ▶ United States: 14.6%

- ❖ Females now represent 28.7% of Canadian farmers
- ❖ 2 times more likely to focus education on agriculture
- ❖ Due to financial risk, many borrow farm land or lease, more than male counterparts
- ❖ Average income: \$39,563

CANNABIS MICRO LICENCES CAN
SUPPLEMENT INCOME ALLOWING
FARMERS TO REMAIN VIABLE.

Average Rate of Inflation BC: 2.4%

Average Rate of Inflation for BC Farmers: 4.3%

Farming is globalizing. China and India are shipping fertilizer, and growing crops

Shipping to Europe, packaging and then selling to North America

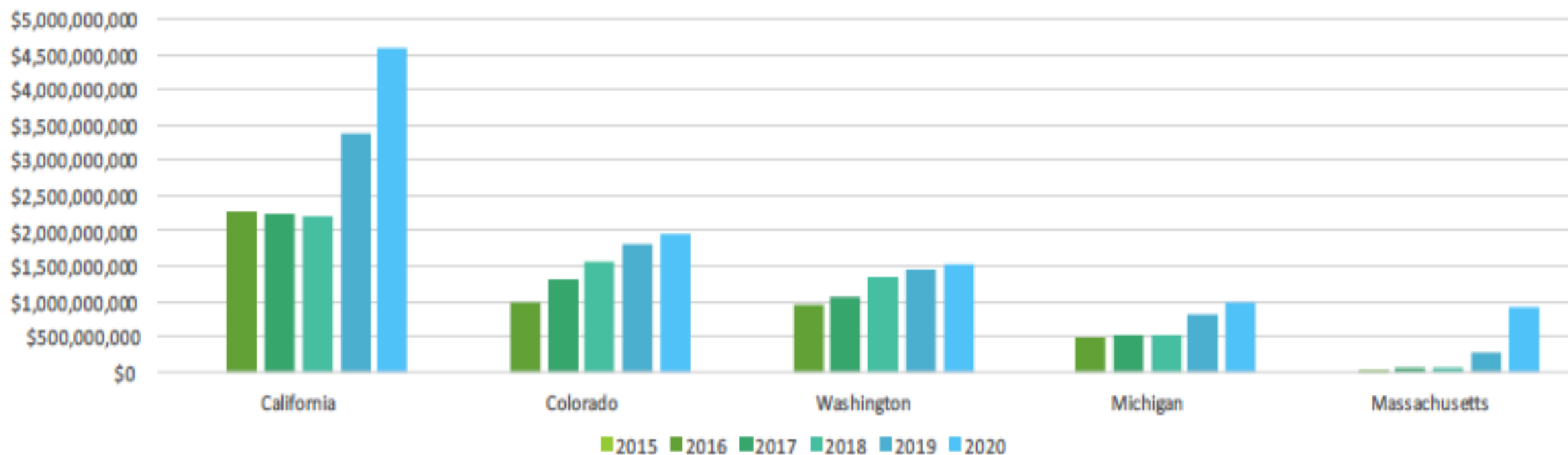
Chinese consumers are increasingly purchasing health and wellness products, opening a market for CBD infused Canadian goods.

USA National Market Research

- ❖ In 2016, national sales in the US market were \$6.2 b with 21 states actively contributing to the market.
- ❖ By 2018, over 28 state markets are forecasted to contribute \$10.6 b to a national market
- ❖ Estimated to increase to \$16.9 b by end of 2020

Top Five State Cannabis Markets in 2020

Combined medical and adult-use



Rural Economic Development



Entrepreneurship
Localized Economy
National and International
Innovative
Clean
Agriculture



First Nation Cannabis

FIRST NATION FISCAL MANAGEMENT ACT (FMA) AMENDMENTS

Enables First Nation fiscal powers associated with cannabis excise tax and FNGST, and licensing. The amendments would also enable efficient revenue collection mechanisms and ensure the additional revenues could be used to support long-term infrastructure financing.

EXCISE ACT, 2001 AMENDMENTS

Enables the First Nation cannabis excise tax through FMA law-making, and administration agreements between Canada and First Nations.

FNGST ACT AMENDMENTS

Restores and enhances the option for collecting FNGST on specific products (fuel, alcohol, tobacco and cannabis). Enables interested First Nations to make FNGST laws under the FMA, and to include FNGST revenues in the FMA.

CANNABIS ACT (BILL C-45) AMENDMENTS

Provides First Nation regulatory powers for cannabis tax and ensure regulations are coordinated efficiently and potentially harmonized with other governments.

FNTC SUPPORT

The FNTC will work with interested First Nations to support communications, develop sample laws, provide training and build the necessary administrative capacity to implement cannabis tax jurisdiction.

The Issue

The federal government introduced the Cannabis Act (Bill C-45) in March 2017. The Department of Finance proposed changes to the Excise Act, 2001 in September 2017 to implement the cannabis excise tax - the higher of \$1/gram or 10% of the sale price. In both cases, First Nation tax and regulatory jurisdiction was not considered. This oversight creates the potential for lost tax revenues to all governments; a similar scenario to the disregarding of First Nation tobacco tax jurisdiction.

The Opportunity

The First Nations Tax Commission (FNTC) has been working with proponents to advance First Nation cannabis tax jurisdiction since March 2017. The FNTC made formal proposals in this regard to Canada in April and August of 2017. In February 2018, the FNTC appeared before the Senate Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples and presented a First Nation cannabis tax jurisdiction proposal. This proposal has been well received and there is a recognition of the similarities between First Nation cannabis and tobacco tax jurisdiction.

Third reading of Bill C-45 in the Senate is expected on or before June 7, 2018. A positive vote would enable the legalization of the recreational cannabis industry in Canada. FNTC and proponent First Nations are hoping to begin implementing the cannabis tax jurisdiction proposal soon. The proposal was discussed at the national meeting of FMA and FNLMA First Nations in May (Our Lands, Our Jurisdiction, Our Institutions: First Nations Leading the Way). There was consensus among the 328 attendees representing over 150 First Nations across Canada to implement cannabis tax jurisdiction as soon as possible.

FIRST NATIONS
FIRST NATIONS TAX AUTHORITY
PARTNERSHIPS
LAND USE
REGULATIONS

All market capitalization figures are from the Globe & Mail,
November 16, 2018, as of the close of business.

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/investing/markets/stocks/TLRY-Q/>



\$15,060,000,000.00



\$1,179,000,000.00



\$9,991,000,000.00



\$793,000,000.00



\$8,416,000,000.00



\$728,000,000.00



\$3,328,000,000.00



\$542,000,000.00



\$1,390,000,000.00



\$275,000,000.00

British Columbia Municipal and Regional

In 2017, BC produced about 37% of the 773.4 metric tonne of cannabis that entered the Canadian market in 2017*

BC only has 13.2% of Canada's population**

* <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/180430/dq180430b-eng.pdf>

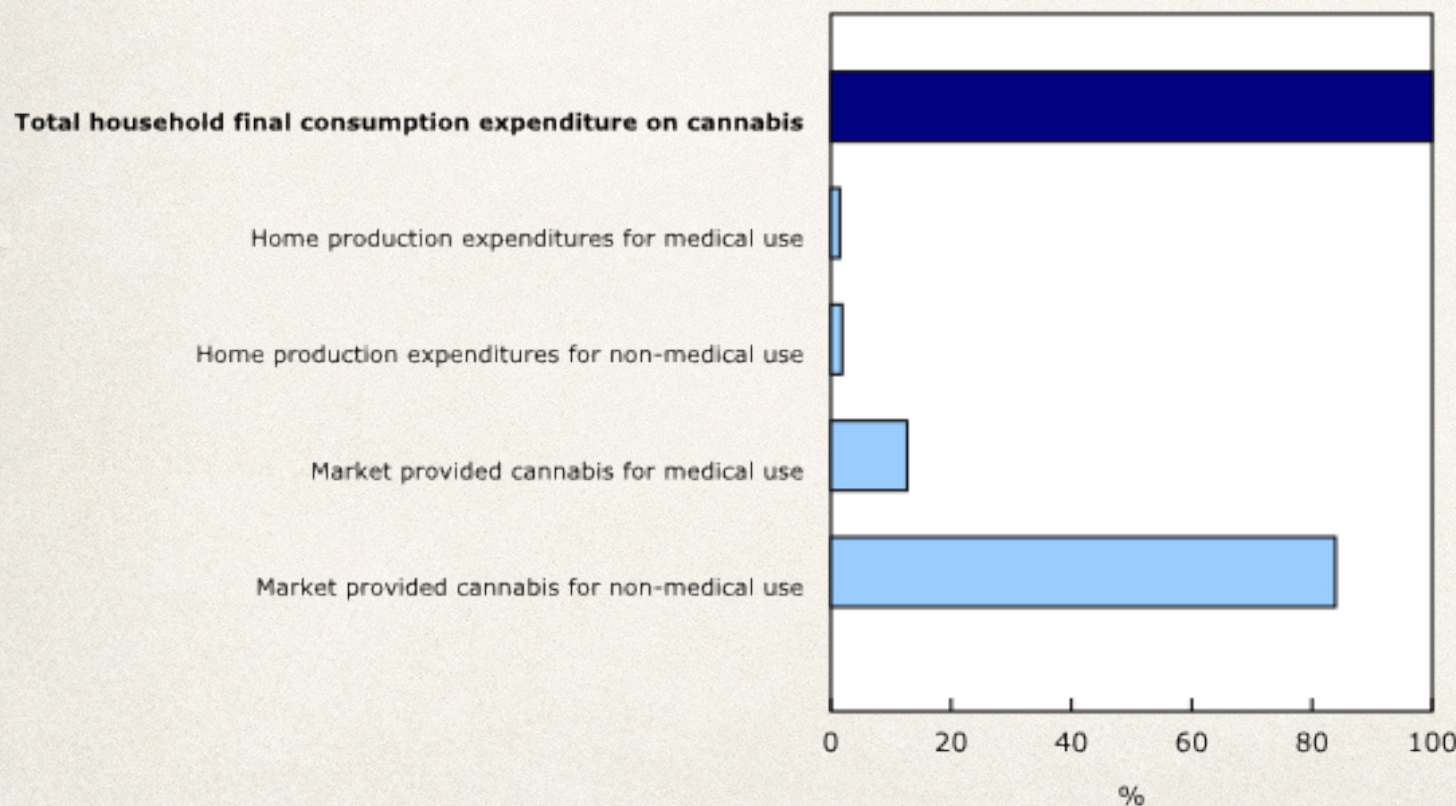
** <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/12-581-x/2017000/pop-eng.htm>



Cannabis Economic Account, Fourth Quarter 2018



- ❖ Increased expenditure over 6 consecutive quarters
- ❖ Consumption increase of 73% since medical cannabis approved
- ❖ Spend annually \$5.9 billion on cannabis products
- ❖ 18% of Canadians in 2019 report using cannabis



Thank You



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Subject: Intergovernmental Meeting Agenda May 16, 6pm, Seaside Centre
Attachments: 2019-05-16 Intergovernmental agenda.pdf; 2018-22 Elected Officials Contact List.xlsx

Good afternoon,

Please find attached the agenda for the May 16, 2019, Intergovernmental Meeting. If you have not already RSVP'd please let me know if you plan to attend.

We are pleased to welcome two elected officials from the [Gambier Island Local Trust Area](#) to our Elected Officials List and Intergovernmental Meetings:

- Kate-Louise Stamford, Trustee
- Dan Rogers, Vice Chair

The attached Elected Officials List has been updated.

Best regards,

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SUNSHINE COAST INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING

Seaside Centre, 5790 Teredo St, Sechelt, BC

Thursday May 16, 2019

6:00 pm

AGENDA

1. WELCOME, OVERVIEW, INTRODUCTIONS

2. BUSINESS ITEMS

2.1 Overview of strategic plan from each group

2.2 Regional growth strategy

2.3 Regional water commission concept

2.4 Declaration of Climate Emergency

2.5 Common Themes and Collaboration

- How can we support each other moving forward?
- Gas Tax: is there a Sunshine Coast-wide project we could collaborate on?

3. ADJOURNMENT

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NEW WATER CONSERVATION REGULATIONS

www.scrd.ca/sprinkling-regulations

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ACTIVITY		NORMAL	MODERATE	ACUTE	SEVERE
LAWNS (Sprinkler or soaker hose)		2 days/week ** 7 am - 8 am (hand watering is permitted anytime)	NOT PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED
NEW LAWNS (With permit)		7 days/week 7 am to 9 am and 7 pm to 9 pm	NOT PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED
TREES, SHRUBS, FLOWERS (Sprinkler or soaker hose)		3 days/week *** 7 am - 9 am and 7 pm - 9 pm	2 days/week ** 7 am - 9 am	NOT PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED
TREES, SHRUBS, FLOWERS (Hand held hose with nozzle, hand held container, micro/drip-irrigation)		PERMITTED	PERMITTED	1 hr/ day max 7 am - 8 am	NOT PERMITTED
FOOD PRODUCING PLANTS AND TREES (Sprinkler or soaker hose)		3 days/week *** 7 am - 9 am 7 pm - 9 pm	2 days/week ** 7 am - 9 am 7 pm - 9 pm	NOT PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED
FOOD PRODUCING PLANTS AND TREES (Hand held hose with nozzle, hand held container, micro/drip-irrigation)		PERMITTED	PERMITTED	PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED
COMMERCIAL FOOD PRODUCING FARMS		PERMITTED	PERMITTED	PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED
WASHING VEHICLES OR BOATS		PERMITTED with container, hand-held hose with nozzle, or commercial car washes.	PERMITTED with container, hand-held hose with nozzle, or commercial car washes.	PERMITTED only to wash off sea water.	NOT PERMITTED
WASHING SIDEWALKS, DRIVEWAYS, WINDOWS, FENCES OR EXTERIOR BUILDING SURFACES		PERMITTED with hand-held hose with nozzle, or pressure washer.	PERMITTED for preparing surfaces for painting or paving. For health and safety.	NOT PERMITTED except for health and safety.	NOT PERMITTED except for health and safety.
FILLING SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS, GARDEN PONDS, FOUNTAINS		PERMITTED	PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED (Except public pools)	NOT PERMITTED
PUBLIC SPORTS FIELDS		Restricted under separate schedule.	Restricted under separate schedule.	NOT PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED
FINES		\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500

WATERING SCHEDULES:

Two days per week **
Thursday and Sunday for even numbered address.
Wednesday and Saturday for odd numbered address.

Three days per week ***
Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday for even numbered address. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday for odd numbered address.

CONSERVE WATER EVERYDAY



indoors

- ✓ Make sure you're running full (but not crammed) loads in the washing machine. A full load uses less water than two half loads.
- ✓ Reducing your shower by two minutes can save 460 litres of water in one month.
- ✓ When washing dishes in the sink, don't let the water run down the drain. Fill one basin with water for washing and another for rinsing.
- ✓ Water used in the kitchen for rinsing and cooking can be used again to water house plants.
- ✓ Regularly check your home for leaks. Undetected leaks in your home can add up to a lot of household water waste every year.
- ✓ Use food colouring to test for a leaking toilet. Drop a teaspoon of food colouring into your toilet tank. If the colour appears in the bowl after 15 minutes, you've got a leak.

There are many ways you can reduce your water consumption with minimal effort. It may be as simple as turning the tap off while brushing your teeth or reducing the length of your showers.

What else can you do?

outdoors

- ✓ Talk to a local nursery or garden supplies centre about drought tolerant plants.
- ✓ Let your lawn go gold. Your lawn only needs one inch of water a week to stay green.
- ✓ Learn how to harvest rainwater for your plants with cisterns, rain barrels, or landscaping.
- ✓ Install a timer on your sprinkler or soaker hose.
- ✓ Check for leaks on your garden hose.
- ✓ Let your car get dusty. Wash windscreens, windows and headlights for safety, using a bucket.
- ✓ Install a rain sensor on all irrigation systems to prevent irrigating in the rain.
- ✓ Clean the driveway with a broom instead of a hose.
- ✓ Use an automatic shut-off nozzle on your hose to wash your car or while watering plants.
- ✓ Add mulch around plants and clover in the lawn.
- ✓ Follow outdoor watering restrictions and keep up-to-date on time and day changes.
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Tracy Forster

From: Mayor Bill Beamish
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 2:33 PM
To: 22(1) FOIPPA
Cc: Donna McMahon; Councillors; Emanuel Machado; Tracy Forster
Subject: Re: SSC Climate and Water

Thank you very much Mr. 22(1) FOIPPA for copying me on your email.

If you are interested I have copy of a book titled "Cadillac Desert" in my office that you are welcome to borrow. It has good information on the American water issues as well as on the longstanding plan to move water from BC into the US by reversing flows on some rivers. It is a very interesting read.

Regards,

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

"Our Vision for the Community includes You"

On May 9, 2019 18:16, 22(1) FOIPPA @hotmail.com> wrote:
Director McMahon,

You seem to have a great passion over the SSC water supply and climate issues, and rightly so. Once again, I have copied Mayor Beamish my elected representative. The following National Geographic publication should be mandatory reading for all SSC water planners and consumers. The full magazine article is more in depth, but this internet version provides an excellent background on what to avoid.

<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2014/11/141123-lake-powell-colorado-river-drought-water/>

The Colorado watershed planners established water licenses based upon volume inventories from the wettest period in the past 2,000 years. In that 2,000 year period there have been megadroughts that make the 1930's seem like a warm and dry afternoon.



Not unlike Colorado we too are coming out of that wettest period as well, I have run this past one of my climate go-to people and there isn't any credible evidence that these megadroughts could not return. The Colorado watershed planning boxed themselves into their current position through an accumulation of seemingly small compromises. Just one more subdivision. Just one more gated community. Just one more Golf and Country Club. Just one more vineyard... "They're just little compromises, no one will even notice." It is the accumulations of seemingly small compromises that culminate in disasters, Dr Barry Turner (1977) referred to this as the 'disaster incubation stage'.

There are climate cycles, within cycles, within cycles... And while the 2018/19 Colorado watershed snowpack provided some moderation, the trend is for continued warming and drying. Same as here and it would be good risk management to be preparing short, medium and long-term contingency plans around a "much less water supply".

The following is from one of my Melbourne Water go-to people. These people are top shelf water resource researchers and managers.

<https://www.governmentnews.com.au/council-climate-alliance-puts-heat-on-state-feds/>

And the Cape Town water crisis had a supply side problem but what turned it from a problem into a crisis was mismanagement. Perth Australia is one to watch.

I'm an applied research practitioner more so than a researcher. It would be best to get this information from the source. I can get you connected with some of the best people in the business, if you wish.

Regards

22(1) FOIPPA, Gibsons

Tracy Forster

From: Mayor Bill Beamish
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 2:29 PM
To: 22(1) FOIPPA
Cc: nicholas.simons.MLA@leg.bc.ca; Councillors; Emanuel Machado; Tracy Forster
Subject: Re: Real Estate Speculation Tax Disincentives

Thank you Mr. 22(1) FOIPPA for copying me on your email.

Regards,

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

"Our Vision for the Community includes You"

On May 10, 2019 12:38, 22(1) FOIPPA @hotmail.com> wrote:

Dear MLA Simons,

I have written you earlier on this subject and my conviction to this has only been reinforced since then. I cannot find a 'credible' argument against bringing all of the Vancouver real estate speculation tax disincentives to the Sunshine Coast. I have amassed a substantial risk analysis as to the social, environmental and economic pros and cons (some peer reviewed, some not) that you are welcome to, but I suspect you have your own team of professionals working on this. Just as I suspect you have directed your staff to track the SSC real estate people who are openly and shamelessly marketing open season for Sunshine Coast speculative real estate investing.

Quite simply the three essentials of life, "water, food and shelter" should never, ever be laid vulnerable to market speculation or manipulation. And god forbid affordable housing be crippled by money laundering. For which, if you believe the Globe and Mail is rampant in Vancouver and to which the SSC is certainly not immune.

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-money-laundering-in-bcs-real-estate-market-inflated-home-prices/>

I'll let your professionals advise you of the widespread social and economic benefits of discretionary income for the lower and middle-class wage earners that reduced housing costs would benefit.

And while it is being done for ethically correct reasons, I cannot support sacrificing valuable public natural assets for worker housing while the Sunshine coast remains a free-range for real estate speculation. I appreciate that you cannot direct what income class, developers and real estate agents target, but public policy can influence that market environment. As has been witnessed in a relatively short time frame in Vancouver. It will likely take many more years for the industry to re-tool.

I would like to see the Foreign Buyers Tax raised to 35% (30% to affordable housing and 5% administration). If a person or corporation feels compelled to engage in speculative real estate practices that exacerbates, in part, the affordable housing problem they should be prepared to contribute financially to the solution.

Regulate realtor fees to discourage the profitability of high end real estate.

Remove the transfer tax for Canadian resident, first-time home buyers.

I voted Green in the last election swayed by Andrew Weaver's answer in the televised debate regarding the affordable housing crisis, that housing should not be a speculative investment tool (that is a paraphrasing, not a direct quote). This will have a significance influence, plus climate change to my vote once again.

Kind Regards,

22(1) FOIPPA, Gibsons

May 10, 2019

Mayor Bill Beamish and Council

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

Subject: Storage: Zoning Bylaw No.1065, 2007 & Building and Plumbing Bylaw No. 822, 1996

As you may know, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) is a non-profit, non-partisan business association. With 110,000 members across Canada including 10,000 in British Columbia, we are the largest organization exclusively representing the interests of small and medium-sized independent businesses to all levels of government.

We write to you today on behalf of our member, Mr. John Dearden, owner of Dearden Marine, a 32-year pillar of the Gibsons business community. Mr. Dearden contacted us because the sudden enforcement of a 2007 zoning bylaw threatens the continued operation of his business. Mr. Dearden is being ordered to remove storage containers, some of which have been there for 20 years, which contain equipment vital to Dearden Marine's day to day operations. We are told that to remove these containers and replace them with an equivalent building, would cost in the hundreds of thousands. Small businesses are simply not equipped to handle this kind of hit.

While CFIB has other members in this area under duress from this sudden change in enforcement standards, Mr. Dearden's situation is somewhat unique in that the Town of Gibsons has an abandoned sanitary sewer running down the side of his property, for which a right of way is registered. Mr. Dearden asserts that the sewer has collapsed, causing ground sinkage. It needs to be removed before he can safely proceed with any type of storage container removal, a process of which he actually began a couple of years ago. Additionally, he would like that right of way removed from his land title. Apparently, the town intended to do this several years ago at the time that Venture Way was extended but nothing has been completed to date.

It is with these points in mind that we respectfully request:

- This bylaw be repealed
- If repeal is not possible, a grandfather clause be passed to exempt all storage containers currently in place

- If these first two options are not possible, that the Town of Gibsons offer support to those businesses affected so that the associated costs will not put them out of business
- That the Town of Gibsons remove their right of way claim from Mr. Dearden's land title

Sincerely,



Brendan Rolfe
Business Resources Team Lead, Western Canada
Canadian Federation of Independent Business



Samantha Howard
Director, BC
Canadian Federation of Independent Business

CC: Lesley-Ann Staats, Director of Planning
CC: Jon Hardt, Building Official
CC: Nicholas Simons, MLA Powell River - Sunshine Coast

Mayor and Council

From: Christine GILLESPIE <christine.gillespie@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 10:38 AM
To: Henry Braun; Mike Serr; Paulette Freill; John McEwen; Neil Belenkie; Gary Ander; Mike Hurley; Ken Popove; Linda Buchanan; Richard Stewart; George Harvie; Neil Dubord; Mike Little; Mayor and Council; Alana Standish; Brenda Butterworth-Carr; Christal Engleder; Gayle Armstrong; Jim MacAulay; Josephine Ing; Lisa Godenzie; Tonia Enger; Leo Facio; Peter Robb; Sylvia Pranger; Val Vandenbroek; Ron McLaughlin; Mike Morden; Pam Alexis; Jonathan Cote; Dave Jansen; Mike Richman; Bill Dingwall; Brad West; Dave Fleugel; Malcolm Brodie; Lori Pratt; Darnelda Siegers; Karen Elliott; Doug McCallum; Jack Froese; Mary-Ann Booth; Jack Crompton; Darryl Walker; Len Goerke; Shane Barber
Cc: Manjoo Clark; Nancy Friesen; Donna Macey; Jill Thomas; JAackie Mooney; Christine Milloy; Belcarra Admin; Elaine Wong; Zoya Stoochnoff; Anita Brent; Dona Packer; Jassie Padda; Rachel Wille; Orion Engar; Amanda Tourand; Selena Williams; Danille Dean; Juliet Grove; Debra Key; jaclyn Bhatti; Debra Joyal; Office Bay; Cheryl Ennis; Christine Brough; Daisy Dyer; Gabrielle; Wendy Gray; Jane Williams; Stephanie Williamson; Rhonda Diog; Brian Edwards; Maureen GULYAS; Stephen THATCHER; Debra Mackinnon; Susan Hunt; T Murray; Natalie Jones; Cindy Savoy; Sabia Curran; Wanda Bradbury; Chris Magnus; Linda Matonovich
Subject: June 5, 2019 Open House/Mayors' Forum - Cancellation

Sent on behalf of Superintendent Brian Edwards

Dear Mayors, Chief Administrative Officers and Primary Police Contacts;

It is with some disappointment that, as a result of low attendance numbers, we are obliged to cancel the June 5, 2019 Open House/Mayors' Forum at BC RCMP Headquarters – Green Timbers.

We appreciate that this is a very busy time of year for all of you and while your scheduling may not permit you to come to us, representatives of the Lower Mainland District Office (LMDO) and Integrated Teams (I-Teams) would be very pleased to visit your communities.

If you would like the LMDO and/or any I-Team to deliver a presentation to your elected or other officials that is tailored to how we deliver police service to your community, please contact Ms. Christine Gillespie to schedule a visit from our district office. She can be reached at Christine.Gillespie@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

We look forward to seeing you all at the next CAO/PPC and Mayors' Forum which will be scheduled for the fall.

Sincerely,

Superintendent Brian Edwards MA, LLB
Corporate and Client Services Officer
Lower Mainland District Office
"E" Division RCMP

SC101 COMMITTEE

Southern Sunshine Coast, BC

May 9, 2019 – by email

Honourable Claire Trevena
Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure

Dear Minister Trevena

We were disappointed to receive the attached email over your signature, dated April 4, 2019 which clearly fails to acknowledge the concerns of over 6,400 signatories of the petition presented to the Legislature on March 27, 2019. Also, it appears to mirror a letter sent by your office to Sechelt Council over six months ago.

With respect, Minister, spending on maintenance and minor upgrades is not relevant to the issue at hand and does nothing to resolve the real traffic issues impacting us. Simply put, "The Southern Sunshine Coast Needs a Highway!"

By any definition, the existing two-lane road from Langdale to Earls Cove, with hundreds of private and public access points and virtually no options for passing or safe areas for bicycles and pedestrians over its 80 km length, is NOT a highway.

Further, we are already one of the fastest growing communities in the Province and are likely to continue to grow rapidly in the coming decades. Ever increasing ferry usage and traffic volumes are already overloading our infrastructure. Progressive planning now is even more important than for slower growing areas.

To that end, we challenge you to ensure any studies, including the rumoured "Corridor Evaluation Study", focus on optimistic growth projections and long term solutions. (We trust early and ongoing public input will be a cornerstone?)

The "Southern Sunshine Coast Highway" will improve the liveability, sustainability and safety for residents and visitors alike. Further, it offers tremendous opportunities to demonstrate new technologies that will be useful in future projects around the Province. And, we are confident that it will be very affordable.

This project is vitally important to the Southern Sunshine Coast. We invite you to visit us this summer to see the situation for yourself.

Robin Merriott
On behalf of the SC101 Committee (www.SunshineCoast101.ca)

Attachment – email dated April 4, 2019

cc: Nicholas Simons, MLA
Chair & Directors, Sunshine Coast Regional District
Mayor & Councillors, District of Sechelt and Town of Gibsons
Chief & Councillors, shishálh / Sechelt Indian Band
Media

www.SunshineCoast101.ca

Coast101Project@gmail.com



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From: **Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX** <Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca>

Date: Thu, Apr 4, 2019 at 4:04 PM

Subject: 283888 – Sunshine Coast bypass

To: coast101project@gmail.com <coast101project@gmail.com>

Cc: Simons.MLA, Nicholas LASS:EX <Nicholas.Simons.MLA@leg.bc.ca>, Transportation, Deputy Minister TRAN:EX <DeputyMinister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca>, Legault, Don TRAN:EX <Don.Legault@gov.bc.ca>, Braun, Michael TRAN:EX <Michael.Braun@gov.bc.ca>

Coast101project@gmail.com

283888 – Sunshine Coast bypass

Dear Mr. Merriott,

Thank you for your email sharing with me the SSC101 Committee's Mission Statement regarding transportation in the Sunshine Coast. I recognize the impact a growing population and increased tourist traffic has on travel in the region, particularly during the busy summer months, and I appreciated the opportunity to meet with the Committee on March 27 to discuss this matter in detail.

The ministry previously studied the concept of a new highway between Gibsons and Sechelt and shared the results with local communities. The review of traffic volumes did not support the significant cost to build this highway. Extensive environmental concerns and the interest of the Sechelt First Nation would also be primary considerations.

We continue to monitor traffic volumes and development in the area, as well as work with the local communities, the Sechelt First Nation and private developers to identify future safety and capacity improvements on the existing Highway 101 corridor.

Over the past ten years, the ministry has invested \$5.3 million towards improvements along the Highway 101 corridor in collaboration with the local communities and regional district. Some of these improvements include new crosswalks, cycling signs, shoulder widening, widened transit pullouts and enhanced signs and road markings along the corridor. Our data shows that during this time, the safety performance on this route has improved significantly, with a 26 per cent reduction in the severity and frequency of collisions through the communities. More than seventy per cent of the highway between Gibsons and Earls Cove has now been widened to better accommodate cyclists and pedestrians.

The ministry has started a review of Highway 101 between Langdale and Sechelt to develop a strategic plan that will prioritize incremental improvements to address traffic and safety concerns along the highway. The study should be completed later this year.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact the area's Operations Manager, Michael Braun. He can be reached at 604 527-2289 or at Michael.Braun@gov.bc.ca and would be pleased to help you.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,
Claire Trevena
Minister

Copy to Nicholas Simons, MLA
Powell River-Sunshine Coast
Grant Main
Deputy Minister
Don Legault, Associate District Manager
Lower Mainland District
Michael Braun, Operations Manager
Lower Mainland District

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From: 101 <coast101project@gmail.com>
To: "minster.transportation@gov.bc.ca" <minster.transportation@gov.bc.ca>
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Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2019 19:59:17 +0000
Subject: 283888 Incoming - Lower Sunshine Coast Highway 101
Dear Minister

Please see attached letter regarding the Lower Sunshine Coast Highway 101.
Yours sincerely

Robin Merriott
On behalf of the SC101 committee

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From: 101 <coast101project@gmail.com>
To: "Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX" <Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Simons.MLA, Nicholas LASS:EX" <Nicholas.Simons.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Date: Sun, 31 Mar 2019 15:24:52 +0000
Subject: Sunshine Coast Highway
Honorable Claire Travena

Dear Minister
We would like to express our thanks for the opportunity to meet with you last Wednesday March 27th. We understand how busy you are so we appreciate you taking the time to listen to our advocacy for the needs of the Lower Sunshine Coast community. Increased traffic volumes are of real concern for residents and visitors so we look forward to advancing the new highway that the Sunshine Coast deserves.

Yours sincerely
Robin Merriott
On behalf of the SC101 Committee

Gibsons General Mailbox

From: BC Healthy Communities <bchc=bchealthycommunities.ca@cmail19.com> on behalf of BC Healthy Communities <bchc@bchealthycommunities.ca>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 11:01 AM
To: Gibsons General Mailbox
Subject: Spring News: BCHC team nominated for planning award, social capital in rural communities, and more

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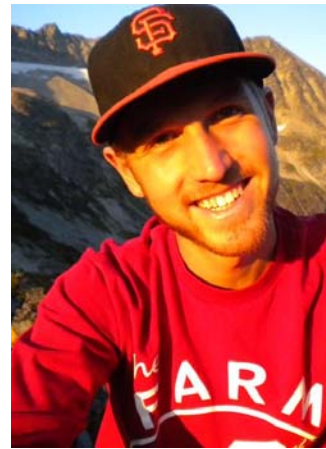


A group canoes in the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area of BC. Photograph by [Province of BC/Flickr](#)

Welcome to our Spring Issue! As beautiful green seedlings are starting to pop up across the province, we are also making appearances across the province, working in communities around BC. It's an exciting time—read on to learn more about some of the things we're up to!

Welcome Jacob!

The BCHC team are very excited to welcome Jacob Cramer to the team. As our new Researcher, Jacob will help us continue to demonstrate the impact we are having in communities. He'll also be providing evaluation and research support to our partner communities across the province. Jacob's background includes a Bachelor of Political Science from UBC and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Urban and Rural Planning from Langara. When he's not in the office, you'll most likely find him on his bike or in his garden.



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Together with Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition, we bring you the A to Z of Healthy Communities—a collection of terms you'd find in the Healthy Cities movement.

P is for Political Commitment

Political commitment to a healthy community can be demonstrated when local government provides leadership and decision-making that considers health and well-being in policy decisions, partnerships and planning.

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BCHC team nominated for planning award

We're proud to announce that our team, together with our project partners at Urban Matters was recently nominated for the Planning Institute of BC's New Directions Award for our work on the Strathcona Housing Needs Assessment.



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We're hiring!

Are you a details person who also loves working with people? BC Healthy Communities is currently looking for a fun-loving and resourceful Administrative Assistant to join our dynamic team—is that person you? Applications are due May 27.

[See the posting](#)

Chilliwack to host Cities Fit for Children Summit

Earlier this month, our Executive Director Jodi Mucha joined Chilliwack Mayor Ken Popove to announce that the city would host the 2020 Cities Fit for Children Summit. The announcement took place during the 26th Conversation on Chilliwack's Children, an annual event organized by the Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee.



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Four ways local governments can support mental health through community design

What role do planners, architects and local government decision-makers play in supporting mental health? As Mental Health Week wraps up here in Canada, and Mental Health Awareness Month continues in many other countries, we're re-sharing a blog post that makes the connections between mental health and the built environment.

[Read more](#)

Relationships more valuable than money: Rural community resilience outside the formal economy

Can you put a price on knowing that your neighbour will use her plow to dig you out of a snowstorm? Or a dollar value on the casserole that the person down the road brings you when you're laid up with the flu and can't get out to buy groceries? In this guest post from Abra Brynne, Executive Director of the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council and Kerri Wall, Community Health Facilitator with Interior Health's Healthy Communities, the two make a case for paying more attention to the social capital of close-knit, rural communities.



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A place to call home: Working towards a housing solution for older adults in Lytton

As older adults age-in-place, they require not only continued access to local services, community, culture, and family but also a place where they are safe, one that they can call home. Thanks to funding from the Age-friendly Communities Grant Program, Lytton has moved forward on a Housing Needs and Demands Study, with the goal of ensuring seniors and elders have the support they need to live to the fullest.

[Read more](#)

Building an Age-Friendly region: Trail, Rossland and Montrose collaborate on plans

Recently, the City of Rossland, in partnership with neighbouring Trail and Montrose, embarked on a regional strategy to ensure that older adults can continue to be involved and active in their community into their later years. Their Age-Friendly Community Action Plans included both aligned regional priorities and plans specific to each community's needs.



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Mayor and Council

From: 22(1) FOIPPA [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2019 12:49 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Supported Housing

Mayor Beamish and Council

The location of this project is so wrong. This is mainly a single family neighborhood. Changing the zoning for a forty unit structure, is totally unacceptable.

This will take away the privacy of those living in close proximity.

RainCity mandates that occupancy goes by need first. This will include those currently using drugs. Across the street is a short trail to the elementary school. There is a good possibility of used needles. Many of the children walk this path, very much a concern. They also don't require criminal record checks.

I realize that the property was donated for this project. Also that there is a fourteen million budget. Checking on the other builds in the province, most are in a core area, which would serve the residents well. Surely this could be the case in this project.

If this was proposed in any other single family areas of our town, there would be much opposition. Feel that would also apply to our Mayor and council.

Please reply and address my concerns

Sincerely 22(1) FOIPPA [REDACTED]

Gibsons General Mailbox

From: Cecilia Garcia <Cecilia.Garcia@scrd.ca>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 9:41 AM
To: Cecilia Garcia
Subject: News Release - Stage 1 Water Conservation Regulations in Effect

Here is the official announcement that Stage 1 water conservation regulations are now in effect.

[May 13 - Stage 1 Water Conservation Regulations in Effect](#)

Cecilia Garcia, Communications Officer

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Phone: 604-885-6800, ext 6407

My office hours are from Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m to 4:00 p.m.

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