



# Town of Gibsons

## MEMORANDUM

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

**SUBJECT: Correspondence for the Week Ending June 3, 2019**

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

**Please note:** Only correspondence indicated has been forwarded to staff.

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

### 1. Regular Correspondence (Including Emails)

- 2019-05-27 Elphinstone News & Gibsons June 5 Water Dialogue Location Correction
- 2019-05-27 22(1) FOIPPA re The George & Prowse Rd Lift Stn & Mayors Response
- 2019-05-27 22(1) FOIPPA, Gibsons Resident re Tree Bylaw
- 2019-05-27 22(1) FOIPPA, Gibsons re Concerns about Gibsons
- 2019-05-28 BC Wildfire Service Update
- 2019-05-28 22(1) FOIPPA, Gibsons Resident re Prowse Rd Lift Station
- 2019-05-28 Safe Water Drinking Team Newsletter
- 2019-05-29 AVICC - 2019 Convention Presentations & Information for 2020 Convention – NOTE: Hotel Rooms Reserved
- 2019-05-29 22(1) FOIPPA re Public Art in Public Places
- 2019-05-29 22(1) FOIPPA re Supportive Housing at old RCMP site Gibsons
- 2019-05-29 UBCM The Compass
- 2019-05-30 Cathy Peters re Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline Number
- 2019-05-30 Coastal Fire Centre Status Report
- 2019-05-30 22(1) FOIPPA re Homeless
- 2019-05-30 Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions re Launch of PICS 10th Anniversary Edition Annual Report
- 2019-05-30 SCRDC Coast Current
- 2019-05-30 Sunshine Coast Tourism News
- 2019-05-31 Coastal Wildfire News
- 2019-05-31 22(1) FOIPPA re Seniors Housing
- 2019-05-31 Office of the Seniors Advocate - Research Rounds
- 2019-06-03 22(1) FOIPPA re Watering Restriction Request
- 2019-May 26 to June 2 Correspondence re Fireworks

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## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** Donna <donna@everythingelphinstone.ca>  
**Sent:** May 27, 2019 12:59 PM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** Elphinstone News - May 2019

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**May, 2019**

**It's Still Active Transportation Month**

And I've been making good use of my feet, my bike and public transit. My goal is not to drive my car at all in May, to bike at least 250 kilometres, and to lose that spare tire I put on over the winter. So far it's going very well except for the spare tire, perhaps because I keep rewarding myself with beer and chips...

In the photo to the right, former Area D Director Mark Lebbell leads a Walking School Bus in Roberts Creek.



Big thumbs up to community groups and other coast politicians for **getting into the spirit of things**, especially Mayors Beamish and Siegers who challenged each other to a bike race in Sechelt on May 22. No mayors were injured in the making of this event.



## Water, Water, Water

In response to an outpouring of public concern about water, the SCRCD will be holding **Water Dialogue sessions** on June 3, 4 and 5. The June 3 and 4 sessions are at the Sechelt Legion, and on June 5 at the Gibsons Rec Centre from 7 to 9 pm. Staff will be there to share information, and directors will be there to listen to public concerns and suggestions.

**Stage 2 Water Restrictions** start **June 7** due to dry weather and a low spring snowpack. We are not alone in having concerns about this summer's drought.

**Much of the province** is extremely dry. Washington State **declared a drought emergency** on May 20, and Environment Canada has issued a **fire forecast** that describes our fire risk as "well above average."

Here's a link to the **Tetrahedron Weather Station**, where you can check recent rainfall levels.

## Organics Pick-up Coming to Elphinstone

SCRD directors voted in favour of curbside organics pick-up on May 16 for Areas B, D, E and F. We asked staff for something similar to Gibsons' very successful program (why reinvent the wheel?), and it should roll out early next year. [See news story](#)

Gibsons has reduced the volume of garbage going to the landfill by 45%, and that's crucial since we have less than 7 years until our landfill closes, and no plan in place for what to do next. Diverting more material will buy us precious time to plan and to finance the very expensive closure process. It will also significantly reduce our GHG emissions.



Reluctantly, I voted against an opt-out provision for the service. Here's why.

[READ MORE](#)

## And Talking of the Landfill...

At the rate things are going, the Sechelt landfill will close in 2025. It can't be expanded. Closure will cost close to \$6 million, of which only \$1 million has been put aside so far.



The SCR D is developing options (e.g. organics diversion, compacting) that could buy us a year or two more. In the meantime we've started the process to look for a new landfill site. Environmental regulations are far tighter than they used to be. In the last 25 years only 3 new landfills have been approved in BC. So we will also be looking at the other options if we can't find a

landfill site.

## Refining New Short Term Rental Rules

On May 16 regional directors voted to give second reading to new rules for short term rentals and B&B's in the rural areas. [See news article.](#)

In my opinion the proposed bylaw amendments still need some more work. However, the process has been under way for a long time, and it's time to take them to the community for feedback.

A public hearing has been scheduled for **June 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Seaside Centre** in Sechelt. If you can't attend you can still make a written submission.

## More News Briefs

### Green New Deal Town Hall at Elphinstone Secondary

[Green New Deal](#) town halls are being held in communities across Canada in May 2019. They are intended to bring together people from all walks of life to discuss a vision for an economy that cuts global warming pollution, creates millions of green jobs, and makes sure no one gets left behind.

I'd like to thank Town of Gibsons student councillor Jason Lewis and Nara Brenchley of the Clean Air Society for organizing a Town Hall on **Wed. May 29 at 6 pm at the Elphinstone Secondary School Library**. Everyone welcome. [Sign up here.](#)

### Meetings and More Meetings

Politicians from all the jurisdictions bordering Howe Sound met on April 29 at Camp Fircom on Gambier Island to discuss mutual issues and strategies for continuing the ecological recovery of Howe Sound. It's good to find out what other communities are doing and get together on joint strategies.



Other meetings I've attended lately include the Gibsons & District Fire Commission, Gibsons Public Library, Gibsons Chamber of Commerce, a presentation on Micro-Cannabis cultivation, a seminar on Agricultural Land Reserve regulations, a watershed governance webinar, an Open House for Local Government Awareness Week, a lunch-and-learn about zoning bylaws, and an inter-governmental meeting with the SCR, Gibsons, Sechelt, Sechelt Indian Government District, School District 46 and the Islands Trust.

The fun just never stops.

## Whispering Firs Name Retained

A request by the Woodcreek Park Neighbourhood Association to have Whispering Firs park renamed has been declined by the SCRD after public consultation. 60% of the 202 residents who responded to an online questionnaire about the name change were opposed, so staff recommended that the name be retained.

## Solar Association Presents

Representatives from the [Sunshine Coast Community Solar Association](#) presented to the SCRD's Planning Committee on May 9. I'd like to commend Donovan Whistler, Dennis Olsen and the Solar Assn. for a really [well researched package](#) outlining how the SCRD can improve our policies and procedures in order to encourage renewable energy on the coast. The board asked staff to follow up with a report to an upcoming board meeting.



## Fire Hall Roof

Work will begin on May 27 to replace the roof at Frank West Hall/Cliff Mahlman Fire Hall. Construction will continue until the end of July. Hall rentals and event bookings will be accepted during construction but there may be noise. For further information please contact SCRD Parks at 604-885-6802.



## Chapman Lake Controversy Revisited

Lately there's been a letter writing campaign by people who want the province to reverse its decision and remove Chapman Lake from Tetrahedron Provincial Park.

I don't favour reviving a rancorous public debate that dragged on for years, soaking up time and energy on the part of the public, elected officials and staff. [READ MORE](#)



## Why not just stop growth?

People ask me all the time—why are we continuing new development on the Sunshine Coast when we don't have enough water? I asked that question at the board table and I've tried to boil down the staff report we received on May 16. Short answer—it's not that easy. [READ MORE](#)

## FINALLY....

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

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## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** Donna <donna@everythingelphinstone.ca>  
**Sent:** June 1, 2019 12:59 PM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** Water Dialogue Correction

This is the newsletter of Donna McMahon, Area E Director for the Sunshine Coast Regional District. For other news and updates visit [EverythingElphinstone.ca](http://EverythingElphinstone.ca).

**June 1, 2019**

### Water Dialogues

Apologies, folks, the Wed. June 5 Water Dialogue is at the Gibsons Legion, not the Rec Centre. Here's the correct list of public engagements:

**Monday, June 3 - 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Sechelt Legion**

**Tuesday, June 4 - 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Sechelt Legion**

**Wednesday, June 5 - 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Gibsons Legion**

I will definitely attend the meetings on Monday and Wednesday, and will also be at the Tuesday one if the Ferry gods smile on me.

Those who are not able to attend are still invited to give feedback via the SCRD's [general contact form](#).

A reminder: Stage 2 Water Restrictions take effect on **Friday, June 7**.

Finally, just to reward you for opening this email, here's a customer at the Green Waste Site on Henry Road. Thanks to Ed Hanlon for the photo.



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## Tracy Forster

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**From:** Mayor Bill Beamish  
**Sent:** May 27, 2019 10:11 PM  
**To:** Councillors; Youth Councillors; Lindsey Grist; Tracy Forster  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Prowse Road Lift Station questions

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

"Our Vision for the Community includes You"

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

**From:** Mayor Bill Beamish <mayor@gibsons.ca>  
**Date:** May 27, 2019 21:48  
**Subject:** Re: Prowse Road Lift Station questions  
**To:** 22(1) FOIPPA <22(1) FOIPPA@telus.net>  
**Cc:**

Hi 22(1) FOIPPA, there are 2 public information sessions planned to be held on June 4th for the AAP.

Notwithstanding the George project, the proposed work should have been completed several years ago at lower costs. If it does not get done, the George can still proceed but we continue to be at risk of a breakdown of critical infrastructure which if it occurs will cost more than the proposed fixed.

The George is the ongoing focus of a lot of people but the problems at Prowse Road existed before it was even planned and they should have been fixed.

Unfortunately many cannot see beyond the George as the cause of all of the town problems and the suggestions that staff are somehow corrupt is both disappointing and wrong. It is the default when nothing else works..attack the staff. However, as I am sure you know, staff do not make \$3million decisions without a council resolution, and staff do not have authority to action major projects without a council resolution....unless your experience with the federal government is different from mine with the province and local govt.

Thanks for your note.

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

"Our Vision for the Community includes You"

On May 27, 2019 16:50, Judith Hammill <ascribe@telus.net> wrote:

Dear Mayor Beamish:

I was dismayed to read the newspaper article about the Council meeting of May 21 and the item about the Prowse Road lift station. I had also seen the Alternative Approval Process (AAP) notice regarding the lift station in an earlier edition. The rationale supporting the required work raises questions in my mind.

The first question is: Why is no mention made in the AAP of the proposed George condo development project and the extra burden it will place on the lift station (not to mention the sewage treatment plant)?

The work on the lift station has been on the books since 2006. So I am also wondering: If this is a town-wide issue and expense, why did the Town not borrow the money to do this work sooner? Why did it wait 13 years?

The news article says the lift station is operating at half capacity because the sewage treatment plant isn't configured to handle any more effluent. So from that statement and especially from staff reports, I conclude that the work planned for the water treatment plant is also about handling expanded flows from proposed new development. Am I correct?

If you examine previous town council meeting minutes, you will see that the lift station has been a point of discussion since the George condos were first proposed. The Prowse Road lift station serves only the lower reaches of the town, and there has been no other significant development in these areas of the town nor will there be because the George was a one-off spot-zoning. Thus, it stands to reason that any increased demand on the lift station is due either wholly or in large part to this proposed condo development.

I read the Town of Gibsons Subdivision and Development Servicing and Storm Water Management Bylaw where it stipulates that "except as herein specially provided, all works and services REQUIRED to be constructed and installed SHALL BE completed at the expense of the developer."

I read the minutes of the July 28, 2015, council meeting staff report that states on p. 6: "However, the Prowse Road lift station has been identified as requiring an upgrade to accommodate the project. This upgrading cost would be funded by the development."

So I have to ask: Why are we taxpayers being asked to approve borrowing \$1,758,000 for an infrastructure project that the developer is required to pay for?

As I have observed this proposed development over the years, I have seen the Town of Gibsons under the previous administration bend over backwards to give this developer whatever he asked for, at my expense. The Town has seemed to have no ability to negotiate terms in the Town's interests, instead approving changes to bylaws and zoning and even our much-lauded and community-developed Smart OCP, and giving away asset after asset.

As just one example of many, rather than being required to pay the assessed value of lower Winn Road—\$425,000 at the time of the developer's first assessment, even then a lowball assessment—the developer is paying \$61,600 for "air space" under the road. In reality, with some fancy footwork including a dubious "land exchange" deal, the Town is giving away our road access to the water.

For no cost at all, the developer is allowed to build out the condo building to the very edge of Winegarden Park, cutting down a swath of trees and leaving no 15-foot buffer at all as is required of everyone else who builds. So the park, our public plaza, will be blocked from the afternoon sunlight and have the equivalent of a 10-storey building staring down at us from dozens of peering windows when we attend celebrations and events or picnic with our families or read or play or simply sit there to enjoy the view over the water.

That view will also be negatively affected by another giveaway the Town agreed to—the open water where canoes paddle up to listen to music in the park will be taken over by the developer so that the yachts owned by the million-dollar condo owners will have some place to berth. What is the developer paying the Town for that?

And let's not forget that the Town's CAO worked a deal on behalf of this developer to secure a \$3 million mortgage on Gibsons Marina using public land as security for his loan—all behind closed doors, without the awareness of the Council, the Director of Finance, or the public. When did it become legal to use Town land as security for a developer's loan? Who pays if the developer defaults? Ah, yes, this too is at my expense.

I could go on, but perhaps those examples will suffice to explain to you why I have such a jaundiced view of this latest gift of an enhanced lift station to this developer at my expense.

Frankly, I expected more from this new council.

I look forward to hearing from you with some answers to my questions.

Sincerely,

**22(1) FOIPPA**

Gibsons citizen and taxpayer

## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** info@gibsons.ca  
**Sent:** May 27, 2019 2:54 PM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** New Contact Form submission from Town of Gibsons Website

### Name

22(1) FOIPPA

### Email

22(1) FOIPPA@gmail.com

### Comments

Tree by-law

I was at the council Meeting on May 21 where 22(1) FOIPPA presented an amazing power point demonstration on the reason we should have a tree bylaw similar to those in West Vancouver, Surrey, Vancouver, Victoria and many other jurisdictions.

I hope Council is working hard on this By-law  
I would just like to add another dimension to the reason I hope for this.

It nudges residents to be civil. If residents don't behave in a civil manner, Government steps in to make them aware of how they should behave.

I was also alarmed by the statement of a Real Estate Agent who said she would inform her clients that if there was a tree blocking their view, the only deterrent to cutting it down would be that the owner of the tree would pursue them in a civil suit. Oh yes, And if the damage was over \$5000, they could be charged with Mischief.

BUT they would have a view. And really ,who is going to sue over a tree in one's backyard?

On the Gibsons Town website it states that;

" Nature is our most valuable infrastructure asset. Natural assets should be measured, maintained and valued"

How about some measuring, and valuing of all trees here.....

Thank you

22(1) FOIPPA  
Gibsons  
22(1) FOIPPA

May 27/19

Dear Town of Gibsons Mayor Beamish,

I understand you are interested in hearing from your constituents and listening to their concerns. Here are my concerns as a 45 year resident of Gibsons. I was a Realtor for 30 years and have volunteered for many and various organizations. So I am not a newcomer and I care deeply for our environment - our WATER - TREES - AIR - SERVICES - TRANSPORTATION.....

I understand that Gibsons signed onto a Dark Skies Project to help lower our light pollution on the planet. So how is it Gibsons is lit up like Vegas at night? These lights were installed without any consultation with the Residents of Lower Gibsons nor the Taxpayers that are on the hook for this waste of electricity. "Winter" lights, INDEED, it is now MAY winter is OVER! Turn these "Winter" lights off we have street lights for safety. Please read enclosed petition for logical and aware reasons to turning off the 'Winter' lights.

The rhetoric from The Town "Fathers" regarding our NATURAL ASSETS, what might that be the mountains and ocean? The trees and forests certainly are not, as over a thousand trees have been removed in Gibsons over the last 6 months more will be gone as there is no protection for our PRECIOUS TREES.

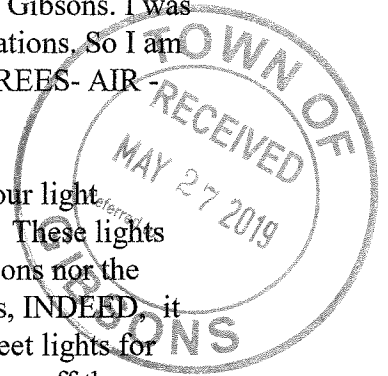
The last Mayor was not interested in discussing parking. I am hoping you are. Lower Gibsons on Marine Drive there are 22 public parking spaces between the Black Bean Café at Jack's Lane and the Beer & Wine Store. The seating alone at the restaurants is over 200 and add the brewery with seating for 92 with at the most 4 parking spaces of which two are used by a food truck that sits in the fire lane. Well need I go on. Lack of parking is glaringly obvious. I suggest that the Town look at building a Parking Tower on their public parking property on School Rd.

Gibsons encourages Tourism, however, we fall short of providing necessary conveniences such as toilets, there is one at the tourists booth and the other is at the end of the sea walk. This is very stressful for the businesses who are forced to refuse people the use of their facilities as it becomes too much.

Our sidewalks are not handicap friendly nor is there a handicap toilet.

The Town needs to be aware of cigarette filters, which are particles of plastic, which wash directly into the ocean. There are more cigarette butts in the ocean than plastic! How about an awareness campaign. Perhaps similar to the shore clean-up. The lack of awareness of these toxic filters is astounding. Pay attention and you'll see more filters on the ground than you care to.

Leaf Blowers need to be banned. They are very toxic with the noise level alone not to mention the toxic fumes. Blowing wet leaves, REALLY. What happened to sweeping? The pile of leaves have to be swept into a pile anyway in order to dispose of them.





The town needs to be more aggressive with the IDELING laws. More signage with bigger font and strong enforcement. There are trucks and cars that leave their vehicles idling for sometimes 30 mins. Perhaps an awareness campaign for IDELING along with the FILTERS.

Gibsons "appears" to be Bird friendly with the very colourful, charming Bird Houses hung on the street lights. How disconcerting to discover that they are totally unusable by any bird, as the entrance holes are blocked by a black plug that is invisible. Upon first blush they appear to be usable. I find this so upsetting and cruel as I have seen the birds try to occupy the houses only to bang their little heads. Why bother?!

Please see attached petition regarding the light pollution in Gibsons and condition of the Street Trees.

The George project is a disaster waiting to happen and Gibsons will rue the day. So unfortunate that the previous council discarded the ability for Gibsons to be a UNESCO Heritage Site. Enclosed find the info on this. We met all the criteria. Not anymore with the destruction of the wet lands and waterfront by Furness.

I am so disappointed in the direction that Gibsons has taken. The concept of a small coastal village as set out in the OCP has been completely ignored and bylaws are changed to suit the developers, who have no investment in our community.

Finally we do not need another Village. We have one that struggles already. Developing Gospel Rock into another Village is misconceived. Should this project actually proceed it will be a travesty and another precious beautiful property gone forever. All too sad for our dying planet. Will we leave nothing for future generations?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

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Council meeting

July 7, 2015

**A way out of divisiveness in our community**

## **Gibsons could be a UNESCO World Heritage Site**

Dear citizens of Gibsons,

We all know how divided our town has become.  
Is there a solution?

Imagine . . . that Gibsons were a UNESCO's World Heritage Site.  
We actually have a good chance of qualifying.

We would be on par with the Pyramids and the Taj Mahal . . . and a great number  
of lesser-known small communities all over the world.

In Canada, there are 17 sites, mostly national parks. But there are also the  
Historic District of old Quebec, Old Town Lunenburg, a whaling station in  
Newfoundland and the Rideau Canal in Ottawa.

B.C. has just one World Heritage Site: SGang Gwaay, on a small island off the  
west coast of Haida Gwaii. The remains of cedar longhouses and carved  
mortuary and memorial poles illustrate the art and way of life of the Haida.

### **World Heritage Site Criteria**

UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,  
has 10 criteria for World Heritage Sites, but prospective sites need to meet only  
one. Gibsons could very possibly meet several of these criteria.

Let us take a look at the criteria, and then see whether Gibsons and the territory  
of the Squamish Nation in this area are a good fit. Remember, we must meet  
*only one* of the criteria. Here they are:

## How does Gibsons meet these criteria?

- \* Our area certainly has exceptional natural beauty and aesthetic importance;
- \* This part of the territory of the Squamish Nation plays a vital role in their history and mythology.  
The Gibsons Museum and Archives has a collection of First Nations stone tools dating back 10,000 years;
- \* Gibsons is an example of early pioneering on the West Coast with a rich history.  
A number of buildings have survived: Dr. Inglis' house, the telephone exchange, a 120-year-old chapel (St. Bart's), the Heritage Playhouse (the former Women's Institute Hall), and the heritage school building. The original pioneer cemetery has survived as well;
- \* Gospel Rock is an example of a coastal dry forest within a rainforest, which is extremely rare.  
There is no regional or national park with the same characteristics;
- \* The aquifer is unique; the water the residents of Gibsons drink may be 80 years old.
- \* Gibsons has a unique natural history, dating back millions of years;
- \* The Beachcombers is a cultural documentation of what life in a West Coast fishing village was about at a certain period of history;
- \* Gibsons is situated between the unique glass sponge reefs in Howe Sound and the Salish Sea.  
These reefs are protected as part of the **United Nations** Convention on Biological Diversity.  
There are efforts to have Howe Sound designated as a **United Nations** biosphere reserve or a national park.
- \* The Trans Canada Trail ends in Gibsons.  
B.C. Parks, Trails Canada and the Squamish Nation have just finished the last leg: the Sea to Sky Marine Trail.

No wonder Gibsons has won a number of prestigious awards:

- 1) Under the auspices of the **United Nations**, Gibsons was voted "Best Small Community in the World" in 2009;
- 2) Gibsons won for "Best Drinking Water in the World" in 2005;
- 3) Gibsons received an Energy & Climate Action Award for Community Planning and Development in 2009;
- 4) Gibsons was First Place among all world cities in LivCom's "Planning for the Future" category;
- 4) Gibsons won an OCP award from Smart Growth BC in 2007;
- 5) The National Research Council gave Gibsons an award for environmentally sensitive development in 2006.

### **What could World Heritage Site status do for us?**

World Heritage Sites can qualify for money from UNESCO and could get management support. But the biggest benefit for Gibsons would be increased tourism. People from all over the world make a point of visiting World Heritage Sites, and this one is close to Vancouver.

"Being named to the list often results in increased tourism to the location, and also increased protection efforts and funding, to ensure it can be enjoyed for generations to come", *The Globe and Mail* wrote on July 6, 2015.

People visiting Gibsons would be interested in its natural beauty, history, biodiversity, sustainability and eco-friendliness. They would want to hike, kayak, take town tours, eat in good restaurants, and shop. And they would want to eat locally grown food and drink locally brewed beer.

People would come for the whole village and all it has to offer. Gibsons Landing would not be a sterile ghost town from the past, but a bustling centre. Developers are usually keen to invest in a World Heritage Site.

Property values would go up. There would be good employment.



SUPPORT GIBSONS

as a UNESCO



*World Heritage Site*

# MAYOR BEAMISH & COUNCIL - GIBSONS

WE THE UNDERSIGNED INSIST THE TOWN OF GIBSONS TURN OFF THE WINTER "XMAS" LIGHTS ALONG MARINE DRIVE AND GOWER POINT TO THE POST OFFICE. BELOW ARE THE REASONS WE OBJECT TO THEIR REMAINING ON.

- 1) GIBSONS ADOPTED THE DARK SKIES POLICY THIS IS A WORLD WIDE PROJECT TO LOWER OUR LIGHT EMISSIONS INTO THE SKIES. GIBSONS IS NOW LIT UP LIKE VEGAS FROM 8:00 p.m. - 8:00a.m.! VERY UNNECESSARY. WE HAVE STREET LIGHTS FOR SAFETY.
- 2) THE COST OF THE HYDRO FOR A "POOR TOWN"?
- 3) THERE ARE NO MORE BATS IN LOWER GIBSONS WE USED TO SEE LOTS OF THEM AND SINCE THESE LIGHTS HAVE BEEN ON (LAST 2 YEARS) NONE! ARE BATS PART OF OUR "NATURAL ASSETS"?
- 4) THE BIRDS ARE UNABLE TO NEST IN THESE TREES AS THEY HAVE NO REST, NO DARKNESS. ARE BIRDS PART OF OUR "NATURAL ASSETS"?
- 5) THE POOR TREES. NOT ONLY ARE THE SENTIENT BEINGS EXPECTED TO SURVIVE AND EVEN GROW IN A TINY HOLE WITH NO OXYGEN, FOOD OR WATER, FOR, THE ROOTS ARE STUCK UNDER CONCRETE. WE ADD INSULT TO INJURY AND THEY HAVE NO REST. THEY HAVE LIGHT 24/7 AND TO FURTHER SHOW HOW WE CARE WE WRAP THEIR TRUNKS AND BRANCHES WITH WIRES WHICH THEY ARE NOW ATTEMPTING TO GROW AROUND. ARE THESE TREES PART OF OUR "NATURAL ASSETS" TOO?
- 6) THESE TREES ARE SO STRESSED THEY ARE FULL OF APHIDS THAT SUCK THE LIFE FROM THE TREE. THE APHIDS PRODUCE A STICKY RESIDUE THAT COVERS THE SIDEWALKS, LANDS ON CARS AND TRACKS INTO THE BUSINESSES.
- 7) TO HANDLE THIS INFESTATION THE TOWN PURCHASES THOUSANDS OF LADY BUGS TO EAT THE APHIDS.

PLEASE TURN OFF THESE INTRUSIVE LIGHTS AND DEMONSTRATE YOUR SUPPORT AND RESPECT OF OUR "NATURAL ASSETS" AND PROVIDE FOOD FOR THE TREES AND A HOME FOR BIRDS AND A REASON FOR THE BATS TO RETURN.

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*A World Heritage Site designation is a gift that keeps on giving.*

To have “applied for,” to be “nominated” or to be on “the tentative list” for World Heritage status would benefit us immediately.

Gibsons can be a showcase for how a unique historic place transitions to a sustainable future. The possibilities are endless. Every one of you, I am sure, can think of at least one example of an exciting new business that would fit in this concept.

We could be proud to live in a World Heritage Site. This initiative could heal rifts in the community and benefit us all.

### **Some important considerations**

World Heritage Status would probably work best for part of Lower Gibsons, the Heritage Corner at School Road/Gibsons Way, Gospel Rock and Soames Hill. Although the actual area of the World Heritage Site would not include the entire area of Gibsons, the whole town would benefit.

Working together with the Squamish Nation on this is critical.

Block 6 and 7 of Gospel Rock are for sale again and there is an effort to purchase Block 7 through philanthropy to turn it into a park.

The Town of Gibsons would have to apply to the federal government for World Heritage status. If approved, the Canadian government would forward the application to UNESCO for approval.

Town staff has already done a lot of the work needed to apply to the federal government in connection with the awards mentioned above.

Thank you.

Please contact 22(1) FOIPPA [@eastlink.ca](mailto:22(1)FOIPPA@eastlink.ca) for a pdf version of this document.

We welcome comments, suggestions and ideas.

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- I The site exhibits an important interchange of human values, over a span of time, or within a cultural area of the world, on developments in architecture or technology, monumental arts, town-planning, or landscape design.
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- III The site is an outstanding example of a type of building, architectural, or technological ensemble or landscape which illustrates a significant stage in human history.
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- V The site is directly or tangibly associated with events or living traditions, with ideas, or with beliefs, with artistic and literary works of outstanding universal significance.
- VII The site contains superlative natural phenomena or areas of exceptional natural beauty and aesthetic importance.
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- IX The site is an outstanding example representing significant on-going ecological and biological processes in the evolution and development of terrestrial, fresh water, coastal and marine ecosystems, and communities of plants and animals.
- X The site contains the most important and significant natural habitats for in-situ conservation of biological diversity, including those containing threatened species of outstanding universal value from the point of view of science or conservation.



## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** BCWS COFC Information Officer FLNR:EX <BCWS.COFCInformationOfficer@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** May 28, 2019 8:54 AM  
**Subject:** Category 2 Open Fire Prohibition and Training Exercise Details  
**Attachments:** 2019 May 30 Cat 2 Open Fire Proh.pdf; 2019 May 29 Training Exercise in Whistler.pdf

Hello,

Please see attached the two bulletins from the Coastal Fire Centre.

A Category 2 Open Fire Prohibition goes into effect on Thursday, May 30, 2019. Details can be found in the bulletin.

Also included is an information bulletin regarding an interagency training exercise in the Pemberton Zone with Whistler Fire Rescue Service and the Whistler Blackcomb Resort. Please note this is a live exercise and there will be visible smoke in the area.

Thank you,

Marg Drysdale  
Communications Assistant  
Coastal Fire Centre  
BC Wildfire Service  
Telephone: 250-951-4209  
Email: Marg.Drysdale@gov.bc.ca

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## INFORMATION BULLETIN

For Immediate Release  
2019FLNR0156-001081  
May 28, 2019

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

### **Open burn prohibition scheduled for Coastal Fire Centre**

PARKSVILLE – Effective at noon Pacific time on Thursday, May 30, 2019, Category 2 open burns will be prohibited throughout the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction to reduce wildfire risks and protect public safety.

This prohibition will remain in effect until the public is otherwise notified. A map of the affected areas is available online: <http://ow.ly/zfKi30oPRTu>

Specifically, this prohibition applies to:

- the burning of any material (piled or unpiled) smaller than two metres high and three metres wide;
- the burning of stubble or grass over an area less than 2,000 square metres;
- the use of fireworks, firecrackers, sky lanterns, burning barrels or burning cages of any size or description; and
- the use of binary exploding targets (e.g., for rifle target practice).

The prohibition applies to all public and private land unless specified otherwise – for example, in a local government bylaw. Check with local government authorities for any other restrictions before lighting any fire.

The prohibition does not apply to larger Category 3 fires or to campfires that are a half-metre high by a half-metre wide or smaller, or to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes. A poster explaining the different categories of open burning is available online at: [www.gov.bc.ca/openfireregs](http://www.gov.bc.ca/openfireregs)

Anyone lighting a campfire must maintain a fireguard by removing flammable debris from around the campfire area and have a hand tool or at least eight litres of water available nearby to properly extinguish the fire.

The Coastal Fire Centre covers all of the area west of the height of land on the Coast Mountain Range from the U.S.-Canada border at Manning Park, including Tweedsmuir South Provincial Park in the north, the Sunshine Coast, the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands and Haida Gwaii.

Anyone found in contravention of an open burning prohibition may be issued a violation ticket for \$1,150, required to pay an administrative penalty of up to \$10,000 or, if convicted in court, fined up to \$100,000 and/or sentenced to one year in jail. If the contravention causes or contributes to a wildfire, the person responsible may be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.

To report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or \*5555 on a cellphone. For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, go to: <http://www.bcwildfire.ca>

Follow the latest wildfire news:

- on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo>
- on Facebook: <http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo>

**Quick Fact:**

- When implementing open fire prohibitions in the past, the Coastal Fire Centre sometimes excluded a two-kilometre strip of land along the outer coast of Vancouver Island (commonly known as the “fog zone”), due in part to a lack of fire-related community bylaws in the area at the time. However, following consultations with local governments, First Nations and other stakeholders in 2018 — and the introduction of local open burning bylaws covering much of this area — the BC Wildfire Service determined that it was no longer necessary to exclude the fog zone from open fire prohibitions enacted within the BC Wildfire Service’s jurisdiction. This new approach has been introduced for the 2019 wildfire season.

**Contact:**

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Fire Information Officer  
BC Wildfire Service  
Coastal Fire Centre  
250 951-4209

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## INFORMATION BULLETIN

For Immediate Release  
2019FLNR0154-001079  
May 27, 2019

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

### **Wildfire training scheduled on Whistler Blackcomb**

WHISTLER – The BC Wildfire Service will conduct a wildfire training exercise with Whistler Blackcomb resort staff and members of the Whistler Fire Rescue Service on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, near the top of the Fitzsimmons Express chairlift.

This exercise will include small controlled burns that will start at about 10 a.m. and continue until early afternoon. BC Wildfire Service firefighters will monitor these fires at all times and ensure they are fully extinguished.

Smoke will be visible in the Whistler area, but the resort will remain open to visitors.

The Whistler Blackcomb resort is one of the largest employers and stakeholders in the area and operates under a commercial recreation agreement, which includes an obligation to assist with wildfire response. The small controlled burns will provide real-time training for responding to a wildfire.

Wednesday's exercise is an important opportunity for everyone involved to learn how to work better together when responding to a wildfire. The exercise will introduce resort employees to tools and techniques used by the local fire department and BC Wildfire Service. It will also give all participants a clearer understanding of the ski hill's extensive infrastructure, including plumbing and overhead hazards. This unique, on-site training experience has run for about a decade.

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- on Facebook: <http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo>

### **Learn More:**

To see wildfire smoke forecasts from FireSmoke Canada, visit: [www.firesmoke.ca](http://www.firesmoke.ca)

**Contact:**

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## Mayor and Council

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA [redacted] 22(1) FOIPPA [redacted]@telus.net>  
**Sent:** May 28, 2019 2:49 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Cc:** editor@coastreporter.net  
**Subject:** Public meetings

Dear Mayor Beamish and Council,

I recognize your inadequate effort to be transparent to the public by quickly calling 2 public meetings about the Prowse Rd. lift station loan of 1.76 million without announcing them in the newspaper. I feel these hastily planned meetings are less than adequate given there were no notifications and doesn't the public require at least 2 weeks notice on a open house for a public project? These meetings will be poorly attended due to the lack of advertising effectively shutting them out. I can only assume this is your and the town's staff goal.

I ask you to rescind the vote on Prowse Rd. lift station until you and council are fully informed by your staff. I believe you all voted without being provided with all the necessary documents to make an informed decision. How could you vote for such an expenditure without being provided with the quote and plan, in order to fully understand the upgrade. I believe any of us would normally require a detailed quote for work being done on our house ,boat or car. So why not for the town's infrastructure? In my opinion this is irresponsible decision making for spending taxpayer's money.

Thank you for your consideration

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Gibsons, BC

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## Gibsons General Mailbox

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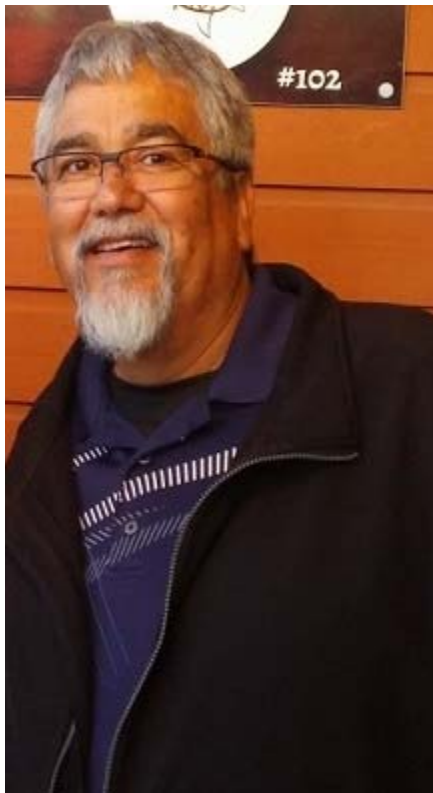
**From:** Safe Drinking Water Team <safedrinkingwaterteam@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** May 28, 2019 4:00 PM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** Cleaning RO Membrane Filters, Conductivity, TDS, ORP, pH, and Confined Space Certificates

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Greetings from Safe Drinking Water Team,

This month, Deon Hassler will answer a variety of questions - from knowing when it is time to clean in place RO membrane filters to how long Confined Space Certificates last!



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

**Q:** How do you know it is time to clean-in-place reverse osmosis (RO) membrane filters?

**A:** Keeping records from the first day of operation of new filters is essential! As time goes by, parameters will eventually change as more water passes through the filters. By monitoring Silt Density Index (SDI), differential pressure, normalized permeate flow, percent rejection, and pressure drop coefficient, the water treatment plant operator can catch the indication of fouling potential and/or measure the extent of fouling and/or scaling. Monitoring raw/feed water pressures, flow, conductivity, total dissolved solids (TDS), and oxidation-reduction potential (ORP) are also a must in record keeping.

**Q:** What is conductivity? Is it the same as TDS?

**A:** Conductivity is the degree to which a substance is able to conduct electricity.



While pure water cannot hold an electrical charge, water that contains minerals and salt can due to stronger bonds between molecules. Therefore, conductivity is related to the amount of salt and minerals in the water. TDS, while related, is not the ability to conduct electricity but, rather, the amount of inorganic salts (mainly calcium, magnesium, potassium, sodium, bicarbonates, chlorides, and sulfates) and organic matter dissolved within the water, which results in the ability to conduct electricity.

**Q:** What is ORP?

**A:** ORP is the acronym for oxidation-reduction potential (also called redox potential). It is a measure of the tendency of a chemical species to acquire from or lose electrons to an electrode and, thereby, be reduced or oxidized. It is critical to measure ORP in order to ensure that all of the chlorine and other oxidizing chemicals have been removed. If present, these chemicals can physically attack polyamide RO membranes, creating leaks through which dissolved salts can pass.

**Q:** Why is pH important in drinking water?

**A:** The pH in most RO water treatment systems will drop below 6 because removing the minerals makes the water acidic. The operational guideline for pH is a range of 7.0 to 10.5 in finished drinking water. A pH of less than 7.0 is acidic and can corrode pipes, which can then leach lead and copper out of plumbing. If a sudden pH change is present in a distribution system, it can indicate a water quality issue.

**Q:** How long do Confined Space Entry Certificates last?

**A:** According to Saskatchewan Health and Safety, Confined Space Entry Certificates (and all other safety certificates) do not expire. However, if you feel the need to refresh your memory then you should take a certified course.

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

Kind Regards,

Safe Drinking Water Team

[www.safedrinkingwaterteam.org](http://www.safedrinkingwaterteam.org)



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## Tracy Forster

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**From:** AVICC <avicc@ubcm.ca>  
**Sent:** May 29, 2019 2:51 PM  
**To:** AVICC  
**Subject:** AVICC May Update - 2019 Convention Presentations, 2020 Convention Information, Member Dues

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

#### 1. 2019 Convention

We hope you enjoyed attending the 2019 Convention in Powell River. Contact details for the new [AVICC Executive](#) elected at the Convention are available on the AVICC website. PDFs of the presentations from the Convention and the Disposition of Resolutions are also posted on the AVICC website.

The resolutions endorsed by AVICC members have been forwarded to UBCM for inclusion in the resolutions process at the September UBCM Convention in Vancouver. Members can also [submit resolutions directly to UBCM](#) by the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Please email through any feedback on this year's convention to [avicc@ubcm.ca](mailto:avicc@ubcm.ca) so we can use your input to help make future conventions even better for our members.

Councillor Eric Zhelka of the District of Oak Bay was the winner of this year's draw for a \$1,500 donation from FortisBC for a charity in his community. Thank you to FortisBC for being a great sponsor of the convention.

#### 2. 2020 Convention

Next year's convention will be held in Nanaimo at the [Vancouver Island Conference Centre](#) from Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>. Registration will open in early February 2020, and information on submitting resolutions and nominations for the Executive Committee will be sent out in November.

If you have suggestions for a workshop or presentation at next year's convention, please use this [Convention Proposal Form](#) and email it to [avicc@ubcm.ca](mailto:avicc@ubcm.ca)

Information on accommodation options and activities in Nanaimo is available at [Tourism Nanaimo](#). AVICC has set up accommodation blocks at preferred rates with the two hotels closest to the Vancouver Island Conference Centre. We ask that members **do not reserve more rooms than they need**. There are financial penalties for AVICC, and therefore for our members, if there are last-minute cancellations and the room blocks are not filled. Both hotels will be charging a one night non-refundable deposit for each room booked.

#### [Coast Bastion Hotel](#)

Reserve with the Coast Bastion by calling 1-800-663-1144 and quoting booking code CBI-GFC17931 or book online at [Bastion Booking Link](#). Room rates range from \$147 to \$265. This hotel provides free wifi and there is a charge for parking.

#### [Best Western Dorchester Hotel](#)

Reserve with the Dorchester by calling 1-250-754-6835 and requesting the AVICC block. Or book online at [Dorchester Booking Link](#). Room rates range from \$149 to \$219. This hotel has free parking, free wifi and free laundry.

### **3. Member Dues**

2019 annual member dues have been sent out to each AVICC local government. The dues reflect a 2% increase, and are applied based on the population of the member organization.

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## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** info@gibsons.ca  
**Sent:** May 29, 2019 11:03 AM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** New Contact Form submission from Town of Gibsons Website

### Name

22(1) FOIPPA

### Email

22(1) FOIPPA@gmail.com

### Comments

Hi again Bill,  
I have not contacted you before this first by telephone and now by email feeling you needed time to settle into being mayor. However I do want to speak with you about the policy adopted by the mayor and council that dates back to Sept 2006. Our Public Art in Public Places newly formed committee spent over a year researching this concept for our community and it was well received and adopted .  
This is my inquiry as I feel the town finally has a mayor who can relate to this policy!  
Look forward to discussing this issue with you.

## Mayor and Council

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA [REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** May 29, 2019 9:00 PM  
**To:** pam.goldsmith-jones@parl.gc.ca; nicholas.simons.mla@leg.bc.ca  
**Cc:** editor@thelocalweekly.ca; editor@coastreporter.net; Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Supportive Housing at old RCMP site Gibsons  
**Attachments:** Gibsons-School-Rd-fact-sheet-FINAL-v2.pdf; BK-Case-Study-Community-Acceptance-Overview.pdf

Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, MP  
West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country  
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Nicolas Simons, MLA  
Powell River- Sunshine Coast  
[nicholas.simons.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:nicholas.simons.MLA@leg.bc.ca)

Dear Ms. Goldsmith-Jones and Mr. Simons:

We are writing to ask for your help in forcing a serious second review about the creation of a supportive housing facility here in Gibsons.

As you know, the Federal government has transferred the former RCMP offices at 739-749 School Road to the Town of Gibsons, on the condition it be developed as supportive housing to address homelessness in the town.

From the description in the attached fact sheet from BC Housing, the proposal looked to be something the surrounding community members could get behind even though we had serious concerns about its location less than a block from the elementary school.

By attending public meetings, however, we discovered a feature about the proposed facility that gives us grave concerns.

The supportive housing facility will be a low barrier building (see definition at the end of this email). This means that tenants will be able to use illegal drugs on site: Crystal Meth, Fentanyl, Heroin to mention a few. Thus, it is not a detox centre. And, contrary to what many believe, the housing does not offer supervised injections.

Those seeking to recover from addiction will be living with those still using addictive substances. This facility is not one that an individual can graduate into after going through detox.

We are told that residents and neighbors will be expected to pick up needles and other garbage left in the neighborhood – but we question the assumption that it is okay to shoot up anywhere in the neighborhood.

We are told criminal record checks will not be required. We are told that a curfew will not be imposed. We are told that there will be oversight and reporting measures.

Homelessness is an issue, we all agree. Those who are homeless need safe, clean living quarters and access to support services. We all agree to this.

But look again at the location. It is half a block from the elementary school. Half a block! Why are cannabis retailers restricted to 150 meters from a school while active drug use facility will be allowed 140 meters from the school? Children walk to and from school each day and are more than likely to come across those with "active addictions" or a display of mental illness. Then there is the drug detritus left behind. Think about this: would you want your eight-year-old being exposed to this on a daily basis?

The high school is about three blocks away from the site and the teenagers walk School Road as do the elementary school children.

Interesting that the supportive housing in Sechelt is nowhere near elementary or secondary schools.

Another aspect of the decision to locate on School Road is the upcoming application for rezoning. In fact, the Building Knowledge Case Studies, Community Acceptance Series from BC Housing recommends:

- *Using a site that does not have to be rezoned helps limit community opposition*

Other recommendations from the same document include:

- *Create a site review task force, including community services providers and neighbors, to assess whether the site earmarked is the most suitable for the proposed client group (e.g. zoning issues, proximity to services, transit, and other amenities, and the need)*
- *Develop a community advisory committee with representatives from concerned neighborhood stakeholder groups to allow neighbors to provide input, voice concerns, and ask questions (prior to building - not after!)*

Neither one of these recommendations has been instituted.

And here is a very surprising fact: many in the community have written concerned letters to the Coast Reporter over the past two months and not one single letter has been published. We do wonder who is suppressing the letters.

What are we asking you, our MP and MLA to do? We ask you to visit the Gibsons and walk with us from the school to the proposed site. We ask that the decision about the target audience selected for tenancy be changed and if this won't change, another site be chosen and the location be turned over to Habitat for Humanity as was the original plan. Habitat For Humanity is more suitable for this family-oriented community.

Above all, we need to have our concerns taken seriously, and not be dismissed as typical of NIMBYS. We believe supportive housing works best in a supportive community – a community involved in the solutions, a community consulted, a community that has its concerns acknowledged and addressed.

Thank you for your attention to this issue,

Sincerely **22(1) FOIPPA**

**“Low Barrier Housing:** Housing where a minimum number of expectations are placed on people who wish to live there. The aim is to have as few barriers as possible to allow more people access to services. In housing this often means that tenants are not expected to abstain from using alcohol or other drugs, or from carrying on with street activities while living on-site, so long as they do not engage in these activities in common areas of the house and are respectful of other tenants and staff. Low-barrier facilities follow a harm reduction philosophy. See below for more about harm reduction.”

Taken from HeretoHelp Housing Glossary 2019

<https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/>

**Attachments:**

Gibsons School Road Fact Sheet .pdf

BC Case Study Community Acceptance Series .pdf



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# Gibsons Supportive Housing



## The proposal

The Government of Canada is transferring the property at **739-749 School Road** to the Town of Gibsons on the condition that it be used for supportive housing to address homelessness. The proposal is to provide up to 40 new self-contained studio homes with the necessary supports to help people experiencing or at risk of homelessness in accessing safe, secure housing.



## What is supportive housing?

Supportive housing is an opportunity for people to leave the streets and shelter system for safe and stable housing, towards improved quality of life. Supportive housing is a self-contained studio home with supports provided on-site, to ensure people can achieve and maintain housing stability. Supports include outreach workers, wellness checks, life skills training, employment assistance, connection and referral to community services and support groups. Residents have access to counselling, as well as health, mental health, and addiction recovery services through Vancouver Coastal Health. All residents would sign a program agreement and would pay rent.

## Why does Gibsons need supportive housing?

The 2018 Point in Time Count found **57 people without homes in the Gibsons/Sechelt area**, which is understood to be an undercount. RainCity Housing has been operating a 15-bed temporary winter shelter in Gibsons consistently at capacity. Local service providers can attest that there is a need for housing with supports for people at risk of or experiencing homelessness and those precariously housed. In Sechelt, the new supportive housing set to open in April 2019 had 60 applications for 40 homes.

## Who would live here?

Residents will be low-income individuals over the age of 19 who live in the community, have a history of homelessness and who need additional support services to maintain housing. Gibsons residents will have priority. RainCity Housing and BC Housing would lead the resident selection process with local service providers to ensure an appropriate mix. All supportive housing residents have made a choice to work towards living a healthy, stable life.



## Community safety

We are committed to building a safe community both inside and outside the housing with:

**Experience:** RainCity Housing has over 35 years of experience working in the Lower Mainland and Sunshine Coast and has successfully operated a temporary winter shelter in Gibsons for the past two winters.

**Staffing:** Staff would be onsite 24/7 to support residents, manage building, be available to respond directly to any related concerns that arise in a timely manner.

**Resident Mix:** Residents would be selected based on ability of staff to provide right level of support to all.

**Property Maintenance:** Regular cleanups of property and immediate area would ensure cleanliness.

**Design Features:** Optimized lighting, security cameras, fob access only, staffed reception, contained outdoor space for smoking and dog walking, would be implemented.

**Agreements:** Residents would sign program agreement around expectations.

**Community Advisory Committee:** RainCity would develop a Community Advisory Committee to mitigate and address any related concerns that come forward, with representation from BC Housing, local businesses, community organizations and community members.

## Next steps

BC Housing will hold Community Discussions and an Open House to share information about the proposal as well as gather feedback. A summary report will be provided to the Town of Gibsons.

BC Housing will submit a rezoning and development permit application to the Town of Gibsons. If the proposal is approved, BC Housing would aim to start construction in summer 2019, towards occupancy by March 2020.

## Partners

- BC Housing will fund the construction of the housing and provide support services to residents.
- Vancouver Coastal Health provides a range of inpatient and outpatient services to the Gibsons community. Services encompass chronic disease management, mental health and substance use, and home and community care.
- RainCity Housing will operate the housing and provide support services to residents.



a home for every person

## How can I provide input?



Email [communityrelations@bchousing.org](mailto:communityrelations@bchousing.org)



Participate in a Community Discussion: **April 3 & 4**

Drop in at the Community Open House: **May 2019**



Visit [www.bchousing.org/Gibsons](http://www.bchousing.org/Gibsons) and [LetsTalkHousingBC.ca/Gibsons](http://LetsTalkHousingBC.ca/Gibsons)



Learn more about the **Community Advisory Committee**.

# BUILDING KNOWLEDGE



*This report summarizes the case studies in the Community Acceptance Series documenting the experiences of supportive housing sites that gained neighbourhood acceptance. The purpose of this research is to help future sites better address neighbourhood concerns at the initial stages of a project. Sharing lessons learned also helps identify strategies to improve relationships with neighbours of existing social housing sites.*

*Other case studies in this series include: 5616 Fraser Street, Vancouver; Timber Grove, Surrey; Christine Lamb Residence, Abbotsford; Camas Gardens, Victoria and Cardington Apartments, Kelowna.*

## Community Acceptance Series

# Overview of Strategies from Case Studies of Supportive Housing Sites in BC

Supportive housing provides housing and support services to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. These support services help vulnerable people maintain their housing. Supports can include 24/7 staffing, life skills training, employment preparation, meal programs and referrals to other community resources. BC Housing works in partnership with non-profit societies who operate these projects and provide on-site supports to residents.

In 2014, BC Housing conducted a research study looking at five supportive housing projects for homeless people or people at risk of homelessness that were initially met by concern from their surrounding neighbours. In some cases, these projects were the first of their kind in these neighbourhoods. Over time, initial concerns from some community members developed into positive relationships.

### This report summarizes:

- › The type of concerns raised by neighbours of supportive housing developments and whether these concerns change over time, specifically from site proposal to after-site occupation
- › Strategies and actions taken by housing providers to address concerns and build positive relationships with neighbours
- › The number of police calls in the neighbourhood before and after site opening
- › Lessons learned from this project



### Methodology

BC Housing's Research and Corporate Planning conducted the research for the five case studies. Case studies were conducted with:

- › **Timber Grove in Surrey** (Coast Mental Health)
- › **Cardington Apartments in Kelowna** (John Howard Society of the Central and South Okanagan)
- › **Christine Lamb Residence in Abbotsford** (SARA for Women, formerly Women's Resource Society of the Fraser Valley)
- › **5616 Fraser Street in Vancouver** (RainCity Housing)
- › **Camas Gardens in Victoria** (Pacifica Housing)

BC Housing's Research and Corporate Planning collected data through the following methods:

- › Key informant interviews with staff representatives from each supportive housing site
- › Working with local police departments, data was gathered showing the number of police calls for each study neighbourhood before and after project opening

### Neighbours

Across the case study sites, concerned neighbours typically included a range of stakeholders such as renter and owner residential neighbours, nearby businesses, schools and other community amenities. In some cases, a small but vocal group of neighbours expressed concerns; in other cases, the majority of neighbours raised opposition to proposed supportive housing projects.

### Neighbour Concerns

There were a number of common concerns across the case studies and stakeholder groups, including:

- › Safety issues for residential neighbours, kids attending nearby schools, and local business staff and patrons
- › Higher incidents of crime
- › Decreased property values
- › Increased loitering
- › More noise

### How Neighbour Concerns Were Expressed

Community opposition in all five cases was quick to emerge as soon as neighbours heard about the proposed developments, especially if the property required rezoning. Concerns were expressed through a variety of means throughout the development process, including: public meetings, letters and meetings with municipal staff and politicians, letters and meetings with funders and supportive housing providers, the media, social media and internet, and community advisory committees. One group of opposed neighbours took the municipality to court with a land use challenge which was later dismissed by the judge.

### Strategies to Build Positive Relationships During Development

The case study sites used some common strategies during the development phase to address concerns that emerged once neighbours heard about proposed supportive housing sites in their areas. Many of the case study sites used or suggested the following strategies:

#### At development outset

- › Expect community opposition and prepare for it with a clear plan for public meetings and communications
- › Prepare to justify the need for this type of housing and explain why the particular site was selected
- › Ensure development plans include sufficient time for public input, so neighbours are heard
- › Set a clear timeline for public input to ensure it is not used to delay the development process
- › Develop a community advisory committee with representatives from concerned neighbourhood stakeholder groups to allow neighbours to provide input, voice concerns, and ask questions
- › Budget sufficient resources to cover formal and informal meetings with neighbours and other community stakeholders
- › Set clear boundaries around what type of input neighbours



can have on the design plans and communicate those boundaries to stakeholders

- › Be clear on key messaging (e.g. how to describe the target client group) before going out to the public because it is hard to change public perceptions once a message is out
- › Ensure consistent messaging: Have one partner, such as the non-profit supportive housing provider, be the project spokesperson for media and other public events, so the public knows who to go to with questions or concerns
- › Give the project a name early in the development process to limit negative project descriptions in public discussions
- › Using a site that does not need to be rezoned helps limit community opposition
- › Create a site review task force, including community service providers and neighbours, to assess whether the site earmarked is the most suitable for the proposed client group (e.g. zoning issues, proximity to services, transit, and other amenities, and the need)
- › Trust that you are doing the right thing and that the opposition will diminish over time

### During Development

- › Hold public meetings and information sessions, so the public can get a sense of the need for this type of housing, who will be served, supports to be provided, construction plans, as well as Q & A sessions
- › Start gathering public input early in the process
- › Be patient with the public input process, even if it feels repetitive
- › Reach out to neighbours and nearby service providers one-on-one to explain the program, who it serves, and be available to answer questions
- › Send letters to neighbours providing them with updates on the development process. Inform them of public meetings and other events
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- › Allow neighbours to comment on design plans, as there may be some easy design adjustments that can reduce potential complaints (e.g. moving the parking lot to the other side of the building, moving the building to a different spot on the property, or adding trees and a fence to create separation from neighbours)
- › Ensure all partners and funders are on the same page and kept up-to-date on all plans and decisions to make sure all partners are communicating consistent messaging when responding to questions and concerns (e.g. who is the client group, who is involved in the project, what supports will be available, why this site was selected, etc.)
- › Once the site is built, offer tours to neighbours and other community stakeholders so they can see how the building fits into the neighbourhood and safety features of the site
- › Tours can be done before or after the site opens (some supportive housing providers do not want to disrupt residents with site tours, while others want individuals touring the site to meet residents)

Strategies that were not common across the case study sites but helped their particular sites:

- › Offer to take neighbours on tours of existing supportive housing projects in other neighbourhoods, to see who is served, how they are supported, and view the buildings calm atmosphere
- › Invite residents of other supportive housing projects to public meetings to share success stories demonstrating the importance and impact of supportive housing
- › Create opportunities for neighbours to meet residents before and after the building opens, so they can get a better understanding of who will be served
- › Meet with police and ask them to do more regular drive-bys through the neighbourhood to alleviate neighbour concerns and reduce existing suspicious or criminal activities that may already be happening in the area



- › Invite police and fire departments for a tour of the site so they can get to know the site and gain a better understanding of the program when there is no critical incident requiring their attention
- › If the supportive housing provider is new to the community, consider partnering with a well-known and trusted community service provider to provide services on-site to put neighbours at ease
- › Carefully select the construction team and provide clear expectations about appropriate behaviour during the construction process as the construction team will be neighbours' first introduction to the project
- › Ensure there is a plan in place to address any neighbour concerns during construction

### Strategies to Build Positive Relationships after Opening

Several common themes emerged around strategies to mitigate and address neighbour concerns that may come forward after the site becomes operational. Many of these focus on how site staff and management may handle concerns. For example:

- › Continue community advisory committee meetings to provide a formal opportunity for neighbours to express ongoing or emerging concerns directly with the building's supportive housing providers
  - Meetings may become less frequent over time as the number of issues for discussion decrease
- › Empower neighbours to keep a watch out and to report suspicious activity or incidents right away
- › Have regular check-ins with neighbours so they know who to contact if they have a concern
- › Be available and ensure any neighbour concerns are addressed immediately so issues do not fester becoming a bigger deal
- › Ensure neighbour concerns are heard and responded to without being defensive, so neighbours feel comfortable coming forward

- › Install security cameras around the site and monitor the site regularly to immediately address inappropriate behaviour
- › Place office space overlooking the street so staff can see what happens outside the building
- › Invite neighbours to events or building celebrations (e.g. summer BBQ) or ask them to volunteer at the site, to meet residents and get a better understanding of who is being served and to breakdown stereotypes
- › Incorporate community amenities and services into the building to help make the building not just fit into the neighbourhood, but become a space for neighbours to congregate (e.g. a ground floor coffee shop or public art)

There are strategies involving residents too that maintain and promote positive relationships with neighbours, including:

- › Hold residents accountable for their behaviour on-site and in the neighbourhood through agreements such as tenancy agreements, program agreements and good neighbour agreements
- › When a new residents moves in, go over the agreements and ensure they are clear on their responsibilities
- › Remind residents of their obligations on a regular basis
- › Encourage residents to keep a look out and report suspicious activity or incidents right away
- › Encourage residents to volunteer in the neighbourhood (e.g. gardening, shoveling snow, etc.)
- › Encourage residents to access nearby services and amenities
- › Residents can write a letter to the local newspaper to thank neighbours for welcoming them to the area



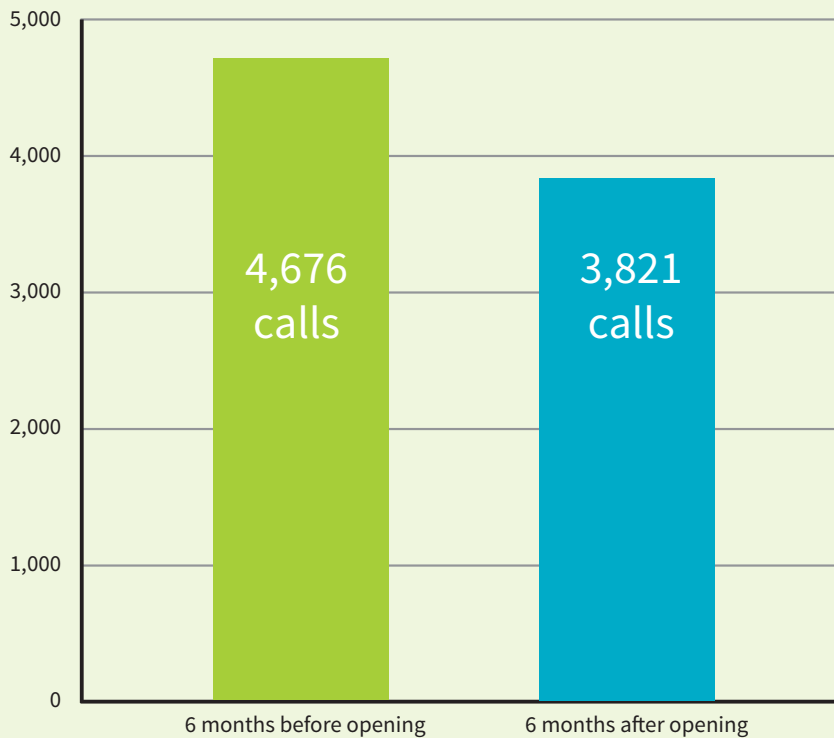
## Police Calls Before and After Opening



**in police calls between the periods 6 months prior and 6 months post opening**

Combined quantitative data provided by the local police departments for all five case study sites show a pattern of decreasing calls to police from the neighbourhoods surrounding the sites following supportive housing project openings. While one of the case study sites did see an increase in the number of calls to police after the project opened, the number of calls was typically below five per month. Calls to police decreased in the other four sites in the six months after the projects opened.

**Figure 1: Number of Calls to Police in Case Study Neighbourhoods Combined Six Months Before and After Supportive Housing Sites Opened** (5616 Fraser Street, Camus Gardens, Cardington Apartments, Christine Lamb, and Timber Grove)



Source: Vancouver, Victoria, Kelowna, Abbotsford, and Surrey Police Departments (combined data), 2014.

### Data Limitations

- 1) Police call data was requested for the neighbourhood around the case study sites. Neighbourhood boundary definitions vary by police department.
- 2) Key informant interviews were limited to representatives from each of the case study sites. Most other stakeholder groups, such as neighbours, other community members, funders and residents were not consulted for this study. While this limits study reliability, the key informants selected played a lead role in all aspects of the development and operations, providing valuable, comprehensive insights and perspectives. Clear common themes emerged across the case study sites supporting the validity of the case studies. Quantitative data from police departments also aligned with comments from key informants. Further research could be done to broaden the scope of stakeholders consulted to further validate the views expressed by those consulted for this report.
- 3) The case studies in this series only explore the experience of supportive housing sites that have achieved successful community integration. In the future, additional case studies could be conducted with supportive housing providers that have not fully achieved community acceptance. This would help measure the effectiveness of some of the strategies proposed in this report and identify additional lessons learned for future community integration best practices.



## Conclusion

Opposition to the case study sites was mostly limited to the development phase. In all five case studies, neighbours stopped expressing concerns after a few months of the supportive housing sites becoming operational. Now all case study sites enjoy positive relationships with neighbours. Neighbours show support by dropping off donations, volunteering and attending events at the sites, making supportive housing residents welcome in their businesses, and in one case, advocating for additional supportive housing. Through several of the case studies, it was reported that the most vocal opponents to the sites became some of the biggest supporters once the sites were operational.



**Timber Grove in Surrey**  
(Coast Mental Health)



**Cardington Apartments in Kelowna**  
(John Howard Society of the Central and South Okanagan)



**Camas Gardens in Victoria**  
(Pacifica Housing)



**Christine Lamb Residence in Abbotsford** (SARA for Women, formerly Women's Resource Society of the Fraser Valley)



**5616 Fraser Street in Vancouver**  
(RainCity Housing)

## More Information:

To find out more, visit BC Housing's Research Centre at [www.bchousing.org](http://www.bchousing.org) to find the latest workshops, research and publications on the key challenges and successes in building and operating affordable, sustainable housing.

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## Tracy Forster

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**Subject:** Emergency Preparedness; UBCM Executive Highlights; RCMP Advisory Board

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### **\$31 Million Renewal of CEPF**

Premier Horgan has announced the renewal of the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) with \$31 million in new funding. The program supports community resiliency in the face of wildfires, floods and other emergencies. CEPF will provide two new funding streams, and will be open to all First Nations starting in October 2019. [Read more](#)

### **UBCM Executive Meeting Highlights**

Executive members met in Richmond May 15-17 for their quarterly Committee and board meetings. Executive members received a delegation from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Selina Robinson as part of the Friday board meeting. [Read more](#)

### **RCMP Introduces Civilian Management Advisory Board**

A Management Advisory Board has been established to provide the RCMP Commissioner with external advice on the administration of the RCMP. This comes in response to reviews conducted by the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission and former Auditor General Sheila Fraser that found significant workplace challenges within the RCMP. [Read more](#)

### **Resolutions Deadline: June 30th**

UBCM's annual resolutions process provides a forum for its membership to identify common issues, express concerns and develop united positions. Local governments that missed the deadline for submissions to Area Association meetings may directly submit resolutions to UBCM until June 30. [Read more](#)


### **UBCM Benefits Program**

Did you know that UBCM provides Group Benefits insurance coverage to over 3,000 employees employed in the municipal sector and provincial affiliated community based agencies? This purchasing power of over 125 municipalities creates economies of scale and lowers overall costs. [Read more](#)


### **Eligibility Guidelines for Gas Tax Funding**

UBCM has developed a resource to support local government decision-making with regard to the expenditure of allocated federal Gas Tax funding (delivered through the Community Works Fund). The guidelines address a range of topics, including the determination of whether a proposed infrastructure project provides a "public use or benefit". [Read more](#)

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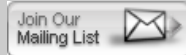
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## A Handbook for Water Champions

The POLIS Water Sustainability Project and Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources have developed a practical guide for those seeking to better understand watershed governance. [Read more](#)

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**Importance:** High

Dear BC Mayors and City Councillors,  
The Canadian Human trafficking hotline number was announced yesterday on National media: 1-833-900-1010 or: [canadianhumantraffickinghotline.ca](http://canadianhumantraffickinghotline.ca)

Please alert all of your community service providers, frontline service providers, educators, health practitioners, law enforcement and constituents of this number.

BC Council for Families asked me to write an article on how to stop Child Sex Trafficking in BC.  
Please see attached document and share with your contacts.

**ASK:** Please email me if you support my work and advocacy to stop sexual exploitation/human sex trafficking/child sex trafficking in BC.

Sincerely, Cathy Peters

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# Preventing Child Sex Trafficking in BC

**Buying and selling children for sex is one of the fastest growing crimes in Canada, and it is happening in communities across BC.**

**Globalization, unregulated technology, lack of law enforcement and inadequate prevention education** is allowing this crime to grow globally.

Human sex trafficking (HT) involves the recruitment, transportation or harbouring of people for the purpose of exploitation through the use of force, coercion, fraud, deception or threats against the victim or person known to them. It is known as modern day slavery. According to the US State department's annual global report on trafficking in persons (TIP), Canada is a source, transit and destination for sex trafficking. (<https://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/>)

Child sex trafficking is a lucrative crime. It has low costs and huge profits; a trafficker can make \$280,000 per victim, per year. The average age of entry into prostitution in Canada is 12-14 years of age, although traffickers are known to target younger children. Traffickers seek young victims both to service the demand for sex with those who look young, and because these victims are easier to manipulate and control.

The biggest problem in Canada is that people do not know there is a problem; therefore, child sex trafficking is expanding in the dark. Every child can be a target and a potential victim, but learning about this issue is the first step.

**Five things that parents can do to help prevent their children from being lured into sex trafficking:**

## **1. Set a high standard of love within your home**

The way you define and express love shapes your children's self-image, confidence and opinions of future relationships. Treat them the way you want their future partners to treat them. Help them to distinguish between real love and empty promises or cheap gifts.

## **2. Talk to your children about sexual abuse**

According to the US Department of Justice, someone in the US is sexually assaulted every two minutes, of which 29% are between the ages of 12-17. Let your children know that if anyone has or ever does hurt them, they can talk to you. This is the most important thing you can say. Don't assume they have not been hurt by sexual violence before. Leave the door open for your child to talk about past circumstances that they haven't shared with you.

## **3. Talk to your children about sex trafficking**

Discuss ways children and teens are targeted for sex trafficking. Let them know that traffickers specifically try to woo young girls and boys with promises of a better life – whether it's promises of love and attention, or promises of nice things and trips. Traffickers can be male or female, even classmates. Traffickers may even use kids to recruit other kids.

## **4. Talk to your children about the dangers of social media**

It is important to provide practical safety tips, such as: don't share personal information on the internet; don't accept Facebook requests from unknown people; NEVER share naked photos of yourself with anyone; and tell a parent or a trusted adult if you feel threatened or uncomfortable online. Children also need help defining friendships. Teach them that a friend is not someone you met yesterday and that a "friend" on Facebook is not the same thing as a friendship.

## 5. Pay attention to your children

Monitor your children's social media accounts. Look for ways to meet their friends, their friends' parents and those they hang out with. Be alert to boyfriends who are much older, or friendships that tend to isolate your child from other friends or family. Notice if your child has new clothing items, makeup products, cell phone or other items and ask how they acquired them.

### Resources and Links:

- Covenant House (crises program for ages 16-24): [info@covenanthousebc.org](mailto:info@covenanthousebc.org), 604-685-7474
- Internet Safety Tips: [www.Cybertip.ca](http://www.Cybertip.ca)
- Fraser Health Forensic Nurse Service
- Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868
- Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons (OCTIP): 1-888-712-7974 (24/7 interpretation available), 604-660-5199, [octip@gov.bc.ca](mailto:octip@gov.bc.ca)
- Plea Community Services Society (assisting youth 24/7): [onyx@plea.bc.ca](mailto:onyx@plea.bc.ca), 604-708-2647
- Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter (24/7): 604-872-8212, [info@rapereliefshelter.bc.ca](mailto:info@rapereliefshelter.bc.ca)
- RCMP: Victims of Human Trafficking National Headquarters (24 hours): 1-866-677-7267
- Trafficking Resource Centre (USA): [www.traffickingresourcecenter.org](http://www.traffickingresourcecenter.org)
- VictimLinkBC (24/7): 1-800-563-0808 Ministry of Public Safety, BC
- Youth Against Violence (24/7): [info@youthagainstviolenceline.com](mailto:info@youthagainstviolenceline.com), 1-800-680-4264

### Authorities Contacts:

- RCMP: [www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca); 1-855-850-4640 OR 1-800-771-5401
- Ministry of Child Protection Services: 1-800-663-9122 or 604-660-4927 (24 hours) or 310-1234 if a child is in danger to reach Ministry of Child and Family Development
- Crime Stoppers : 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

**National Human Trafficking Crisis Hotline Number: 1-866-528-7109**

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### Additional Resources:

**Children of the Street Society (Coquitlam)** provides prevention education in BC schools; 25,000 students last school year Grades 3-12. They have an excellent website with tools/resources listed for every community in BC:

<https://www.childrenofthestreet.com/>

**Joy Smith Foundation (Manitoba)** provides prevention education, resources and an overview of human sex trafficking Canada: <http://www.joysmithfoundation.com/>

**Shared Hope International (Washington State)** sponsors The JuST (Juvenile Sex Trafficking) Conference in the USA; an event that spotlights the most pressing issues in the anti-trafficking field. Visit: [www.justconference.org](http://www.justconference.org) for more information.

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# Coastal Fire Centre Status Report: prepared for March 30, 2019

Fire Activity			
Fires Currently Burning	1 (0 lightning-caused /1 human-caused) * * Subtotals may not add up to the total; fires not classified as "lightning-caused" or "human-caused" are still under investigation		
New Fires Last Week	2		
	This Season (Since April 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Last Year (2018)	10 Year Average (2009-2018)
Total Fires to Date	32	37	26
Total Hectares to Date	226	119	30

Overview
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity in the Coastal Fire Centre (CoFC) is relatively quiet.</li> <li>The CoFC continues to support activity in Alberta and in northern parts of the Province.</li> <li>The fire on Northeast corner of Nelson Island is .6 hectares. The fire is person-caused and is under investigation. BC Wildfire Service personnel worked with forestry personnel and aircraft to bring this fire to 'Under Control'.</li> <li>Category 2 Open Fire prohibition is effective May 30, 2019, at noon. Included in the prohibition are fireworks, firecrackers, sky lanterns, burn barrels and burn cages of every size and description, and binary exploding targets.</li> <li>Campfires and Category 3 fires are still allowed.</li> <li>Weather as of May 29, 2019</li> </ul>

Zone Activity Level					
	1	2	3	4	5
Fraser	X				
Pemberton	X				
SS Coast		X			
South Island	X				
North Island/Mid Coast	X				

*This information is intended to provide operational information of use to forest industry stakeholders, local governments, internal partners and authorities to assist planning their activities. Please do not share outside of this group.*

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

Weather Synopsis
<p>SYNOPSIS: (May 29-May 30) The upper ridge continues quite strong but is starting to weaken. A band of moisture and instability embedded in the high brought a few lightning strikes to Manning Park yesterday but there was little rainfall reported. Today, as yesterday, sees patchy marine cloud layers over the lower mainland but they are starting to clear already and so expect another mostly sunny warm day. Yesterday's embedded moisture now lies along the west coast and further bands of moisture and instability currently over central Washington are drifting into southern Coastal sections. Likely at least a few more thunderstorms will develop this afternoon, mostly along the Coast Mountains in the Pemberton and Fraser zones. There will be some convective development over the Vancouver Island mountains, but thunderstorms are unlikely. Pattern and weather the same tomorrow but likely a little less moisture and instability so a risk of thunderstorm development along the eastern border. The ridge is a little weaker tomorrow and temperatures fall off a degree or two.</p>

Zone Fire Danger Rating	
Fraser	Low/Moderate
Pemberton	Moderate with areas of High
SS Coast	Moderate
South Island	Moderate with an area of High
North Island/Mid Coast	Predominantly High

*This product is NOT intended to replace danger class ratings from representative weather stations, danger class reports, etc. Please review the Wildfire Act and Regulation to understand your legal obligations at BCWildfire.ca.*

24HR Lightning Forecast
<p><b>FRASER – PEMBERTON</b> CHANCE OF LIGHTNING / DRY LIGHTNING Today: 40/20. Tonight: 10/0. Tomorrow: 10/0</p> <p><b>SUNSHINE COAST</b> CHANCE OF LIGHTNING / DRY LIGHTNING Today: 10/0. Tonight: 0/0. Tomorrow: 0/0.</p> <p><b>SOUTH ISLAND</b> CHANCE OF LIGHTNING / DRY LIGHTNING Today: 10/0. Tonight: 0/0. Tomorrow: 0/0.</p> <p><b>NORTH ISLAND - MID-COAST</b> CHANCE OF LIGHTNING / DRY LIGHTNING Today: 0/0. Tonight: 0/0. Tomorrow: 0/0.</p> <p><b>HAIDA GWAI</b> CHANCE OF LIGHTNING / DRY LIGHTNING Today: 0/0. Tonight: 0/0. Tomorrow: 0/0</p>

3-5 Day Weather Outlook
<p>OUTLOOK: (Friday-Sunday) The ridge continues to gradually collapse but maintains sunny and warm and dry weather through the weekend. Instability decreases, and convective activity falls off through the period.</p>

Coastal Fire Centre Zones	
	<p><a href="http://gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status">Click here for more information about the Coastal Fire Centre (Fire Danger Rating Maps, Danger Class Reports, Fire Weather Maps, Active Wildfires Map) or visit gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status</a></p>

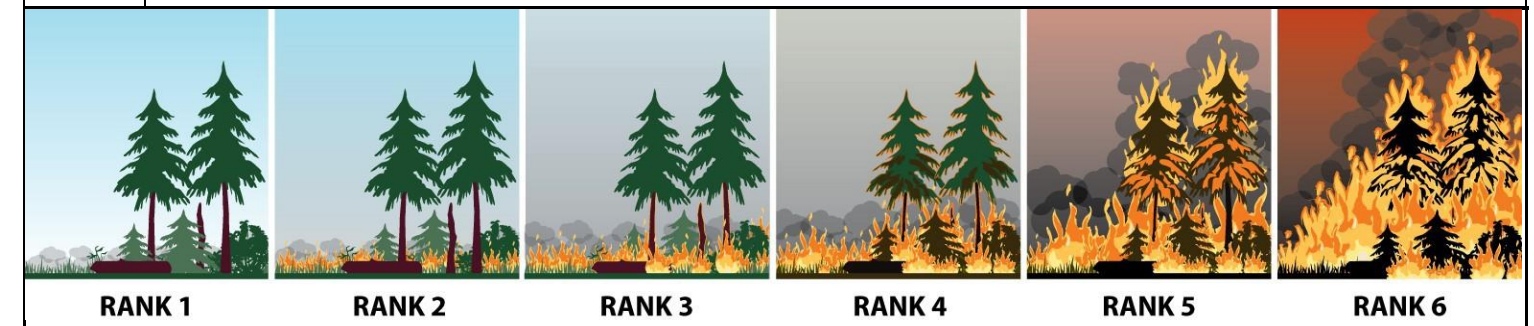
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Zone Activity Level	
<b>Level 1: (Exporting)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low to normal fire activity; no additional resource support is anticipated</li> <li>Adequate resources to deal with anticipated fire demands</li> <li>Monitor and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

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

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



**RANK 1**

**RANK 2**

**RANK 3**

**RANK 4**

**RANK 5**

**RANK 6**

## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA 22(1) FOIPPA@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** May 30, 2019 12:14 PM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox; editor@coastreporter.net  
**Subject:** Fwd: Homeless

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA 22(1) FOIPPA@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Thu, May 30, 2019 at 12:05 PM  
**Subject:** Homeless  
**To:** 22(1) FOIPPA 22(1) FOIPPA@gmail.com>

Dear Honourable Mayor Bemish:

When your predecessor of our quaint Gibsons town allowed construction of huge homes for the recent influx of Vancouver millionaires to retire in luxury, little people like me became a non-entity. Unless you had tons of money in the bank collecting dust, you knew that - as a renter - eventually you would be driven out onto the street.

Couple years ago, I suggested to a developer that instead of huge homes of 2,000 to 3,000 sq ft, he should erect a building of 3 or 4 levels with 400 to 500 sq ft 1-bedroom apartments to house our aging population. His reply was that the Town would not give him a break in land purchase and he would never get back his investment.

So, during the elections last Fall, in a gathering of potentials at the Gibsons Library, I spoke out the need for another Kiwanis Village apartment complex to accommodate people like me: single seniors who need a small bachelor type living space until we're too old to take care of ourselves.

Also, by erecting seniors buildings this would free up whatever rentals there are for the younger generation. They too are having a hard time finding a reasonably-priced home.

I'm told that restaurants and small business can't find staff to work - because these staff workers can't find affordable housing. I attended a recent Job Fair at the Community Centre. Employers confirmed that lack of housing is the problem of finding good workers. Something wrong here.

"Buy local" is stressed by shops and markets. If people can't find a place to live and work here, the 'buy local' shops won't survive - driving the normal person to move off the coast.

The rich who moved here after selling their million-dollar homes in Vancouver will not keep these small shops in business. They will travel and spent their money elsewhere. We need to keep the minimum-wage normal worker here - not drive them away.

As a senior, I qualified for an apartment in Kiwanis Village. However, we old folk are living long into older old-age and there is no room for me at the Inn.



What about those of us who aged here and now that we should be enjoying our last decade of life or so, we have no place to live.

In 1944, my family of nine fled our home in Ukraine as Stalin's soldiers raided and murdered our people. For 5 years we were refugees in a Displaced Persons camp in Munster, Germany.

February 23, 1949, I celebrated 70 years of freedom in Canada. During those years, I have traveled throughout our beautiful country and have lived in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia.

I moved to Gibsons 15 years ago to be close to my grandkids and live a quiet old-age life.

The landlord I rented from for 13 years sold the unit and I must vacate it by 1 p.m. June 30, 2019.

Now at 79, again I'm homeless. Not by choice or by a World War - but lack of available and affordable housing for the seniors of this community.

The vacancy rate of apartments to rent is zero. There are no affordable government-controlled housing units to rent.

I have seen 3 garden suites for rent. All located "in the woods" a kilometre or more from highway. Driving at night is not exactly safe in this area of unlit streets, off the main roads.

So, if I don't find a safe and reasonable home by June 30, I will be spending July 1st living in my car, on the streets.

Happy Canada Day!

Sincerely,

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**Tracy Forster**

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**Subject:** FW: Launch of PICS 10th Anniversary Edition Annual Report

**From:** Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions [<mailto:picscomm=uvic.ca@cmail20.com>] **On Behalf Of** Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions

**Sent:** Thursday, May 30, 2019 9:19 AM

**To:** Emanuel Machado <[emachado@gibsons.ca](mailto:emachado@gibsons.ca)>

**Subject:** Launch of PICS 10th Anniversary Edition Annual Report



The Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS) is proud to share this special 10th Anniversary Edition Annual Report that marks a decade of pioneering research on climate change mitigation and adaptation. The report also debuts our fresh new visual identity and brand, and highlights our exciting new PICS collaborative research and engagement programs. We hope you enjoy it!

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## PICS Partnerships

Our new logo represents all the interdisciplinary partnerships, discoveries and solutions that emerge when our Research Partners and Solution Seekers work together.



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## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**Sent:** May 30, 2019 11:46 AM  
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**Subject:** 2019 June Coast Current

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# COAST CURRENT

## Welcome to this issue of Coast Current!

This newsletter is designed to keep you informed of programs, initiatives and events underway in the Sunshine Coast Regional District. To subscribe to this newsletter and receive it by email click [here](#).



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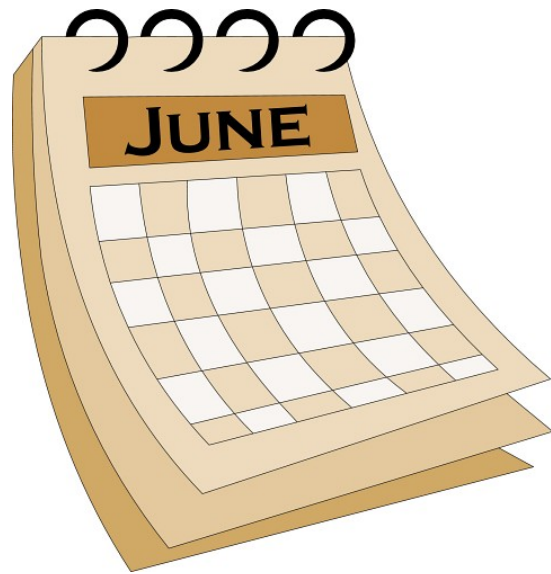
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## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** Sunshine Coast Tourism <info@sunshinecoastcanada.com>  
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**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** 2019 Marketing & Media Update, Mindful Water Usage, Local Farmer's Market Info & More!

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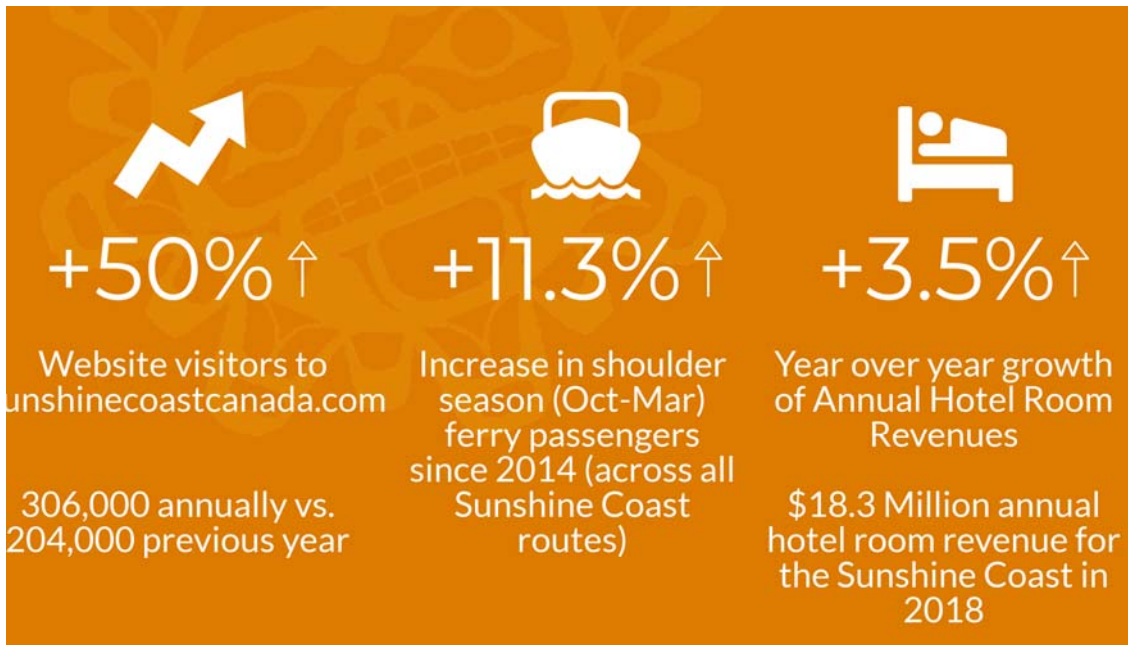


### **We can't believe it's almost June!**

With the summer getting started, we wanted to take the time to share with you some tourism industry highlights.

Please feel free to share this email with your colleagues & staff. If you'd like to connect & learn more about our non-profit organization, head to <https://www.sunshinecoastcanada.com/corporate>.

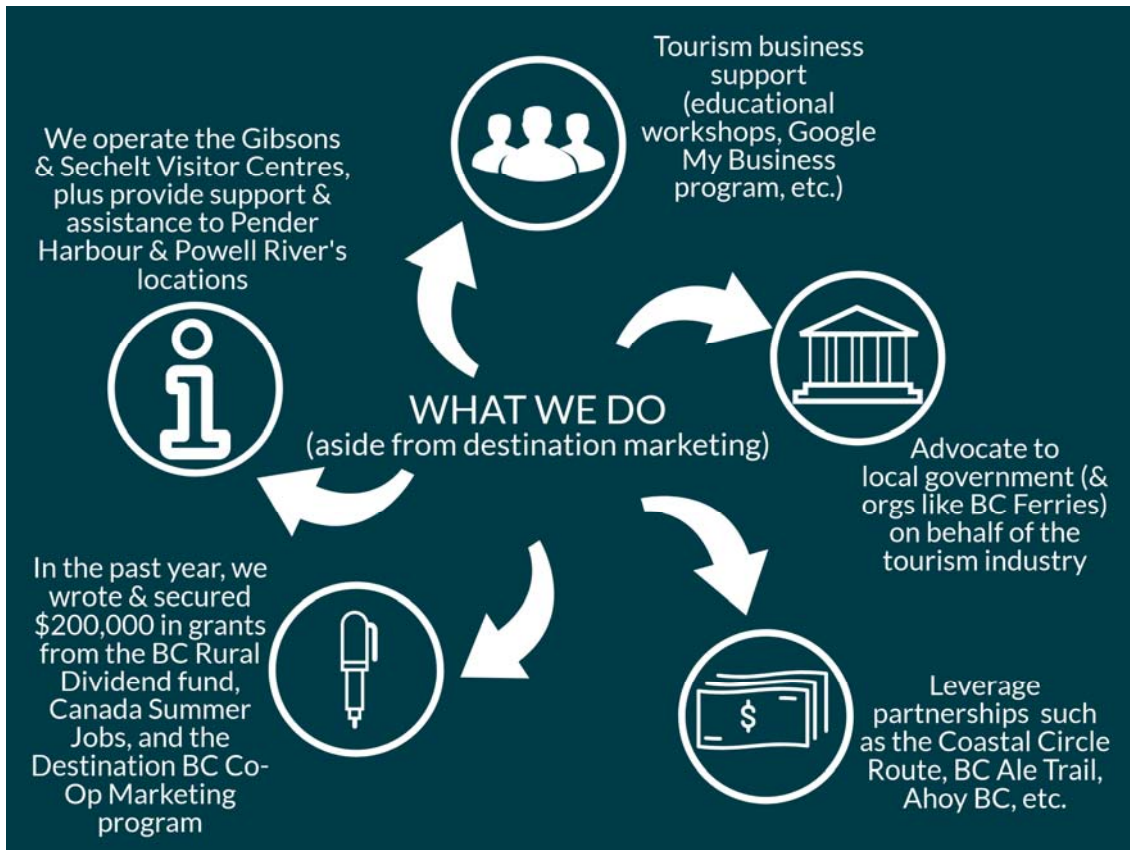




## What do we do?

We're a Destination Marketing Organization (DMO). This means we work to grow a sustainable, year-round tourism economy on the entire Sunshine Coast by marketing & advertising to off-Coast travellers and encouraging them to visit. We inspire them to stay longer, spend more (especially in the shoulder season), and help support them with an exceptional experience so that they return home inspired, sharing their experience with others.

Although marketing is one of our main priorities, we do so much more than that. We work with local tourism businesses to help them engage with industry and level-up their offerings, we operate two Visitor Centres, we work closely with local & provincial government, we source and unlock funding opportunities for our region through grant writing, and leverage partnerships to gain further investment, insight, and common thought. With collaboration being the driving force of our organization, our mission is to build a strong tourism economy on the entire Sunshine Coast consistent with the values of residents.



## STRETCHING YOUR INVESTMENT

Local investment in tourism marketing can be doubled by Sunshine Coast Tourism with the Destination BC matching grant.



\*Thank you to all our local governments and members who make our organization possible!

# How do we market the region?

Using a variety of mediums, our marketing campaigns focus on captivating our target audience, generating leads to local tourism businesses, and building advocacy so travellers tell all their friends! Check out just a couple examples below of our recent work.

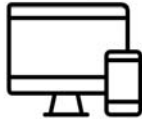


## PRINT

Our print advertising includes local travel guides & high value magazines and newspapers. This spring, we placed 11 ads strategically across BC, Alberta, & Washington.

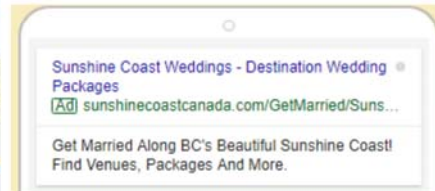


Example: Double page spread created to inspire further trip planning on our website.



## DIGITAL

Creating digital content is a key component of our marketing mix. We've sponsored editorial in major outlets like Canadian Traveller & BC Living, plus creating programmatic advertising campaigns in across Google, YouTube, Facebook, & Instagram.



Examples of digital ads



Travel & social media work together like bread and butter. By using social media effectively, we are able to drive global awareness about our destination. Travellers are increasingly engaging with social media to ask questions, find travel inspiration, post reviews and first hand experiences. We are active across several platforms, and work with our Visitor Centres to provide leadership in this medium. Be sure to follow us, and use **#sunshinecoastbc** to maximize your business's engagement, too!



10,805+ Followers  
@sunshinecoasttourismbc

Facebook



17,372+ Followers  
@sunshinecoastbc

Instagram



5,389+ Followers  
@sunshinecoastca

Twitter



6000+ subscribers

Email Marketing



Want to join the conversation? Follow us, share stories, & tag #sunshinecoastbc & #explorebc. We'll share your "tourism" news - deals, packages, new offerings, events, & more with our 33,000 followers.

**139,000+** Total uses of #SunshineCoastBC on Instagram



Backpacking TV's episode, [Trackin' Dirt](#), is all about BC's Sunshine Coast & its EPIC trails. From the windy mountain bike turns at Coast Gravity Park to the 180km hut-to-hut Sunshine Coast Trail, the crew gets to know our coastal communities and

important cultural heritage.

Thank you to all the participants that helped make this project come to life!

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## A Note From Your Communications Team

Each year we arrange and host itineraries for visiting travel and lifestyle journalists and social media influencers that are interested in the experience, and stories, of the Sunshine Coast. Some journalists travel individually, but we additionally host one or two group press trips each year. A press trip is usually 2-3 days long and involves several of our members who provide complimentary accommodations, meals and activities that we all agree we would like to highlight in order to “earn” [editorial coverage](#).

This year our **Wellness in the Wilderness Press Trip** was hosted by the Painted Boat Resort and Marina. The journalists that attended the trip came from Alberta, Washington State and BC. Some of their media outlets include publications such as the Calgary Herald, Explore Magazine, Canadian Traveller, 425 Magazine, Afar, Outside and Travel Girl Magazine.

The itinerary included a fantastic Princess Louisa Inlet Tour with Sunshine Coast Tours, a forest therapy walk which was guided by Nature With Haida, and much more. The media were wowed by the spectacular scenery, delectable meals and warm hospitality easily found here on the Sunshine Coast.

So far this year we have more than 20 media visits completed or upcoming for 2019, and plans for our fall press trip to Lund (and Powell River) are already well underway! Don't forget to pick up your copy of the Globe and Mail this week to see food critic and columnist, Alexandra Gill's 'part two' on eateries of

the Sunshine Coast.

If you are interested in hosting media or have a great story, news, or updates you would like us to share/pitch to the media, please reach out! **Send your emails to Andrea Wickham-Foxwell at [media@sunshinecoastcanada.com](mailto:media@sunshinecoastcanada.com).**



Media from the 2019 Wellness In The Wilderness press trip.

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## **Mindful Water Usage For Tourism Businesses - A Message From The Sunshine Coast Regional District**

The [Sunshine Coast Regional District](#) is asking vacation accommodations and rentals to continue to practice water conservation this summer. Businesses like

yours are the face of the Sunshine Coast and are best positioned to promote efficient water use by visitors when our summer is driest and water demand is the highest.

Is your vacation accommodation set up for efficient water use?

- **Fix leaks.** A leaking toilet gasket wastes over 350 litres of drinking water each day.
- **Install Low Flow options.** Shower heads, taps and toilets.  
Too many updates for one season? Select an item of high payback, like the toilet or showerhead most frequently used.
- **Replace an aging** dishwasher or washing machine with an Energy Star model.
- **Restrict use** of garbage disposals.
- **Make an outdoor water use strategy.** Transition away from sprinkler use. Consider a drip irrigation system with rain sensors and a timer. Install rainwater collection. Landscape with drought tolerant plants. Plan outdoor cleaning, like power washing, during the spring or fall.
- **Spring is the time to fill hot tubs and pools.** Filling hot tubs, pools, ponds and fountains is not permitted during Stage 3 of water conservation regulations.
- **Don't forget to follow the water conservation regulations for each stage.** You can find more information here: [www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations](http://www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations).

Are you keen to adopt a conservation approach to water use this season?

**Join our Pledge to Reduce Water Use this summer.** Email your water conservation actions to the SCR D Water Conservation

Assistant: [jen.callaghan@scrd.ca](mailto:jen.callaghan@scrd.ca) In return, we'll send you our top water conservation tips to post in your guest suites and a water conservation window decal to display at your business.

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## Share Your Availability With Our Visitor Information Centres

Visitor Information Centres on the Sunshine Coast are always going above and beyond to help our visitors, and often that means finding last minute accommodations! So if you find yourself with some **extra space** this season during a busy weekend, or you've had a last-minute cancellation, help our staff by providing your **availability info** so they can keep you top-of-mind when visitors need a last minute booking!

[Contact Your Local Visitor Information Centre Here >](#)

## Get To Know Your Local Markets!

On the Sunshine Coast, we believe the best things in life are home grown and real, and the plethora of markets dotting our coastline provide ample opportunity to embrace the “buy local” lifestyle! With spring and summer markets available from **Langdale to Lund**, head down to [a market near you](#) and support your community vendors. See you there!



### Calling all Vendors & Buskers For The 2019 Night Markets At The Gibsons Public Market

[Gibsons Public Market](#) is excited to announce the return of their summer **Night Markets!** Fridays Jun 28, Aug 2, & Aug 30, 4pm - 10pm, head down to the Gibsons Public Market for a community-wide celebration of food, connection, and Coastal life. Businesses interested in participating can apply for a vendor spot until May 31. Additionally for vendors, GPM is proud





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## FireSmart Discipline: education



The FireSmart program has been around for a number of years, but it was originally called “Beware and Prepare” in B.C. It was handed over to a society in Alberta (Partners in

Prevention) to better develop the program’s concepts and resources. The result is the national FireSmart Canada program. This program is based on both scientific and anecdotal information from a variety of sources, including the American Firewise program.

A renewed focus on fire prevention in B.C. has been accompanied by new tools and concepts to share with the public. Although education has always been a large part of the work performed by the BC Wildfire Service, it is exciting to have new tools and a new framework to work from.

One of the central tenets of the FireSmart program is that fire prevention is a “shared responsibility” and that fire prevention and/or fire risk mitigation can only be fully successful if everyone at every level is an active participant in those efforts.

Education is the driving force behind the program, so course material has been developed for anyone who wants to promote the program with Local FireSmart Representative workshops. These workshops have been delivered throughout the province and more will be held in future. You can check when upcoming workshops will be held in various B.C. communities by visiting: <https://firesmartbc.ca/events/category/course/>

Another initiative that promotes peer-to-peer education is the “Become a FireSmart Canada Community” program. Local organizers can work together in their communities to promote FireSmart principles and help mitigate wildfire risks locally. For more information, visit: <https://www.firesmartcanada.ca/firesmart-communities/firesmart-canada-community-recognition-program/>

New FireSmart educational materials were developed this year for kids attending Kindergarten all the way up to Grade 12

students. The learning materials and activities are aimed at four different age groups:

- KinderSmart (Kindergarten-aged children)
- FireSmart Junior Officers — (Grades 1-3)
- FireSmart Ambassadors — (Grades 4-6)
- FireSmart Leaders — (Grades 7-12)

The new educational materials can be used at events, or teachers can request a BC Wildfire Service staff person to present the material directly to students.

Interactive Magnetic Boards



However, since June is a busy time of the year for our staff, the hope is that teachers or other people involved with youth will borrow the materials and deliver the programs themselves. All the necessary instructions and guides are included. For more information, visit <https://firesmartbc.ca/discipline/education/> or contact your local fire zone office to discuss borrowing the education packages.

Digital material has also been created to support fire prevention efforts, with a new website introduced by the BC FireSmart Committee (<https://firesmartbc.ca/>) and the production of several videos that can be used to educate the public about FireSmart and promote the program. The BC FireSmart Committee website offers a host of information and an online ordering platform to order FireSmart materials from ([see link on left of page](#)).

There’s an adage that says, “You can’t do better if you don’t know better.” We hope that by doing our part to educate Coastal Fire Centre residents about fire prevention, we can help everyone “do better”, reduce person-caused wildfires and learn how to mitigate fire risks around their homes and communities.

How can you help? Pass it on. Send the FireSmartBC link to a friend, check out the BC Wildfire Service’s Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo/> for FireSmart tips every Friday, and set a good example in your own neighbourhood.

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

## A prescription for a healthy home

According to the *Dictionary of Natural Resource Management* by Julian and Katherine Dunster, a **prescription** is a written statement defining objectives to be attained and factors involved in activities such as prescribed fire and silvicultural treatments. The objectives are generally expressed in terms of what you want to accomplish (within certain parameters) in a particular area.

Writing a **prescription** for your own home is no different. A **prescription** is simply a plan. FireSmart provides guidelines to help you develop that plan, and you don't need a lot of money or specialized tools to take the first steps. Over time, you can continue to safeguard your property by building on your plan.

### FireSmart on a budget

If you're on a budget, start with things that cost very little to do but pay big dividends. Clear woody debris away from your home and pile it up for burning, chipping or disposal. Remember to clean out your gutters. Removing fine fuels (e.g. branches, twigs, tree leaves and needles) from your property is essential to mitigating wildfire risks.

Ember transfer is the most common way for a home to catch on fire during a wildfire. Embers from a wildfire can become airborne and these burning fuels can cause "spot fires" if they land in flammable materials that weren't removed from the property. While you are removing dry debris from around your home, take note of where most of the leaves and small twigs have collected. These are the often the same areas where embers will likely be blown during a wildfire. Take special care to keep these areas clear, so that falling embers will have less of this material available to burn.

Look at the vertical arrangement of vegetation on your property. Is there continuous fuel (e.g. grass, leaves, branches) reaching from the ground up into the crowns of trees? These are called ladder fuels because they provide a "ladder" for a fire to climb from the ground to the crowns of trees. Eliminate these ladder fuels by mowing tall grass, trimming shrubs, and pruning the lower branches of trees up to three metres above ground level.

A good resource for learning about FireSmart priority zones (and where to concentrate your FireSmart activities) can be found online at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0ClodnHp2c>

### Forward thinking

If you're planning to do any renovations on your home, consider mitigating potential wildfire risks in the planning phase of your project. Use non-flammable or fire-resistant construction materials wherever possible when building or renovating your home's exterior. Consider replacing vinyl gutters and downspouts with nonflammable metal gutters and downspouts.

Use Class A roofing material. This includes tiles, slate or asphalt.

You can also use Class B pressure-treated shingles or shakes, but poorly maintained roofs with curling or broken edges will allow sparks or embers to come into direct contact with the wood below and could ignite it.

After comparing costs, you may find that the cost difference is nominal, so it would be worth the extra investment to choose a product that is considered to be FireSmart. For more information, go to: <https://www.firesmartcanada.ca/mdocs-posts/firesmart-home-assessment/>

### A FireSmart landscape

The majority of home ignitions that occur during a wildfire are the result of embers or small flames reaching the structure. Homeowners can take steps to reduce that risk, with the most important efforts occurring on and immediately around the home.

- ⇒ **Remove combustible plant materials:** Fire needs fuel to burn, so remove any unnecessary plant materials. Also, space trees and shrubs at least three metres apart and keep branches trimmed back (at least three metres clear of your roof). For trees or shrubs taller than about six metres, prune lower branches within two metres of the ground and remove dead leaves, twigs and branches from below these plants. For trees or shrubs less than half a metre high, prune branches from the lower third of the plant.
- ⇒ **Choose plants carefully:** Some plants are more resistant to burning than others. Plants that contain high amounts of resins or oil are extremely flammable and are known as pyrophytic plants. These pyrophytic plants include juniper, pine, spruce and fir trees. The natural oils and resins in conifers make them burn quickly and easily. The shape and spread of conifers also create what is known as a fire ladder — a route along which a wildfire can climb and spread.
- ⇒ **Water wisely:** Although all plants will eventually burn to some degree in a wildfire, green plants will burn less quickly. Make sure that you give your plants the amount of water they need to stay healthy, without overwatering (which can promote excessive growth).
- ⇒ **Maintain your landscaping:** Dried-out, wilting or dead plants can be a fire hazard. All plants in your landscaping should be regularly pruned, trimmed and deadheaded to remove dry, dead, flammable plant material.

For more information, visit the FireSmart Canada website and download the "FireSmart Guide to Landscaping" guide at: <https://www.firesmartcanada.ca/resources-library/manuals/>

## Category 2 open fire prohibitions

In 2018, a Category 2 open fire prohibition went into effect in the Coastal Fire Centre on May 16, while in 2019 the prohibition took effect on May 30. As BC Wildfire Service staff like to think of it, that gave homeowners an extra two weeks to clean up dead and dry fuels on their properties.

A number of questions arise whenever a Category 2 open fire prohibition goes into effect. The most common questions are:

- 1) **Can I still have a campfire?** Campfires have not been prohibited as of May 31, but please monitor the BC Wildfire Service website for any changes to prohibitions, at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/fire-bans-and-restrictions>

Remember that a campfire can't be any larger than half a metre wide by half a metre high. Be responsible, be aware and be safe.

- 2) **Our community is scheduled to have a Canada Day fireworks display. Will we be able to do that?** Under the Category 2 open fire prohibition, the use of fireworks has been restricted. Local governments who do not have a burn bylaw can apply for an exemption. The organizers of the fireworks display likely have already applied for an exemption through their local BC Wildfire Service fire zone office.

Open fire prohibitions are put in place when weather indices indicate a marked change in the dryness of forests. They also take into account local knowledge, including your local fire department's input, and the experience of our staff. Implementing an open fire prohibition is not a step that is taken lightly, so we ask for your cooperation to help keep your community safe.

## Smoke

We have received a number of calls recently asking if there is a wildfire nearby, because of smoky skies in the region. The smoke that is currently being experienced throughout the Coastal Fire Centre is a result of the large wildfires burning in northern British Columbia and Alberta.

Wildfire smoke drifts at a very high altitude, eventually reaching distant urban centres. In this case, smoke has been reported in Vancouver and in Campbell River. To gain a better understanding of how smoke drifts, you can visit the FireSmoke Canada website at: <http://firesmoke.ca/>

For more information about wildfires and air quality, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-situation/air-quality>

## Grad Fires

Many graduation events take place at the end of May and into June. They often include a late-night or overnight grad party, where the festivities may or may not include a large bonfire.

A bonfire, due to its size, would be classed as a Category 2 open fire and they are currently prohibited throughout the Coastal Fire Centre. We are asking parents to have a conversation with family members about this prohibition. To avoid a visit from police, Natural Resource Officers or Conservation Officers — and the possibility of an \$1,150 fine per person — they should only light a smaller, campfire-sized fire in a cleared area and have the means available to fully extinguish it (e.g. a shovel and at least eight litres of water).

## Prevention Blog—Alan Berry, Senior Wildfire Officer-Prevention

Hello,

On May 28, the Coastal Fire Centre implemented a Category 2 open fire prohibition to limit the risk of a wildfire occurring. Category 2 open fires include “backyard burning” fires no larger than two metres high and three metres wide. Category 2 open fires are a leading cause of wildfires in the Coastal Fire Centre when they're not managed properly.

The most common ways that backyard burning causes wildfires are:

1. The fire is lit but changing conditions cause the fire to escape.
2. The person managing the fire leaves it unattended and it spreads beyond the intended burn area.
3. The fire is incorrectly thought to have been extinguished, only to reignite and spread later on.

This third cause has been occurring more frequently this spring, due to the unseasonably dry conditions — causing people to think that their fires are extinguished when they're really still smouldering underground and can start burning again when people have left the burn site. I'm asking folks to revisit any areas where they were conducting open burning this spring to make sure that the fire is completely out and dug-up ashes are cold to the touch.

Campfires are still permitted within the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction, but remember to check with your local fire protection agency, since many communities manage open burning through local bylaws.

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

Total 33

Lightning 0

Person 33

**Number of  
fires since  
May 16, 2019**

Total 6

Lightning 0

Person 6

**Fire Danger  
Rating today**



**Current Prohibitions  
(within BCWS  
jurisdictional area)**

**Category 2 Open  
Fire Prohibition  
Throughout the  
Coastal Fire  
Centre**

# Coastal Fire Centre

# Wildfire news

## At Coastal

There have been 33 human-caused wildfires in the Coastal Fire Centre since April 1, 2019. There have been no lightning-caused wildfires. At midday on May 28, 2019, a fire was reported to the Coastal Fire Centre. It was located on Nelson Island, near Annis Bay. The fire was originally reported to cover about one hectare, but was subsequently downsized to 0.6 hectares. Firefighting resources assigned to this incident included: one officer, one three-person initial attack crew, and two helicopters. The helicopters bucketed the fire on the first day and were able to knock it down to a Rank 1 wire (a rolling ground fire) so the ground crews could work on it. By the second day, the fire's status was listed as "being held". On May 29, 2019, a wildfire exercise was completed near the top of the Fitzsimmonds Express chairlift at Whistler Blackcomb Resort. Similar exercises have been held at the site for the past 10 years and they are great learning and training opportunities for fire response staff at the resort, the Whistler Fire Rescue

Service and the BC Wildfire Service. A fire on a ski hill is unique, since firefight-



ers must work around (or use) existing infrastructure. A ski hill often has plumbing in place for snow-making equipment, so it may have a water supply available. However, there are also overhead hazards due to chairlifts and other overhead cables, and networks of hiking and biking trails that have to be taken into consideration.

Currently, the Coastal Fire Centre is supporting firefighting efforts in Alberta with the provision of two Unit Crews (20 firefighters per crew), one Initial Attack Crew (three people) and three other personnel (radio operator, division supervisor and a taskforce leader). We also have staff assigned to Incident Management Teams that are currently in Alberta and in Dease Lake.

## Weather

**SYNOPSIS:** (Today-tomorrow) Little change in pattern or weather today except the instability along the eastern border has moved further east and no lightning will pop up today. Temperatures increased a few degrees yesterday and will remain at that level again today. Humidity is for the most part moderate and values less than 20 percent are unlikely today. Afternoon inflow winds reach 15 and possibly 20 km/h through the usual windy inland mainland valleys. These gusty winds trigger a Fire Behaviour Advisory again today. Tomorrow the upper ridge begins to weaken while the surface pressure gradient increases resulting in decreasing temperatures and somewhat stronger winds. The ridge weakens because a Pacific trough crosses the Mid-coast late today causing the ridge to shift eastward. Patchy clouds move into the Bella Coola area and a few shows reach the outer mainland coast and Haida Gwaii. Shower bands drift down the coast but then the system appears to dissipate early Saturday. Very warm weather continues south of a Menzies Camp to Scar Creek line all through

Saturday afternoon. Also expect the usual afternoon inflow winds in the eastern Fraser zone.

**OUTLOOK:** (Sunday-Tuesday) Sunday starts mostly sunny except up Haida Gwaii way but with the ridge pattern collapsing, afternoon temperatures fall off a few degrees and by late in the day a more general cloud band drifts in ahead of the advancing weak frontal trough. However, this system then weakens early Monday and mostly warm (but not hot) dry weather continues for southern zones through Tuesday. Haida Gwaii, the Mid-coast and northern Vancouver Island see a few showers through this period but significant rainfall is unlikely.

**6 TO 10 DAY:** (next week) Around next Wednesday a stronger frontal band reaches the coast to bring a few days of cloudy and cool and showery weather.

## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** [REDACTED] 22(1) FOIPPA/FOIPPA  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Cc:** editor@coastreporter.net  
**Subject:** Homeless

Subject: Homeless

Dear Honourable Mayor Bemish:

When your predecessor of our quaint Gibsons town allowed construction of huge homes for the recent influx of Vancouver millionaires to retire in luxury, little people like me became a non-entity. Unless you had tons of money in the bank collecting dust, you knew that - as a renter - eventually you would be driven out onto the street.

Couple years ago, I suggested to a developer that instead of huge homes of 2,000 to 3,000 sq ft, he should erect a building of 3 or 4 levels with 400 to 500 sq ft 1-bedroom apartments to house our aging population. His reply was that the Town would not give him a break in land purchase and he would never get back his investment.

So, during the elections last Fall, in a gathering of potentials at the Gibsons Library, I spoke out the need for another Kiwanis Village apartment complex to accommodate people like me: single seniors who need a small bachelor type living space until we're too old to take care of ourselves.

Also, by erecting seniors buildings this would free up whatever rentals there are for the younger generation. They too are having a hard time finding a reasonably-priced home.

I'm told that restaurants and small business can't find staff to work - because these staff workers can't find affordable housing. I attended a recent Job Fair at the Community Centre. Employers confirmed that lack of housing is the problem of finding good workers. Something wrong here.

"Buy local" is stressed by shops and markets. If people can't find a place to live and work here, the 'buy local' shops won't survive - driving the normal person to move off the coast.

The rich who moved here after selling their million-dollar homes in Vancouver will not keep these small shops in business. They will travel and spent their money elsewhere. We need to keep the minimum-wage normal worker here - not drive them away.

As a senior, I qualified for an apartment in Kiwanis Village. However, we old folk are living long into older old-age and there is no room for me at the Inn.

What about those of us who aged here and now that we should be enjoying our last decade of life or so, we have no place to live.

In 1944, my family of nine fled our home in Ukraine as Stalin's soldiers raided and murdered our people. For 5 years we were refugees in a Displaced Persons camp in Munster, Germany. In 1949 we emigrated to Canada.

February 23, 2019, I celebrated 70 years of freedom in Canada. During those years, I have traveled throughout our beautiful country and have lived in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia.

I moved to Gibsons 15 years ago to be close to my grandkids and live a quiet old-age life.

The landlord I rented from for 13 years sold the unit and I must vacate it by 1 p.m. June 30, 2019.

Now at 79, again I'm homeless. Not by choice or by a World War - but lack of available and affordable housing for the seniors of this community.

The vacancy rate of apartments to rent is zero. There are no affordable government-controlled housing units to rent.

I have seen 3 garden suites for rent. All located "in the woods" a kilometre or more from highway. Driving at night is not exactly safe in this area of unlit streets, off the main roads.

So, if I don't find a safe and reasonable home by June 30, I will be spending July 1st living in my car, on the streets.

Happy Canada Day!

Sincerely,

22(1) FOIPPA  
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## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** OSA COMMS HLTH:EX <OSA.COMMS@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** May 31, 2019 9:26 AM  
**To:** OSA COMMS HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** OSA Research Rounds - May 31, 2019

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

## Research Rounds



*Published May 31, 2019*

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

### [Better Sleep Could Improve Brain Health Among Older Adults](#)

**Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute**

This article provides an overview of the “Buying Time” study that is examining interventions to protect cognitive function during aging. The results of this study will be used to develop educational programs to help older adults improve their sleep quality and cognitive health.

### [Healthy Aging: Innovations in mobile health](#)

**University of Victoria**

This video features a variety of University of Victoria experts giving a series of short talks on their latest research into maintaining cognitive health and factors associated with cognitive decline.

### [Resilience and Older Adults: Challenges for Individuals and Communities](#)

**Simon Fraser University**

This free public lecture, which takes place on June 10, will feature the challenges faced by and resources available to older adults living in communities. It is part of the two-day John K. Friesen Conference that will address the ways in which seniors bounce back from different types and combinations of adversity.

## CANADA

### [What We Heard Report: Informing a dementia strategy for Canada](#)

**Public Health Agency of Canada**

Beginning in 2017, the Public Health Agency of Canada engaged several stakeholder groups to further its understanding of the impacts of dementia in Canada. This report summarizes what was heard from those groups and is presented on an issue by issue basis.

### [How Canada Compares: Engagement of Seniors in Chronic Condition Management in 11 Countries](#)

**Healthcare Quarterly**

This article discusses how Canadian seniors are engaged in the management of their chronic conditions compared to seniors in 10 other countries. Although more Canadian seniors report feeling engaged than the international average, the article concludes that there is room for improvement.

### [Combining volunteers and primary care teamwork to support health goals and needs of older adults: a pragmatic randomized controlled trial](#)

**CMAJ**

The Health TAPESTRY system was designed to improve primary care teamwork and promote optimal aging. This study evaluates the effectiveness of the Health TAPESTRY system in attaining the health goals of older adults. It found that while Health TAPESTRY did not appear to improve goal attainment, it did show signs of shifting care from reactive to active preventive care.

### [The importance of hearing and speaking as we age](#)

**McMaster University**

McMaster University's Optimal Aging Portal has compiled a list of its speech and hearing resources. Topics include the connection between untreated hearing loss and dementia and regaining language skills after a stroke.

## INTERNATIONAL

### [Home Alone Revisited: Family Members Providing Complex Care](#)

**AARP**

This report updates and expands on a similar report issued in 2012. An online survey provides the basis for its analyses, which focus on understanding the experiences of family members performing medical and nursing tasks.

### [Everyday life after a hip fracture: what community-living older adults perceive as most beneficial for their recovery](#)

**Age and Ageing**

This article seeks to gain insight into what older adults perceive as most beneficial to their recovery from hip fracture. Participants in the study highlighted their own role, coaching and the use of technology as most essential. The authors conclude that more attention should be paid to follow-up interventions to assist older adults in finding new everyday routines.



[Diabetes, Care Homes, and the Influence of Technology on Practice and Care Delivery in Care Homes: Systematic Review and Qualitative Synthesis](#)

**JMIR Diabetes**

Diabetes is increasingly common in the care home setting. This article aims to provide an up-to-date overview of the potential for using technology in this area for diabetes management.

[A systematic review and critical appraisal of quality indicators to assess optimal palliative care for older people with dementia](#)

**Palliative Care**

This review identifies and then evaluates quality indicators for end-of-life care in dementia. A large list of indicators is ultimately provided as a dementia-specific resource.

[Recognition of the complexity facing residential care homes: a practitioner inquiry](#)

**Primary Health Care Research & Development**

This article explores the challenges faced by staff in UK residential care homes (approximately equivalent to assisted living in British Columbia) when managing the healthcare needs of their residents. The findings reveal the complexity of issues facing care homes and concludes that these factors can have a significant negative impact on staff's ability to manage resident needs.

[Staff experiences with implementing a case conferencing care model in nursing homes: a focus group study](#)

**BMC Health Services Research**

The authors of this study posit that current dementia care does not meet the standards of evidence-based practice and that better implementation strategies are necessary. The study explores qualitative experiences of nursing home staff regarding the implementation of comprehensive geriatric assessments and case conferencing, and concludes that management and nursing home staff must understand the factors that enable or constrain change in order to sustain quality of care improvements.

**- END-**

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## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA@dccnet.com>  
**Sent:** June 1, 2019 9:39 AM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Cc:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** commuter discrimination

I live at an even numbered address. When Stage 2 water restrictions begin I would like to be on the watering schedule of an odd address. I commute and am not home on Thursday mornings, but I am home on Wednesday mornings. Please do not suggest I get a timer for the following reasons:

- to use the water efficiently I need to be home to move the sprinkler to different areas during the 2 hour watering window
- I'm afraid my sprinkler etc will get stolen if its left outside all day
- I'm also afraid the timer and items left outside will make it very obvious there's nobody home
- Most importantly: I should not be required to purchase something extra in order to access services people on the other side of the street, or with different jobs, are not required to purchase.

I phoned the Town office earlier in the spring to ask about this and was told "no". I think this is unreasonable. This is only a very, very small request and requires next to no effort on your part to be cooperative. I would think in light of the endless tax increases, it would not be unreasonable to expect an ever-so-slight increase in service in return.

22(1) FOIPPA

## Tracy Forster

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**From:** Mayor Bill Beamish  
**Sent:** May 27, 2019 11:47 AM  
**To:** Tracy Forster  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Fireworks!!

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

"Our Vision for the Community includes You"

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

**From:** Mayor Bill Beamish <mayor@gibsons.ca>  
**Date:** May 26, 2019 17:40  
**Subject:** Re: Fireworks!!  
**To:** 22(1) FOIPPA [REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Cc:**

Thank you 22(1) FOIPPA [REDACTED], your perspective on this issue is important

We will be discussing this again at our next council meeting and hopefully coming to a decision that balances the community interest with safety and other concerns.

No final decision has been made and our council is listening to ideas from all sides.

Thank you for your input.

Bill

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

"Our Vision for the Community includes You"

On May 26, 2019 17:08, 22(1) FOIPPA [REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Mayor Beamish!

My name is 22(1) FOIPPA [REDACTED] and I live at 22(1) FOIPPA [REDACTED].

I love Gibsons! Ive tried over the years to attend lots of meetings and garner facts (FACTS, imagine that lol) on various issues in our town.

Like many I was so disappointed to lose Sea Cavalcade. Especially the parade and the fireworks. So enjoyed by my family (and now grandkids)!

But then a fantastic gift, the fireworks corporately sponsored!!! Fantastic!!! Free!!!! No cost when our town already must be so frugal.

Then I was surprised to see there are a very vocal contingent of anti-firework people. Some with valid climate concerns, some concerned about the noise for their pets or wildlife? What happens during a thunderstorm?

I think our fireworks are such a great family/community event. Its a mere 30 minutes that provides so much excitement. Such a

positive for our community, especially after losing long term much loved event like Sea Cavalcade.  
There are some fireworks with less residue, could that be looked into? Ive offered to not drive a few days in order to offset the pollution factor!  
I hope there are others who find out about this and come forward, anyone Ive talked to is pro fireworks.

Thanks for listening,  
**22(1) FOIPPA**

Sent from my iPhone

## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA @hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** May 27, 2019 3:21 PM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** Fireworks

To Gibsons Mayor and Council members

Respectfully our town is now at a cross road, with the ending of the Sea Cavalcade, and looking back over the years, many have viewed the annual fireworks display, but mostly it has been at the expense of the wildlife who live in the harbour and this town. The water fowl have been terrorized each year causing panic in birds who are moulting at that time and cannot fly, and who would not leave their young any way. Crowds on the shoreline prevent an escape to the land.

Those still able to fly mistakenly do so towards the fireworks and one was killed a few years ago. Others Desperately take off into the darkness, and it's unknown if they hit the wharf or buildings and do not survive, but the day after there are some birds with broken legs or wings. All mostly unseen by the viewing public

Otters too are unable to escape to the banks because of the crowds. Wild land animals and domestic pets are affected too by all the explosive noises.

Residents on Lower Bay road are subjected to rowdyism, which in addition results in risks from vehicles to pedestrians who walk home after the fireworks display ends. Also there is so much pollution in the air and Howe Sound waters. Now at a time of great need to protect the environment, and forests from the risk of fires, a change is really needed for the future.

As a new Mayor and Council there is an opportunity to find other projects that are more beneficial and longer lasting for the town.

For instance building on the entertainment in Wine Garden Park which is enjoyed by many throughout summer. Asking the public to submit ideas for better use of the funds which are now used up in a short fireworks display.

Repairing and strengthening the sea wall against the storms which are increasing each winter, thereby preparing for higher storm surges forecasted for the coming years and protecting Lower Ginsons.

There are many other options for change, which I ask our new Mayor and Council members to consider with foresight

Thank You, Yours Truly

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## Tracy Forster

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA @gmail.com>  
**Sent:** May 27, 2019 5:32 PM  
**To:** Tracy Forster  
**Subject:** Re: alternatives to fire works please -see contact info

thank you

There is also a discussion going on about a lantern festival which could be completely non polluting and involve everyone from kids to elderly similar to what they do at trout lake.

you could partner with rec center and art schools with lantern making workshops and could provide funding for musicians and artists for lantern parade as well as contest prizes for best lanterns. These are not sky lanterns, not released. Could be a fundraiser for the sea calvalcade also with lanterns auctioned off similar to what we used to do with plank salmon for salmon festival

lanterns can be really simple to begin with a white paper bag or a mason jar decorated and a LED tealight super inexpensive and accessible. This may revitalize interest in participation of sea calvalcade as well. I am sure other business would sponser some of it also, I would and Howe sound Pulp and Paper as well check it out

<https://vimeo.com/70910951>

supplies <https://www.uline.ca/Product/Detail/S-8534/Retail-Bags-Paper/Paper-Grocery-Bags-5-x-3-1-4-x-9-3-4-4-White>

[https://www.amazon.ca/Instapark-Battery-powered-Flameless-Tealight-Candles/dp/B0064RDS7A/ref=pd\\_sbs\\_469\\_1/136-1409209-8216629?encoding=UTF8&pd\\_rd\\_i=B0064RDS7A&pd\\_rd\\_r=1113f5c2-80d9-11e9-b0f3-5fc5494b71c2&pd\\_rd\\_w=S3KQG&pd\\_rd\\_wg=VUHxC&pf\\_rd\\_p=5dcda75b-8643-4da3-9bb1-5c0233790500&pf\\_rd\\_r=2QNEPSYAC6D0HPDH2JMV&psc=1&refRID=2QNEPSYAC6D0HPDH2JMV](https://www.amazon.ca/Instapark-Battery-powered-Flameless-Tealight-Candles/dp/B0064RDS7A/ref=pd_sbs_469_1/136-1409209-8216629?encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=B0064RDS7A&pd_rd_r=1113f5c2-80d9-11e9-b0f3-5fc5494b71c2&pd_rd_w=S3KQG&pd_rd_wg=VUHxC&pf_rd_p=5dcda75b-8643-4da3-9bb1-5c0233790500&pf_rd_r=2QNEPSYAC6D0HPDH2JMV&psc=1&refRID=2QNEPSYAC6D0HPDH2JMV)

On Mon, May 27, 2019 at 3:26 PM Tracy Forster <[tforster@gibsons.ca](mailto:tforster@gibsons.ca)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your email.

It has been included in the Mayor & Council weekly reading file.

Have a great day,

**Tracy Forster**

Administrative Assistant II

Town of Gibsons

604-886-2274

**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA [REDACTED]@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** May 27, 2019 1:04 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@gibsons.ca>  
**Subject:** alternatives to fire works please -see contact info

Please consider alternatives to fireworks due to the trauma caused to animals and the environment. Here is a company that does Lazer light shows for events in the Vancouver area - you can contact them online or call them <https://www.nusaltlaser.com/contact-nu-salt-laser/>

or others include

<http://roundhouseproductionsshows.com/craigmccaw/>

<http://lasershowcanada.com/services/>

they could also direct you to contractors I am sure

Thank you

**22(1) FOIPPA**

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" If you don't like  
Where You Are  
MOVE  
you are not  
A TREE "

## Mayor and Council

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Thank you

22(1) FOIPPA [REDACTED]



## Tracy Forster

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**From:** Mayor Bill Beamish  
**Sent:** May 27, 2019 3:48 PM  
**To:** Rob Michael  
**Cc:** Councillor David Croal; Mayor Bill Beamish; Emanuel Machado; Lindsey Grist; Tracy Forster; Councillors; Youth Councillors  
**Subject:** RE: Fireworks

Thanks for the information Rob. We will be discussing this at our next council meeting.

Regards

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

"Our Vision for the Community includes You"

On May 27, 2019 13:37, Rob Michael <Rob.Michael@scrd.ca> wrote:

Councillor Croal,

I am always happy to speak to Town Council on fire service matters, however I am away at a conference for the next scheduled Council meeting and unable to attend.

For the proposed fireworks display, there are some fire safety considerations that must be taken into account.

- The firework display has been held in the summer where there are open burning restrictions. In previous years, I have asked the Sea Cavalcade Committee to seek special approval from the Province as I was not comfortable signing off on the permit under open burning restrictions
- Last year we attended a fire at the Gibsons Landing Harbour Authority the day following the fireworks display. A wooden section of the dock was transported to the ocean for the fireworks display and returned to the dock with a smoldering fire that ignited the dock the next morning.
- Town of Gibsons Bylaws do not allow any open burning.

The safe and controlled discharge of fireworks should not be cause for concern. However, as mentioned there was an incident last year related to the fireworks display. Also, if the wildfire season is as bad as I expect, we may not have a full complement of resources at home.

If the event is to move forward, I would like to see some assurances that all necessary precautions are taken.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can be of assistance with.

Thank you,

**Rob Michael, Fire Chief**

Gibsons & District Volunteer Fire Department

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Phone: 604-885-6870

Visit us: [www.gibsonsfire.ca](http://www.gibsonsfire.ca)

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**From:** Councillor David Croal [mailto:dcroal@gibsons.ca]

**Sent:** Sunday, May 26, 2019 1:36 PM

**To:** Rob Michael <Rob.Michael@scrd.ca>

**Cc:** Mayor Bill Beamish <mayor@gibsons.ca>

**Subject:** Fireworks

Rob,

You may have noticed from the papers over the past few weeks that this year there will not be the traditional Sea Cavalcade in Gibsons.

However there has been pro and con requests around the fireworks display that was usually associated with the event on the Saturday Evening.

This issue is going to come up once again at our Council Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June.

I am wondering if you might consider weighing in on the issue with a perspective from the fire department presented to council in the delegation portion of the meeting.

Interesting side note on all of this – It was originally the GVFD who started Sea Cavalcade –

We would greatly value your insight and perspective on this issue.

Thanks

David Croal

604-250-9297

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To Mayor Beamish

May 27 2019

22(1) FOIPPA

via Facebook

I see there is a Petition circulating to ban the Sea Cavalcade fireworks. As per my comments below I disagree that they should be banned. This is such a lovely, family friendly night out that brings the community together and I would like to see them carry on. I wonder if some of the same people signing the petition are on the side that has dragged the town through headaches and large legal fees fighting the George Hotel. Please don't give in to the negative nellys. Families love this event. My comments about the petition are below: -----  
-----' Thunder and lightning also scare animals and birds. Planes, Ferries and cars all pollute. I love our little Town's 20-minute family, friendly fireworks and appreciate the Mill offering to pay for them. It brings former coasters back home for the weekend and helps generate revenue for local businesses. My vote is to keep them going.

2:33 PM

22(1) FOIPPA

As it turns out a letter was not written to Sechelt council even though they are having Canada Day fireworks. They are targeting the Gibsons fireworks and as it turns out at least of those behind banning the fireworks was a major contributor to costing the Town alot of money over The George and environmental issues. If they don't care if the Sechelt fireworks going ahead, then it isn't about the environment after all, but a case of NIMBY (not in my backyard).

22(1) FOIPPA

Can you please forward this message to Mayor Beamish as apparently he is feeling pressure to stop the fireworks because of the naysayers and their letter to the council.



## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** info@gibsons.ca  
**Sent:** May 27, 2019 2:42 PM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** New Contact Form submission from Town of Gibsons Website

### Name

22(1) FOIPPA

### Email

22(1) FOIPPA@gmail.com

### Comments

I was at the Council Meeting of May 21 where the issue of fireworks came up, although my original purpose at the meeting was to support a tree bylaw.

The fireworks issue was tabled until the next meeting so opinions of the electorate could be researched.

I was alarmed that the decision would be made based on the Coast Reporter Polling. This seems a bit sketchy and lacking in any rigor.

I know this is sketchy because I voted 10 times, on separate machines using different IP addresses. I am sure the pro side voted using the same technique.

I hope that is is not the way other town council decisions are made!

The argument against fireworks has been eloquently made by the young girls who sent a letter to council .

I would like to add another one:

On the Gibsons Town website it states that;

" Nature is our most valuable infrastructure asset. Natural assets should be measured, maintained and valued"

The site also has a link, among other environmental and animal welfare sites, under WILDLIFE/NATURE, to The Conservation Foundation, which protects British Columbia's fish, wildlife and ecosystems. It also has a link to Wildsafe BC, where you can see videos of the Great Blue Heron, ducks, ravens, owls, and water pipits as well as the larger wildlife we see around here.

Animal health and safety and resident and pet health and safety are mentioned on the Town's website.

If the Town council has no interest in applying its stated values to their actions, then these links and the website should be changed to reflect the values it does plan to uphold.

The other method of polling was using personal anecdotal evidence. Sorry, that doesn't cut the mustard either.

I vote no to fireworks.

I would like to add that I admire the student councillors. They are amazingly well informed and a breath of fresh air.

Given our recent election history, we are lucky to have a Mayor at all, but this one is pretty damn good.

Municipal Government affects me more than any other. It's about where I live, my home and surrounding environments: Social, physical, political and civic.

Yours truly,

22(1) FOIPPA  
Resident since 1986  
22(1) FOIPPA  
22(1) FOIPPA

## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** info@gibsons.ca  
**Sent:** May 28, 2019 8:29 AM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** New Contact Form submission from Town of Gibsons Website

### Name

22(1) FOIPPA

### Email

22(1) FOIPPA@gmail.com

### Comments

The town had a great Sea Cavalcade finale last year.  
We love fireworks but all of us know sudden noises are so stressful for animals.  
Both my husband and myself are against anymore loud fireworks.

Received on Facebook  
from 22(1) FOIPPA

May 30, 2019

This is one of the people behind trying to stop the fireworks in Gibsons. She seems to have it in for the Town. She is encouraging people to respond to a certain post to bump it in order to nullify my post about keeping the fireworks going. Below is my response to her:

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22(1) FOIPPA not cool! This is my thread and post. Thought we talked yesterday about working as a team. Encouraging people to comment on 22(1) FOIPPA post to bump it over this one is showing a bias and does not exemplify teamwork. ☹

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Please do not let 22(1) FOIPPA and her negative cronies (who are writing to council) ruin our opportunity for fireworks. I started an online petition and 60% say Yes to the fireworks. Only 40% say No. Please take this into consideration. There is a fireworks ban started May 30th, but it doesn't apply to fireworks being lit from a barge. That is why Sechelt and Canada Place are still having Canada Day fireworks and Symphony of Fireworks is still able to go ahead.

12:47 PM

22(1) FOIPPA

Can you please show this to Mayor Besmish? An update: I eventually had to abandon my Yes to the Fireworks post on the FB page Gibsons and Area Community page, due to the hatred thrown at me and bullying by those opposed. I felt scared and threatened and was crying last night. All I wanted to do was keep the fireworks going as they are so beautiful and it is such a blessing to sit by the ocean and see them. I was beaten up on my post to the point where I felt like they were going to put a yellow star on me, place me on a train and ship me to a gas chamber. They called me an animal hater because I wanted to keep the fireworks going. They are radical and vicious. No community member should ever have to feel this way, just because they wanted the fireworks that HSPP offered to go ahead. It was a lynch mob mentality and I was scared that they may trash my house or car. Many of those making the nasty comments are from the group that is against the George. I have stopped the commenting on my post so that the negativity and hatred towards me can stop.



## Mayor and Council

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA@telus.net>  
**Sent:** May 30, 2019 8:27 AM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Gibsons Fireworks Event

Mayor Beamish, Councillors' De Andrade, Croal, Ladwig and Lumley,

In response to the latest information printed in the Coast Reporter with regards to the debate over the controversial July fireworks display, ..... I would like to offer my input, since community input is being sought.

I have lived in Gibsons for 8 years and have a good view of the display. The noise is deafening. The detritus left behind is garbage. The air is infected with an unpleasant smell. Domestic pets are terrified. Our sleeping wildlife are subjected to what is for them, a war experience. Enough!

Our planet suffers more and more each day. Excessive CO 2 emissions, loss of Bio Diversity, manmade pollution, urban expansion, human overpopulation, ..... the list is endless. It's time to move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and abandon unnecessary actions that contribute to the aforementioned. The firework display is not necessary regardless to who pays for it. I fear that my opinion may not be the most popular but it is the most enlightened.

If, as the Town motto proclaims, 'Nature is our most Valuable Asset', then we should live up to that and protect it. As Mayor Beamish states, there are other forms of entertainment that can appease any negative business impact and satisfy the lust for children's amusement.

I commend both Mayor Beamish and Councillor Annemarie De Andrade for the stance they are taking on this issue. I hope that Councillors' Croal, Ladwig and Lumley will in time come to the same conclusion.

Respectfully, 22(1) FOIPPA  
[REDACTED] Gibsons

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## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA [REDACTED]@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** May 30, 2019 3:06 PM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** Re: Gibsons Fireworks

We have all enjoyed the fireworks for many years, but the enormous expense could be channeled into something new and innovative. Something that is in line with conservation and the environment. Something that families can enjoy without all the policing and rowdiness that goes along with it.

The ricocheting, loud echoing around Elphinstone Mountain and our harbour, and as far out to Keats, terrorize animals and birds. In the dark they try to fly or run - many become injured in the dark. The local harbour geese, ducks, birds, and herons are at the epicentre of the firework detonations. Some are molting and cannot fly, or have babies or nests which they may abandon. The following day there are injured ducks or geese who took off and landed hard enough to break or injure their feet or legs. Only a few Gibsonites are there to witness the harm come to them - everyone else is unaware. Who knows what happens in the forests or even deep under the sea when these explosions occur repeatedly. There are whales, dolphins, orcas and fish populations - what might these sounds do to them? We actually don't know if they are harmed by them.

We are seeing greater sightings of these huge animals in the sea and that is a bonus for tourism - no need to chase them away with loud bangs!

Our penchant for fireworks comes at a great cost environmentally, with debris falling into the ocean or drifting on the wind. We should consider the state of our oceans.

I think we can find other ways to celebrate Gibsons - we live in such a beautiful place. We should and must reconsider - no to fireworks.

Sincerely, 22(1) FOIPPA [REDACTED]

## Mayor and Council

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA <telus.net>  
**Sent:** May 30, 2019 4:29 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Gibsons Fireworks Display

Dear Mayor Beamish and Council

I read in the Coast Reporter that Council is looking for feedback from the community regarding a fireworks display in Gibsons this year. I am writing as a resident of Gibsons to express my support at not having a fireworks display in Gibsons this year and instead look into alternatives to the loud fireworks that have been set off every year at the end of Sea Cavalcade. As Sea Cavalcade is not happening this year it would be a perfect opportunity to look into a new community family event / festival, without the traditional fireworks display. We have lived in upper Gibsons since the late 80's and have always lived with dogs and cats, over the years a small number have not been bothered by the fireworks but the majority have been. It is traumatizing for them, our current cat who is 14 years old runs and hides in a closet when they start and won't come out for hours, our current dog who is 9 is terrified of the noise, he is 120 lbs. I cannot imagine what our local wildlife experiences during the 20 minutes of loud explosions.

I understand that Howe Sound Pulp and Paper has offered to pay for a fireworks display in Gibsons this year, to celebrate their 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. While that is quite generous of HSPP, the company is not located in Gibsons so to have a fireworks show simply for their anniversary doesn't make sense.

You may be aware that there are two online petitions regarding fireworks in Gibsons this year; the petition saying that fireworks should be held was created by someone who lives in Langdale, not Gibsons. I have seen no valid reason given in the petition for having a fireworks display this year, except people want them. The other petition asking Council to look into alternatives to our traditional fireworks was created by someone who lives in Gibsons, that petition does give valid reasons for looking into alternatives.

While there may be people in the community who have friends over and enjoy watching the fireworks on their porches at the end of Sea Cavalcade, there are also many other people in the community (and surrounding areas) who are not enjoying the fireworks and are instead spending the evening inside with their terrified pets. Please consider an alternative to traditional fireworks so that everyone in the community can enjoy a community fun family event.

Sincerely,

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## Mayor and Council

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**From:** Amy Morris <amorris@spca.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** May 31, 2019 1:02 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Cc:** Marika Donnelly - Sunshine Coast Branch Manager, BC SPCA  
**Subject:** Correspondence from BC SPCA re: fireworks for June 4th council meeting  
**Attachments:** Letter to Gibsons Fireworks 5-31-2019.pdf

Dear Mayor Beamish and Council,

Please accept the attached correspondence to be considered as part of the decision making process for item 4.2 at the June 4<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

With sincere thanks for your consideration,  
Amy

**Amy Morris, MPP**  
**Manager, Policy and Companion Animals**  
**BCSPCA**

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May 31, 2019

Mayor Beamish and Council  
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474 South Fletcher Road  
Gibsons, BC V0N1V0

Dear Mayor Beamish and members of Council,

Please accept this letter of support regarding an end to the use of fireworks in Gibsons. The noise caused by fireworks is frightening and stressful for many animals. Exposure to loud noises, particularly fireworks, thunderstorms and gunshots is a welfare concern in dogs that have not been positively socialized to the sounds during their critical socialization period (approximately 7-12 weeks of age). Approximately 49% of dogs are fearful of such loud noises<sup>1</sup>.

**Exploding fireworks create serious issues for animals in our communities:**

- Fireworks can spook our pets and cause them to panic, run away (including escaping out partially open or screened windows), and dart into traffic. Incidences of lost pets increase markedly during and after fireworks displays.
- Dogs who are normally friendly can sometimes act out of character due to their fear, placing members of the public, including children, at risk.
- In recent years, evenings of fireworks have been demonstrated to have a negative impact on bird behaviour<sup>2</sup>. Birds and other wild animals can be scared out of dens and roosting sites, leading them to fly into buildings or run into busy streets to be injured or killed. Those that are not harmed are still disturbed, leading to reductions in natural feeding and breeding behaviours, as well as the abandonment of their young in nests or dens.
- In addition to the above consequences, harmful smoke and garbage waste from fireworks are secondary threats to the health of local wildlife.

Thank you for recognizing the needs of the animals with whom we share our environment when considering an end to fireworks in Gibsons. You can reach me at 604-647-5503 or amorris@spca.bc.ca.

Sincerely,



Amy Morris  
BC SPCA Manager, Policy and Companion Animals

<sup>1</sup> Blackwell, EJ, Bradshaw, JWS, & Casey, RA (2013). Fear responses to noises in domestic dogs: Prevalence, risk factors and co-occurrence with other fear related behaviour. *Applied Animal Behaviour Science* 145, 15-25.

<sup>2</sup> Shamoun-Baranas, J et al. (2011). Birds flee en mass from New Year's Eve fireworks. *Behavioural Ecology* 22(6), 1173-1177.

## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** info@gibsons.ca  
**Sent:** June 1, 2019 11:50 AM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** New Contact Form submission from Town of Gibsons Website

### Name

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### Email

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### Comments

Dear Mayor Beamish and council,

I would like to voice my support for the fireworks in Gibsons for this summer. We have lived at 22(1) FOIPPA for the past 22 years. During Sea Cavalcade, we could hear the occasional sound filter up to our home during this fabulous event - except for the fireworks. The cars would start parking up and down our street (and surrounding streets) around supper time and continue well into the evening. We would see families streaming down the hill towards the main street. We could hear the cheering and clapping from the crowds throughout the show as they showed their appreciation for the beautiful fire works display.

I hope that council will see how much the majority of the Coast enjoys this event every year - and this year it's been offered at no charge to town due to the generosity of Howe Sound Pulp and Paper.

Regards, 22(1) FOIPPA

## Mayor and Council

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA@protonmail.com>  
**Sent:** June 2, 2019 7:11 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Video Projection as Firework Alternative  
**Attachments:** Seaside Centre2018.png

Hello,

I am a local Sunshine Coast artist who works in projection installation and mapping. I am part of a local community of artists who have many years of experience putting together projection mapping and laser displays for festivals across B.C.

Projection mapping is an amazing way to make large scale visual displays that amaze crowds. These displays are silent (but musical accompaniment is of course always an option) and magical. "Uninterrupted" in Vancouver in 2017 (Salmon images on the Burrard Street Bridge) is a great example of what projection mapping can do.

I heard about the controversy over the firework display and it occurred to me that a projection display could fulfill the wants of our community in order to provide an aw inspiring public presentation that is pet, wildlife and ecologically sensitive.

I have attached an image of a simple projection mapping project that I did for the Sechelt Arts Festival 2018 on the outside of the Seaside Centre.

If you are interested, I would be happy to create a proposal for a public event to take the place of the controversial fireworks.

Sincerely,

22(1) FOIPPA  


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