Town of Gibsons

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Tracy Forster, Administrative Assistant II

DATE: June 10, 2019

SUBJECT: **Correspondence for the Week Ending June 10, 2019**

- 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. **Time Sensitive Material**

- **2019-06-01 Canadian Wood Council re 2019 Community Recognition Awards Call for Nominations - Aug 30**
- **2019-06-03 Sechelt Community Projects Inc re Public Meeting - Urban Interface Fire Prevention - June 10, 7pm**
- **2019-06-10 24th Annual Sleepy Hollow Rod Run and Car Show - Aug 10 3-4pm**
- **2019-06-10 Linda Williams re Requesting Speaker at Opening of Sunshine Coast Jazz Festival June 22 - Noon**

2. **Regular Correspondence (Including Emails)**

- **2019-05-16 District of Sechelt, Minutes of the Sunshine Coast Intergovernmental Minutes**
- **2019-05-30 Sunshine Coast Taxi LTD re Notice to Local Government - Increase in Fares**
- **2019-06-04 Alan Scalet, Howe Sound Pulp & Paper re Fireworks**
- **2019-06-04 School District 46 re Strategic Plan Overview**
- **2019-06-05 Councillor Croal re Sgt Cleland-Hura's Effective Speaking Competition Speech 2019**
- **2019-06-05 UBCM The Compass**
- **2019-06-06 BC Wildfire Service re Season Outlook for Summer 2019**
- **2019-06-06** 22(1) FOIPPA **re Supportive Housing Project on School Road**
- **2019-06-06 Stephen Thatcher, Assistant Commissioner, RCMP re Letter to Mayors re new OIC-IHIT**
- **2019-06-06 Sunshine Coast Labour Council Letter to Premier Horgan re Price of Gas**
- **2019-06-06 UBCM re Call for Nominations 2019-2020 UBCM Executive**
- **2019-06-07 BC School Trustees Association - The Education Leader Newsletter**
- **2019-06-07 Fentanyl Crisis in BC - Help Promote Naloxone Distribution and Training in your Community**
- **2019-06-07 Office of the Ombudsperson's Prevention Initiatives Pilot Program, Comprehensive Evaluation**
- **2019-06-09** 22(1) FOIPPA **re Emanual Machado's Report**
- **2019-06-10** 22(1) FOIPPA **re Supportive Housing and Drugs**

Canadian Wood Council / Conseil canadien du bois

wood WORKS! Program of the Canadian Wood Council

June 1, 2019

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

The 2019 Community Recognition Awards Call for Nominations is now open!

I invite your community to identify a recently completed civic building or structure with wood use (either architecturally or structurally), and submit your nomination for the 2019 Community Recognition Awards, to be presented at the UBCM convention in Vancouver this fall. The awards are presented annually to local governments that advocate for using wood in a local project, or through visionary initiatives that work toward building a community culture of wood. Wood use in public buildings brings pride to BC towns and cities, leaves a lasting legacy and celebrates BC's wood culture.

If you are thinking of a new project, there has never been a better time to take advantage of the many benefits wood has to offer.

Why wood? Wood is good!

Wood is also the best choice for the environment, as nothing can make a green building 'greener' than optimizing the use of wood, which has a smaller carbon footprint than other building materials. Wood also benefits occupants in the indoor environment. Research has shown people thrive when working and learning in beautiful and high-quality spaces finished with natural materials like wood.

What's new in the world of wood? Consider the advantages and possibilities.

Wood *WORKS!* BC and the Canadian Wood Council are here to offer our technical expertise, training and education to help your local government realize a lower carbon footprint, competitive building costs, and comfortable, high-performance and effective spaces for your community. Please call me if you are ready to move forward with a new civic project. I can provide information on the professional technical services Wood *WORKS!* BC offers to your project teams, FREE of charge.

The Wood *WORKS!* BC Community Recognition Awards program is your opportunity to showcase your community and a wood project that has brought pride to your citizens.

Submit your nomination today! www.wood-works.ca/bc

Regards,

Lynn Embury-Williams
Executive Director
Wood *WORKS!* BC
1 877 929 9663 – ext. 1
lembury-williams@wood-works.ca

PS Please note that nominations are only open to local governments and their projects. Projects must have been completed within the last three years and built in whole or part with local government funds. Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged.

Deadline for nominations: Friday, August 30, 2019

About Wood *WORKS!* BC

WOOD SOLUTIONS CONFERENCES

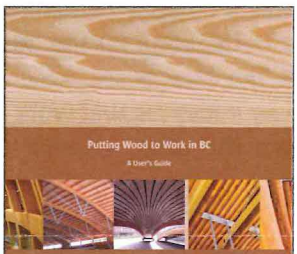
WOOD DESIGN LUNCHEON CONFERENCES

IN-HOUSE SEMINARS

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARDS

WORKSHOPS

WOOD DESIGN AWARDS



TECHNICAL SUPPORT

WOOD BUILDING TOURS

Wood *WORKS!* is a national industry-led program of the Canadian Wood Council, with a goal to support innovation and provide leadership on the use of wood products and building systems. Through conferences, workshops, seminars and case studies, Wood *WORKS!* provides education, training and technical expertise to building and design professionals and local governments involved with commercial, institutional and industrial construction projects throughout BC. For more than 20 years, Wood *WORKS!* BC has facilitated practical, efficient, versatile and cost-effective building and design solutions through the use of wood – the most sustainable, natural and renewable building material on Earth.

Wood *WORKS!* BC has also worked extensively with municipalities on projects ranging from fire halls to arenas to recreation centres. Wood *WORKS!* BC is a recognized resource to help BC communities build with wood and fulfill provincial aspirations to be the first and best customers of our forest products, and our expertise is available free of charge.

Wood *WORKS!* BC: Services to Local Governments

Free Technical Advice

- structural, fire, seismic, acoustic, envelope, architectural, building performance

Community Outreach

- local government liaison and wood design support
- provincial government consultation and collaboration
- industry association partnerships and consultation

Sourcing Wood Products and Building Systems

Professional Development/Liaison

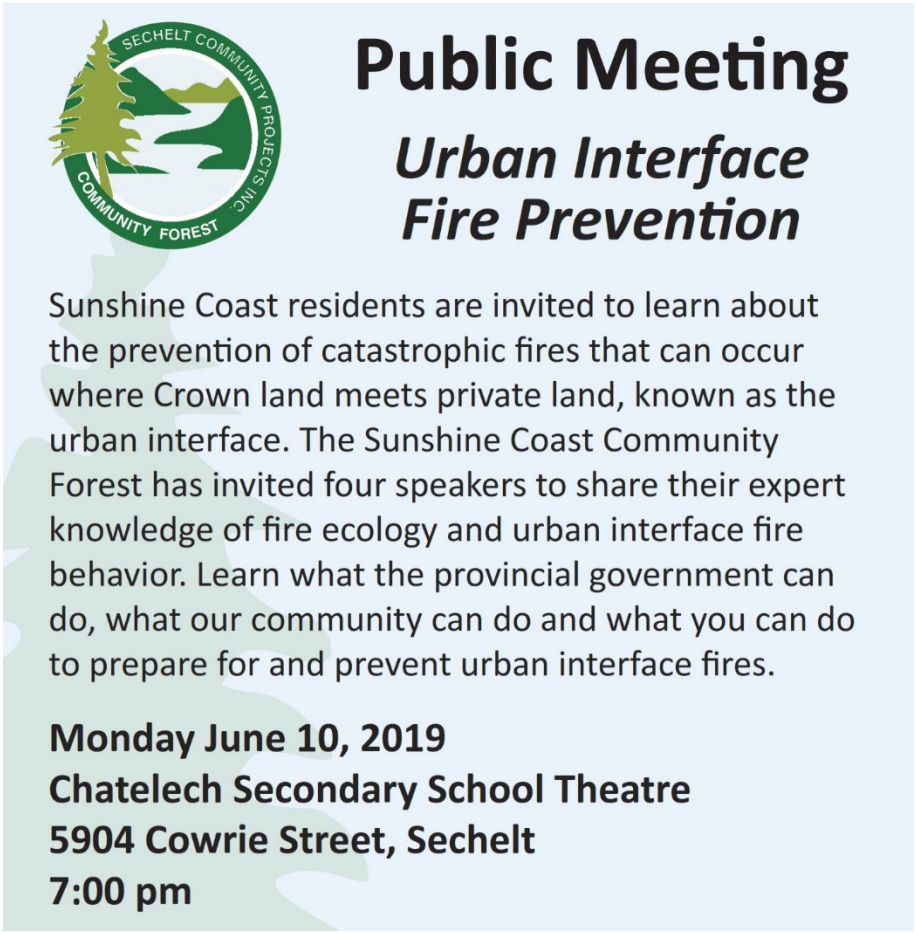
- Architectural Institute of BC, Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia, BC Housing, Building Officials Association of BC

High Performance Building Support

- advancing low embodied and low operational carbon buildings in your community

Gibsons General Mailbox

From: lharris@sccf.ca
Sent: June 3, 2019 2:57 PM
To: info@scrd.ca; Gibsons General Mailbox; info@sechelt.ca; sigd@secheltnation.net
Subject: Urban Interface Fire Prevention Speakers Event



Please distribute this advertisement throughout your organization as you deem appropriate.

Thank you.

Linda Harris
Administrator
Sechelt Community Projects Inc.
dba Sunshine Coast Community Forest
PO Box 215
Unit C – 5588 Inlet Avenue
Sechelt, BC V0N 3A0
Phone: (604) 885-7809

THE COASTER'S CAR CLUB
Sunshine Coast B.C.

Box 285, Sechelt, BC V0N 3A0

June 6th., 2019

Township of Gibsons
Box 340
Gibsons, BC
V0N 1V0

Dear Mayor Bill Beamish:

The 24th.t Annual Sleepy Hollow Rod Run and Car Show is taking place on August 9th. And 10th., 2019.

We would like to request your presence at the trophy presentations on Saturday, August 10th.between 3:00 PM and 4:00 PM to present the "Mayor's Choice Award" to this years winner.

If you can attend, we will schedule you're presentation first. Please advise the undersigned either by e-mail: shanks@dccnet.com or by calling (604) 885-3644, by June 30th., 2019 of your intention to attend or sending a representative.

Thank you in advance for supporting our event.

Yours Sincerely,

M. G. Shanks

Mike Shanks
Sleepy Hollow Chairperson, Coasters Car Club

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TOWN OF GIBSONS
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JUN 10 2019
Referred to:

Gibsons General Mailbox

From: Linda Williams <barlin@dccnet.com>
Sent: June 10, 2019 12:58 PM
To: Gibsons General Mailbox
Subject: Invitation to speak at opening of 24th Annual Gibsons Landing Jazz Festival June 22nd
Attachments: SC Jazz invitation to Mayor 2019.pdf

Hello Folks,

Can you please pass this on to Mayor Bill Beamish or whoever is able to make it at noon on June 22nd for the opening of the 24th Annual Gibsons Landing Jazz Festival.

Invitation attached.

Thank you in advance,

Linda Williams
Sunshine Coast Jazz & Entertainment Society
presenting the Gibsons Landing Jazz Festival
www.coastjazz.com

Sunshine Coast Jazz and Entertainment Society
4638 Sunshine Coast Hwy
Sechelt BC V0N 3A2
coastjazz.com
info@coastjazz.com

June 8, 2019

Bill Beamish,
Mayor, Town of Gibsons

Hello Bill,

This is request from the Sunshine Coast Jazz and Entertainment Society to invite you to speak on behalf of the Town of Gibsons to celebrate the opening of the Main Stage Street Festival during the 24th Annual Gibsons Landing Jazz Festival, June 22, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

The main stage will be located on Gower Point Road directly above Winegarden Waterfront Park. The festival site will be on Gower Point Road from Winn Road to Holland Park.

We look forward to your reply.

L Williams

Chair,
Sunshine Coast Jazz and Entertainment Society
Presenting the 24th Annual Gibsons Landing Jazz Festival

MINUTES OF THE SUNSHINE COAST INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING

Held at Seaside Centre, 5790 Teredo St, Sechelt, BC
Thursday May 16, 2019, 6:00 pm

PRESENT

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shíshálh Nation
hiwus Warren Paull
Councillor Alvina Paul
Councillor Keith Julius

Sunshine Coast Regional District
Chair Lori Pratt, Area B
Director Leonard Lee, Area A
Alternate Director Marianna Bekei, Area A
Alternate Director Linsey Hulls, Area B
Director Andreas Tize, Area D
Alternate Director Tim Howard, Area D
Director Donna McMahon, Area E
Alternate Director Stephanie Grindon, Area E
Director Mark Hiltz, Area F
Alternate Director Doug Marteinson, Area F
Angie Legault, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

School District 46
Vice Chair Stacia Leech, Electoral Area 3 (Lower)
Trustee Samantha Haines, Electoral Area 1 (Upper)
Trustee Amanda Amaral, Electoral Area 2 (Central)
Trustee Maria Hampvent, Electoral Area 2 (Central)
Student Trustee Nicholas Davis
Superintendent Patrick Bocking

Islands Trust - Gambier Island
Trustee Kate-Louise Stamford

Town of Gibsons
Mayor Bill Beamish
Councillor David Croal
Councillor Annemarie De Andrade
Councillor Aleria Ladwig
Student Councillor Jason Lewis
Student Councillor Sacha Stipic
Emanuel Machado, Chief Administrative Officer
Lindsay Grist, Director of Corporate Services

District of Sechelt
Mayor Darnelda Siegers
Councillor Janice Kuester
Councillor Tom Lamb
Councillor Matt McLean
Councillor Brenda Rowe
Councillor Alton Toth
Andrew Yeates, Chief Administrative Officer
Kerianne Poulsen, Executive Assistant

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1. WELCOME, OVERVIEW, INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Siegers welcomed the elected officials, student representatives and senior staff and thanked everyone for attending. She provided an overview of the agenda and invited all participants to introduce themselves.

2. BUSINESS ITEMS

2.1 Overview of strategic plan from each group

A representative from each organization provided an overview of their strategic plan or draft strategic plan. Each local government and the school district were at different stages in the strategic planning process, however common themes became apparent.

The visions and guiding principles reported by each organization shared several common themes, including:

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Honesty
- Responsibility
- Accountability

All participants unanimously agreed that the following strategic themes are essential for the 2018 - 2022 term:

- **Growth management:** effective planning is needed to create a unified strategy for the Sunshine Coast that takes limited resources into consideration;
- **Collaboration with other local governments:** utilizing open communication to take advantage of shared cost savings and shared facilities where ever possible, supporting each other on projects and when advocating to Provincial and Federal governments;
- **Affordable housing**: diverse housing options are needed to accommodate the needs of seniors, people with special needs and the workforce to improve overall population health; and
- **Environmental action:** adapting to climate change, improving resilience and resource management.

Other strategic themes included:

- **Fiscal sustainability:** improving finance and purchasing policies, resilience and cost-effective operations;
- **Improved community livability:** identifying the right service levels and community amenities to meet the needs of citizens, including transportation (and active transportation), recreation, consistent bylaws, vibrant community hubs;
- **Improved infrastructure management;**
- **Improved communication:** engaging internal and external stakeholders more effectively;
- **Effective use of water and water conservation;** and
- **Successful students and supported child care:** including indigenous education and reconciliation, as well as the retention of quality staff to work with children and youth.

2.2 Regional growth strategy

Chief Warren Paull of the shíshálh Nation led a discussion on the potential for a regional growth strategy. Ideas and examples of growth strategies were discussed by the group. All organizations present agreed that a regional strategy would likely be beneficial for the Sunshine Coast. It was generally agreed that a feasibility study would be an important first step and that it must take the provision of drinking water into account. Representatives from the Town of Gibsons, Sunshine Coast Regional District, shíshálh Nation, School District 46 and

District of Sechelt indicated an interest in committing staff resources to the development of a regional growth strategy. To fund the project it was suggested that Gas Tax funding could be pooled. Andrew Yeates, CAO for the District of Sechelt will take the lead on initiating the project.

The following considerations for the feasibility study were discussed:

- Identification of maximum capacities for essential services for the region like water, electricity and waste disposal may help determine a maximum capacity for the population;
- Identification of a maximum capacity for population on the Sunshine Coast will help to determine the need for scalable services like highway transportation, transit and others; and
- Identification of trade-offs residents are willing to make in terms of quality of life, service levels and the potential for shared costs will be important.

2.3 Regional water commission concept

Emanuel Machado, Chief Administrative Officer at the Town of Gibsons, provided an overview of the regional water commission concept, including:

- All local governments and First Nations on the Sunshine Coast would form a roundtable to utilize indigenous knowledge, professional expertise in the community and community values;
- Within the large group subgroups could be formed to represent the different regions or other interests;
- The composition of the commission would likely include public participation, providing opportunities for formal and informal engagement; and
- Considerations for the regional water commission include emergency management, climate change, and urgency.

The Town of Gibsons will take the lead on the development of a regional water commission.

2.4 Declaration of Climate Emergency

Andreas Tize, Director for Sunshine Coast Regional District Area D, informed meeting participants that the Regional District presented a resolution at the 2019 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual General Meeting and Convention to call for a Climate Emergency Declaration in BC. Director Tize encouraged all local governments on the Sunshine Coast to declare a climate emergency in their region and explained that:

- A formal declaration could result in funding opportunities to help address climate change and opportunities for local governments to collaborate
- The costs associated with addressing climate change will likely increase going forward
- A declaration may help to raise awareness, educate Sunshine Coast residents and give hope to people who are starting to worry that leaders don’t care about climate change

- It will be important to use strong language and emphasize impacts specific to the Sunshine Coast to attract the attention of the public
- A declaration should be followed by meaningful actions such as banning single-use plastics and campaigns to reduce waste.

A general discussion on this topic took place and many participants were in support of declaring a climate emergency. Some concerns were also expressed, including:

- Waiting for the Province to declare a climate emergency first may allow for a more coordinated approach across BC;
- Actions to address climate change can be taken without a formal declaration (many examples were provided including solar panels at School District 46, carbon footprint reduction by the Islands Trust and the plastics ban in Victoria);
- Having funding and action plans in place when a declaration is made may be more impactful than making a declaration, then having a gap between the declaration and actions;
- Delaying a formal declaration could be detrimental because many people, particularly young people on the Sunshine Coast, are becoming more and more concerned about their future;
- A declaration should not be limited by municipal boundaries;
- Climate change should be considered in every aspect of local government;
- Climate change is closely tied to a potential regional growth strategy and water commission concept; and
- Sustainable mandates should be required by higher level governments, for example requiring that all packaging be compostable.

A decision to declare a climate emergency may be made at the discretion of the board or council of each local government at an open meeting. Mayor Siegers challenged each local government to come back to the next intergovernmental meeting with three things they have done to support action on climate change.

2.5 Common Themes and Collaboration

a. How can we support each other going forward?

Councillor Keith Julius of the shíshálh Nation informed the group that coastal archeological sites are prevalent up and down the coast of North America up to 1 km inland. Although requirements are mandated by the Federal government to ensure all excavations in sensitive areas are monitored by archeological professionals, Councillor Julius shared concerns that these processes might not be followed in all cases on the Sunshine Coast. He asked that all elected officials and local government staff support the requirements for archeological investigations in all development practices and other operations.

Gibsons Mayor Bill Beamish advised that other municipalities have inquired about the Gibsons' student councillor program and are hoping to start their own programs. Mayor Beamish

suggested that other Sunshine Coast local governments could also benefit from insight from student representatives.

b. Gas Tax: is there a Sunshine Coast-wide project we could collaborate on?

The following ideas were suggested:

- Regional growth strategy (see section 2.2 above for additional discussion)
- Welcome Pole or Arch to promote tourism
- Coordinated multi-government approach to improving secondary roadways across the coast to allow for safe active transportation

The Town of Gibsons offered to host the next Intergovernmental Meeting in the fall of 2019.

3. ADJOURNMENT

TOWN OF GIBSONS
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Notice to Local Government

TO: Municipality or First Nation

Date of Notice:	May 30, 2019
Chief Administrative Officer or Manager	Machado Emanuel
Municipality or First Nation:	City of Gibson, BC
Address:	474 South Fletcher Road, Box 340, Gibsons, BC V0N 1V0
Email:	emachado@gibsons.ca

FROM: Taxi Licensee

Name of Taxi Company:	Sunshine Coast Taxi Ltd.
Trade Name:	Sunshine Coast Taxi
Address:	148-2633,Viking Way, Richmond, BC V6V 3B6
Contact & Title	John Podger, General Manager
Contact Phone:	604-741-3939
Contact Email:	arlund@telus.net

Pending Increase in Taxi Rates

This letter notifies local government that Sunshine Coast Taxi Ltd. Sunshine Coast Taxi is asking the Passenger Transportation (PT) Board to implement a 2.7 % increase in its taxi rates.

Our request is based on a decision of the PT Board to allow taxi companies to request a 2019 Taxi & Limousine Cost Index (TLCI) increase of up to 2.7% for taxis. The decision is based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for BC in 2018.

You are receiving this notice for information only. Local government comment or action is not required.

More information about taxi rates in BC and TLCI rate increases is on the PT Board website at:

- Taxi Rates: https://www.ptboard.bc.ca/taxi-rates.htm
- TLCI: https://www.ptboard.bc.ca/tci.htm

If you have questions about our request for a rate increase, contact our company representative using the contact information provided above.

Thank you.

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June 4, 2019

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

Attention: Mayor Bill Beamish & Council Members

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

As a follow up to our May 6th letter requesting your support and partnership for our 110th Anniversary celebration, and in light of recent events, we want to reiterate our intentions were to give thanks to the Community for the many years of support we have received from the people of the Sunshine Coast.

The cancellation of the highly popular Sea Cavalcade weekend festival, together with subsequent news articles addressing your desire to continue this annual event, sparked our interest to support and host a fireworks display as our celebration and thank-you event.

Since our letter of May 6th was submitted to the Town and made public, there has been much debate within the community. At the end of the day, our sole intention is to give back to the community in a positive way that says "thank you for 110 years of support".

Considering the recent notification by the Province of British Columbia to enact a Category 2 Fire Ban restriction effective May 30th which prohibits the discharge of fireworks, we withdraw our letter of May 6th, as a fireworks display will no longer be possible.

We appreciate the relationships we have with all in our Community and we are still committed to hosting a family-oriented celebration event. We are working on alternate plans for this celebration and look forward to make an announcement to the public soon.

Sincerely,

Alan Scalet
General Manager

School District No. 46 Strategic Plan Overview

Vice-Chair Stacia Leech
Superintendent Patrick Bocking

Intergovernmental Meeting
Thursday, May 16th, 2019

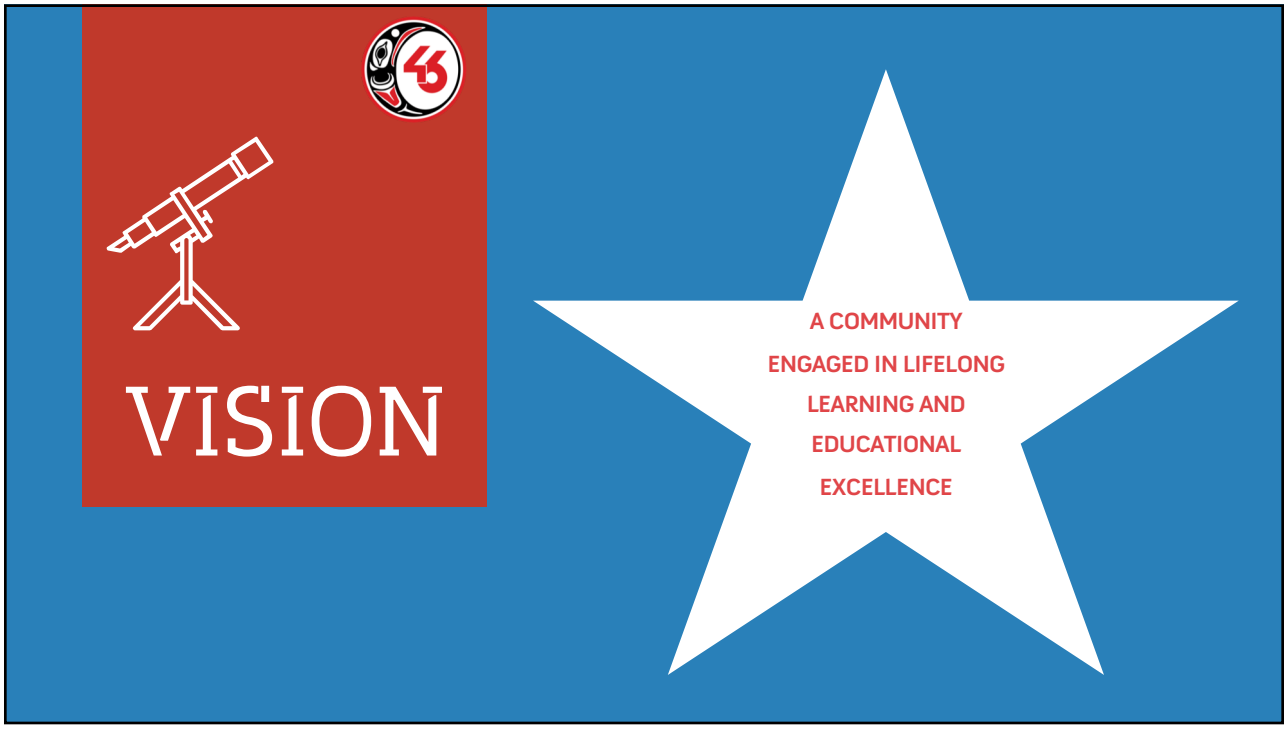
Where does our Strategic plan come from?

Context
Vision and Mission, School Act and Regulations, B.C. Curriculum, Board Policies, Community Priorities

Consultations
The voice of students, staff and the community

Research
Data on student well being, academic achievement, focus groups

Experience
What has worked elsewhere?
What can be learned from "pockets" of innovation locally?



MISSION

to enable and inspire our students to realize their full potentials as knowledgeable, confident and contributing citizens in a global community

OUR VALUES

ETHICS

INCLUSION

COLLABORATION AND EQUITY

INNOVATION

RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY

CELEBRATION

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

OUR STUDENTS EXCEL!
...we have the capacity to enable each of our students to excel.

OUR PEOPLE INSPIRE!
...we have the dedicated personnel to inspire each student to be a fully engaged and successful learner.

WE EMBRACE OUR COMMUNITY!
...we live in a healthy, involved and creative community that supports our students and their families.

Some Key Goals for Connections with Local Governments

- **(1a) Early Learning**
- **(1h) Indigenous Education Opportunities**
- **(1k) Careers**
- **(2i) Facilities (e.g. Joint Use)**
- **(3a) Celebration of Public Education in our communities**
- **(3d) Visioning and cohesive planning with local governments**

It can't sit on a shelf...*accountability.*

4 Year Implementation Plan for the "how".

September

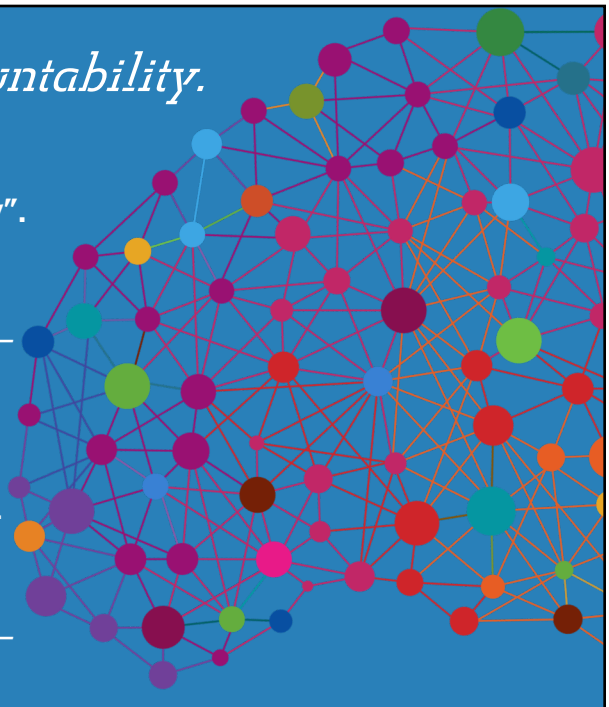
Presentation and Dialogue with the Board – How we are going to meet each goal?

Monthly

Reports to the board to focus on each goal.

June

Presentation and Dialogue with the Board – annual review of goals accomplished.



WE ARE ACTIVELY PURSUING INITIATIVES IN YEAR 4 OF THE 2015-2019 STRATEGIC PLAN.

WE ARE DEVELOPING THE 2019-2023 STRATEGIC PLAN THROUGH MEANINGFUL CONSULTATION.

Strategic Plan 2019-2023
Development Timeline

December 2018
Board – C.O.W.
Discuss draft plan for strategic development

January 2019
Ed Leadership
Structure to uncover the goals and dreams for our students and district

January 2019
C.O.W.
Confirm key questions/direction

January C.O.W. to March C.O.W
Community Input Sessions
(Staff, DPAC, PACs, Student Focus Groups, DSLT, District Committees, Aboriginal Advisory Circle, & Parent and Community Members Online Survey)

March C.O.W.
Draft Themes

February 2019 Ed Leadership
Data Review and Gap Analysis

March 2019
Collate data from input

April C.O.W.
Draft Goals

March Ed Leadership
Draft Goals

May C.O.W.
Final goals review and edits

April C.O.W. to May C.O.W.
Draft goals to community for feedback
Edits following feedback

June 2019 Board Meeting
Plan Approval

June 2019 Ed Leadership
Planning for implementation, resource allocation

June C.O.W.
Plan roll out

June to August 2019
Publication Process & Implementation Plan

September 2019
Launch of 2019- 2023 Strategic Plan

September 2019
Ed Leadership Team
Plan promotion / action

Emerging Ideas for the Next Plan

Affirmation of commitment to Indigenous Peoples and Reconciliation

Environmental Action Plan

Ensuring goals are the "what", not the "how"

T H A N K Y O U

Effective Speaking Competition Speech 2019

How is today's technology causing gaps in communications?

Good evening. My name is Sgt Cleland-Hura and tonight, I want to tell you a story.

My family is very close with one another, and since we began traveling extensively together four years ago, we've only become closer. We hug each other all the time, and little displays of affection are very frequent. But now that I no longer live at home, I've stopped spending all my time with my family, and a new and unexpected problem has arisen in my life: the phenomenon of skin hunger.

Skin hunger, as a lack of human contact has come to be known, is increasingly and distressingly common in our modern Western society. It is desperately easy to get sucked into a downward spiral of loneliness and longing. We use technology as a replacement for true connection, which leads to an ache for contact with others; to satiate this need, we turn back to social media, which will never fulfill what we actually hunger for.

According to scientific studies, platonic hugs have many benefits, including soothing stress and increasing oxytocin production. On the flip side, lack of touch can exacerbate exhaustion and mimic depression and anxiety. In infants, a lack of contact can actually cause death. People nowadays move away from home at ever-younger ages and live alone for long periods of time; this, combined with the substitution of technology for in-person connection, is leading to a serious increase in touch deprivation, mainly affecting teenagers, convicts in solitary confinement, and the elderly, especially males. Luckily, there is also beginning to be much more awareness of skin hunger and its effects, as well as prevention methods.

For the last four years, my family has spent half the year together in Denmark, where my parents teach at a college for animation and illustration. Although we were living in the diverse international community of the campus, we were immediately immersed in Danish culture. One of the customs that affected us quite deeply is the Danish way of greeting: with a hug. We hug in Canada too, of course, but usually only close friends and family. In Denmark, however, almost anyone gets a hug – friends, family, coworkers, and even most acquaintances. You might greet someone for the first time with a handshake, and at the end of the night, say goodbye with a hug. This basic form of platonic affection is an essential piece of human connection. It's a crucial antidote to our ever-increasingly globalized yet distant society. It is no surprise that Denmark is one of the happiest countries on the planet. And it is no surprise that every time I'm there, I feel emotionally stronger and mentally healthier.

This past summer, I went to the Drill and Ceremonial Instructor course in Vernon, BC. I was there for six weeks, which at the time was the longest I'd been away from home. I learned so much and had so many wonderful opportunities and experiences. And I love the program. But in Air Cadets, there are a lot of rules, as is necessary to control a few thousand youths away from home for six weeks. The one I personally find most difficult to follow is the "six-inch rule." For me, so used to nearly constant contact, it was an overwhelming realization of how important touch is. By the fourth week, my mental health was the worst it's been in my whole life. I was tired all the time. I began to have recurring irrational thoughts. Within a week of returning home, every single one of those symptoms had evaporated. It wasn't until later that I was able to define my condition after reading articles on touch deprivation. Luckily, now that I understand the symptoms, it will be easy for me to avoid a similar situation in the future.

I spent two months this fall working as an au pair in Germany. Given my previous experience with touch deprivation, I was careful to maintain regular contact with the children – I often carried the two-year-old and held hands with her older brother – both for

my well-being and theirs. In a one-week vacation I took, it was surprising how quickly the lack of touch affected me. It is interesting, when I recount this experience to acquaintances of mine, how frequently they relate to my symptoms and realize how little true, in-person connection they have. It's sobering how prevalent this affliction seems to be. But it is not difficult to relieve; just spend some time with people you trust. Being around animals also helps; people who live with pets are drastically less likely to suffer from this condition.

Skin hunger is a widespread problem that affects not just me but nearly everyone I've met. In our modern society, with all our fascinating technological advances, we seem to be losing our humanity. The key to a happier, healthier future for us is not to eliminate technology, but rather to balance our global connections with deep social relationships – I recommend at least a hug a day.

I have been Sgt Cleland-Hura. Thank you.

Tracy Forster

From: Union of BC Municipalities <ubcm@ubcm.ca>
Sent: June 5, 2019 12:11 PM
To: Tracy Forster
Subject: MMIWG Report Released, Forestry Engagement, Community Challenge

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THE COMPASS — News and information from the Union of BC Municipalities

June 5, 2019

MMIWG Inquiry Final Report

The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) has released a final report finding that "persistent and deliberate human and Indigenous rights violations and abuses" underlie violence against Indigenous women and girls. The report makes far-reaching calls for change directed to governments, media, individuals and others. Read more

Province Seeks Feedback on Forest Policy

The Province has initiated two engagement processes of specific interest to forest communities - Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) Improvement Initiative and a review of the Private Managed Forest Land Program (PMFLP). Read more

Convention Clinic & Workshop Proposals

The deadline for clinic and workshop applications to the 2019 Convention in Vancouver is this Friday, June 7. Interested parties are asked to review the criteria and deadlines, and provide an online submission here.

Community Better Challenge

ParticipACTION invites local governments to participate in the Community Better Challenge and compete for the title of Canada's Most Active Community. Prizes range from $10,000 to $150,000 and can be used to support local physical activity initiatives. Read more

Deadline Extended to Complete Cannabis Cost Survey

Local governments have one additional month to complete UBCM's survey examining costs related to cannabis legalization. Data obtained through this survey will support UBCM's discussions with the provincial government regarding cannabis excise tax revenue sharing with local governments. Completed surveys should be sent to Bhar Sihota, UBCM Policy Analyst, by June 28, 2019. Read more

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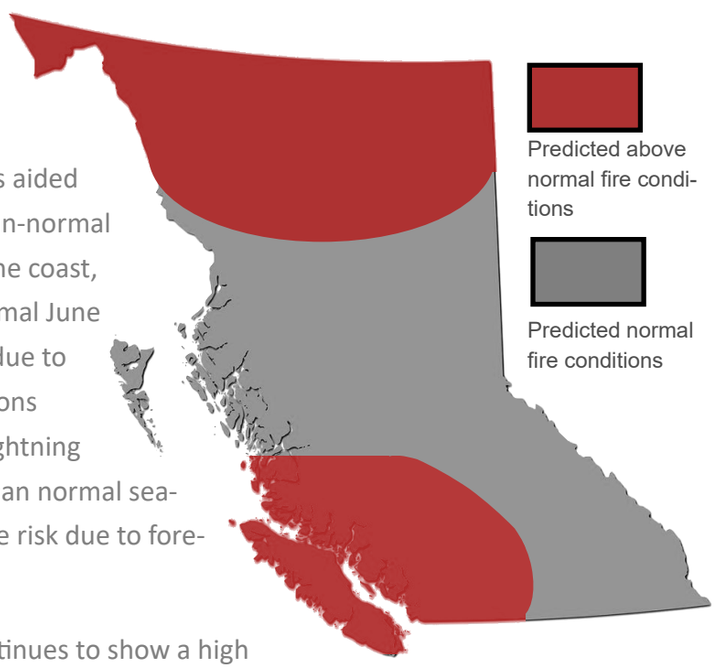
As of June 4, 2019

Summer Outlook (June - August) Drought indictors are above seasonal and forecasts are predicting above average temperatures for the entire province. Snow pack levels are also significantly lower-than-average for this time of year, which may affect vegetative growth as well as water availability for wildfire suppression. A warmer-than-normal trend is expected to be most prominent in June and then scale back to near normal levels in July and August for the northern half of the province. The south, however, is expected to remain consistently warmer-than-normal.



In the short term, rainfall has improved conditions, which has aided firefighting efforts. However, forecasts are predicting less-than-normal rainfall over the next few months in most regions including the coast, southwest, southern interior, and far north. A drier-than-normal June could result in a greater total of area-burned for the season due to earlier availability of dry fuels. Although the number of ignitions across the province will strongly depend on the number of lightning strikes, fuel and weather conditions are indicating a busier than normal season. The adjacent map indicates areas that are at a higher fire risk due to forecasted information above, particularly below-normal rainfall.

Extended Outlook (September - November) This period continues to show a high probability of above seasonal temperatures. Areas of note are the coast and the southern and central interiors.

How does the BCWS predict a fire season?

This forecast was assessed by meteorologists and fire behaviour specialists who considered a range of broad fire environment factors and observed weather data. This includes accounting for conditions that affect soil moisture, fine fuel dryness and vegetation growth, which in turn influence the amount of fuel available for wildfires.

What factors influence this prediction?

The severity of a fire season is highly dependent on local weather patterns such as timing and amount of precipitation, length of dry periods, thunderstorms, and wind events. Long term weather models are useful to indicate trends and patterns over time, however daily weather cannot reliably forecast much beyond a few days in advance. The BC Wildfire Service maintains its levels of preparedness by studying forecasts, using experience from previous seasons and analyzing trends to give us a good indication of what to expect in the upcoming season. We will produce monthly updates of our season forecast, as we continue to collect data and utilize forecasting models.

What can we do to prepare for an upcoming fire season?

Much of the fire starts at this time of year are human-caused and therefore preventable. This is a good time to review how we can all prevent wildfires heading into the 2019 season. For more information including resources on wildfire resiliency within our forests and communities, visit:

www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention or www.FireSmartBC.ca

Gibsons General Mailbox

From: info@gibsons.ca
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Subject: New Contact Form submission from Town of Gibsons Website

Name

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Comments

Dear Mayor and Council May 2019
We are writing to you regarding the proposed Supportive Housing Project on School Road in Gibsons.
We have attended the information meeting and are even more concerned now, after being advised as to the clients/tenants and their challenges, that would be residing there.
Criminal History- No Criminal record checks that would alert the screeners to what their convictions are.
Active Addiction-Drug/Alcohol abuse permitted on site, inside and outside/ensuing violence, fighting and outbursts that come with that.
Severe mental health issues, again, prone to violence
Proposed are 40 units, 40 people, and each one is permitted a pet, a possibility of 40 pets.
We have spoken to many of the people in the surrounding areas, and this proposal has caused extreme anxiety, they do not feel safe, they feel that they will not even be able to go out for a walk in the evening, a very valid concern.
They won't be able to leave anything of value out on their property, anywhere, or, in their cars on their property.
Awakened in the middle of the night, due to arguments/ fights, which are very common in these buildings, and just the general noise of 40 people/pets and their 'guests' coming and going in such a tight area.
Dare I point out the obvious, addicts rely on drug dealers for their hourly/daily supply of drugs. They need money for this, so, steal, deal or prostitution are the options. They meet for these needs at parks, trails, street corners, schools – (they have 3 schools with surrounding trails, (in a very close proximity) to choose from at this location.
Drug dealers do not discern-kids ok, if they have the money or something to trade.
OCP Issues:
The poor family with 3 year old twin girls and a one year old baby boy, share a long property line with this property.
A three story, behemoth building, beside their one level home, will loom above it and allow all those people to look down into their yard. How uncomfortable to be outside with your family, possibly in bathing suits in the summer, a family gathering, with all those people staring down. Just another thing the neighbours won't be able to enjoy. After paying taxes for 30 years!
It is not just one house; the residents of this building will be able to survey several properties quite easily from their windows. Although, one property compromised so greatly, should be enough. We also have rights. The right to peaceful enjoyment of our properties and the adherence of the Gibsons OCP.
We, personally, have just spent 20k on a backyard that will be severely compromised, with at least 20 people being able to see every move we make. After paying taxes for 35 years!
This is no way for anyone to live, and not, why people move to, and buy homes in Gibsons. They come for, small town safety, small safe schools, safe neighbourhoods, and rely on the OCP which restricts the height and type of dwellings.
Of course, everybody needs a home. These buildings might even be successful in the right location, although most of them are not, due to the mix of issues that the tenants have, and the mismanagement by Rain City/BC Housing.
When pressed about the qualifications that the 6 employees (2 per 8 hour shift-3 shifts) would have, the answer from Rain City was, a 2 and 1/2 week course, and that they could even be residents of the building.
The Council has been forewarned, that the very close proximity to Gibsons Elementary School and single family properties, presents a dangerous environment for children, as well as the surrounding neighbourhoods.
To knowingly, disregard the safety of the children, and the surrounding homeowners/residents, is wrong and would be reckless endangerment.
The risk of incidents (violence/danger/needles) is extremely high. Gibsons should not take that chance with residents and their children.
This location is wrong for this project. A restriction, of only this type of development on this lot was mentioned at the information meeting, that type of restriction, is also wrong.
This community should not be forced into accepting this location, for a building of this size, and this type of housing.
The size of this lot also excludes any expansion possibilities, and there will be more housing like this needed soon, so why not find the right location now, that allows for needed expansion in the future.
As the Mayor of Nanaimo said about their supportive housing locations, "They say the road to hell is paved with good

intentions," said Krog."This went too fast and it has produced some real problems, unfortunately."
We know you do not want this to happen to us, for this to be the legacy of this Mayor and Council.

Let's not make the same mistakes. Let's take some time. We can do better. I urge you to do better.

Sincerely,
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Assistant Commissioner Stephen Thatcher
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June 6, 2019

Dear Mayors, Chief Administrative Officers and Primary Police Contacts,

I am very pleased to announce that Inspector Amarjit "Dave" Chauhan will be promoted to the rank of Superintendent as the new Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT).

Dave began his career with the RCMP as a general duty constable at the Prince George Detachment in 1991, where, over the 14 years he spent serving the community, he gained a diverse range of experience in various units including the drug, property and serious crime sections.

Dave moved with his family to the Lower Mainland in 2005 where he took a posting with the Serious Crime Unit of the BC RCMP's Major Crime Section. He subsequently worked as the BC RCMP's DNA Provincial Coordinator, then made his way back to Major Crime before moving on to Surrey Detachment as a Staff Sergeant.

In April 2017, Dave was promoted to Inspector and moved to IHIT as the Operations Support Officer. Dave has served IHIT and the public very well in that role and I have every confidence that the abilities and commitment he demonstrated will continue to serve him well as the new OIC. He will assume command of the largest homicide unit in Canada on June 27, 2019. Please join me in congratulating him on his promotion.

I would also like to thank the soon-to-be retired Superintendent Donna Richardson. As IHIT's OIC for nearly three years, Donna was an effective leader in a demanding role and a strong advocate for members. She promoted professional development within the ranks and she will be missed by many. Donna served with distinction over her 30 years of service with the RCMP. Please join me in thanking her and wishing her many years of good heath and happiness during her well-deserved retirement.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Thatcher, Assistant Commissioner
Lower Mainland District Commander, 'E' Division
Royal Canadian Mounted Police

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Mayor and Council

From: hcpenner@uniserve.com
Sent: June 5, 2019 10:10 PM
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Cc: 'Nicholas Simons'; Mayor and Council; andreas.tize@scrd.ca; lori.pratt@scrd.ca
Subject: The Price of Gasoline
Attachments: Letter Regarding the Price of Gas to Premier Horgan.pdf

Expires: September 13, 2019 12:00 AM

Dear Premier Horgan,
Please find our letter and attachments regarding the price of gasoline. We have been working on the this issue since January and are happy to hear there will be an inquiry. We have submitted the package to the BC Utilities Commission as well.
Thank you for your attention.
Charlene Penner for the
Sunshine Coast Labour Council

SUNSHINE COAST
LABOUR COUNCIL

P.O. Box 1391
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June 5, 2019

John Horgan premier@gov.bc.ca
Dear Premier Horgan:

The Sunshine Coast Labour Council has been monitoring the price of gasoline on the Coast since January 2019 when we first brought our concerns about overcharging to the public.

We believe it is important to point out that since our letter to the Editor, the local stations had been keeping the price of gas at around the 11 cents per litre below Vancouver prices that it should be. We were happy about this, until this week when the price began to drop in Vancouver but not in Gibsons. Today (June 5, 2019) we are still paying 155.9 cents per litre - 6 cents greater than in Vancouver. We know that when we are not diligent the price begins to increase because of the millions of dollars of profit at stake. We also know that this confirms they have been overcharging us whenever the difference is less than 11 cents.

The price of gasoline reached record highs and it is for this reason that the Sunshine Coast Labour Council passed a resolution asking that the BC Government regulate gas prices. The BC Utilities Commission already regulates electricity and natural gas so it only makes sense that if the Government really wants to help British Columbians feel "relief at the pumps" they will have to regulate the price of gasoline as well.

Companies in BC have been charging extremely high prices and they have been getting away with it. The Sunshine Coast Labour Council is asking the BC Government for regulation of gas prices through the BC Utilities Commission and to secure fair prices at the pumps.

Yours truly,

Ed Erickson, President,
Sunshine Coast Labour Council
Attachment: Resolution on Regulating the Price of Gasoline May Day 2019
Letter to The Editor January 13, 2019
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January 13, 2019

Editor,

The Sunshine Coast Labour Council is taking issue with the continued over-pricing of gasoline and diesel on the Sunshine Coast.

While crude oil prices are at a long-term low, the price of gasoline has soared; it has come to the point where some residents are having to choose between gas and groceries. Residents of the Sunshine Coast are being charged an unwarranted additional amount. The Ministry of Finance Tax Bulletin MFT-CT 005 (2018) shows the taxes paid on gasoline in BC. Vancouver residents pay a total of 33.28 cents per litre in provincial tax, the Sunshine Coast 22.28. Diesel has 34.95 cents added in Vancouver area and 23.93 cents on the Sunshine Coast.

Transportation is often used to justify the higher price. Dangerous goods can be barged for just over 11 dollars per foot. A tanker can be from 40 feet long (11,000 litres) to close to 80 feet (36,000 litres) this comes out to $442.80-$886.85 (general quote) between 2.5 and 4 cents per litre.

The low volume of customers is not a factor; there are 8 gas stations on the Sunshine Coast and a population of over 29,000. Overall, in Canada, there are about 3 gas stations for every 10,000 people which puts us under the national average.

We are paying more for gasoline here because the companies can and have been getting away with it. It is time to act to lower our gasoline price. We need assurance that prices will be based on the actual cost of gasoline, taxes and transportation.

We are asking those who control the price on the Sunshine Coast for their explanation of their costs but at the same time, we want to let them know that we find their present pricing unjustified.

This is a matter of great public interest for workers and all residents of the Sunshine Coast. We ask residents to join with us and demand the end to the over-pricing which is based solely on being a captive market.

Ed Erickson, President
The Sunshine Coast Labour Council

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May 1, 2019

Dear Editor:

The Sunshine Coast Labour Council has been monitoring the price of gasoline on the Coast since January 2019 when we first brought our concerns to the public.

We believe it is important to point out that since our letter to the Editor, the local stations have been keeping the price of gas at around the 11 cents per litre below Vancouver prices that it should be. We are happy about this, but we know that if we are not diligent the price will certainly begin to increase again with millions of dollars at stake. We also know that this confirms they have been overcharging us whenever the difference was less than 11 cents. The price of gasoline has reached record highs and it is for this reason that Sunshine Coast Labour Council has passed a resolution asking that the BC Government regulate gas prices. The BC Utilities Commission already regulates electricity and natural gas so it only makes sense that if the Government really wants to help British Columbians feel "relief at the pumps" they will have to regulate the price of gasoline as well.

As it stands now, the oil companies are determining the rise in price at the pump. According to Marc Lee, a senior economist with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, "gouging by the suppliers, not taxes is the real cause of higher gas prices". (Vancouver Sun April 29, 2019)
Marc Lee, in his report says that in April 2016 prices in Vancouver were $1.15 per litre compared to over $1.70 per litre today: a 55 cent per litre increase in 3 years. Of that price hike only 6.3 cents per litre is from tax increases. The remainder is mainly from the increase in mark up at the refinery by the oil companies. In BC this is almost double the amount as in the rest of Canada.

Companies have been charging higher prices and they have been getting away with it. On the Sunshine Coast we are going to be asking the Government for regulation of gas prices through the BC Utilities Commission and working to secure fair prices at the pumps, so they aren't, "getting away with it", anymore.

Ed Erickson, President,
Sunshine Coast Labour Council

SUNSHINE COAST LABOUR COUNCIL

May 1, 2019

Resolution on Regulating the Price of Gasoline May Day 2019

Because the price of gasoline has soared to record highs

Because Oil companies are raising the prices to increase their profits

Because recent research by CCPA has shown that the real reason for the high price of gasoline, in BC, is the doubling of the refining margin (mark-up) charged by oil companies

Because this refining margin results in increase profits for the companies and gouging at the pumps

*Because the research has proven that taxes are **not** the reason for the high price of gas*

Because the Maritime provinces all have regulation of gas prices and proven the stability of regulation

Because the BC Utilities Commission is a body that regulates both electricity and natural gas

Because the Government of BC has stated that they would like to, "find some relief for British Columbians at the pumps".

Be it resolved that the Sunshine Coast Labour Council states the need for regulation, in the strongest possible terms, to the BC Government, then promotes and supports the regulation of gasoline prices by the BC Utilities Commission.

Moved, seconded and approved unanimously May 1, 2019

Gibsons General Mailbox

From: UBCM <radamson@ubcm.ca>
Sent: June 6, 2019 11:19 AM
To: Gibsons General Mailbox
Subject: Call for Nominations: 2019-2020 UBCM Executive

Call for Nominations: UBCM Executive

Deadline Tuesday July 31, 2019

Please find attached the 2019 Call for Nominations for positions on the UBCM Executive.

Please distribute this package to all of your elected officials.

This material is also posted on the UBCM website.

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Tracy Forster

From: British Columbia School Trustees Association <bcsta@bcsta.org>
Sent: June 7, 2019 2:00 PM
To: Tracy Forster
Subject: The Education Leader: Issue 27: AGM Summary / Get to Know the Finance and Audit Committee / Indigenous Students and Hip Hop / Volunteer Literacy Tutors

BCSTA THE EDUCATION LEADER

Summer Hiatus

Please note the this is the final issue of BCSTA's Education Leader for this school year. The publication will return at the start of the following school year. Enjoy your summer, and remember to share your news and stories with us so that we may continue to profile your success in future editions.

A Summary of BCSTA's 115th AGM

On April 25-28, close to 500 trustees, senior district staff, and others attended the 115th Annual General Meeting of the British Columbia School Trustees Association at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond, BC.

With a theme of “Supporting Effective Boards of Education”, the program offered all an opportunity to learn together, work together, and spend some social time together in a collaborative setting. With a large proportion of school trustees in their first term in the role, the theme was most fitting, and by all accounts, the event was extremely successful.

Read more

Get to Know the Finance and Audit Committee

The governance structure of the BCSTA includes several standing committees established to consider the organization’s business in specific areas and to provide recommendations to the BCSTA Board of Directors.

Read more

Spotlight on Students – Indigenous Students and Hip Hop

A group of Indigenous students from Burnaby spent five days together to create and record an original song. In a project created by the Burnaby School District’s Indigenous Education Department, the students found their voice and shared a powerful experience.

Read more

One to One Literacy Program: Volunteer Literacy Tutors in Schools

Every child deserves the right to be able to read, yet many get left behind in spite of the hard work of their teachers. Research consistently demonstrates that when children fall behind in reading, they rarely catch up to their peers.

Read more

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Cc: Darnelda Siegers; wpaull@secheltnation.net; lori.pratt@scrd.ca; Mayor Bill Beamish
Subject: Fentanyl Crisis in BC - Call to Action
Attachments: 2019-06-05 Call to Action - Naloxone Training for Elected Officials.pdf

Dear UBCM Mayors and Chairs,

On behalf of shíshálh Nation hiwus Warren Paull, Sunshine Coast Regional District Chair Lori Pratt, Gibsons Mayor Bill Beamish and District of Sechelt Mayor Darnelda Siegers, please find attached a Call to Action to help promote nalaoxone distribution and training in your community.

Best regards,

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Sechelt
Office of the Mayor

June 5, 2019

Attn: All UBCM Mayors and Chairs,

RE: Fentanyl Crisis in BC – Call to Action: Help promote naloxone distribution and training in your community

Dear Mayors and Chairs,

Despite escalated efforts across the province, B.C. continues to see record numbers of illicit drug overdose deaths. Many of these deaths result from people using drugs alone. With four people a day dying of a preventable overdose, B.C. is experiencing the worst public health crisis the province has seen in decades. Naloxone is proven to save lives by reviving a person who has overdosed to give them enough time to get to the hospital. Naloxone cannot be self-administered, so drug users must rely on friends or family to help.

On January 29, 2019 Town of Gibsons Mayor Bill Beamish, shíshálh Nation Chief Warren Paull, Sunshine Coast Regional District Chair Lori Pratt and District of Sechelt Mayor Darnelda Siegers participated in a media event where we received naloxone training to raise awareness and fight stigma. We are writing to encourage you, as community leaders, to take action by helping to promote naloxone distribution and training in BC communities, to raise awareness about the fentanyl crisis, fight stigma and save lives.

Staging a media event like we did can help, but there are many other ways to start saving lives in your community as well. The latest Overdose Response Progress Update (Nov 2018 – Feb 2019) includes statistics and information on many programs and grants that are now available.

Sincerely,

Darnelda Siegers
Mayor, District of Sechelt

Warren Paull
hiwus, shíshálh Nation

Lori Pratt
Chair, Sunshine Coast Regional District

Bill Beamish
Mayor, Town of Gibsons

Gibsons General Mailbox

From: Prevention Initiatives <consult@bcombudsperson.ca>
Sent: June 7, 2019 8:55 AM
To: Gibsons General Mailbox
Subject: Office of the Ombudsperson's Prevention Initiatives Pilot Program | Comprehensive Evaluation

The Office of the Ombudsperson
B.C.'s Independent Voice for Fairness

Evaluation of the BC Office of the Ombudsperson's *Prevention Initiatives Pilot Program*

We Need Your Feedback!

On behalf of the Office of the Ombudsperson, R.A. Malatest & Associates Ltd. (Malatest) is conducting a comprehensive evaluation of the *Prevention Initiatives Pilot Program.*

The *Prevention Initiatives Pilot Program* uses informal consultation, information sharing and education as a means to support public authorities to be fair in their work. For more information, please go to https://www.bcombudsperson.ca/resources/information-public-bodies

You may have already experienced Prevention Program activities (e.g., webinars, workshops, voluntary preventative consultations, enhanced quarterly reporting, and publications), or you may have had little experience with the Office and its initiatives. **We are interested in responses from everyone, including**

individuals who participated in the baseline or midterm evaluation earlier this year.

We encourage you to participate, as your responses will help to improve the *Prevention Initiatives Pilot Program* and related services provided by the Office of the Ombudsperson.

How to Participate

In the coming weeks, Malatest will contact you directly via email with an invitation to participate in a short survey. For more detailed information on the study, please read Malatest's FAQ document (http://ombudfaq.malatest.net/).

Your participation is voluntary. Malatest will ensure that your identity will not be attached to your individual responses. Malatest will not share any of your personally identifying information with the Office of the Ombudsperson or any other third party.

To protect the privacy of your information, Malatest has extensive data protocol and policies in place. For more information, please visit www.malatest.com/Privacy.htm.

Thank you for your interest and participation in our Prevention Initiatives Program.

Sincerely,

The Prevention Initiatives Team

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Mayor and Council

From: 22(1) FOIPPA
Sent: June 9, 2019 8:33 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Machado's report

Dear Mayor and Council,

I'm writing to express my shock at the recent presentation by the town's CAO, Manny Machado. It seems to me that most of his diatribe was based on pure insinuation and rarely based on fact. The following examples are exact quotes from his report. They have NO place in a council meeting, let alone by the CAO. Just to be clear, I do not belong to any of the groups mentioned in his report.

1. He suggests that the *sole* purpose of the critics of the Lift Station proposal was to "defame and discredit Gibsons' Council." This is hyperbolic in the extreme and any examination of the documents put forward by these groups proves this not to be true.

2. He said that GABC has attempted, "forty legal and quasi-legal actions." For an assertion such as this, a complete list of all actions is required.

3. He said that the GABC contacted, "nearly *every* provincial ministry" Really? Did they contact Mines, Education, Status of Women, Agriculture, Family Development?

4. He said the complaints to government have been "unsubstantiated." Why then is province conducting an environmental assessment of *The George?*

5. He said, "the town lost its last Director of Planning due, in part to the activities of GABC." If this were the case, a letter from the former planner is needed to prove this.

6. Machado then complained that citizen organizations intent on protecting the environment have written 'letters to the editor.' This is something that citizens in free democratic countries do all over the world.

7. He calls the Oceanmount Association ‘a chapter of the Gibsons Alliance.’ Again, Mr. Machado doesn’t seem to understand that citizens have the right to question and lobby their local government. To connect the two groups because they have the temerity to question developments in their town, is to misunderstand democracy.

8. He goes on to suggest that after meeting with the developer, the Oceanmount group went the legal route. This is what citizens do when they feel they are not being listened to. Why is Mr. Machado only defending developers in his remarks and not defending tax-paying citizens who have legitimate concerns?

9. He then insinuates that GABC was suspiciously quiet about the Seaglass Project. He goes on to say that developer bragged that he had the support of the GABC. Mr. Machado needs to show evidence to back up this assertion.

10. Mr. Machado then goes on a long rant about the former Mayor of Gibsons.Is it not the chair’s responsibility to discourage unsubstantiated claims presented to council by staff? How was Machado able to talk about that ‘guy,’ as he calls him, without any proof being offered?

11. He then asks, ”Where does GABC’s money come from and who funds them? Waterfront offices, webpages, legal challenges, expert reports, etc. It can’t be cheap.” This is the unkindest cut of all. To suggest, without any evidence, that GABC is getting money from nefarious sources is pure innuendo.

However, I do know where Mr. Machado’s money comes from- it comes from taxpayers, many of whom support projects with strict environmental standards. He should be representing their interests, not just those of the developers.

If Mr. Machado wants to make outrageous claims, it is his responsibility to back each one up with evidence, or withdraw them.

Mr. Machado is not a politician, he is the head bureaucrat for the town, a role that requires a cool head, diplomacy and the ability to bring people together. His report did the opposite. When he says

that he is expressing the 'staff's collective frustration,' he *is* speaking on behalf of all the staff. If they all agreed, they should have signed his report.

I agree with Councillor Andrade when she says that there is a unfortunate rift in this town- whether it's about fireworks, Gospel Rock or *The George*. That rift will not be repaired with this kind of reckless report, but only widened. Perhaps, if both sides were given a fair chance, there wouldn't be a giant hole in the middle of our town. Looking down from City Hall, think of Mr. Machado's one-sided, hyperbolic, undocumented report as a symbol of that hole.

Mr. Mayor, you were elected on the promise of bringing people together. This town needs a leader that can listen to BOTH sides and strike a compromise that will turn this place around.

Yours,

22(1) FOIPPA

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Gibsons, BC

Gibsons General Mailbox

From: 22(1) FOIPPA
Sent: June 10, 2019 11:53 AM
To: info@raincityhousing.org; gsimpson@raincityhousing.org; grichmond@raincityhousing.org; mhardwick@raincityhousing.org; chume@raincityhousing.org
Cc: Gibsons General Mailbox; 22(1) FOIPPA; Mayor Bill Beamish
Subject: Supportive Housing and Drugs

Hello Raincity Housing.

As you are operating the newly built supportive housing in Sechelt, this email is directed for management.

It seems there is a growing concern from Sechelt residence regarding drug traffic right in front of the building. I've clipped a Community Group Facebook post from this morning.

Questions:
Why is this is happening now in Sechelt despite all the 'risk management' that Raincity Housing claims?
How do you address threats from tenants to the public/kids?

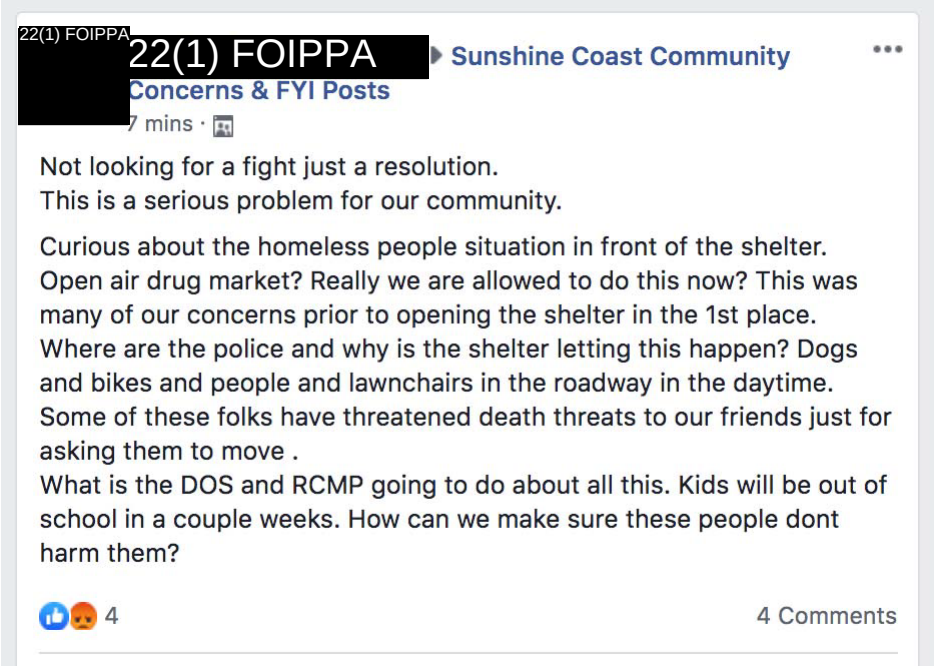
The proposed Supportive Housing in Gibsons on School Road is another Raincity Housing project mere metres from the Elementary School. The community awareness meetings that were held a few months ago in the Gibsons community shed some light on your policies, building design, staffing, etc. Our community concerns regarding all of this (policies, building, staffing, rezoning, needle risk, behavioural risks, traffic density, commercial kitchen issues, etc) were heard but a number of us in the community are still concerned as the Raincity Housing response seemed 'canned' and 'this is procedure' type of flavour.

Town of Gibsons: What is being done to address, mitigate, and *govern* the risk associated with CHILDREN and school trails literally metres away?

I've CC'd the mayor as well as the principal of the Elementary School.
I've BCC'd a group of residents who mirror the message in this email (BCC's for privacy)

Thank you for your time and response to this concern.

Neal



22(1) FOIPPA

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On Jun 10, 2019, at 10:33 AM, 22(1) FOIPPA wrote:

And this was just on Facebook in a community group regarding the Sechelt shelter….

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22(1) FOIPPA

22(1) FOIPPA

> On Jun 8, 2019, at 11:03 AM, 22(1) FOIPPA > wrote:
>
> I'm just on my way to Vancouver and have family visiting tomorrow, but can fold some on Monday. Feel free to leave a stack with us. I think we're already on the list for contributing and can e transfer when you're ready.

Looks good, thanks for all the efforts.
22(1) FOIPPA

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Sat., 8 Jun. 2019 at 10:43 a.m., 22(1) FOIPPA wrote:

Hi everyone, I will know the final cost when I take them to the post office for mailing, and I figure out who's all pitching in. But I have sent the breakdown in an earlier email.
I will be asking for the etransfer once they're actually at the post office :)

Thanks
22(1) FOIPPA

On Sat, Jun 8, 2019 at 10:40 AM 22(1) FOIPPA wrote:

Hi,

I have guests here now and leaving for Vancouver this afternoon for events tomorrow so unable to fold but sure could on Monday if there are any left to fold then.

Otherwise I am in for contributing financially.
I can etransfer whenever you want.

I am also good for attending the meeting on Tuesday but willing to be invited to not attend if the number of attendees is getting too high.

22(1) FOIPPA

PS Bravo for reading Facebook posts. I am avoiding my page.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

-------- Original message --------
From: 22(1) FOIPPA
Date: 2019-06-08 8:36 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: 22(1) FOIPPA >
Cc: 22(1) FOIPPA >, 22(1) FOIPPA

22(1) FOIPPA

22(1) FOIPPA

Subject: Re: brochure for the Gibsons residents

22(1) FOIPPA and I can help fold also if you can swing by our place 22(1) FOIPPA and leave a stack on the deck that would be great. Just let us know the cost and we will etransfer to you. Thank you all for putting this together.
22(1) FOIPPA

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 7, 2019, at 6:45 PM, 22(1) FOIPPA > wrote:

> 22(1) FOIPPA and I will help fold. Can you drop some off to us? Please let us know how much we should pay. Thank you for doing this,
> 22(1) FOIPPA
>
> Sent from my Galaxy Tab® E
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> -------- Original message --------
> From: 22(1) FOIPPA >
> Date: 2019-06-07 11:05 AM (GMT-11:00)
> To: "22(1) FOIPPA >
> Cc: 22(1) FOIPPA
>
> Subject: Re: brochure for the Gibsons residents
>
> Ok, here is the final version. I have gone ahead and made an executive decision because I feel time is ticking. They have been surveying the property all this week and things are moving ahead quickly.

The cost breakdown is as follows:

1481 flyers delivered to the Gibsons PO, lower Gibsons (V0N-1V8) and most of upper Gibsons (V0N-1V9)
Delivered Price is 22(1) FOIPPA (tax included)
From the Copy shop, Black and white - non folded is 22(1) FOIPPA (tax included) They are being printed as I type this.

The total will be 22(1) FOIPPA

Based on the emails I have received so far, I believe 11 of us had agreed to pitch in. Once I have the total amount of contributors, I can divided it up amongst us. For those of you that want to contribute, great. If you don't want to that's ok too! :)

I will have them by the end of today and I will start folding. If anyone wants to fold, let me know. We can connect and I can give you a stack. My hope is I can get them all folded this weekend and get them to the post office for deliver early next week.

On a side note, I see someone posted our Local newspaper letter to facebook, so we're waiting to be publicly shredded again!! (insert eye roll here).

Thanks
22(1) FOIPPA

On Wed, Jun 5, 2019 at 3:32 PM A. 22(1) FOIPPA
22(1) FOIPPA wrote:

> Thank you all for the time and efforts put into this. Regarding the flyer, we feel like we should perhaps take a step back and reconsider as the 22(1) FOIPPA for a pretty small reach seems very high (assuming about 200 or so of the flyers will actually get read). In our opinion, combination of door-to-door dropped off flyers and a newspaper ad would be more cost effective and reach more people.
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> Thank you,
> the 22(1) FOIPPA

On Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 11:32:08 a.m. PDT, 22(1) FOIPPA
22(1) FOIPPA wrote:

I left a message for Sean Eckford at The Coast Reporter and am waiting for a reply.

22(1) FOIPPA

Sent from my Galaxy Tab® E

-------- Original message --------
From: 22(1) FOIPPA
Date: 2019-06-04 6:19 PM (GMT-11:00)
To: 22(1) FOIPPA
Cc: 22(1) FOIPPA

Subject: Re: brochure for the Gibsons residents

Yes you make some great points. Perhaps a letter to the editor and the mayor and council to get these points out? I believe we are supposed to be meeting with the Coast Reporter for an interview. This would be a great time to bring these points up. Does anyone know if this is still proceeding?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 4, 2019, at 9:20 PM, 22(1) FOIPPA > 22(1) FOIPPA > wrote:

Only concern I have with the wording supportive housing yes is that we are ok with spending $40 million plus of taxpayer dollars over the next 10 years to support drug addicition with no treatment and to increase these numbers from 9 to 40 – 50 within a community of 5000. Additionally we would be supporting a multi million dollar business (Rain City) involved with welfare warehousing at taxpayer lifestyle and financial cost. Perhaps change to treatment and rehabilitation yes

From: 22(1) FOIPPA
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 8:35 AM
To: 22(1) FOIPPA
Cc: 22(1) FOIPPA
Subject: Re: brochure for the Gibsons residents

I only have my revised version which included the zoning application not fitting the OCP.

The copy shop will do a final draft that I will share before I go ahead and order these. Is this more than we want to spend? I am certainly open to suggestions! Maybe a newspaper ad would be better? I just want to get something out to the public before the zoning application is sent out and a community meeting happens.

Also, we can save money by folding them ourselves. I think she said it will be 22(1) FC (ish) a flyer.

22(1) FOIPPA

On Tue, Jun 4, 2019 at 8:16 AM 22(1) FOIPPA > wrote:

Hi 22(1) FOIPPA,

Do you have a copy of the revised brochure? The purpose of the brochure is to raise awareness, provided contact information for the powers that be and encourage people to write letters and attend the Town Council meeting when the rezoning is on the agenda. They may get a letter in the mail and it will be in local newspapers.

Based on 1100 double sided copies it would cost 22(1) FOIPPA to print & mail. I count 12 of us who offered to help pay which works out to 22(1) FOIPPA. Did Canada Post provide a delivery date?

22(1) FOIPPA and I are in and Will help fold brochures and deliver door to door if necessary. Good work everyone.

22(1) FOIPPA

Ps.

Thanks for dropping off the info on Good Neighbor Agreements, 22(1) FOIPPA. Interesting that it seems to apply to the Supportve Housing people and the Community. Nothing about the residents.

Sent from my Galaxy Tab® E

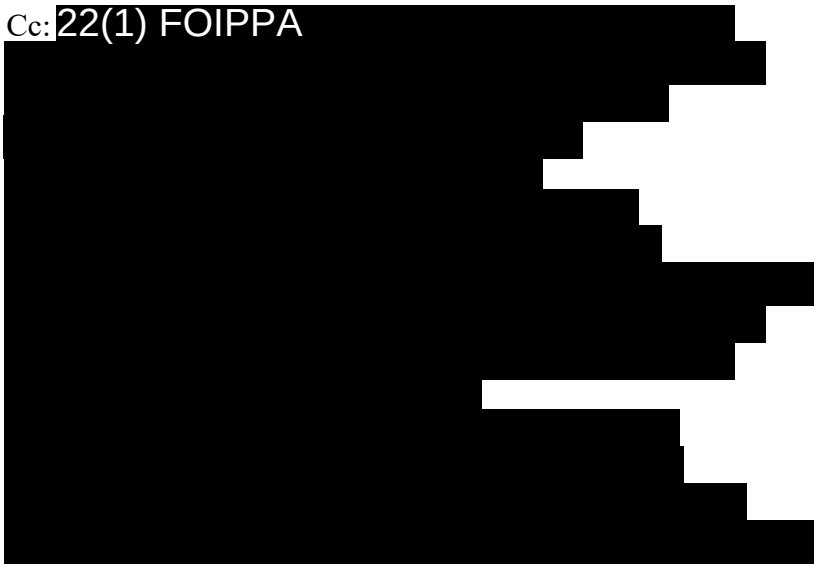
-------- Original message --------

From: 22(1) FOIPPA >

Date: 2019-06-04 2:53 AM (GMT-11:00)

To: 22(1) FOIPPA >

Cc: 22(1) FOIPPA [redacted]



Subject: Re: brochure for the Gibsons residents

Hi 22(1) FOIPPA [redacted],

Yes, the copy shop.

These are to be mailed out by the post office to our surrounding postal codes of VON1VO, VON 1V8 and VON1V9. (Approx 1100 residences)

Cost of printing is [redacted] per flyer - One side colour

Cost of mailing is [redacted] per flyer.

22(1) FOIPPA [redacted]

On Mon, Jun 3, 2019 at 9:52 PM 22(1) FOIPPA [redacted] 22(1) FOIPPA [redacted] > wrote:

> Thanks 22(1) FOIPPA [redacted] that works well I appreciate that
>
> Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 2, 2019, at 8:54 PM, 22(1) FOIPPA 22(1) FOIPPA > wrote:

> Thanks for everyone's responses and offers to split the cost. I will send the rough draft to the printer tomorrow, order 5000 and pay for it.
>
> It might be easier if I just continue on to take them to the post office and pay for that too, and then everyone who has offered to pay can just send me an etransfer after I add up the costs and divide.
>
> Thanks!
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> 22(1) FOIPPA
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> On Sun, Jun 2, 2019 at 8:44 PM 22(1) FOIPPA 22(1) FOIPPA > wrote:
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> > We'll contribute too.
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> > 22(1) FOIPPA
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> > On Jun 2, 2019, at 5:23 PM, 22(1) FOIPPA wrote:
> >
> > > Sorry took so long to get this info out for consideration – Advertising rates for coast reporter- these are non commercial rates
> > >
> > > ¼ page - 22(1) FOIPPA
> > >
> > > 1/3 page - 22(1) FOIPPA
> > >
> > > ½ page - 22(1) FOIPPA
> > >
> > > ¾ page - 22(1) FOIPPA
> > >
> > > Full page - 22(1) FOIPPA

Also put us down for contribution to brochure

With regards payment do we go thru a central person for handling the payment or for instance if it is $800 do 8 people phone in their visa numbers to the printer for $100 each – Let us know easiest way

From: 22(1) FOIPPA
22(1) FOIPPA >
Sent: Saturday, June 1, 2019 10:16 PM
To: 22(1) FOIPPA
22(1) FOIPPA
Cc: 22(1) FOIPPA
22(1) FOIPPA
; 22(1) FOIPPA
22(1) FOIPPA to:
22(1) FOIPPA
22(1) FOIPPA
22(1) FOIPPA

22(1) FOIPPA [redacted]

Subject: Re: brochure for the Gibsons residents

We can contribute too

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 1, 2019, at 9:00 PM, 22(1) FOIPPA [redacted] wrote:

> Sorry - me again....a few spelling issues that need attention (I like the rest). Not 100% sure about adding specific drugs, but if folks think it's important to add then I'm not going to quibble :)
>
> Residential
>
> Actively
>
> Surrounding
>
> Thanks again for your hard work/research etc!

22(1) FOIP[redacted]

On Friday, May 31, 2019, 22(1) FOIPPA [redacted] wrote:

> Hi Everyone,
>
> I am sending this for your perusal. First page would be the backside, 2nd page would be the inside.
>
> Can you please take a look, let me know any edits or additions and I will take to the copy shop on Monday. It definitely needs tweaking and layout improvements. My skills only go so far!
>
> Are we still in agreement of that plan?
>
> How many copies do we need? Someone contacted the post office I believe?
>
> After I get them made are we all willing to split the costs?

Would someone else take them to the postoffice and get them sent out? We will likely have to fold them all too.

Any help is appreciated.

Regards

22(1) FOIPPA