



Town of Gibsons

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Tracy Forster, Administrative Assistant II

DATE: July 30, 2019

SUBJECT: **Correspondence for the Week Ending July 30, 2019**

Please find attached the following items of correspondence for your consideration.

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

- 2019-07-24 Jane Davidson, SC Festival of the Written Arts Opening Reception - August 15, 530pm - Sechelt Seaside Centre

2. Regular Correspondence (Including Emails)

- 2019-07 Correspondence re Supportive Housing
- 2019-07 UBCM Municipalities re Provincial Support for Libraries
- 2019-07-22 James Askew re Thank you for Joining us - Touchstone at Gospel Rock
- 2019-07-22 22(1) FOIPPA re Touchstone - Letter of Support
- 2019-07-22 UBCM Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment
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- 2019-07-25 Mayor Dingwall, City of Pitt Meadows re Confirming Municipal Jurisdiction to Regulate Single Use Items Resolution
- 2019-07-26 Coastal Wildfire News
- 2019-07-26 Office of the Seniors Advocate re OSA Research Rounds - July 26, 2019
- 2019-07-26 Response Requested - 22(1) FOIPPA re Commuter Discrimination & Watering Restrictions
- 2019-07-28 22(1) FOIPPA re Righting the Scales of Justice - Looking at Property Taxes from the View Point of a Landlord
- 2019-07-29 SCRD News Release - New SCRD Corporate Officer, Sherry Reid
- 2019-07-29 UBCM Convention Bulletin #2
- 2019-07-29 UBCM re Small Talk Forum 2019

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Mayor and Council

From: Jane Davidson <jane@writersfestival.ca>
Sent: July 24, 2019 1:45 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts
Attachments: 2019 FWA Opening Reception invitation.pdf

Please join us at the opening reception of the 37th Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts on Thursday, August 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Seaside Centre in Sechelt. An invitation is attached.

With best wishes,

Jane Davidson
Producer
Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts
T: 604-885-9631 or 1-800-565-9631
E: jane@writersfestival.ca
W: www.writersfestival.ca

Celebrating 37 years August 15-18, 2019



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FESTIVAL of the
WRITTEN ARTS

Rockwood Centre | Sechelt,

August 15-18

2019

You are invited to the
Opening Reception for the
37th Sunshine Coast Festival
of the Written Arts.

Please join us as we honour
our sponsors, donors, patrons
and friends and welcome
the 2019 Festival authors.

Thursday, August 15, 2019
5:30 to 7 pm
Seaside Centre
5790 Teredo Street, Sechelt

RSVP

Connor at 604-885-9631 or
summerintern@writersfestival.ca
by **Thursday, August 8.**

Gibsons General Mailbox

From: info@gibsons.ca
Sent: July 23, 2019 5:42 PM
To: Gibsons General Mailbox
Subject: New Contact Form submission from Town of Gibsons Website

Name

22(1) FOIPPA

Email

22(1) FOIPPA [@hotmail.com](mailto:22(1) FOIPPA@hotmail.com)

Comments

Dear Mayor and all other elected officials.

My husband and I have had to save and wait a very long time before finally being able to afford a nice house in which to raise our young children. We were very picky about the neighbourhood we chose and we wanted our children to have the pleasure and freedom to walk to school (as my husband and I did not have that luxury). We take so much pride in our friendly, safe neighbourhood in close proximity to the excellent Gibsons elementary.

After only a few months of living in our home, we now find out that a supportive house project is proposed for the end of the street. We have read the news article in the coastal reporter regarding the significantly increased cases of homelessness, mental health and addiction that are currently straining our services. I have noticed the tents, the used needles and sketchy people hanging around in Hackett park and around Sechelt. These increases seem to be timed very closely to the implementation of the other supportive housing project in Sechelt. I am very nervous that our lovely town dependent on tourist dollars will see the same changes. I am really not convinced that the location is right for this type of supportive housing. I am also not convinced that this project really factors in the kind of real supports and monitoring that the clientele will require above and beyond the housing component. Income assisted housing is also going in at the other end of the street and I really hope that this supportive housing can be changed to income assisted housing for families and single parents. It seems a much better choice so close to the school. I caution the town to not rush into project before we see the whole impact on Sechelt and how they plan to deal with the many negative consequences that have arisen since. We are actually fortunate to have a real case study to analyze before we make the same mistakes. Having read many comments on social media I believe we also have many wise and skilled citizens who may be able to bring educated strategies and ideas to the table if more community engagement is provided.

Thank you for listening.

22(1) FOIPPA

Mayor and Council

From: 22(1) FOIPPA @gmail.com>
Sent: July 24, 2019 4:08 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Transition housing School Road

To the Mayor and Council.

Are children to be housed in the proposed transitional housing?

22(1) FOIPPA

Sent from my iPad

Gibsons General Mailbox

From: info@gibsons.ca
Sent: July 25, 2019 3:03 PM
To: Gibsons General Mailbox
Subject: New Contact Form submission from Town of Gibsons Website

Name

22(1) FOIPPA

Email

22(1) FOIPPA @eastlink.ca

Comments

To Mayor and Council:

For over 25 years there have been many forums and discussions by supporters of the need for housing for needy Seniors, low income Single parents and those with Medical disabilities, all of which I support. Never has there been talk of providing "Supportive Housing" to enable drug and alcohol dependent individuals to be in line ahead of Seniors, Single Parents etc. To do this especially next to an elementary and high school is beyond rational. There is land across the street from our unused RCMP station that would be a better site and within sight of what will become an ongoing policing nightmare. Consider a land swap. Understandably local family neighborhood residents can't imagine Town Council being in favor of supporting the beginning of "Skid Row".

Mayor and Council

From: 22(1) FOIPPA @gmail.com>
Sent: July 25, 2019 4:04 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: School road housing

I understand the need for politicians to seize photo opportunities, as pictured in the Coast Clarion. Seen to be doing the right thing for the most desperate of our community.

What I don't understand is why the School road site isn't better suited for families with kids. Right near the schools! Could you explain why Habitat for Humanity, who fought for the site, didn't get it? Baffling. What kind of benefit and who, politically, did that decision help? If anyone.

22(1) FOIPPA

Sent from my iPad

Mayor and Council

From: 22(1) FOIPPA@telus.net>
Sent: July 27, 2019 9:40 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: School rd. site for homeless

There are similar situations in many communities in BC, where a property becomes available, to be used to help the less fortunate in our community. The decision was made to employ a company who will build a 40 bed homeless shelter, on the old RCMP office site .(Was Habitat for Humanity not considered for this site ?) Parents with children should be given priority, remember, children are homeless too , and there are two schools nearby.

This raises a few questions.

Will these beds be filled by Gibsons homeless, or will they be filled by "refugees" from Vancouver, or any other city? Is there a guarantee that Gibsons homeless will get first choice? Who will make that decision?

Will there be an individual identified, as the coordinator of public relations, within the company in Gibsons. ?

I look forward to your response

22(1) FOIPPA

Gibsons resident and voter.

Mayor and Council

From: Rita Koutsodimos <RKoutsodimos@bchealthyliving.ca>
Sent: July 29, 2019 11:36 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Supportive Housing Initiative on School Road

Dear Mayor and Council,

As a Gibsons resident and public health professional, I would like to voice my support for the supportive housing initiative proposed for the former RCMP site on School Road.

I have two children attending school in the neighbourhood, one at Gibsons Elementary and one at Elphinstone, both of whom would likely be walking past the proposed facility. I would like to underscore, that as a parent I feel that this type of facility will increase safety and security for my children given that the residents will be receiving appropriate treatment and support. My assertion comes from experience as we live approximately two blocks from the homeless shelter in lower Gibsons and have experienced *no issues* with the residents from that facility (even though my children invite theft by leaving their bikes, scooters and skateboards in the front of our yard for all to see).

As a public health professional, I'm concerned about the tone of the dialogue by those neighbourhood residents who are opposed to this project. Some of the posts on social media are extremely prejudiced and stigmatizing towards those who suffer from mental health challenges. The community will need to be reminded that mental illness is a chronic condition and like other chronic conditions such as diabetes and cancer, it requires treatment, support and empathy. If Gibsons is to be an inclusive and healthy community, then it's critical that we ensure we are protecting our more vulnerable citizens from discrimination and that we find ways to build supportive housing within the community so that residents of supportive housing are included and valued as members of the community and at the most basic level, as human beings.

The School road site is situated well for residents – it is within walking distance of shops and services and well served by transit. It would be a shame to lose the unique opportunity to build supportive housing here given that multiple levels of government are contributing to address this pressing health issue.

I hope to attend the public consultations but I would also urge you to invite our medical health officer, **22(1) FOIPPA** and representatives of Vancouver Coastal Health and the Canadian Mental Health Association of BC to provide the public health perspective. I'm certain you have been supplied with much research on the topic but I thought that this resource from BC Healthy Communities on Healthy Housing might also be of interest:
https://planh.ca/sites/default/files/tools-resources/healthyhousing_guide_web_v1.0.pdf

I know it can be difficult to be a leader when there are loud and negative voices in the community but I urge you to rely on evidence to make the right decision about what is needed to serve and include ALL members of our community.

Kind regards,

Rita Koutsodimos
Executive Director
BC Alliance for Healthy Living Society
#310 – 1212 West Broadway
Vancouver, BC V6H 3V2
T: 604-629-1630 **22(1) FOIPPA**

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BCAHL's vision is for a healthier British Columbia. Through leadership and collaboration, BCAHL is working to address the risk factors and health inequities that contribute significantly to chronic disease.



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July 19, 2019

Sent via email

Honourable Rob Fleming
Minister of Education
PO Box 9045 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2
EDUC.Minister@gov.bc.ca

To the Honourable Rob Fleming ,

RE: Provincial Support for Libraries

At the Regular Council meeting of July 17, 2019, the Village of Pouce Coupe received correspondence from several municipalities titled "Request for Provincial Support for Libraries". At that meeting the Village of Pouce Coupe Council passed a resolution to support this provincial request.

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

Sincerely,

Mayor Lorraine Michetti

Cc: Premier John Horgan premier@gov.bc.ca
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Member Municipalities



Wild at heart.

District of Elkford

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July 24, 2019

Honourable Rob Fleming
Ministry of Education
PO Box 9045 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Honourable Rob Fleming:

Re: Provincial Support for Libraries

At the Regular Council Meeting of July 8, 2019, the District of Elkford received correspondence from the City of Victoria dated May 29, 2019 requesting favourable consideration and a resolution of support to restore Provincial funding for libraries. By way of resolution, the District supports advocating for the restoration of library funding to a level that reflects both inflationary cost increases since 2009 and the value of this system to the Province.

The District of Elkford values the vital services that public libraries provide and believes that Provincial restoration of library funding supports Provincial initiatives to eliminate poverty, improve access to education and address social justice in British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Dean McKerracher
Mayor

Cc: Premier John Horgan, via email: premier@gov.bc.ca
MLA Tom Shypitka, via email: tom.shypitka.MLA@leg.bc.ca
UBCM Member Municipalities via email

Gibsons General Mailbox

From: MayorAdmin@princegeorge.ca
Sent: July 29, 2019 10:34 AM
To: MayorAdmin@princegeorge.ca; 'EDUC.Minister@gov.bc.ca'
Cc: 'premier@gov.bc.ca'; 'Todd.Doherty.C1A@parl.gc.ca'; 'Bob.Zimmer.C1@parl.gc.ca'; 'Shirley.Bond.MLA@leg.bc.ca'; 'mike.morris.MLA@leg.bc.ca'
Subject: RE: RE: Provincial Support for Libraries
Attachments: Letter_of_Support_UBCM_Victoria_Library_Funding.pdf

Good morning,

Please find attached correspondence sent on behalf of Mayor Lyn Hall regarding City of Prince George Council endorsing the City of Victoria's request for Provincial support for libraries.

Best Regards,



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July 23, 2019

Via email: EDUC.Minister@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Rob Fleming
Minister of Education
P.O. Box 9045 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Fleming:

RE: Provincial Support for Libraries

At the Regular Council Meeting of July 15, 2019, the City of Prince George Council unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the City of Victoria's request for Provincial support for libraries.

The City of Prince George Mayor and Council respectfully requests the Province of British Columbia's support and consideration to increase support to restore Provincial funding for Libraries. Our Council supports the restoration of library funding to a level that reflects both inflation cost increases since 2009 and the value of this system to the Province.

Sincerely,

Mayor Lyn Hall

cc: Premier John Horgan premier@gov.bc.ca
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MP Bob Zimmer Bob.Zimmer.C1@parl.gc.ca
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Dear Town of Gibsons Councillors

We would like to thank you very much for attending our Touchstone Discovery Centre celebration event last week, and for allowing us to share our vision. We recognize how important this new development is for the Town of Gibsons, and so we will continue to work hard to create a new community of which we can all be proud.

We appreciate your on-going support as we prepare to start the next stage of our community out-reach program this summer, and we look forward to seeing you at our Discovery Centre again soon!

We hope you enjoy the attached photos and short video of the event.

Please click [here](#) to view the video.







Sincerely,

James Askew, President
rareEarth Project Marketing Ltd.



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info@TouchstoneGibsons.com

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Mayor and Council

From: 22(1) FOIPPA @gmail.com >
Sent: July 22, 2019 7:55 PM
To: Selina Robinson; Claire Trevena; Nicholas Simons; Lesley-Anne Staats;
donna.mcmahon@scrd.ca; Mayor and Council; Don.Legault@gov.bc.ca
Subject: Attached Letter of Support for Touchstone Development, Gibsons
Attachments: Touchstone Support.pdf

Hello

Please accept the attached letter of support from me for the Touchstone Development in Gibsons. I am a resident of the SCRD Area "E".

Best Regards

22(1) FOIPPA,
22(1) FOIPPA Road
Gibsons, BC
22(1) FOIPPA

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22(1) FOIPPA Road
Gibsons, BC
22(1) FOIPPA

July 22, 2019

To Whom It May Concern

RE: Letter of Support for the Touchstone Development in Gibsons and Associated Traffic Plan.

It has come to my attention that you have, or will receive a letter(s) claiming to represent the residents of the Community of Elphinstone and airing numerous concerns about traffic originating from the ("Touchstone"/ Gospel Rock) Development approved in the Town of Gibsons.

Please be advised I am a long-time resident of 22(1) FOIPPA Road, in the community of Elphinstone and have no such concerns. I recognized that Pratt Road was an arterial collector route when I moved here with my family in 22(1) FOIPPA. I expected traffic to increase. It appears to me that its capacity still exceeds current levels. Yes, there are lawbreakers, just like on any street – I trust local law enforcement to continue to deal with them. I am confident that, as the Touchstone Project progresses, traffic calming measures and alternate routes will be constructed as per Town of Gibsons conditions for approval of the Development Permit.

I have no vested interest in the Touchstone Development and believe I am speaking from a position of fairness and truth, recognizing the many concessions and intelligent planning measures the developer has brought to this project. I recognize that people need places to live, and those places will not all look like our rural development patterns of the past. Neither will they be perfect. I am concerned that naysayers protesting vigorously, at every opportunity, has a detrimental effect on our communities and places real hardship on those that need decent housing.

In a nutshell, I support the Touchstone Development as approved, I support the Town of Gibsons approval process for said project, and I support the traffic plan as presented and approved. Nothing is perfect, and I support the plan as presented. I believe concerns about traffic danger and congestion are overstated.

Kind Regards

22(1) FOIPPA

cc: Honorable Clare Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Honorable Selina Robinson, Municipal Affairs and Housing

Nicholas Simons, MLA Powell River- Sunshine Coast

Mayor and Council, Town of Gibsons

Donna McMahon, Director, Area E, SCRCD

Don Legault, Operations Manager, MOTI

July 22, 2019

Mayor Bill Beamish
Town of Gibsons
Box 340
Gibsons, BC V0N 1V0



Dear Mayor Bill Beamish:

RE: GAS TAX AGREEMENT COMMUNITY WORKS FUND PAYMENT

I am pleased to advise that UBCM is in the process of distributing the first Community Works Fund (CWF) payment for fiscal 2019/2020. An electronic transfer of \$375,659.48 is expected to occur within the next 30 days. These payments are made in accordance with the payment schedule set out in your CWF Agreement with UBCM (see section 4 of your Agreement). UBCM is also making an additional one-time payment towards CWF funding approved for disbursement by the Federal government under Budget 2019 to supplement the fiscal 2018/2019 allocation.

CWF is made available to eligible local governments by the Government of Canada pursuant to the Administrative Agreement on the Federal Gas Tax Fund in British Columbia. Funding under the program may be directed to local priorities that fall within one of the eligible project categories.

First CWF Payment: \$124,481.77
CWF One-Time Payment: \$251,178
Total EFT Transfer: \$375,659.48

Further details regarding use of CWF and project eligibility are outlined in your CWF Agreement and details on the Gas Tax Agreement can be found on our website at www.ubcm.ca.

For further information, please contact Gas Tax Program Services by e-mail at gastax@ubcm.ca or by phone at 250-356-5134.

Very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arjun Singh".

Arjun Singh
UBCM President

CC: Dave Douglas, Director of Finance

Gibsons General Mailbox

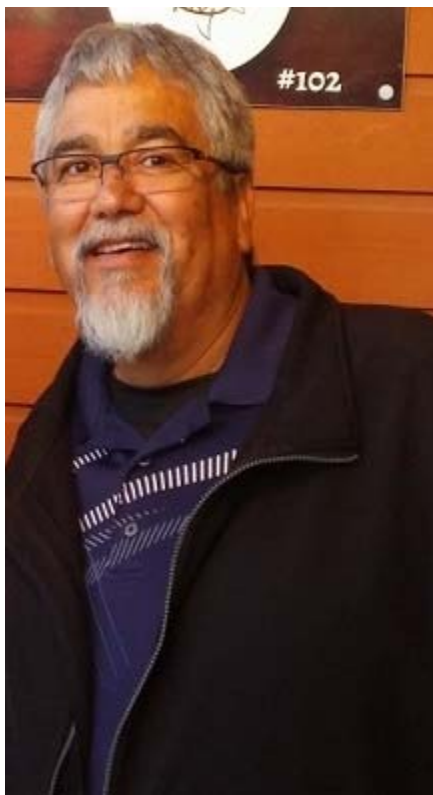
From: Safe Drinking Water Team <safedrinkingwaterteam@gmail.com>
Sent: July 23, 2019 8:59 AM
To: Gibsons General Mailbox
Subject: Questions About Chlorine

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Greetings from Safe Drinking Water Team,

This month, Deon Hassler will answer questions about chlorine.



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

Q: How can free chlorine be removed from water?

A: Since chlorine is a gas at room temperature, you can simply let it evaporate out by putting it in a pitcher for 24 hours. If you want to speed the process up, you can boil the water for 20 minutes. You could use a granular activated carbon filter. Reverse osmosis systems have granular activated carbon filters and they are able to remove the chloramines as well. Another option is to dissolve potassium metabisulfite, sodium metabisulfite, sodium bisulfite, sodium thiosulfate, or ascorbic acid (vitamin C) (1 teaspoon per 1 gallon - 3.8 L - of water) into the water in order to remove both chlorine and chloramine.

Q: Will chlorine in chemical feed barrels lose its strength over time?

A: Many chemical feed barrels are not airtight. Therefore, the chlorine can lose its strength and dissipate over time. It will dissipate into the atmosphere at a rate of

approximately 0.75 mg/L per day. Water systems operators should make the barrels as airtight as possible to prevent dissipation of chlorine. Also, since there might still be dissipation of chlorine, it is important to have a way to ventilate the water treatment plant.

Q: What are the key differences between free chlorine and total chlorine?

A: Free chlorine is the chlorine that has not yet reacted with contaminants (like bacteria, parasites, etc.) and is still available to kill contaminants. Total chlorine is the total of both free chlorine and the chlorine that has already reacted with contaminants.

Q: Can chlorine cause more harm than good when incorporated in water as a form of disinfection? What harmful aspects can arise?

A: Chlorine is necessary in order to kill bacteria, parasites, viruses etc. However, when chlorine reacts with things like that it forms chlorination by-products like Trihalomethanes, which are carcinogenic (cancer causing). When the water has a high level of ammonia more chlorine is required in order to achieve breakpoint chlorination and more chlorination by-products will be formed.

Q: When mixing chlorine and water, is this the formula to use? $\text{Cl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{HOCl} + \text{HCl}$. What roles do HOCl and HCl play in the disinfection process?

A: Yes, that is the formula to use. HOCl is hypochlorous acid and HCl is hydrochloric acid. Hypochlorous acid is a weak acid (but it is the stronger of the two acids) that has oxidizing properties that form when chlorine dissolves in cold water. Hydrochloric acid is a strong pH reducer and it is suitable for lowering the pH. The amount of each compound present in the water is dependent on the pH level of the water prior to the addition of chlorine. At lower pH levels, the hypochlorous acid will dominate. The combination of hypochlorous acid and hypchlorite ions makes up what is called 'free

chlorine'. Free chlorine has a high oxidation potential and is a more effective disinfectant than other forms of chlorine, such as chloramines.

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

Kind Regards,

Safe Drinking Water Team

www.safedrinkingwaterteam.org



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July 24, 2019

TO: Mayor & Council
FROM: Mayor Mitch Campsall, District of 100 Mile House
Small Community Representative
RE: **Small Talk Forum 2019**

As your Small Community Representative I wish to advise you of the upcoming UBCM Convention, specifically the Small Talk Forum on the morning of Tuesday, September 24 at the Vancouver Convention Centre (Ballroom A).

The Small Talk Forum for communities with a population under 5,000, now in its 30th year, continues to be one of the most popular sessions at the Convention. Your direct involvement has made the Forum a repeat success, and in 2019 we encourage you to complete and return the attached Small Talk Forum response form, sharing any issues facing your community. Then, come to the Forum prepared with background information related to these issues, or solutions to similar issues facing other communities.

If you have a best practice or success story to share, please add it to the attached Small Talk Forum response form as well. This is an opportunity for small communities to share tips and information and help one another with day-to-day challenges. For instance, has your community completed (or is undertaking) a project or initiative that you think would be informative for other small communities? Here's your chance to tell your story!

Again, please complete and return the attached Small Talk Forum response form via email to bsihota@ubcm.ca. *We will distribute the list of issues at the Forum and will endeavour to address some of these issues ahead of time.* We will also have a facilitator and resource persons on hand to help.

We hope that you will be able to take part and encourage you to submit your issues and success stories.

I look forward to welcoming you to the 2019 Small Talk Forum in Vancouver!

Please distribute this memo to Mayor & Council

Coastal Fire Centre Status Report

CoFC Information Officer: (250) 951-4229

Connect with us:    

Fire Activity			
Fires Currently Burning	10 (6 lightning-caused / 4 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	6		
	This Season (Since April 1st)	Last Year (2018)	10 Year Average (2009-2018)
Total Fires to Date	105	106	95
Total Hectares to Date	305	329	2718

Overview
<p>Since last week, Coastal has had 6 new fires. The fire located near Alexandra Park Bridge is out and the fire located on the east side of Harrison Lake is 'under control'. Crews will work to mop-up and scan fires where and as necessary. Crews continue to work on putting out the fire located near North Klinaklini River.</p> <p>The upturn in the weather has resulted in higher fire danger. Over the weekend, a number of unattended campfires were found. Please continue to remind everyone never to leave a campfire before ascertaining that it is completely out and cold to the touch.</p> <p>In comparison to previous years, fire activity remains low. However, it is no reason for the public to become complacent and we ask that everyone take all precautions to prevent human-caused wildfires.</p>

Zone Activity Level					
	1	2	3	4	5
Fraser	X				
Pemberton	X				
Sunshine Coast	X				
South Island	X				
Mid Island	X				
North Island	X				
Central Coast (Bella Coola)	X				
Haida Gwaii	X				

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

Weather Synopsis
<p>A flat upper ridge approaching from the west today helps support a trend towards increasing sun and near or slightly above seasonal temperatures this afternoon while the prevailing inflow pattern and recent showers maintain moderate humidities. Recent showers and varying degrees of low level moisture will mean cloud near/below ridgetop elevations will be slower to clear in some areas than others. Bands of moisture associated with the leading edge (warm front) of the next Pacific system bring scattered showers or occasional rain to areas north of roughly Gold River – Campbell River – Bute Inlet overnight, favouring upslope sections in a westerly or southwesterly flow while areas to the south should remain rain-free. Scattered upslope showers or occasional rain pushes slightly further south on Thursday as bands of Pacific moisture bring thickening cloud to most areas north of roughly Port Alberni - Squamish - Pemberton. Good burning conditions should continue to the south with above average temperatures, moderate to locally low humidities and generally light inflow or southwesterly winds (locally moderate in some coastal valleys and inlets).</p>

Zone Fire Danger Rating	
Fraser	Moderate, with areas of Low and High
Pemberton	Moderate, with areas of Low
Sunshine Coast	Moderate, with areas of High
South Island	Moderate, with areas of Low and High
Mid Island	Moderate, with areas of Low and High
North Island	Low, with areas of Moderate
Central Coast (Bella Coola)	Moderate, with areas of Low
Haida Gwaii	Low

24HR Lightning Forecast
<p>Issued: 1100 PDT Wednesday 17 July 2019</p> <p>% CHANCE OF LIGHTNING /CHANCE OF DRY LIGHTNING:</p> <p>FRASER – PEMBERTON - SUNSHINE COAST - MID COAST Thursday: 10/0</p> <p>SOUTH ISLAND - NORTH ISLAND Wednesday: 10/0 Wednesday Night: 10/0 Friday: 10/0</p> <p>HAIDA GWAII Thursday: 10/0</p>

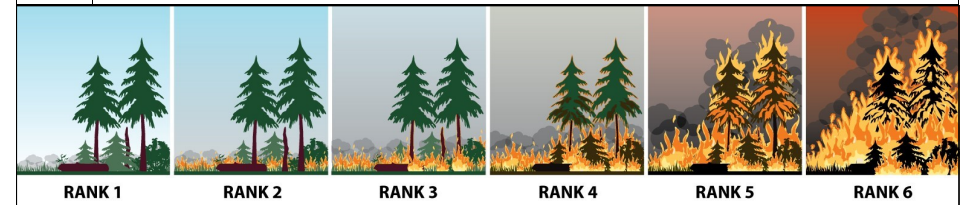
3-5 Day Weather Outlook
<p>Friday - Sunday - The cold front of this next Pacific system approaches from the northwest on Friday bringing convective showers and possible thundershowers in a SW to NE band that should weaken as it pushes inland and southward through the day. Once again, the warmest and driest conditions should be seen across the far south on Friday with pre-frontal winds potentially bringing ISI's up into the 10 to 15 range (generally less than 7 to the north). The remnants of the dissipating cold front should finally pass over the South Island and Fraser zones Friday night to maintain a risk of gusty winds and convective showers or thundershowers overnight. An upper ridge should rebuild over the region this weekend bringing progressively sunnier, warmer, and drier conditions to all zones. Winds should remain generally light in most areas Saturday and Sunday, driven primarily by surface heating and local topography under a relatively stable westerly, becoming southwesterly flow aloft</p>

Coastal Fire Centre Zones	
	<p>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</p>

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

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

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



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City of Pitt Meadows
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

July 24, 2019

File: 0400-50/19

District of West Vancouver
750 17th Street
West Vancouver BC V7V 3T3
Sent via email: MayorandCouncil@westvancouver.ca

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: District of West Vancouver Council Resolution regarding "Confirming Municipal Jurisdiction to Regulate Single-Use Items"

At the regular meeting of Council held on July 23, 2019, Pitt Meadows City Council reviewed correspondence received from the District of West Vancouver regarding their resolution pertaining to the regulation of single-use items.

Pitt Meadows fully supports this resolution and looks forward to the opportunity to support this initiative at the upcoming UBCM Convention.

Yours Truly,

Mayor Bill Dingwall
BGS, LL.B., CPHR

cc: Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
(sent via email)

Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (sent via email)

UBCM staff and member municipalities via email



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Article in Globe and Mail (July 5, 2019) on Development Considerations: <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/british-columbia/article-despite-a-recent-string-of-devastating-fire-seasons-new-developments/>

FireSmart Discipline: development considerations for communities



The phrase “development considerations” refers to using the best available scientific methods and technology — including risk modelling and analysis, and fire behaviour modelling — to help local governments and land use planners promote community wildfire resiliency and the increase the survivability of infrastructure during a wildfire.

In recent years, many communities in British Columbia have applied for, or received funding for, the preparation of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). This important document outlines strategies that the community can use to mitigate wildfire risk. Does your local government have a CWPP in place? If so, is it publicly available so all residents can read it?



Members of the public often leave this type of wildfire preparedness work to their local government, but a Community Wildfire Protection Plan is a “living document” that should be reviewed and updated regularly. It benefits from public input to keep the plan current and help keep you and your neighbours safe from wildfire threats.

The B.C. government’s Community Resiliency Investment program was established in 2018 and lets communities without a Community Wildfire Protection Plan apply for funding to get professional assistance to develop one. The BC Wildfire Service is often approached to provide advice and feedback during the planning phase of a CWPP.

Some communities are now reviewing how they allow new subdivisions to be developed and built, as part of their planning process. So how can they build wildfire resiliency into their

community plans?

While some communities endorse FireSmart principles in their overall plan, others take it a step further and hand out FireSmart brochures with every new building permit. Some planning departments recommend that applicants use more fire-resistant or fireproof products during the building’s construction. Some towns and cities are looking at their overall building development scheme, with the aim of reducing the likelihood of structure-to-structure ignitions (where a fire spreads from one building to another). Others are looking at ways to incorporate parks or greenspace that would act as fuel breaks during a fire.

There’s a lot that can be done in this area. Although some changes can be made fairly quickly (such as recommending or requiring that certain types of building materials be used in the construction of homes), other changes can take years to implement.

Changing how neighbourhoods are laid out can take time and may be costly, since current land ownership and pre-existing infrastructure must be taken into account. However, if members of the community support these kinds of changes, it can be done.

Although it may sometimes seem like local governments are slow to embrace these ideas, it’s important to remember that large organizations have a lot to consider before they can move forward with new programs. Sometimes the best thing citizens can do is lead by example. Make FireSmart the norm in your own neighbourhood and your local government can follow suit as new opportunities for funding and promoting the FireSmart program arise.

Aircraft—Guiding Principles/Roles and Responsibilities

The Aviation Management Philosophy of the BC Wildfire Service is based on the following:

- The use of aircraft is considered a high-risk activity, and safety considerations must be addressed in all aspects of flight planning and operations.
- The use of aircraft is an integral and substantial part of our wildfire management activities.
- The cost-effective use of aircraft should be a primary consideration.
- Aircraft are a finite resource, both in number and type.
- Aircraft must be managed by trained specialists that are certified in their role.

When using aircraft to achieve specific firefighting objectives, it is essential to understand the roles of the people assigned to managing aircraft during a wildfire incident.

An Air Operations Branch Director (AOBD) reports directly to the BC Wildfire Service’s “Operations” group and is responsible for providing expert advice on all aviation-related activities required to support an Incident Action Plan. The Air Operations Branch Director needs to ensure that the stated objectives are achievable and will not compromise the safe, legal, efficient and effective use of aircraft attached to the wildfire incident. The AOBD will also monitor the use of aircraft and ensure that appropriate resources are allocated continuously, by recommending adjustments as required.

An Air Support Group Supervisor (ASGS) is only used on large wildfire incidents. If more than one helibase is needed to fight a fires (due to the distances involved or the size of the wildfires), then an Air Support Group Supervisor may set up and manage an auxiliary site at the direction of the Air Operations Branch Director. The secondary base acts as a branch of the air support group, but takes direction from the Air Operations Branch Director.



The Helicopter Coordinator (HLCO) manages all assigned helicopter missions. The Helicopter Coordinator identifies where helicopters are working, ensures that they are working within the allocated air space, and ensures that the assigned helicopters have takeoff and landing patterns established for each helibase and helispot. The Helicopter Coordinator is also responsible for receiving and managing flight requests

for aircraft that are not related to that specific wildfire to enter the restricted airspace, and for staying informed about air traffic related to other incidents that may impact air operations.

The Helibase Manager (HEB) is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of a helibase. Part of the Helibase Manager’s job is determining how far apart the helicopters must be spaced (according to their specifications), establishing approach and departure paths, and making sure that the base remains free of debris. The Heli-base Manager also maintains flight manifests, does load calculations and controls all ground movement on or near the site.

The Air Attack Officer (AAO) is accountable for all airtanker activities on a wildfire incident and takes strategic direction from the Provincial Airtanker Center Coordination Officer (PATCO). The Air Attack Officer will discuss tactics and objectives with the onsite Incident Commander (or designate) to agree on an attack strategy and confirm that the mission is achievable. The Air Attack Officer makes suggestions, recommendations and decisions that are consistent with capabilities of the fixed-wing airtanker being used, and with provincial firefighting priorities. Any engagement of airtanker resources must be consistent with the mandate to be “safe, effective and efficient.”



HELIBASE— is the location from which incident helicopter support missions are flown, and where the helicopters assigned to that base are parked, serviced, and refueled.

HELIPAD/HELISPOT—a landing and takeoff area for a single helicopter.

Development Considerations for Homeowners

Fire officials, communities, neighborhoods, individual residents and people involved in making planning decisions all need to work together to minimize fire risks. Land use planning is just one way how local governments can start to mitigate those risks in their communities.

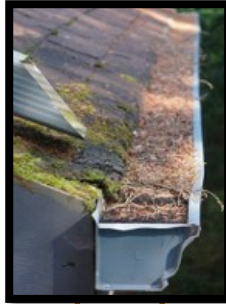
It's often thought that the FireSmart discipline "development considerations" only refers to large tracts of land or subdivisions, but many of the same principles can address fire safety issues on private land.

For instance, do you know whether you live in an area where a local fire department will respond if you report a fire, or is your home outside of its response area? This is something to consider when purchasing a property, since many people take it for granted that a fire department will automatically respond if they need help. People moving from urban areas to more rural areas may not even question whether their new home lies in a jurisdiction that has a responding fire agency, because perhaps it's not something they had to consider previously.

Do you live in an area that only has only one road leading in and out? Is there an alternative route available if you need to leave in a hurry? Is your driveway wide enough for an emergency vehicle (such as a firetruck or a BC Wildfire Service vehicle) to get through? Is your home's address clearly visible from the road? These are all important questions.

Many local governments are looking at how they can mitigate wildfire risks that their communities face, either by developing fuel breaks or managing fuels close to their towns and around subdivisions. A few local governments even require that FireSmart principles be included as part of the planning process when new subdivisions are developed. This is an impressive step when you consider all the different interests that local governments must balance.

While it can take time to incorporate these modifications on a larger scale, there is no end to the changes that can be made on



private property. Understanding FireSmart principles and how they work is essential for property owners who want to mitigate wildfire risks around their homes and in their neighbourhoods.

Many homes that get destroyed by fire in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) are ignited through "ember transmission", when embers from a wildfire become airborne and land on (and subsequently ignite) combustible elements of residential structures and/or nearby materials. The risk of ignition due to ember transmission can be significantly reduced by embracing FireSmart recommendations for the "non-combustible zone", which includes the house and a 1.5-metre buffer zone all around it.

The same principles that land use planners are using to plan townscapes and cityscapes can be used by individual homeowners on smaller plots of land. Fuel mitigation is crucial, and removing dead and dying vegetation from your property is the first step.

One of the most important things you can do to protect your property is to ensure that the non-combustion area (0-1.5 metres around your home) is clear of combustible material. Remove flammable debris (such as leaves or tree needles) from your roof and gutters, enclose areas under your deck and around your home's eaves, and remove any highly flammable vegetation from the non-combustible zone.

Taking these steps can not only significantly reduce the level of risk for your home, but also for the homes of your neighbours. A FireSmart home development guide is available online at: https://www.firesmartcanada.ca/images/uploads/resources/FSCanada_HomeDevBooklet_5.5x8.5-V6-Mar20.pdf.



Prevention Blog

Hello,

It has certainly been an unusual summer for us in the Coastal Fire Centre, with a dry spring transitioning into a rather average July.

Rainfall has helped keep the fire hazard in check in most parts of the fire centre. The one anomaly continues to be southeast Vancouver Island, where drought codes remain above average. The drought codes in other areas of the fire centre have hovered around average values for this time of year.

Drought codes are useful indicators of the dryness of forest fuels and the amount of smouldering that could occur in deep duff layers and large logs if a wildfire occurs. When drought codes are high in an area, it doesn't take more than a few days of hot and dry weather for fire danger ratings to rebound to "high" or "extreme", so we are definitely not out of the woods yet.

August and September are usually the busiest months for human-caused — and entirely preventable — wildfires in the Coastal Fire Centre. I urge everyone to not get complacent about fire safety in the coming weeks.

As the wildfire risk increases, the BC Wildfire Service will continue to monitor the situation to determine whether it will be necessary to prohibit campfires and restrict other high-risk activities. For the latest news on fire prohibitions and restrictions, visit the BC Wildfire Service website at: www.bcwildfire.ca

Thanks for reading,

Alan Berry, Senior Wildfire Officer—Prevention

Fires to Date Since April 1, 2019

Total	104
Lightning	35
Person	68

Number of fires since July 12, 2019

Total	9
Lightning	1
Person	5
Undetermined	3

Fire Danger Rating today



Current Prohibitions (within BCWS jurisdictional area)

Category 2 Open Fire Prohibition throughout the Coastal Fire Centre.

Campfire and Category 3 prohibitions have not been implemented yet.

Go to BCWildfire.ca for the latest information.

At Coastal

There are currently 8 active fires in the Coastal Fire Centre. 4 of those fires were human-caused and 4 are the result of lightning. Among the 8 active fires 4 are considered 'Out of Control' while 4 have been upgraded to 'Under Control'.

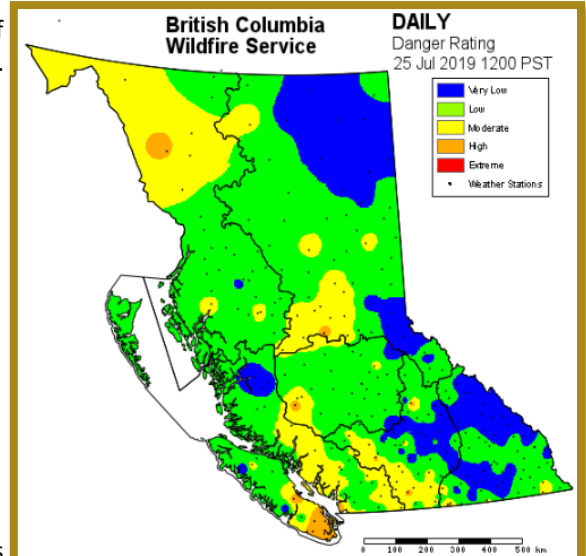
Out of Control

- V80874—Call Inlet—Modified Response
- V90910—McGregor Lake—Modified Response
- VA0920—Nusash Creek—Modified Response
- V91030—North Klinaklini River—10 personnel assigned

Under Control

- V51075—Port Mellon—Patrol
- V80804—East Canton Mainline—Modified Response
- V90907—McKenzie Sound—Modified Response
- VA1092—Hammer Road—Patrol

The Coastal Fire Centre is continuing to support other provinces with 28 personnel (including one Unit Crew) in Alberta and 2 single resources in the Yukon. This does not include Coastal staff who are members of Incident Command Teams who are currently deployed in the Yukon.



Weather

SYNOPSIS: Warm and sunny conditions continue throughout much of the South Island, Fraser, and Pemberton zones today with similar or higher winds and similar or lower humidities (significantly lower in some areas) than were seen yesterday. Temperatures and humidities are moderated slightly by variable bands of cloud passing over the Mid Island and Sunshine Coast today. Progressively cloudier and wetter weather will be seen to the north as more organized bands of frontal moisture continue to push slowly inland/onshore. Scattered showers or occasional rain favours upslope areas in a southwesterly or westerly flow north of roughly Tofino – Powell River by sunset. A cold front and associated upper trough swing inland over the region tonight, bringing elevated and at times gusty winds to many areas as well as scattered convective showers, again, favouring upslope areas in a westerly flow for the greater amounts (good chance of isolated thundershowers embedded). Lingering low level moisture should result in extensive low cloud and/or fog in many areas Saturday morning – mainly tied to areas that pick up the most rain over the next 18 hours. Elevated early morning winds could help clear low cloud out from some areas earlier than others. Otherwise, high pressure should bring partly sunny to mainly sunny skies Saturday afternoon. Weak outflow conditions Saturday night could result in only fair recoveries in

mid-elevation sites of the south that pick up little to know rain today/tonight.

OUTLOOK: A relatively dry & stable westerly flow supports gradual warming and drying throughout all zones Sunday and Monday (weak/brief outflow conditions in some areas during the overnight/early morning hours helps enhance this slightly). Temperatures by Monday afternoon should rebound to the mid to potentially upper twenties throughout the warmer inland valleys of the Island and Mainland as humidities dip to the 20% to 30% range. The next Pacific frontal system and associated upper trough could approach from the west Tuesday bringing increasing winds, cloud, and isolated to scattered showers (rain in some upslope areas of the north).

6 TO 10 DAY: Seasonal temperatures, moderate humidities, elevated inflow winds and partly cloudy skies likely continue Wednesday and potentially into early Thursday in the wake of Tuesday/Tuesday night's expected frontal passage. The latest guidance continues to point to the beginning of a shift in the large-scale pattern around the August long weekend (Aug 3-4 -5) bringing hotter and drier weather as an upper ridge potentially strengthens from the southeast (four-corner ridge). This pattern is not as supportive of a particularly strong or prolonged outflow pattern as is an approaching Pacific ridge from the west.

Gibsons General Mailbox

From: OSA COMMS HLTH:EX <OSA.COMMS@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 26, 2019 9:32 AM
To: OSA COMMS HLTH:EX
Subject: OSA Research Rounds - July 26, 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 July 26, 2019

BRITISH COLUMBIA

[The Flooring for Injury Prevention \(FLIP\) Study of compliant flooring for the prevention of fall-related injuries in long-term care: A randomized trial](#)

PLoS Medicine

The objective of this Simon Fraser University study was to assess the clinical effectiveness of low-stiffness “compliant” flooring at preventing serious fall-related injuries among long-term care residents. The study concludes that compliant flooring underneath hospital-grade vinyl was not effective at preventing such injuries.

[Improving end-of-life care in heart failure](#)

BC Medical Journal

This article provides an outline of usual expected clinical changes during the course of heart failure in order to allow physicians to have a good conversation with a patient and/or their caregivers about the expected course.

[Resetting Circadian Rhythms Can Improve Sleep Quality in People at Risk for Dementia](#)

Djavad Mowafghian Centre for Brain Health

This article discusses new research that suggests that improving circadian regulation by “resetting” an individual’s biological clock can improve sleep quality in older adults with mild cognitive impairment. The results provide evidence that a personalized behavioural medicine approach may help to improve sleep quality.

CANADA

[Interventions to prevent or reduce the level of frailty in community-dwelling older adults: a scoping review of the literature and international policies](#)

Age and Ageing

Currently, a systematic synthesis of available interventions to prevent or reduce frailty does not exist. This article contains a scoping review of interventions and international policies designed to prevent or reduce the level of frailty in community-dwelling older adults.

[Abuse and neglect in older adults: Do you know the signs?](#)

McMaster University

McMaster University has compiled a list of resources to help older adults and caregivers recognize and deal with elder abuse. These resources include articles on recognizing the signs of abuse and advice regarding financial scams.

[Cultural Understandings of Dementia in Indigenous Peoples: A Qualitative Evidence Synthesis](#)

Canadian Journal on Aging

This article reports on a qualitative evidence synthesis of available literature concerning cultural understandings of dementia in Indigenous peoples in Canada. It suggests that although exploration of this topic is increasing in Canada, research in this area remains scarce.

[Falls and vehicle collisions top causes of injury hospitalizations for seniors](#)

Canadian Institute for Health Information

The Canadian Institute for Health Information reports that 137,500 seniors were hospitalized for injuries in 2017-2018, representing more than half of all injury-related hospitalizations among Canadians. Falls accounted for a significant majority (81%) of these injuries.

[Seniors Co-Housing: Re-Thinking Traditional Housing Models for Canada's Growing Senior Population](#)

Iler Campbell LLP

This article, prepared by a Toronto-based law firm, explains the history and terminology of co-housing, lays out the case for seniors co-housing in particular, and explains the legal models through which co-housing can be achieved.

INTERNATIONAL

[Moving beyond "safety" versus "autonomy": a qualitative exploration of the ethics of using monitoring technologies in long-term dementia care](#)

BMC Geriatrics

Use of monitoring technologies in long-term care generates extensive ethical debate. This paper explores the extent to which remote monitoring of the workforce, and equality of access to technologies, were seen to influence the implementation of monitoring technologies within long-term care facilities.

[Suicide Among Older Adults Living in or Transitioning to Residential Long-term Care, 2003 to 2015](#)

JAMA Network Open

This American study sought to determine how common suicide is in residential long-term care settings, as well as whether or not transitioning into or out of long-term care is associated with suicide among older adults. The authors conclude that suicide occurs among older adults living in or transitioning to long-term care settings, and that the mental health and well-being of older adults should be addressed in these settings.

[Comorbidity and polypharmacy in people with dementia: insights from a large, population-based cross-sectional analysis of primary care data](#)

Age and Ageing

The care of older people with dementia is often complicated by physical comorbidity and polypharmacy. This paper aims to explore the extent and patterns of these issues within a large, cross-sectional primary care data set.

[Pain and symptoms of depression: international comparative study on selected factors affecting the quality of life of elderly people residing in institutions in Europe](#)

BMC Geriatrics

The aim of this study was to perform a comparative analysis of pain and depression symptoms in elderly people living in nursing homes in France, Germany, and Poland. The research found that there are no significant differences across the three studied countries; rather, any decrease in quality of life is mainly due to various complaints and pain, and there is a close relationship between health status and quality of life.

[Assessing and managing concurrent hearing, vision and cognitive impairments in older people: an international perspective from healthcare professionals](#)

Age and Ageing

This article sought the perspective of professionals in dementia, hearing, and vision care in order to:

1. Explore the perceptions of gaps in assessment and service provision in ageing-related hearing, vision and cognitive impairment.
2. Consider potential solutions regarding this overlap.
3. Ascertain attitudes, awareness and practice, with a view to implementing change.

[Effects of neuromuscular training on swallowing dysfunction among older people in intermediate care – a cluster, randomised, controlled trial](#)

Age and Ageing

This trial investigated the effect of oral neuromuscular training among older people in intermediate care with impaired swallowing. The authors conclude that such training is a promising new swallowing rehabilitation method.

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Gibsons General Mailbox

From: 22(1) FOIPPA@dccnet.com>
Sent: July 25, 2019 7:02 PM
To: Gibsons General Mailbox
Subject: Fwd: commuter discrimination

Am I likely to ever get an answer to my concern?

----- Original Message -----

From: 22(1) FOIPPA@dccnet.com>
Date: Jun 1, 2019 9:39:24 AM
Subject: commuter discrimination
To: info@gibsons.ca
Cc: mayorandcouncil@gibsons.ca

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

Mayor and Council

From: 22(1) FOIPPA @telus.net
Sent: July 28, 2019 10:06 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: premier@gov.bc.ca; FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca
Subject: Righting the scales of justice...looking at property taxes from the view point of a landlord...

Dear Madams and Sirs,

Although I am a homeowner in the Town Of Gibsons, I do not reside there. I purchased the home there in 2017 in the hopes of retiring there sooner, rather than later. I can not afford to buy a house in the place of my birth, West Vancouver or anywhere in the Greater Vancouver. I have always wanted to live in a house but I have spent most of my life living in a stratified condo or a rental apartment. When I bought the home in Gibsons 2017, the property taxes were \$3,234 without the home owner grant. Fast forward just two years and my property taxes have increased by 11% while annual rental increases allowed are only 2.5%. I am a law abiding person who always pays my bills even if it means that I do without. I recently made a mistake with the online banking payment of 2019 property taxes for the Town of Gibson being left unpaid after the deadline and for this mistake, I recently received an invoice stating that I am being punished with a fine of \$359.94 on top of having to pay full property taxes as no grants are available for landlords. Please keep reading.

On July 22, I tried again to pay my taxes through online banking. The money was received by the Town but it was returned to my bank. The bank called assuming that I had the wrong roll number and offered to make the payment for me. I sent Client Services Rep a copy of my tax bill and even she had problems trying to pay my Gibsons taxes through the electronic portal so she took the time to look into it. Turns out that I was actually trying to pay Gibbons rather than Gibsons. My taxes are hopefully now paid but I need to have my say:

I am a landlord in a town where I know that making a living is challenging so it means that every landlord's rental income barely pays the mortgage payment let alone the property taxes, utility bills, insurance, maintenance and repairs. Last year, a nasty tenant who lived like a savage in my home, finally moved out after a 12 month rein of terror on me and savagery on my house. In order to make the home livable once again, I had to replace both toilets, both bathroom sinks, all 5 of the appliances, all of the window coverings, the kitchen floor, re-hang most of the closet doors, repair the drywall, steam clean the carpet twice and re-paint several rooms and doors to the tune of \$16,000. I lost a total of 4 months rent because of the cleanup which is a loss of about \$8,000. The neighbors tell me that she ran an AirBnB boarding house out of my home although she vehemently denied it when I found sleeping arrangements for 12 in my 3 bedroom home during one of my early inspections. Four months into the rental, she stopped allowing me to inspect my home as required by my insurer and accused me of harassing and stocking her which I did neither. She was abusive and caused me a lot of stress with her screaming phone calls and threatening text messages. I had to retreat from her and my property as the RCMP were of no assistance. The advice that I got from the Rental Tenancy Office was that I had the right to enter my home to inspect once a month even though she refused me. Such a savage is she that she and her young children threw food at the walls of every room in the house and left it rot on the carpet where it dropped.

Of course, she came with excellent references. I have no doubt now that the people, her former landlords, who gave her the glowing pre-move-in references were as afraid of her as I am now. At the time, she was employed by The Town of Gibsons. I'd like to think that her true colours have surfaced in the workplace and that she no longer works for the Town but who knows. My net loss for the year of her tenancy was \$16,000. On top of all that, another woman from the town stole my apple crop after being expressly told not to come on my property and not to pick my apples. I haven't had a friendly experience in Gibsons, at all. With this all in mind, I resolved to sell the place last summer but

after a month on the market with only one call to view it, I had to find another tenant because I couldn't afford to leave it empty any longer. These are the joys of providing affordable housing in the Town of Gibsons and the Province of BC. I am fortunate to have a nice tenant in there now but the rent he pays only covers the mortgage and utility bill. It doesn't help to pay the property insurance (which has increased in price by 10% in the last 2 years), property taxes (increased by 11%), maintenance or repairs which is a minimum of \$5,800 this year. I live in a cheap rental building myself so fortunately, I can afford to make up the shortfall each month but last summer, I was borrowing money to pay my rent because I spent everything that I had saved on repairing the home.

I think the Town of Gibsons and the Province of British Columbia should take another look at how the current Landlord Tenancy Laws treat citizens who are law abiding landlords who provide nice, clean, repaired rental housing at affordable rates to tenants who are unable save a down payment or qualify for a mortgage. Maybe individuals (not corporations) who provide affordable rental housing could also be given a small tax grant on their property taxes for creating affordable housing as it comes at a high cost to the land owner who takes ALL the risks. A small tax grant might incent more private citizens to invest in properties to create more affordable housing. As it stands, most people that I know tell me that I am crazy to be a landlord but I don't have much choice. Thank goodness, I have a good tenant now.

I have to close with this: I don't think that I or anyone should be penalized 10% or \$359.94 for making a banking a mistake. If I willfully chose not to pay my taxes, of course, I should be penalized but this is not the case. You can see by my previous bill paying habits that I am not accustomed to late or non-payment of anything including the Town of Gibsons.

Kind regards,

22(1) FOIPPA

Owner of 22(1) FOIPPA Road, Gibsons, BC
Property Tax Account # 22(1) FOIPPA

CC John Horgan, Premier
CC Carol James, Minister of Finance
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From: Cecilia Garcia <Cecilia.Garcia@scrd.ca>
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News Release

Sunshine Coast Regional District Appoints Corporate Officer

Sechelt, BC – July 29, 2019 – The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is pleased to announce the appointment of Sherry Reid as the new Corporate Officer for the Sunshine Coast Regional District.

At the July 25 Board meeting, the SCRD Board of Directors gave their unanimous support to appoint Sherry to the Corporate Officer role. She will officially take up her new responsibilities as of Monday, July 29, 2019.

Sherry's background includes over 17 years of experience in the non-profit sector and almost seven years of experience in local government. In addition to holding a Professional Specialization Certificate in Local Government Management from the University of Victoria, Sherry has completed LGMA MATI® Foundations training, and the Fundamentals of Corporate Administration at Capilano University. She is a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians, has a Legal Assistant Diploma, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Ottawa.

Prior to joining the SCRD, Sherry's work in the non-profit sector included managing public education and alliance building programs for the British Columbia Environmental Network. She also developed and directed education programs for BC Spaces for Nature, a provincial conservation organization. In 2012 she was contracted by the Town of Gibsons to co-lead an economic development feasibility study for the production of street festivals in Gibsons Landing.

At the beginning of 2013, Sherry joined the SCRD where she has since served as the Deputy Corporate Officer and has been appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the last two local elections. Her role has focussed on supporting SCRD Board and Committee meeting process and procedures, assisting with the release of records under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, supporting the corporate records management program, elections and elector approval processes, bylaw drafting, and assuming the duties of the Corporate Officer in her absence.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Mark Brown has been temporarily appointed the Deputy Corporate Officer until the recruitment of a new Deputy Corporate Officer is complete.

"We are delighted that Sherry has accepted this challenging and critically important role," said SCRD CAO, Mark Brown. "We look forward to her leading the Legislative Services team."

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Government Appointments

Requests for meetings with provincial government staff may be submitted to the [MACC Meeting Requests](#) page until August 23. After that date, please see the Provincial Appointments Desk at the Convention to inquire about meeting availability. Please note that the meeting request system for meetings with the Premier and Cabinet Ministers is now closed.

Excellence Awards

Do you want to learn which local governments are leading the way with innovative programs and best practices? Then come to the Excellence Awards ceremony at 5PM on Tuesday, September 24th to hear about some outstanding initiatives and to toast the winners. The ceremony takes place after the Tuesday workshops and before the Welcome Reception. It is open to all registered delegates.

Annual Banquet

An elegant and entertaining evening, the Annual Banquet is an opportunity for delegates and their partners to network with colleagues from around the province. This semi-formal event includes a reception and three-course meal. Be prepared for an evening of exciting entertainment with music performed by [Diane Lines](#), followed by one of Vancouver's best live acts, the [Famous Players Band](#). Pre-registration is required and there will be no reserved seating.

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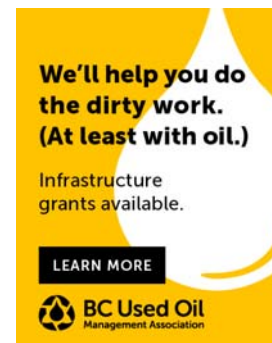
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Thinking about what your partner should do when you are in sessions? This year, partners can book tours and experiences directly through each company or with Tourism Vancouver for discounted rates at participating member businesses. From bus tours, to art galleries, to the aquarium, and Skyride, there is something to suit everyone's taste. Be sure to check out [Tourism Vancouver's](#) website as well as our [Partner Program - Things To Do](#) webpage for additional recommended attractions and dining options.

Sip n' See Trade Show Reception

Start planning your week now! The UBCM Trade Show is open Wednesday 10:30am - 5:00pm and Thursday 10:00am - 3:00pm. Be sure to block Wednesday, September 25 from 4:00pm to 5:00pm and stop by the Show to enjoy a cool beverage and a few nibbles at our Sip n' See Reception in Exhibition Halls B/C. Special thanks to our 2019 Trade Show Sponsor BC Recycles!

Registration Cancellation Deadline

If you can no longer attend Convention, you must cancel your registration in writing to convention@ubcm.ca. Refund policies for cancellations are as follows:

- Cancel by August 9: 100% refund
- Cancel between August 10-23: 50% refund
- Cancel on/after August 24: no refund

Convention Code of Conduct

All UBCM Convention attendees are asked to read, understand and agree to comply with the Code of Conduct by signing off on the [Agreement and Acknowledgment Form](#) and returning it to UBCM at codeofconduct@ubcm.ca.

At the 2016 Convention, delegates endorsed resolution B103 asking UBCM to implement a convention code of conduct. Extensive work has been undertaken and we are pleased to advise that UBCM has a formal [Convention Code of Conduct](#) in place for the 2019 Convention.

The UBCM Convention Bulletin is a service provided to all registrants, as well as to staff who are organizing the attendance of elected officials, in advance of the UBCM Convention. If you do not wish to receive updates on the 2019 Convention, you may unsubscribe using the link below. © Copyright Union of British Columbia Municipalities 2016

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July 24, 2019

TO: Mayor & Council
FROM: Mayor Mitch Campsall, District of 100 Mile House
Small Community Representative
RE: **Small Talk Forum 2019**

As your Small Community Representative I wish to advise you of the upcoming UBCM Convention, specifically the Small Talk Forum on the morning of Tuesday, September 24 at the Vancouver Convention Centre (Ballroom A).

The Small Talk Forum for communities with a population under 5,000, now in its 30th year, continues to be one of the most popular sessions at the Convention. Your direct involvement has made the Forum a repeat success, and in 2019 we encourage you to complete and return the attached Small Talk Forum response form, sharing any issues facing your community. Then, come to the Forum prepared with background information related to these issues, or solutions to similar issues facing other communities.

If you have a best practice or success story to share, please add it to the attached Small Talk Forum response form as well. This is an opportunity for small communities to share tips and information and help one another with day-to-day challenges. For instance, has your community completed (or is undertaking) a project or initiative that you think would be informative for other small communities? Here's your chance to tell your story!

Again, please complete and return the attached Small Talk Forum response form via email to bsihota@ubcm.ca. *We will distribute the list of issues at the Forum and will endeavour to address some of these issues ahead of time.* We will also have a facilitator and resource persons on hand to help.

We hope that you will be able to take part and encourage you to submit your issues and success stories.

I look forward to welcoming you to the 2019 Small Talk Forum in Vancouver!

Please distribute this memo to Mayor & Council

2019 UBCM Convention

Small Talk Forum
Tuesday, September 24, 2019 (9:00 am - Noon)

We would like to talk about:

Topic#1 (explain):

Topic#2 (explain):

Best Practice/Success Story (if applicable):

UBCM staff will distribute the list of issues at the Forum and may endeavour to address some of these issues ahead of time in order to streamline discussion at the Forum.

Please have someone from your community attend to provide background on each issue.

Name:

Position:

Local Government:

Tel:

Email:

Please complete and return this form by email to bsihota@ubcm.ca by Friday, August 16, 2019.