



# Town of Gibsons

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Tracy Forster, Administrative Assistant II

DATE: August 6, 2019

SUBJECT: **Correspondence for the Week Ending August 6, 2019**

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

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**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

- 2019-07-31 Ruth Simons re Howe Sound Community Forum - Save the Date, Oct 25
- 2019-08-06 Edward Erickson, President, Sunshine Coast Labour Council re Labour Day Picnic Sept 2, 12-4pm

### 2. Regular Correspondence (Including Emails)

- 2019-07-30 <sup>22(1) FOIPPA</sup> re Letter to the Sunshine Coast Affordable Housing Society
- 2019-07-30 Donna McMahon, Elphinstone News - July 2019
- 2019-07-30 <sup>22(1) FOIPPA</sup>, re Lower Gibsons Noise Complaint & Gibsons Public Market Response
- 2019-07-31 BC Schizophrenia Society re Thank you for Donation to the BC Schizophrenia Society
- 2019-07-31 <sup>22(1) FOIPPA</sup> re Homelessness
- 2019-07-31 Sunshine Coast Tourism Stakeholder News
- 2019-07-31 UBCM Plastic Action Plan, Marine Debris, Renovictions, Executive Highlights
- 2019-08 Correspondence re Supportive Housing
- 2019-08-01 BC Wildfire Service Status Report
- 2019-08-01 Coast Reporter, Letter to Editor re Check out those Rumours
- 2019-08-01 Ferry Advisory Committee August Bulletin
- 2019-08-01 Office of the BC Ombudsperson re Annual Report
- 2019-08-01 SCRD Coast Current Newsletter

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*"The World's Most Liveable Town" 2009*

- 2019-08-02 Mayor Dingwall, City of Pitt Meadows re Provincial Support for Libraries
- 2019-08-04 22(1) FOIPPA, Affordable Housing Site, Franklin Road
- 2019-08-04 22(1) FOIPPA, SCR D re Touchstone Development
- 2019-08-04 Mayor Beamish re Surrey Residents Raise Concerns about Social Housing Developments
- 2019-08-04 22(1) FOIPPA re Rainbow Crosswalks
- 2019-08-06 22(1) FOIPPA, Affordable Housing Site, Franklin Road
- 2019-08-06 ICET re Museum at Campbell River's New App will Revolutionize the Experience at Elk Falls
- 2019-08-06 22(1) FOIPPA re Electromagnetic Radiation Concerns

## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** Ruth Simons <howesoundcommunityforum@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** July 31, 2019 2:58 PM  
**To:** Mayor Bill Beamish; Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Cc:** Councillor Aleria Ladwig; Councillor Annemarie De Andrade; Emanuel Machado; Selena Williams; Councillor Stafford Lumley  
**Subject:** Save the Date October 25th - Next Howe Sound Community Forum



**Mayor Karen Elliott &  
District of Squamish Council**  
invite you to the next  
**Howe Sound Community Forum**

**Friday, October 25, 2019**

**[Cheakamus Centre](#), Paradise Valley**

**10:30-4:00**

**Transportation and program details to follow**

**Ruth Simons, Lead, Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative 604 921-6564 778 834-4292**

**Assisting:**

**Howe Sound Community Forum** *Established in 2002*

*To provide a forum for local governments, Regional Districts and First Nations discussion to maintain and enhance the economic, environmental, cultural and social well being of the Howe Sound for the benefit of present and future generations.*

Squamish Nation - District of West Vancouver - Village of Lions Bay - Town of Gibsons - Resort Municipality of Whistler - Village of Pemberton - Bowen Island Municipality - Gambier Island Local Trust - District of Squamish - Metro Vancouver - Sunshine Coast Regional District -Squamish Lillooet Regional District

## Mayor and Council

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**From:** edward erickson <edwarderickson@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** August 6, 2019 11:00 AM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Labour Day Picnic

To the mayor and council,

On behalf of the Sunshine Coast Labour Council, I would like to invite you and your family to our annual Labour Day Picnic which will take place September 2 from noon until 4pm at Gibsons' Dougall Park. There will be a free barbecue, live music, speakers and children's games. Hope to see you there.

Edward Erickson  
(President, Sunshine Coast Labour Council)

## Mayor and Council

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** July 30, 2019 1:40 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** letter to sunshine coast affordable housing society  
**Attachments:** 2019 ltr to affordable housing and TOG.docx

Hello all,

For your information: please find attached my letter to the sunshine Coast Affordable Housing Society.

Sincerely,

22(1) FOIPPA

Dear Marina,

I very much appreciated the open house in Gibsons on Thurs July 25. The representatives for the Affordable Housing Society were both approachable and knowledgeable.

I made a few comments on the comment sheet and on further reflection, I would like to add more: I have both environmental and social concerns that I didn't address. If I have missed something that you are already including, then hey, great minds think alike...

**EV charging capacity:** great step in the right direction AND there needs to be more. The number you have committed to may be sufficient right now but will not be so in the future. I suggest that you include the electrical infrastructure wiring for at least 60% of the parking slots. (ideally 100%) It will be cheaper to do the wiring now than try to retrofit later. The actual plug-ins could be added later if the basic electrical infrastructure is there.

**Solar energy/renewable energy:** A similar comment in that the electrical infrastructure needs to be installed now even if only adding a small amount of solar panels is planned at present. although I would argue that adding as many panels as the site will allow is a better option (over time)-both financially and environmentally. (Although I acknowledge that the decreasing price of panels may make it better to wait for installation)

**Solar Hot Water and/or On Demand Hotwater heating:** please include.

**Rainwater harvesting:** install cisterns and a substantial amount of metal roofing for collection

**Toilets to use grey water and/or rainwater harvested water.** Please!

**Plastics shed from laundry facilities:** I don't know if you are aware of it or not, but laundering anything other than pure natural fibers, results in shedding of small plastic fibers that are not captured by municipal filtration systems. (This is assuming that these apts are hooked up to town sewage) Those particles end up in the water where they never completely decompose and are ingested by fish and other organisms. Not good for them-or us! There are filters that can capture about 90% of those fibers and I would like to see them installed downstream from every washing machine.

**% of affordable units:** Please maximize the units at the lower end of affordable as these units are scarce and in high demand.

**Reserve a % for seniors:** This land was originally to be used for seniors. While I totally support the change, I would like to see a substantial percentage (? 25-30%) reserved for seniors.

**Accessible units:** make all unit doors wheelchair accessible and have plywood backing for all tubs, toilets, and showers so that grab bars can be easily added if needed. I realize that those features alone won't make a fully accessible unit but it will make it possible for many more people to 'age in place' and cope with temporary or partial mobility challenges.

Thank you again for a most informative and accessible open house. If you have time, after you have made all the appropriate decisions, I would appreciate your response to these suggestions.

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Gibsons, BC

## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** Donna <donna@everythingelphinstone.ca>  
**Sent:** July 30, 2019 7:26 PM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** Elphinstone News - July 2019

[View this email in your browser](#)



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

July 30, 2019

### Going into Summer Recess...

This is my last newsletter until September. The SCRD board doesn't meet in August, although I will be busy on the search committee for a new CAO.

I will also be the SCRD representative on an [Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities](#) (AVICC) **Climate Leadership Plan Steering Committee**.



The invitation we received from the Mayors of Victoria, Duncan and Tofino states that this is the issue of our generation, but most

small communities don't have the resources to take action or even to know what to do first. This group will help local governments figure out how to spend their limited funds on the most effective climate actions. Roberts Creek Director Andreas Tize is the alternate rep.

## Senior Staffing Changes

On July 26, board and staff held a good-bye gathering for [Angie Legault](#), our chief legislative officer, whose 22 years at the SCRD included twice acting as interim CAO. She is taking a position as corporate officer at the Cowichan Valley Regional District on Vancouver Island. We also lost our Senior Planner, Andrew Allen, who was hired as the [Director of Planning for Sechelt](#).

We were sad to see Angie and Andrew leave, but very pleased to [announce the promotion of Sherri Reid](#), to the position of Corporate Officer. Until we get a permanent CAO, we have [appointed Mark Brown as Interim CAO](#).

If it seems like there's a lot of shuffling in local government, that's because there is, and it's happening right across BC. There are lots of reasons, including the retirement of a cohort of Boomers who have held top positions for a long time. The result is a very competitive hiring market for local governments.

## Drought Management Debrief

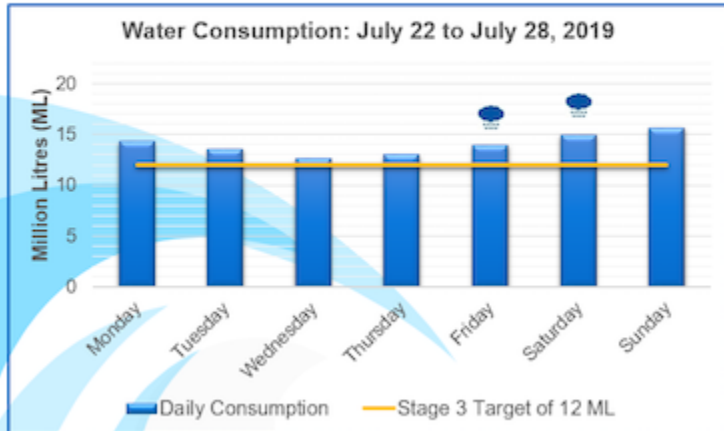
The SCRD board would like to thank the community for your conservation efforts, which have kept our water consumption near target levels. A few showers in July helped the situation, but we still have several months to go before the fall rains. [HOW MUCH RAIN IS ENOUGH?](#)

A debrief with the community is planned for October as a follow-up to our Water Dialogues. Two meetings will be held—one in Sechelt and one at Roberts



Creek Hall. There will also be an online questionnaire to gather feedback on how our summer water restrictions affected residents.

## Weekly Water Use Update



Average Water Use Last Week

**14.8** Million Litres/Day

Compared to Stage 3 Target

**23%** ↑

Compared to Winter\*

**42%** ↑

(\*10.4 ML/day average use - Nov 1, 2017 to Apr 30, 2018)

## Streamkeepers Course Sept. 21 & 22

Would you like to help take care of a creek or stream in your area? A new **Streamkeepers** course will be held on Sept. 21 and 22 at Chaster Creek in Elphinstone. A dozen spaces are available. The registration fee is \$50.

Trainers Dianne Sanford and Angela Kroning will give a hands-on introduction to fish habitat, stream restoration and waterway stewardship. And thank you to the SC Conservation Association for sponsoring this program.

Interested? **[APPLY HERE.](#)**



(Pictured at right is the group taking the course at Malcolm Creek in Roberts Creek in June.)

## More SCRD News Briefs

### Bylaw 310 Focus Groups

The SCRD is seeking citizen volunteers to participate in a focus group to review the new draft of [Zoning Bylaw 310](#). They are particularly looking for people who are interested in housing diversity, residential agriculture, home based business, cannabis production/retail, or short term rentals. To apply, [send an email](#) to with the subject line: Bylaw Update Focus Groups and describe the subject area you are most interested in.

### Short Term Rentals Update

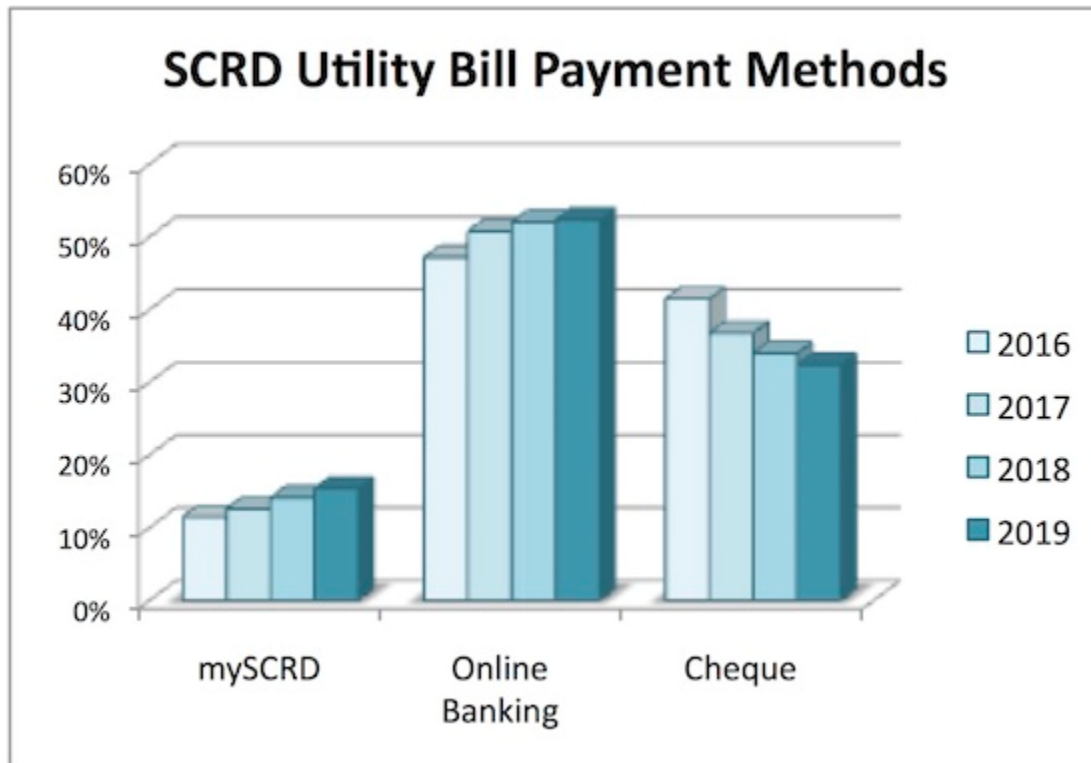
A public hearing on proposed new rules for Short Term Rentals was held on June 18. There wasn't time to get a report to the board before the summer break, but it should be on the agenda for the Planning Committee on September 12. Look for the [meeting agenda](#) on Sept. 6.

### New Procurement Policy Passed

On July 27 the board passed a new procurement policy that will enable the SCRD to include environmental sustainability and local buying in our purchase decisions. As well as price, we can consider best value factors such as the lifetime environmental impact of a product, or the value to our community of vendors who provide a living wage. We are also very pleased to be joining the [Coastal Community Social Procurement Initiative](#) (CCSPI).

### How do People Pay Their Utility Bills?

I love statistics, so I was interested in a report from staff on July 25 on what method people use to pay their utility invoices. 15% paid via a "**mySCRD**" account (up from 11% in 2016), 52% paid via online banking (up from 47%), and a surprising 32% still pay by cheque (down from 41%). A lot of people even come in person to the SCR D to pay their bill. The most efficient method, in terms of SCR D processing time, is the mySCR D account.



## And Elsewhere...

### Plastics Action Consultation

The Province has published a **Plastics Action Plan Policy Consultation Paper** and is conducting a public consultation on plastic waste. You can complete an **online public survey**, or send your comments or a formal



submission to [Plastics@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Plastics@gov.bc.ca).

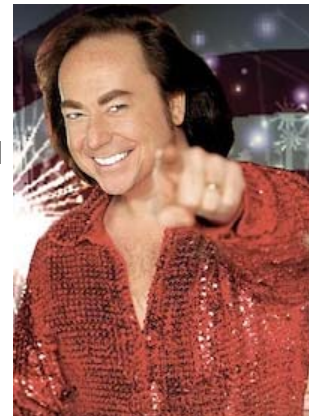


## Campaign Seeks to Protect Princess Louise Inlet

The BC Parks Foundation has launched a [capital fundraising campaign](#) to permanently protect Princess Louisa Inlet by purchasing privately owned land that is presently up for sale and transferring it to BC Parks for conversion into a Class A Provincial Park or land trust properties. This pristine inlet, located north of Egmont off Jervis Inlet, is a premiere destination for boaters and outdoor enthusiasts.

## Summer Stuff To Do

As always, there's a lot happening on the coast in summer. First, a big thank you to the team of folks (many from Elphinstone) who organized the first Lantern Festival in Gibsons on July 27.



Upcoming events include [Night Markets](#) at the Gibsons Public Market (Aug. 2 and 30), [Pender Harbour Days](#) (Aug 2-4), [Creek Daze](#) (Aug. 10), the [Sea Cavalcade](#) [Appreciation Concert](#) with Nearly Neil (Aug. 11), a [Backwoods Jazz Concert](#) with Karen Graves and Budge Schachte (Aug. 18), [Rogue Fest](#) (Aug. 23-25), the Woodcreek Park Neighbourhood Labour Day BBQ, and the [Sunshine Coast Labour Council Labour Day Picnic](#) (Sept. 2).

Have a great summer!



**THAT'S ALL FOR NOW, BUT....**

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

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## Mayor and Council

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**From:** [REDACTED]@telus.net  
**Sent:** July 30, 2019 1:57 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Cc:** Emanuel Machado; Lindsey Grist; info@gibsonspublicmarket.com  
**Subject:** Please respect and enforce the Town of Gibsons Noise Bylaws

**Importance:** High

Mayor and Council  
Town of Gibsons

cc to:  
E. Machado,  
L. Grist,  
Town of Gibsons

Attention:  
Colin Stansfield, Executive Director,  
Amanda Walker, Facility Manager  
Gibsons Public Market

July 30, 2019,

The Gibsons Public Market has been having a series of outdoor events, each weekend during the entire summer of 2019. These types of events actually started in the summer of 2018. The outdoor events on the weekends are sometimes in the afternoons, and/or all evening long. The events are using a very powerful, extremely LOUD, amplified sound system to broadcast disturbing noise throughout the entire Gibsons Landing neighbourhood. Since this neighbourhood has the topography of a natural amphitheater, the noise from the Market is transmitted far and wide up the slope to a great distance.

As residents in this area, we want to enjoy the peace and quiet of lovely summer evenings, for which we have waited all year long. What we don't want, is to have to retreat into our houses with all our doors and windows shut, to swelter in the summer heat, in a pathetic effort to shut out the obnoxious noise generated by a private business. Even with all the doors and windows tightly shut, there is no escape, the noise from the market drives right through our walls.

We would like to draw your attention to the Town of Gibsons bylaw that is supposed to protect residents from such abusive behaviour:

ARTICLE 2 – GENERAL REGULATIONS 2.1 No person shall, except as herein provided, make or cause to be made any noise or sound in or on a highway or elsewhere in the Municipality which disturbs or tends to disturb, the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighbourhood, or of persons in the vicinity. 2.2 No owner or occupier of property in the Municipality shall, except as herein provided, allow such property to be used so that noise or sound emanates therefrom which disturbs or tends to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighbourhood, or of persons in the vicinity. 2.3 No person shall play or operate any radio, stereophonic equipment or other instrument or any apparatus for the

production or amplification or sound either in or on private premises or in any public place in such a manner as to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighbourhood or of persons in the vicinity. 2.4 No person shall own, keep or harbour any animal or bird which by its cries unduly disturbs the peace, quiet, rest or tranquility of the surrounding neighbourhood or the public at large. 2.5 No hawker, huckster, peddler, newsvendor, or other person shall by his intermittent or reiterated cries disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of individuals or the public.

Other one time events, such as the Gibsons Jazz Festival, Music in the Landing, or the recent Lantern Festival also produce noise, but we have not found these sounds to be so powerful or at such offensive volumes; in fact, the sound levels from those other events have generally been well controlled and moderated. Why is it that the Gibsons Public Market, as a private for profit business, feels so entitled that it flouts the town's noise bylaws and is so abusive towards the local residents?

I would like this correspondence to remain in the public record.

Please ensure that the bylaws of the Town of Gibsons are respected and properly enforced so we can enjoy our lives again.

Thank you for your attention this matter,

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## Mayor and Council

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**From:** Colin Stansfield <colinstansfield@gibsonspublicmarket.com>  
**Sent:** July 30, 2019 3:37 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] @telus.net  
**Cc:** Mayor and Council; Emanuel Machado; Lindsey Grist  
**Subject:** Thank-you for taking the time to share your concerns.

Thank-you for your message, [REDACTED]

I appreciate you taking the time to share your experience with me and the other recipients of your letter (Cc'd on this reply). We are a learning organization and feedback is essential for our continued success.

Gibsons Community Building Society - the registered non-profit society that operates Gibsons Public Market and the Nicholas Sonntag Marine Education Centre - has a vision to serve as a vibrant hub of Coastal life, contributing to the well-being of residents and visitors alike.

We are sincere in our desire to make a positive contribution and to be a good neighbour - if we're frustrating your enjoyment of this beautiful neighbourhood then I'd like to learn more about how might resolve your concerns in a way that still supports lively and inclusive community celebration.

To that end, are you available to meet in the week of August 12-16? I'm travelling until then but keen to connect quickly after my return.

Kind regards,

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Colin Stansfield

Executive Director

604-886-8814

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**From:** [REDACTED]@telus.net  
**Sent:** July 31, 2019 8:14 PM  
**To:** Colin Stansfield  
**Cc:** Mayor and Council; Emanuel Machado; Lindsey Grist; Sue Booth  
**Subject:** Re: Thank-you for taking the time to share your concerns.

**Importance:** High

Colin Stansfield  
Executive Director  
Gibsons Public Market

Hello Colin,

Thank you for your reply, however I feel I need to clarify what my concerns are, once again, since it seems from reading your reply to me that I did not make myself sufficiently clear.

There is no need to meet with me, since the issue is very clear and simple. To reiterate, for your perusal and further understanding, I'm again copying the Town of Gibsons clearly written bylaw governing issues of noise disturbance, which you may wish to copy and post in the Market's administration office as a handy reminder for future reference:

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The Town of Gibsons bylaw enforcement officer will be following up this matter with the Gibsons Public Market. And, in the future, if there is a reoccurring noise problem generated by the Market in the off hours when the Gibsons bylaw officer is not available, a call to the RCMP to visit the Gibsons Public Market will suffice, and they can take up the issue with the Market's staff.

I trust that you understand that the town has written this bylaw with due consideration for wise and good governance, for the health and well being of the overall community and all its

neighbourhoods, since without this basic precept of consideration and respect for others, our society would become increasingly dysfunctional.

Sincerely yours,

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**From:** "Colin Stansfield" <colinstansfield@gibsonspublicmarket.com>  
**To:** 22(1) FOIPPA @telus.net  
**Cc:** "mayorandcouncil" <mayorandcouncil@gibsons.ca>, "emachado" <emachado@gibsons.ca>, "lgrist" <lgrist@gibsons.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2019 3:36:39 PM  
**Subject:** Thank-you for taking the time to share your concerns.

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British Columbia Schizophrenia Society Sunshine Coast Branch

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Re: Donation to the British Columbia Schizophrenia Society Sunshine Coast Branch

The Town of Gibsons' grant gift to the British Columbia Schizophrenia Society Sunshine Coast Branch (BCSSSCB) of \$1000.00 is greatly appreciated.

Your donation will enable the BCSS S.C. Branch to continue to provide services for families dealing with the mental illness of family members on the Sunshine Coast; in specific, Kids in Control, an educational and support program sponsored by the BCSS to help children with mental illness in their family cope. Thank you so very much for your generosity.

After the Kids in Control program is completed around the end of March or early April, we will send you a report.

Yours truly,

Bill Morgan Treasurer

Marilyn Giesbrecht, BCSS grant writer

British Columbia Schizophrenia Society Sunshine Coast Branch



## Mayor and Council

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA @uniserve.com>  
**Sent:** July 31, 2019 4:54 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Re homelessness

Dear Mayor Beamish,

The Vancouver Sun of Monday July 29 includes an article, actually Part I of a series, that I believe may be of interest to you, given the ongoing controversy about housing and other assistance for homeless and otherwise-struggling members of our Coastal society, youth in particular:

"People Going Through the Worst of the Worst: Kamloops is working to end youth homelessness by tackling the problem's root causes," by Nick Eagland. Pages A6-7. I assume it is available online.

All the best,

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top reasons given for homelessness. Others were family conflict, inability to afford rent and eviction.

Members of Youth Against Youth Homelessness, a group of young people who have experienced homelessness, said those reasons ring true.

Angell Olsen, 25, experienced hidden homelessness on and off for the past six years. She knew many homeless youth in Kamloops who were couch

surfing at friends' homes because they couldn't afford rent or couldn't return home because of family conflict.

"Going through childhood trauma and then addictions, I think it's really easy for family to just label you in this one category and decide that you need to (deal with) that on your own," she said. "But they have no idea about how dehumanizing that is for a person, speaking from personal experience."

## What's being done?

As B.C.'s opioid crisis devastates families, agencies and front line workers in Kamloops are meeting regularly to find ways to keep at-risk "kiddos" off the streets, despite a lack of affordable housing.

Katherine McParland, executive director of A Way Home Kamloops, believes the city's count underestimates youth homelessness because so much of it is hidden.

After bouncing among foster homes, shelters and the streets of Vernon in her youth, McParland said she learned that creating youth-specific housing is vital to ensuring stability.

"Youth on the streets are currency, whether it's for survival rape, which is when youth are sexually exploited, or survival hustling, when kids are forced into gangs or to do criminal activity in order to survive or receive protection on the streets," she said.

Housing vulnerable youth with adults also creates the potential for exploitation, she warned.

Based on her experience of a fragmented system, McParland helped to develop the Kamloops Youth Housing First Wrap Force, which connects youth with housing and education and employment programs. Youth visit one of 16 Wrap Force organizations to fill out an intake form rather than having to repeat their story to different people.





Katherine McParland, Executive director for A Way Home Kamloops, during an interview at the group's office in Kamloops. *GERRY KAHRMANN / PNG*

A Way Home Kamloops is subsidizing and running 16 “scattered-site” housing units spread across multiple buildings, with two support workers.

Last year, it found housing for 41 youth, including 13 in its housing and 28 in market housing. In the first five months of 2019, another 32 youth were housed, while 55 were put on a waiting list.

The society has also raised \$90,000 for Safe Suites — expected to open later this year — which will provide housing to youth with the most complex mental health and substance use issues. It will be staffed 24/7 and help residents stabilize and learn life skills so they can thrive independently.

McParland hopes those suites will open soon. Since the emergence of the overdose crisis in 2015, three youth on the society's waiting list have died while waiting for housing, she said.

“They need a safe environment where we're keeping out the predators and keeping it safe for them so they can move forward,” McParland said.

Around the corner from A Way Home, the Interior Community Services' youth street outreach office sees an average of 40 youth a month. Last year,

staff there had contact with 151 different youth, but only 10 identified as living on the street, with far more saying they had transitional, supported or regular housing.

Interior has been addressing the issue of youth homelessness through “quiet, solid work” since 1998, when it opened the Kamloops Youth Shelter to provide emergency and transition housing, said Nicole Arnould, director of youth programs and clinical services.

Its programs for at-risk youth include ReConnect, which supports youth struggling after a breakdown with family, and Safe Spaces Kamloops & Merritt, which supports LGBTQIAP2S+ youth and their supporters.

Staff also hold weekly dinners and hand out clean socks, feminine hygiene products and harm-reduction gear like needles, pipes and condoms. They stay in touch with youth through their preferred means of communication, which lately has been Facebook Messenger.

But since the arrival of the overdose crisis, the team’s resources have been stretched thin.

“I can say in my almost 20 years of work experience in this field with at-risk youth, I’ve never worked with youth with such addiction prior to this really happening,” said Tanya Tolman, program coordinator for youth street outreach and the Kamloops Youth Shelter. “We have to be extremely flexible and adaptable.”



Fresh fruit for clients dropping into the youth outreach office sit in front of Tanya Tolman, program coordinator for Kamloops youth shelter and street outreach. *GERRY KAHRMANN / PNG*

This means staff — who work closely with an Interior Health Authority nurse who specializes in overdose prevention, and methadone and Suboxone treatment — spend more time helping youth access medical appointments, treatment and detox.

Due to a lack of inpatient treatment options in Kamloops, Interior staff also need to drive youth to treatment centres in Metro Vancouver, Kelowna or Keremeos, Tolman said.

Tolman said they can't really afford that nor is it in their contracts. "But we do it because there isn't any other option — particularly since Greyhound (bus service) has shut down," she said.

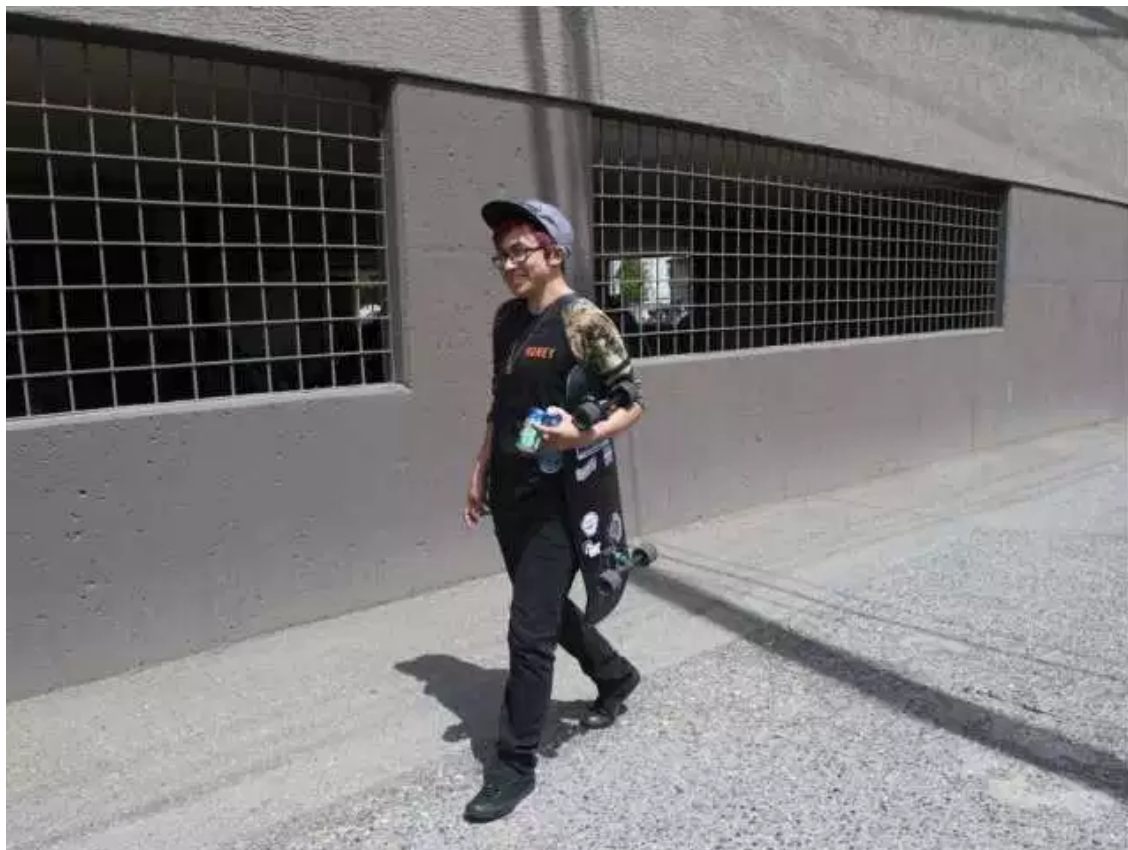
## Indigenous youth overrepresented

Both of the latest homelessness counts in Kamloops found that roughly half of those surveyed identified as Indigenous or of Indigenous descent, despite less than 10 per cent of the total population identifying as Indigenous.

Quintin Courtoreille, 22, who is an Indigenous and LGBTQ+ person, recently found housing after years of couch surfing and living in tents on hillsides.

He said discrimination prevented him from getting housing.

“You find that you’re pretty unsafe,” said Courtoreille, who is co-chair of the group Youth Against Youth Homelessness. “There are a lot of people who are very abusive against people who are trans or don’t look like they fit in place. Natives get picked a lot on here, too, even though this is all Secwepemc land.”



Quintin Courtoreille, 22, co-chair of Youth Against Youth Homeless, walks toward the offices of A Way Home in Kamloops. *GERRY KAHRMANN / PNG*

The impacts of colonization and poor outcomes for child welfare survivors have been well-studied, said Colleen Lucier, executive director at Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family and Community Services.

It comes as no surprise to her that Indigenous people are overrepresented on the streets of Kamloops, she said.

“I feel like we already know that story,” Lucier said. “We don’t spend a lot of time dwelling on what has caused it. We know historically what has caused our people to become disconnected, become engaged in unhealthy

practices. We want to focus on how we redress those harms and move forward in a good way.”

The Métis organization focuses on services to help Indigenous youth in care to reconnect with their families, communities and cultural identity.

Lii Michif Otipemisiwak, which has had child-protection authority for Métis families in the Kamloops area since 2017, currently has a caseload of 50 youth it supports as they transition out of the care of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

At its cosy facilities on Tranquille Road, an elder in residence spends time with youth making bannock, drinking coffee and chatting like extended family.



Executive Director Colleen Lucier, left, and Cheyenne Gentles, Indigenous youth and housing assistant, in the the Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family and Community Services offices in Kamloops. *GERRY KAHRMANN / PNG*

Lii Michif Otipemisiwak is developing a new housing project with 31 affordable homes to co-house elders with Indigenous youth ages 16 to 27, during and after their time in the child welfare system.

“It’s not just a one-off experience or activity,” Lucier said. “That’s what our children, youth and families need. They need to reconnect themselves and remind themselves about who they are, where they come from and the strength in that.”

## B.C. government recognizes the issue

For its part, B.C.’s government says it needs to act on youth homelessness in Kamloops.

“We agree that more needs to be done to address youth homelessness and agree that a cross-government, provincial response is required,” said an emailed statement from the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions.

B.C. Housing has provided 89 rent supplements for the homeless in Kamloops, including 40 for youth. It provides 24 units of subsidized youth housing and owns a four-unit group home for youth.



Youth worker Chris Bose paints a mural on the youth drop in centre of the Lii Michif Otipemisiwak, Family and Community Services in Kamloops. *GERRY KAHRMANN / PNG*

## ‘There is so much judgment’

Jasmine said being homeless taught her that government still isn't doing enough to provide housing and shelter spaces for homeless and at-risk youth. She wants to see more funding for treatment and counselling services, and job and life-skills training programs, too, she said.

She wants schools to better educate youth about the root causes of addiction — pain and trauma — rather than focus on shocking them about the effects of drugs.

For now, she will continue to remind people that a little compassion can go a long way for people struggling with addiction and homelessness, she said.

"I think that there's so much judgment from people that aren't homeless and haven't been homeless," Jasmine said.

"Try to understand why people are like that. Once people make these decisions that end up with them on the streets doing drugs or whatever it is, some of those people can't bounce back because of the judgments that other people make."

*Tomorrow: What more needs to be done to reduce the number of homeless youth.*

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## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** Sunshine Coast Tourism <info@sunshinecoastcanada.com>  
**Sent:** July 31, 2019 1:49 PM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** So Many Reasons To Celebrate! 2019 Media Highlights & Fall Co-Operative Ad Opportunities

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This has been a record-breaking summer for the Sunshine Coast, and we are not talking about the weather. Well over 25 travel, lifestyle and business stories have been published about the Sunshine Coast and our members in June and July alone. The articles have been published online, in print (or both) and read by audiences around the world including in Canada, Germany, China, the UK and the USA. The Globe and Mail, BC Business Magazine, Forbes.com and BC Living are just a few of the outlets that have covered the Sunshine Coast this year.

Here are some highlights:



- [10 sun-drenched patios on the Sunshine Coast to visit this summer - Vancouver Sun](#)
- [What To Eat, Drink and Do on the Sunshine Coast - BCLiving](#)
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While the small but mighty Sunshine Coast Tourism (SCT) team works hard to promote and share the best of the Sunshine Coast, a destination marketing organization (DMO) is only as strong as its members and stakeholders. Congratulations and enthusiastic high fives go out to our members who host media throughout the year. Hosting media is much more than offering a free meal, room or experience – it is also about engagement and advocacy. That means sharing stories and being a good ambassador for other businesses and most importantly for the entire region from Lund to Langdale.

If you have never hosted media before and would like to, or you just want to learn more about the process, please contact **Andrea Wickham-Foxwell** at [\*\*media@sunshinecoastcanada.com\*\*](mailto:media@sunshinecoastcanada.com).

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12 spots available at \$500/ad

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## Tracy Forster

**From:** Union of BC Municipalities <ubcm@ubcm.ca>  
**Sent:** July 31, 2019 12:40 PM  
**To:** Tracy Forster  
**Subject:** Plastics Action Plan; Marine Debris; Renovictions; Executive Highlights

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### Input on Plastics Action Plan

The provincial government is seeking feedback on a proposed BC Plastics Action Plan. Interested parties can review the policy discussion paper and fill out the online survey by September 18, 2019. Formal submissions will also be accepted. [Read more](#)

### Abandoned Vessels and Marine-Sourced Debris

The provincial government has appointed MLA Sheila Malcolmson as Parliamentary Secretary for Environment, with a particular focus on abandoned vessels and marine-sourced debris. MLA Malcolmson is seeking feedback from local governments on potential solutions and challenges related to abandoned vessels and marine-sourced debris. [Read more](#)

### New Renovation and Related Policy Guidelines

The Province has created new guidelines on ending a tenancy for landlord's use of the property, addressing [renovations](#) and [occupancy by a landlord, purchaser or close family member](#). These are intended to help clarify and build awareness of rules established under the Residential Tenancy Act and to help prevent renovictions.

### UBCM Executive Meeting Highlights

Executive members met on July 10-12, 2019 for their quarterly Committee and board meetings. The July meeting provides closure on a number of year-end matters but also establishes direction for the year ahead. In addition to reviewing 279 resolutions, Executive members received delegations from the Lieutenant Governor, Honourable Janet Austin, OBC and from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Honourable Selina Robinson. [Read more](#)

### Input on Container Stewardship Plan

The Brewers' Recycled Container Collection Council (BRCCC) is seeking feedback on their [Schedule 1 Container Stewardship Plan](#), which is due for renewal this year. Comments can be [submitted](#) until September 13th. BRCCC is offering three [webinars](#) in August and September to provide more information and answer questions from interested parties.

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## Mayor and Council

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA [REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** July 30, 2019 7:13 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed BC Housing Development at School Rd and O'Shea Rd in Gibsons

Dear Mayor Beamish and Council:

Please find below an email that I sent to BC Housing. Thanks for listening to local residents on this very important issue.

Yours sincerely,

22(1) FOIPPA,  
22(1) FOIPPA Road

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA [REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Date:** July 28, 2019 at 9:07:17 PM PDT  
**To:** Community Relations <[communityrelations@bchousing.org](mailto:communityrelations@bchousing.org)>  
**Subject:** Proposed BC Housing Development at School Rd and O'Shea Rd in Gibsons

Greetings to all of the good folks leading this needed proposal!

We live on Abbs Road. We have read about the proposal to build 40 single occupant apartments for homeless people on the former RCMP site at the corner of School Road and O'Shea Road. **It's an excellent proposal and should move forward as soon as possible!** Many other towns and cities across the world have discovered the astonishingly simple truth - people who have a place to live can move forward with other challenges, including health problems, employment and finding meaning in their lives. A [study](#) by social scientists at the University of Calgary showed that a Housing First approach is effective, and ends up reducing the overall costs to society. The choice is simple: housing homeless people and allowing them to move forward, or leaving them homeless and unable to move forward. The former path is more compassionate, more effective, and cheaper.

There's a lot of unjustifiable fear about people who need a place to live. Those of us with comfortable homes find it hard to imagine how someone became homeless. This is ultimately due to a lack of compassion, and a lack of curiosity to understand those who are different from us. Each homeless person is a human being with strengths, weaknesses, skills and challenges. Each has a heart-rending story to tell of how their life trajectory took a tough turn, and a more positive story of their hopes for a fresh start and their desire to make meaningful contributions to the community. As people lucky enough to live in Gibsons, it behooves us to listen to these stories.

Here's one story. During 2017 and part of 2018 we shared our home with a friend when she had nowhere to live. Despite being a talented graphic designer and artist, she was in very difficult financial circumstances following the death of her husband (who had left her no money), and

challenges associated with one of her two sons being addicted to heroin (who was abusive and stole some of her money). She was initially very discouraged. Having a safe place to live made a huge difference to her life. She found peace in our home and yard, suggested creative improvements to our home, got involved in community activities (e.g., volunteering to design sets for theatre productions), and found employment. She would have loved to have found her own place to live in Gibsons, but could not find any affordable accommodation, and ended up moving to Campbell River. The housing development at School Road and O'Shea Road (or the proposed development beside Christensen Village) would have been a great place for her to live.

We're unfortunately not able to attend the meetings on Wednesday July 31 at the public market due to another commitment. We hope that this submission provides useful input, and that the proposed development moves forward as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

**22(1) FOIPPA** and **22(1) FOIPPA**  
**22(1) FOIPPA** Abbs Road.



## Mayor and Council

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**From:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com  
**Sent:** July 31, 2019 5:11 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Old Cop Shop

Please, please, please do not approve this location for ....

We are 100% against this.

From a cop shop neighbourhood, which was one of the reasons for moving here, to a low life/income neighbourhood. Seriously!

How would all of you like to live beside this building?

I don't want to see them living in this area.

Crime would definitely go up.

Too close to the school.

Property value would go down.

Put it over by the new cop. That would still close to the Gibsons centre.

[REDACTED]

## Tracy Forster

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**From:** Mayor Bill Beamish  
**Sent:** August 4, 2019 6:44 AM  
**To:** Lindsey Grist; Tracy Forster  
**Subject:** Fwd: School Road Supportive Housing  
**Attachments:** SUPPORTIVE HOUSING LOW BARRIER WRONG LOCATION (2).docx

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

"Our Vision for the Community includes You"

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**From:** [REDACTED]@telus.net  
**Date:** Aug. 4, 2019 00:44  
**Subject:** School Road Supportive Housing  
**To:** Mayor Bill Beamish <mayor@gibsons.ca>, Mayor Bill Beamish <mayor@gibsons.ca>, Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@gibsons.ca>  
**Cc:**

To: Mayor Beamish and Gibsons Town Council,

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We are sure the majority of people in Gibsons would appreciate it, if we could find a more secluded location for Supportive Housing. Not on the corner of a main road, in the middle of a residential area, a half block from an elementary school. We need a location on a dead end street similar to Sechelt Supportive Housing. We sincerely hope the you, as the duly elected Gibsons Town Council, take the time to listen to the towns people and put this project on hold while other options are considered. We, the neighbors, want to be part of the solution. Attached is a list of the neighbors very real and legitimate concerns regarding Supportive Housing.

Thank you for your consideration.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

## **LOW BARRIER SUPPORTIVE HOUSING**

### **RIGHT IDEA?**

Low barrier housing places minimal expectation on residents.

Tenants are NOT expected to abstain from using alcohol or illegal drugs.

Low-barrier facilities follow a harm reduction philosophy.

### **WRONG LOCATION!**

- Half block from the Gibsons' Elementary School and Daycares
- On corner of two busy high-profile streets in residential neighborhood
- No criminal checks and no curfew
- Drugs and alcohol allowed on site
- No detox or supervised injection on site

### **40 UNITS ON TWO LOTS**

- Does not meet bylaws or follow Official Community Plan
- Overwhelms low density in the single detached neighborhood
- Lowers real estate value
- Provides no space for needed parking

### **OFFICIAL COUNTS DO NOT SUPPORT 40 UNITS**

- There are presently few homeless problems in Gibsons. Nobody sleeping on the streets or panhandling.
- The latest official homeless count in Gibsons 11-16.

### **AFTER 40 UNIT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING OPENED IN SECHLT IN APRIL**

- Homelessness count increased 200! Will this happen in Gibsons?
- Police and mental health services are overwhelmed! Will this happen in Gibsons?

Affordable housing is NOT available in Gibsons for new hire Police Officers or Emergency Workers.

**GIBSONS NEEDS AFFORDABLE HOUSING NOW NOT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.**

## Tracy Forster

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**From:** Mayor Bill Beamish  
**Sent:** August 5, 2019 10:00 AM  
**To:** Councillors  
**Cc:** Lindsey Grist; Emanuel Machado; Tracy Forster; Elizabeth Quayle  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: School Road Supportive Housing

Fyi, Bill

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

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**From:** Mayor Bill Beamish <mayor@gibsons.ca>  
**Date:** Aug. 5, 2019 09:58  
**Subject:** Re: School Road Supportive Housing  
**To:** <sup>22(1) FOIPPA</sup> [REDACTED]@telus.net  
**Cc:**

Thank you all for your email and thoughtful comments on the supportive housing project.

As you know, this project is under review now and in September, Council will receive a report from staff on the results from the two information sessions held on July 31st. Council will be asked then if we have enough information to move the project to second reading of the bylaw or if additional consultation is needed.

If Council does move to second reading, the next step will be to hold a public hearing to give another opportunity for the community to comment on the proposal.

Like the rest of the community, members of Council are asking questions and learning about the project and the potential impacts it may have on the community and on the people who would have homes there. It is complicated and we understand your concerns.

Thsnk you again for your email.

Bill

Bill Beamish  
Mayor-Gibsons, BC  
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## Mayor and Council

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA @gmail.com>  
**Sent:** August 5, 2019 11:39 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** 749 School Road Plans - Community Input requested by 5th August

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express my deepest concerns with the plans for 749 School Road and to request that you either change the scope and size of the proposal significantly, or look to move it to a different location.

The Supportive Housing Proposal in its current form is totally unsuitable for the site - both in terms of density and resident criteria - and shows blatant disregard to the safety and well-being of the neighbouring residents, and especially to the children of Gibsons Elementary School, the After School and Summer childcare programs, YMCA Daycare, and although slightly further away - I would also include Esprit Daycare and Elphinstone Secondary School.

While I'm concerned for the community in general, I'm also personally extremely troubled as I have children that attend daycare and the afterschool/summer childcare programs; and my parents, who are elderly, live within 100m of the site.

I'm appalled at the anguish that my parents are now being forced to suffer in their late years due to this proposal. They have spent a lifetime contributing to society and worked hard all their lives to be able to afford a very modest home to retire to. They now find themselves afraid of their own neighbourhood, and losing sleep over the thought that their home (which is everything they have worked so hard for) is now valueless.

Furthermore, with the increased likelihood of discarded needles and drug pushers either on or right next to the school grounds, I'm extremely concerned for my children's safety. I understand that there are restrictions on the residents of 749 being on school grounds during school hours, but where is the consideration for the children that attend Daycare and After School & Summer programs, and the children that play there outside of school hours?

While I understand that the site has been transferred from the Federal government "in support of projects designed to assist communities to strengthen their capacity to help homeless families and individuals and those at imminent risk of homelessness", surely it would be much more appropriate to look to accommodate a number of families that meet this criteria at this site, given the fabric of the neighbourhood.

I implore you to say "no" to these plans and look for alternatives that support **all** members of our community.

Sincerely,

22(1) FOIPPA

## Mayor and Council

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA [REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** August 6, 2019 7:33 AM  
**To:** communityrelations@bchousing.org; Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Supportive Housing: 749 School Road, Gibsons

Mayor Beamish and Council:

There is no doubt that supports are needed for those who are homeless, who have a mental illness, who have a drug addiction - or all three.

But low barrier housing at 749 School Road is not the answer to meet these complex needs. A project such as this so close to an elementary school defies logic.

Rethink this project: find another location away from schools yet close to medical, paramedic and police services. Rethink the target audience: providing support and services to the group listed is vastly complex - if you want changes in behaviour you need skilled, intensive services, not just a shelter.

22(1) FOIPPA [REDACTED]

22(1) FOIPPA [REDACTED] Road  
Gibsons, BC V0N 1V0

It was suggested by Mayor Bearish at the last Council Meeting that a report be considered from the OOCA regarding the current supportive housing proposal. In consideration, Wildwood Crescent community members met with 3 members of the OOCA including William Baker on August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 and discussed how best to participate in the Towns decision making process. Using the Public Participation Toolkit was discussed. We decided to support each other in writing reports because the extremely short time frame set by Council did not allow for the Wildwood Community group to meet and adopt the report from OOCA. We appreciate being part of the OOCA and also believe that as the small neighborhood most affected by this proposal we want to voice our concerns as alongside the OOCA.

We feel that the BC Housing time frame with their aim to start construction by fall 2019 does not allow real community engagement. As 20 of the closest neighbors, with several of our homes backing onto or siding the proposed 40 unit structure we feel to date that our voices have been neglected and overlooked by the current Town Council. This is demonstrated by the facts that we have not received replies to our questions to council via email and have not been granted time to voice concerns nor engage in key decision in the projects public process to date.

Will the current Town Council please respond to our questions and concerns and put a pause in the process?

Our community requests the Town Council to solicit true meaningful consultation so that meeting the need to house our homeless does not have to trample on existing residents and so allows Gibson's to truly prosper.

Please consider this as a request to hear our delegation at September's Council Meeting.

Furthermore, in our attempt to understand how this proposal came to exist we found:

1. The old RCMP land was previously proposed for affordable housing in cooperation with Habitat for Humanity (who is still interested in August 2019).

<https://www.coastclarion.ca/habitat-for-humanity-willing-to-build-20-affordable-condos-at-old-rcmp-site>

Why was this project proposal terminated? Has the current Council considered it?

2. The property being turned over to Town of Gibsons did not need to be mandated by BC Housing for conglomerate 40 unit style housing. Very different SFRPHI project examples in other communities are shared on the Canada.ca website and included below:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/homeless/homeless-surplus-project-examples.html>

Has this Council studied the official counts numbers of homeless in Gibsons? Personal stories of one homeless person living in a car or a now nonexistent group living in the public works yard should not influence the decision to go proceed with a multimillion dollars project of taxpayers' dollars!

3. In a community consultation process (Gibsons Affordable Housing Policy Workshop June 23, 2015 (File number 5040-10-09) the question of special needs, emergency and supportive housing was raised as to whether it was needed and who could use this type of housing and where should it be located? Participants recorded response to the location was



- Close to services, bus route and amenities
- Located in Upper Gibson's
- A location near Reed Road might avoid NIMBYism

Why was this advice not adhered to in the current proposal?

Issues needing attention in the current proposal:

1. The 40 unit 'supportive housing' facility is in contravention of the OCP; in particulate sections 9.1.3, 9.1.5, 9.2, 9.3.3, 9.3.4, 9.3.6.
2. It is also in contravention of the Land Use Designation with its FLR and its current zoning, facts that are being addressed by the OOCA report and submitted to Council.
3. The proximity to Gibson's Elementary School and adjacent forested pathways and fields, yielding many security issues.
4. The location on School Road is not acceptable,
  - a. Sole access road to Wildwood Crescent, Sargent Road
  - b. Major pathway for drivers and walkers into lower and upper Gibson's
  - c. Short downhill walk to Lower Gibson's businesses and parks and closest public area for gathering, panhandling and loitering and accessing bus routes
  - d. Very short uphill walk to school grounds and fields
  - e. Space on site will be limited for parking and gathering
  - f. Residents and activities and behaviors will be visible and accessible to school kids
  - g. Security fencing and building design around are not character of tourist town
5. What is the reason for installing 40 units in what is conglomerate style housing, rather than adhering to small unit scattered style housing?
  - a. Scattered site housing supports community integration and rehabilitation of people who have experienced homelessness
  - b. Conglomerate housing is NOT recommended according to housing first research. See Aubrey, Prillettensky, Nelson, et al.

To document some of our specific concerns with the proposed site location: the proposed facility doubles the population in our neighborhood. This will mean at least 50% of our neighbors will have serious addictions and/or severe mental illnesses. This gives concern for the safety of the current community who are largely seniors aging in place.

1. School road is our only access road by scooter, foot or car to Upper or Lower Gibson's. We are concerned about our accessibility.
2. The property around our homes are not fences and trees are established making security difficult and expensive and residents in single homes feel vulnerable.
3. Community members who are trying to sell, report that buyers are not interested in homes located near the proposed homeless housing site.
4. Current owners, newly invested in upward of ¼ million dollars properties are worried about their investments and options to have properties hold their value when eventual life changes mean being able to sell and afford senior care.

Can Council ensure our safety and guarantee our quality of life and investment in our homes and property will not be affected (by rushed bylaw and zoning changes) and adoption of this proposed supportive housing?

In closing, we ask that this project, that is way too large for its land and location and our peace of mind, be paused and opened up to a real process of community participation. Our community is prepared to suggest alternatives as possibilities!

Sincerely submitted as a member of the concerned Wildwood Community Group,

22(1) FOIPPA

Submitted to

Mayor Bill Beamish

Councilors, Annemarie De Andrade, Aleria Ludwig, David Croal, Stafford Lumley

Copied to William Baker, Director OOCA, and unlisted members of concerned Wildwood Community

Question why not Habitat and affordable housing in Gibsons is a priority

Question of why supportive housing in Gibsons when one has been built in neighboring Sechelt Whose responsible for changing existing government count

Question of how and why it came to be proposed along School Road

Question

Council community consult

Rushing it thru with threats of land payback/ supportive housing crises/ BC withdrawing funds for housing

Whose in charge right now

We want a voice as the neighborhood and neighbours most likely to be directly affected...

Safety

Security

Investment in community and location

Aging in place

Increase in car use

Numbers

Homes touching property

Only access road

House values – WENT TO LESS THAN DESIRABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD!

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A true public engagement process following ...\

In consultation with our community association OOCA we discussed similar concerns regarding the lack of adhering to the actual and intent kn the OCP

## Coastal Fire Centre Status Report


CoFC Information Officer: (250) 951-4229

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Fire Activity			
<b>Fires Currently Burning</b>	5 (3 lightning-caused / 2 human-caused)* * Subtotals may not add up to the total; fires not classified as "lightning-caused" or "human-caused" are still under investigation		
<b>New Fires Last Week</b>	5		
	<b>This Season (Since April 1<sup>st</sup>)</b>	<b>Last Year (2018)</b>	<b>10 Year Average (2009-2018)</b>
<b>Total Fires to Date</b>	108	130	125
<b>Total Hectares to Date</b>	307	136970	21196

Overview
Due to the cooler weather across the Coastal Fire Centre area, we have seen a significant reduction in the number of fires throughout our region. Five fires remain active but no problems or issues are anticipated and crews continue to work on those fires.
As well, the cooler weather across the province and northern regions are enabling many of the Coastal manpower resources previously deployed to now return to their home bases for days of rest.
With an upswing in temperatures across the region, fire officials continue to encourage the public to enjoy the outdoors in a responsible manner through this weekend by keeping their campfires within the size limitations and ensure that those campfires are not left unattended and are extinguished prior to leaving the campsite.
To report a wildfire, call *5555 on all cellular networks or 1-800-663-5555.

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	No Ban	Not in Effect
Cat 3 - No Restriction		
For more information on specific activities that are prohibited during a Category 3, Category 2, or Campfire ban, visit: <a href="http://gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status">gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status</a>		

Weather Synopsis
Moisture entrained in the prevailing westerly flow maintains cloudier skies and cooler temperatures across the north today as isolated morning showers expand in coverage and increase in intensity through the afternoon (risk of an embedded thundershower over the Mid Coast). Meanwhile, progressively less moisture to the south allows for partly sunny to mainly sunny skies and near or above average temperatures as inflow/onshore winds continue to help moderate humidities. A stream of frontal moisture approaches from the southwest late overnight or early Thursday morning bringing rain to western sections of the Island north of roughly Bamfield. By the afternoon, a roughly 200km wide band of rain oriented from SW to NE should become centered over the Mid Island & north end of the Sunshine Coast. Partly sunny, warmer, and drier conditions could be seen both southeast and northwest of this feature. Elevated SW or Inflow winds should develop across the south on Thursday. This, in combination with locally warmer and drier conditions should push ISI's up above 10 in many parts of the Fraser and potentially south end of the Pemberton zone Thursday afternoon while cloudier skies and higher RH's help buffer values throughout much of the South Island. Issued: 1100 PDT Wednesday 31 July 2019

Zone Fire Danger Rating	
Fraser	Low to Moderate, patch of High
Pemberton	South half Moderate, north half Low
Sunshine Coast	Low in north, Moderate in south
South Island	Moderate to High
Mid Island	Low, large portions of Moderate to High
North Island	Low, patches of Very Low
Central Coast (Bella Coola)	Very Low
Haida Gwaii	Very Low

24HR Lightning Forecast
Issued: 1100 PDT Wednesday 31 July 2019
CHANCE OF LIGHTNING / DRY LIGHTNING -
FRASER – PEMBERTON - SUNSHINE COAST: Today: 20/0. Tonight: 10/0. Tomorrow: 20/0.
SOUTH ISLAND: Today: 20/10. Tonight: 0/0. Tomorrow: 20/0.
NORTH ISLAND - MID-COAST: Today: 20/10. Tonight: 20/0. Tomorrow: 20/0.
HAIDA GWAII: Today: 10/0. Tonight: 10/0. Tomorrow: 20/0.

3-5 Day Weather Outlook
(Friday-Sunday) The typically drier eastern sections of the Island and inland valleys of the Sunshine Coast should see rain in this pattern, likely approaching or exceeding 10mm under the main moisture stream with upwards of 75mm in upslope areas. Local rainfall amounts Thursday/Thursday night will play a large role in how quickly the valleys undergo partial clearing Friday afternoon – meanwhile, Fraser and parts of Pemberton & South Island zones could remain cloudy all day. Issued: 1100 PDT Wednesday 31 July 2019

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

Zone Activity Level	
<b>Level 1: (Exporting)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low to normal fire activity; no additional resource support is anticipated</li> <li>Adequate resources to deal with anticipated fire demands</li> <li>Monitor and anticipate possible support for non-wildfire provincial emergencies</li> <li>Zone resources may be deployed to other zones, fire centres, and out of province</li> </ul>	
<b>Level 2: (Exporting/Holding)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is an increase in fire activity; zone resources are adequate to meet their demands</li> <li>Monitor and anticipate possible support for non-wildfire provincial emergencies</li> <li>Limited resources may be deployable to other zones, fire centres, or out of province</li> </ul>	
<b>Level 3: (Holding)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is an increase in fire activity; zone may not be able to meet local resource demands</li> <li>Resources from other zones / fire centres may be requested to assist zone activity</li> <li>Long term strategic planning becomes critical in determining what resources are needed where</li> <li>Zone staff on standby based on anticipated needs</li> </ul>	
<b>Level 4: (Holding/Importing)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The zone is experiencing a high level of fire activity</li> <li>Zone resources will need to be supplemented from other zones / fire centres / type 2 crews</li> <li>Out of province resource requests for specific or critical resources may be required if provincial resource capacity is not able to handle fire demands</li> </ul>	
<b>Level 5: (Importing)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The zone is experiencing very significant fire activity, and/or extreme fire behaviour; heavy demands on provincial and fire centre resources are occurring and anticipated to continue</li> <li>Resource capacity is supplemented with staff from Wildfire TEAMS, other Ministries, the forest sector, Fire Departments, and type 2/3 resources</li> </ul>	

Fire Stages of Control	
<b>Out of Control</b>	Describes a wildfire that is not responding (or only responding on a limited basis) to suppression action, such that the perimeter spread is not being contained.
<b>Being Held</b>	Indicates that (with the resources currently committed to the fire) sufficient suppression action has been taken that the fire is not likely to spread beyond existing or predetermined boundaries under the prevailing and forecasted conditions.
<b>Under Control</b>	The fire has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire.

*Disclaimer: The information in this status report is intended for general purposes only and should not be relied on for operational decisions as fires are dynamic and situations change quickly. The BC Wildfire Service makes no warranties or guarantees either expressed or implied as to the completeness, accuracy or correctness of the information, nor accept any liability arising from any incorrect, incomplete or misleading information contained therein.*

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

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



# Check out those rumours

## Letters

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Coast Reporter

AUGUST 1, 2019 09:14 AM

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### Editor:

Several of my neighbours have told me they have it on good authority that the RainCity Housing development in Sechelt is a disaster and that the locals have to clean up used needles. My neighbours are scared and outraged that something that dangerous is being proposed near Gibsons Elementary. I found it hard to believe that a homeless person who has been abusing substances out in the community would be housed and then use needles outside their own building. So I called the manager of the Sechelt facility. As I expected, he strongly disputed what I'd been told. I have three things to say about this.

First, when we hear rumours, even from dear and trusted friends, it's best to check. Here are some places I encourage my neighbours to check on this issue: RainCity, RCMP, School District No. 46, Gibsons Elementary PAC, neighbours of the RainCity-run shelter in Gibsons, and the Sechelt mayor or CAO.

Second, common sense and many studies (search "housing first" for references) would tell us that providing safe housing for people who are currently part of our community without safe housing would reduce the instances of used needles in public places, reduce the costs of hospitalization for those who live out in the elements (remember we have already had at least one such person die), and because of the use of showers, increase the likelihood of these people moving back into paid employment or education leading to such employment.

Finally, morally, I believe we have a duty to "the least of these" who need our help, our respect, and our compassion.

**22(1) FOIPPA, Gibsons**

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# Southern Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee

JULY 2019

## Ferry

### Advisory Committees

BC Ferries meets with local community representatives to discuss day-to-day operations, planned improvements and broader policy issues such as fares and strategic planning.

### FAC Members:

Diana Mumford  
(Chair)  
Grace Carter  
Anne Cochran  
David Croal  
Ali Glencross  
Maureen Hamblin  
Paul Kamon  
Peter Kosof  
Matt McLean  
Robin Marriott  
Pat Moore  
Gary Nohr  
Lori Pratt  
Nicolas Weswick

## Route 3 - Letter to Minister & MLA

This Ferry Advisory Committee received a letter from Minister Claire Trevena in June, providing details of the changes to the Coastal Ferry Act that the government believes will be beneficial to ferry users. Minister Trevena provided her list of highlights which included:

- The B.C. Ferry Commissioner must now consider the broader public interest when regulating ferry services
- The Commissioner must consider the Province's greenhouse gas emission targets when regulating ferry services
- Consumer advocates will be able to participate more in the Commissioner's regulatory processes, providing a public interest perspective in the review of ferry services
- Vice Presidents at BC Ferries are now included in the definition of "executive", which will provide greater transparency and oversight of executive compensation
- The Province may now appoint four BC Ferry Authority directors, instead of two, bringing a greater public interest perspective to BC Ferries' shareholder
- The BC Ferry Authority must now set term limits of eight years when appointing directors to the BC Ferry Services Board
- The Authority must oversee the strategic direction of BC Ferries in support of the public interest

In a letter of response, the FAC acknowledged that the rollback of ferry fares and the free passenger travel for B.C. seniors on Monday to Thursday has positively assisted residents with the cost of their ferry travel to and from the Coast.

However, it was felt that those changes to the Act and the fare price freeze do not adequately address the significant challenges for residents to travel back and forth to the Coast in a comfortable and timely manner. A list of concerns was provided, and these issues must be resolved in order to have a ferry service that best meet the needs of local residents.

They include:

- The current contract between the Provincial Government and B.C. Ferries for route 3 is not adequate to meet the needs of Coastal residents at any time of the year. In fact, B.C. Ferries already provides service 20% above that contract to try to address route 3 ferry usage.
- With daily overloads on many sailings, the wait can easily be two to four hours in a terminal parking lot, especially in the shoulder period as well as the hot summer months.
- No second full time vessel until 2024, after the re-development of both Horseshoe Bay and Langdale Terminals

It is hoped that Coast residents support improvements to our Coastal ferry service by voicing their opinion to the local MLA and the Ministry of Transportation.

**Contact** Email: [www.sscferryadvisorycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:www.sscferryadvisorycommittee@gmail.com)  
Or phone Diana Mumford (Chair) at 604-836-9651



The following report was provided to members of the Ferry Advisory Committee by BC Ferries at the FAC meeting held May 29th in Gibsons.



## Southern Sunshine Coast FAC Report May 2019

### On Time Performance:

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
F2018 Rt 3	70%	59%	42%	73%	81%	82%	63%	81%	68%	96%	97%	89%
F2019 Rt 3	84%	77%	77%	63%	78%	81%	82%	90%	86%	95%	93%	82%

### Reliability:

F2019 YE	Estimated Schedule Core Round Trips	Controllable Core Round Trip Cancellations	Vessel Reliability	Cancellation Due to Weather, Medical and Rescues	All Core Round Trip Cancellations
Route 3	3098	3.5	99.89%	5	8.5

F2019	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Route 3	70%	75%	70%	73%	75%	72%	69%	65%	64%	58%	55%	66%

### Overloads:

	F2019			F2018		
	Overloads	Sailings	% Overloads F2019	Overloads	Sailings	% Overloads F2018
Route 3	1,816	6,392	28.4%	1,896	6,403	29.6%

### Capacity Utilization:

F2019	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Route 3	70%	75%	70%	73%	75%	72%	69%	65%	64%	58%	55%	66%

Note: F2019 includes 220 round trips above CFSC minimum round trip requirement

### Clarification:

Data provided for F 2018, F2019 etc. is for the 'fiscal' year which runs from April 1 to March 31 of the following year. Therefore F2019 is from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

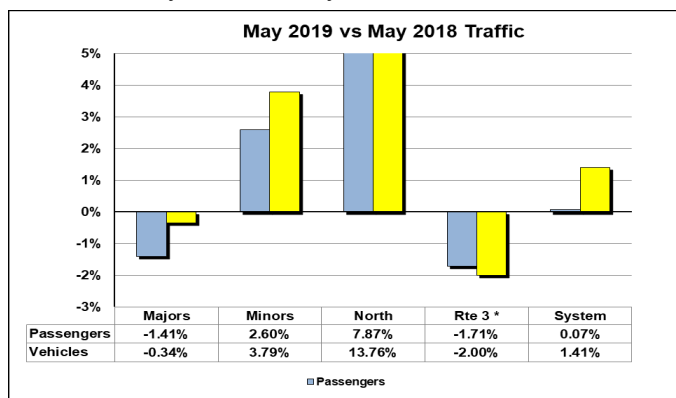
# May Ferry Statistics

The traffic continues to increase for the Northern and Minor routes, while the Majors and route 3 go the other direction. Some of that decrease in majors and route 3 could be the split in holidays for spring break and Easter. The move to the shoulder schedules was likely also a contributing factor, as the service provided was causing significant overloads for residents and travellers.

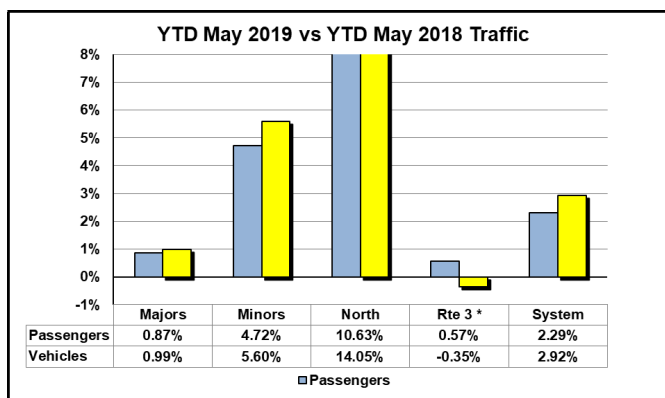
The overall increase in ferry traffic through the system in comparison to last May is 0.07% for passengers and 1.41% for vehicles. This number would be very different if the 20%+ increase for the two routes of 9 (Southern Gulf Islands) and 10 (Port Hardy to Prince Rupert Inside Passage) were not included.

Route 3 has had a decrease of 2% in vehicles from previous year, while passenger use has decreased 1.71%.

**Graph 1** Ferry traffic use (passengers, vehicles) increase/decrease % comparing months of May 2019 vs May 2018

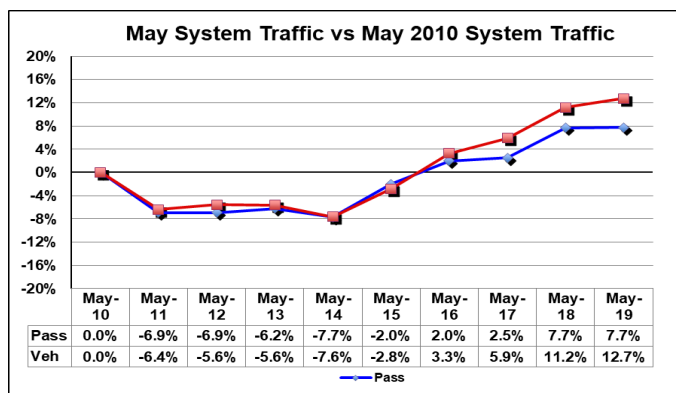


**Graph 2** Ferry traffic use (passengers, vehicles) increase % comparing Year to Date, vs Previous Year

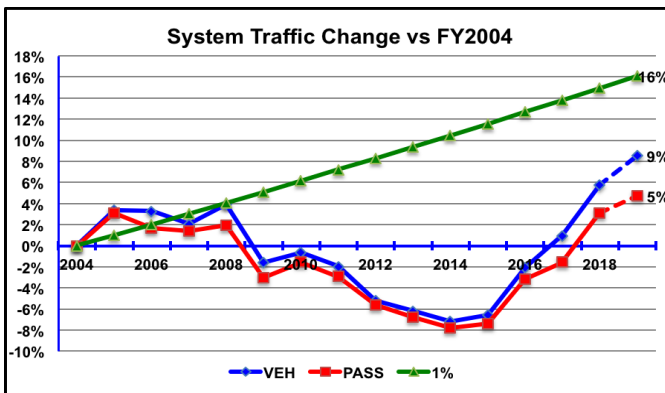


note: Route 3\* data included in Majors; also shown separately for information only

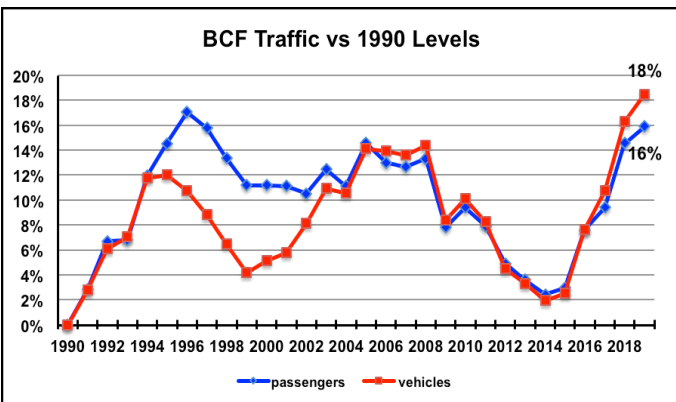
**Graph 3** System Traffic for the Month vs same Month, 2010



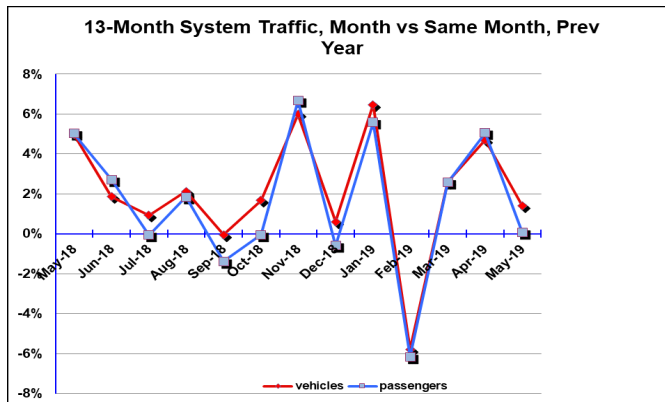
**Graph 4** System Traffic Changes vs 1% growth since FY2004



**Graph 5** System Traffic Changes – the Long Look - Since 1990



**Graph 6** 13-Month, Month Over Same Month, Previous Year



## Gibsons General Mailbox

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# Update

## 2018/19 Annual Report Release



## Annual Report highlights 40 year history of ensuring BC's most vulnerable are treated fairly

British Columbians complained about the two government departments that provide services to some of BC's most marginalized citizens more often than any other public body last year, according to the BC Ombudsperson's 40th Annual Report released today.

The report highlights a number of examples of cases in which unfair treatment of vulnerable individuals was remedied after investigations by the Ombudsperson.

"While all of the complaints we investigate are very different, what they highlight is the importance for the public of questioning decisions they feel are unfair," said Chalke. "And that's why we're here, whether it's ICBC, BC Hydro, a provincial ministry, a local government or a health authority, we can look into complaints from most public sector organizations. We're here to listen to everybody and

where people have been treated unfairly by government, to point the way so that public bodies can make things right.”

## Additional Information & Resources

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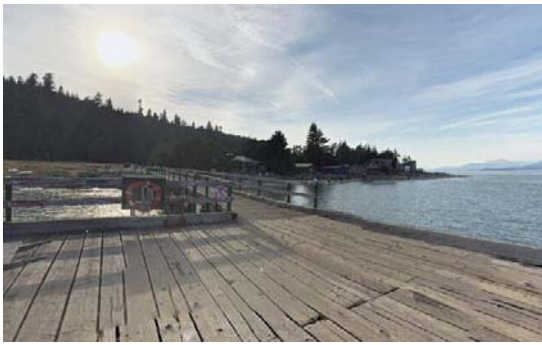
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*City of Pitt Meadows*  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

August 2, 2019

File: 0400-50/19

The Honourable Rob Fleming  
Ministry of Education  
PO Box 9045 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9EN  
EDUC.Minister@Kov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Fleming:

**Re: City of Victoria's resolution requesting provincial support for libraries**

At our July 30, 2019 special meeting, Pitt Meadows City Council unanimously passed the following resolution with respect to the above:

*"THAT Council:*

- A. Support the City of Victoria's resolution for the restoration of provincial library funding; AND*
- B. Request that the Mayor write to the Minister of Education expressing Council's support of enhanced library funding."*

Libraries are important cornerstones of a healthy community, giving all people equal access to information and resources, while at the same time providing a sense of place for gathering. Our Council is in full support of the City of Victoria's resolution and look forward to supporting it in September at the upcoming UBCM convention.

Yours Truly,

Mayor Bill Dingwall  
BGS, LL.B., CPHR

Encl: May 29, 2019 correspondence from City of Victoria

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UBCM Member Municipalities *via email*

THE CITY OF VICTORIA



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

May 29, 2019,

To The Union of British Columbia Municipalities,

I am writing on behalf of Victoria City Council, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support to restore Provincial support for libraries.

At the May 23, 2019 Council Meeting, Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS WHEREAS libraries are a social justice equalizer that provide universal access to information and learning materials irrespective of income levels;

WHEREAS libraries are now so much more than books, building community and a sense of inclusion;

WHEREAS restoring funding to libraries supports the BC Government's agenda to eliminate poverty, improve access to education, and address social justice in BC;

WHEREAS funding rates have been frozen since 2009 and inflationary costs have increasingly been put on municipal property tax payers which is a regressive approach to funding public libraries;

WHEREAS municipalities face downloading from upper levels of government and have few tools to raise funds,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request the Mayor write to the Minister of Education, the Premier, and all local MLAs strongly 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to other municipalities in the Capital Regional District and across BC requesting their favourable consideration.

We eagerly look forward to your support on this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Helps  
Victoria Mayor

## Mayor and Council

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA@dccnet.com>  
**Sent:** August 4, 2019 5:41 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Franklin Road Building Site

Hello Mayor and councilors:

It has come to my attention that the the grove of nine mature cedar trees to be cleared from the affordable housing construction site has a significant colony of bats. Bats are a protected species in British Columbia. It seems to me that this will require an environmental study. I have brought this to the attention of the Affordable Housing Society and they have referred me to the town, the owner of the land. Please let me know if such a study has been done and if not is one planned?

22(1) FOIPPA

## Mayor and Council

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA [REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
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**To:** MAH.Minister@gov.bc.ca; Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca;  
Nicholas.Simons.MLA@leg.bc.ca; don.legault@gov.bc.ca; donna.mcmahon@scrd.ca;  
Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Touchstone development

As residents of Area E Elphinstone, we have lived here since 1988 on Pratt Road, and we are very concerned with any plans to proceed with the Gospel Rock subdivision also known as the Touchstone Development using Chaster Rd and Pratt Road as the only access before road and safety infrastructure improvements are done. This is unacceptable to residents of this neighbourhood. Ideally there should be a primary access through the Town of Gibsons built first so our neighbourhood is not impacted so negatively with this huge development.

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Gibsons BC

Sent from my iPad

## Mayor and Council

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**From:** Mayor Bill Beamish  
**Sent:** August 4, 2019 9:24 AM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Surrey residents raise concerns about social housing developments

Residents of the Guildford and Whalley areas of Surrey say existing social housing has contributed to an increase in crime.

<https://bc.ctvnews.ca/surrey-residents-raise-concerns-about-social-housing-developments-1.4536061>

Bill Beamish

Mayor-Gibsons, BC

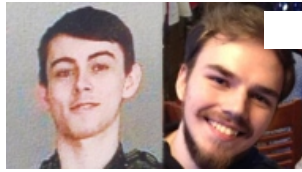
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## Surrey residents raise concerns about social housing developments



**Regan Hasegawa**, Multi-skilled journalist, CTV News Vancouver  
@rhasegawaCTV

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Last Updated Saturday, August 3, 2019 6:52PM PDT

Surrey residents are raising concerns about a number of social housing developments being built in Guildford and Whalley. They say existing complexes have caused a spike in crime and more facilities will be detrimental to the community.

"Our neighbourhood is kind of under siege," said Robert, a resident of Whalley. He asked CTV News to protect his identity, for fear his home could be targeted.

"We have people constantly roaming our streets, stealing whatever they can, breaking into our cars, vandalizing cars and rampant drug use."

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Robert lives down the street from Peterson Place, a social housing complex that opened a decade ago. He says crime has been on the rise in the area ever since.

"Most of my neighbours support these social programs, but not in our neighbourhood," he said.

That stance was echoed during a marathon public hearing last week. At the hearing, city councillors approved two more apartment buildings: One near 132 Street and King George Boulevard and another next to the Lookout Housing and Health Society near 147 Street and 104 Avenue. Councillors listened to nearly three hours of public feedback at the meeting, with emotionally charged testimonies forcing the mayor to call the room to order numerous times.

"It was a really tough decision, but we made the right decision," said city councillor Lina Annis.

Robert disagrees.

"It's not the right fit," he said. "Moving them into neighbourhoods, into residential neighbourhoods where there's no stores. There's nothing here."

Supporters of the project say the facilities are desperately needed.

"Nobody wants these people in their back yard, but these people are somebody's daughter, mother and son, brother," said Rachel Plamondon, a Guildford resident.

Plamondon spent two decades homeless and addicted to drugs. She says social housing saved her life.

"I believe without housing that that would have been impossible for me to get to where I am today," she told CTV News.

She says much of the crime plaguing Surrey is an act of survival.

"Statistically, when housing projects like these come in these concerns with break-ins and stuff dramatically drop."

She hopes those stats will break some of the stigma that comes with social housing.

### PHOTOS



Proposed social housing developments are causing concern in Surrey. (CTV)

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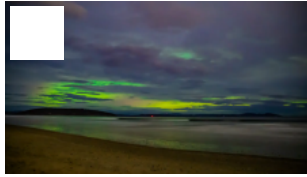


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## Mayor and Council

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA @uniserve.com>  
**Sent:** August 4, 2019 12:10 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council; Sechelt Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Rainbow crosswalks

Dear Mayor and Council, Gibsons,  
and Mayor and Council, Sechelt,

Re: multicolored crosswalks

I am happy that in our society, people of various genders no longer have to try to hide who they are. However I agree with the writers of 2 letters to our local paper: for safety reasons, rainbow colors do not belong on our crosswalks, or any other official road signs. In addition, it appears to me that they are in contravention of very clear and specific provincial guidelines for all types of signage on our public roads.

Please see Manual of Standard Traffic Signs and Pavement Markings, British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Highways, September 2000, Section 7.3, Transverse Pavement Markings, 7.3.1 Colors, quote: "Transverse markings, as shown in Figure 7.2, are stop bars, crosswalks, ... are white with the exception of transverse median markings, which shall be yellow."

Figure 7.2 page 173 includes zebra stripe crosswalks such as the ones in question in Gibsons and Sechelt.

It is unfortunate that those who painted these sidewalks did not research the matter beforehand, resulting in unnecessary cost to both towns for the initial color application, and the rectification. I hope these crosswalks will promptly be returned to their proper color -- along with a prominent write-up in our local papers in an effort to deter DIYers from interfering in this traffic safety matter again.

Sincerely,

22(1) FOIPPA, Gibsons, 22(1) FOIPPA @uniserve.com

**Mayor and Council**

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA @gmail.com>  
**Sent:** August 6, 2019 11:55 AM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Affordable housing site Franklin Rd, BATS

It has come to my attention that on this site there is a grove of 9 mature cedar trees that have been occupied by a colony of Bats. Bats are a protected species in BC. There are also two owls possibly nesting in the grove and feeding on the bats. Before clearing this site for building an environmental study will be needed. Has this been arranged?

22(1) FOIPPA

**Tracy Forster**

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**From:** Island Coastal Economic Trust <info@islandcoastaltrust.ca>  
**Sent:** July 31, 2019 11:56 AM  
**To:** Tracy Forster  
**Subject:** MUSEUM AT CAMPBELL RIVER'S NEW APP WILL REVOLUTIONIZE THE EXPERIENCE AT ELK FALLS

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## **Museum at Campbell River's New App will Revolutionize the Experience at Elk Falls**

COURTENAY – A new virtual exhibit for Elk Falls Provincial Park will provide visitors with a deeper interpretation of the area, and expand the walls of the Museum of Campbell River to new visitor markets.

Led by the Museum at Campbell River, the Elk Falls Alive app will bring the local landscape to life through dozens of mini documentaries and nature videos. As local knowledge holders and historians pass away, narrative content will tell the region's story, and reconnect people to the natural environment and thousands of years of Indigenous history.

“We have a deep history in the area and our Elders have many stories to tell,” said Wei Wai Kum Nation’s Chief Councillor Chris Roberts. “This unique software promises to engage people in a way that is modern and appealing to

all generations. We are confident that it will increase knowledge of our history and rights in the region while enhancing the visitor experience.”

The app will also include a tourism map and a wildlife and flora identifier for visitors to experience the park in a new and engaging way. Available for download at the park entrance, the museum or from home, visitors will be able to access content as they walk the park or remotely from any location.

The platform will be compatible across mobile devices, computers and touchscreens, supporting a range of applications from private classroom settings to onsite public touchscreens. Individuals with impairments, limited from experiencing the park previously, will benefit from enhanced accessibility.

“Museums have stayed static while the world is changing,” explained Sandra Parrish, Executive Director of the Museum at Campbell River. “We need to reinvent how we do business, and this project will connect visitors to the region’s history, stories, and Indigenous culture not included in our permanent displays.”

The app is based on the Naturalive digital interpretation platform, being developed by a local tech company. The platform has the potential to connect a network of natural destinations and trails on Vancouver Island and elsewhere, that could be continuously expanded and scaled over time.

Development of the app, in partnership with a nationally recognized museum and local technology company, will also play a role in enhancing the region’s emerging technology sector.

“It’s a clear demonstration of how tourism can champion innovation and technology,” said ICET Board Chair Josie Osborne. “Modern visitor services provide a deeper level of engagement, and virtual exhibits are a way to reach new audiences and younger demographics.”

The project is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2020.

### **About the Island Coastal Economic Trust**

Created and capitalized by the Province of BC, the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) has been at the forefront of economic diversification, planning and regional revitalization for the past twelve years.

ICET is independently governed by a Board of Directors and two Regional Advisory Committees which include more than 50 locally elected officials, MLAs and appointees from the Island and Coast. This exceptional team of leaders collaborate to set regional priorities and build vital multi-regional networks.

Through a community centered decision-making process, ICET has approved more than \$52 million in funding for over 200 economic infrastructure and economic development readiness projects. These investments have leveraged over \$270 million in new investment into the region creating more than 2500 construction phase jobs and 2650 long term permanent jobs.

A full overview of ICET can be found at [www.islandcoastaltrust.ca](http://www.islandcoastaltrust.ca)

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## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA [REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** August 2, 2019 1:23 PM  
**To:** District of Elkford  
**Subject:** Fwd: Safe Place to Live  
**Attachments:** cst\_brochure-1.pdf

Dear Mayor & Members of Council,

I am writing because I have been looking for a community that is “safe” from electromagnetic radiation pollution because I am electro-hypersensitive.

There is a blurb about that on the pamphlet I’ve included. I have serious symptoms from overexposure through the years that rendered me unable to work or live in electrified places beginning in 2014.

I am concerned that Mayors and Council members are not taking the safety of their citizens more seriously when it comes to these unnatural frequencies.

Unfortunately, we can’t look to Health Canada or their standards to protect us as I believe from my experience that corporations, principally the Pharmaceutical companies who need us all sick so the Telecommunications companies can saturate us in harmful radiation, are running them.

We can’t be silent while this massacre happens – bee colonies collapsing, children with ADHD and all other sorts of DNA damage. I have references to scientific and experiential material that proves the proliferation of these harmful frequencies are damaging our DNA and causing us to age and succumb to disease at a much higher and faster rate than normal.

Our circadian rhythm is in the same range as the earth and ground – 7.83 Hertz, the Schumann resonance. We operate at that frequency and we are being fried by these ultra-high frequencies. Science has proven this and Health Canada is ignoring the evidence.

Please know this is a serious issue not to be considered just as business as usual. More and more people are getting sick and what do we all have in common – radiation from all this electromagnetic smog. It’s a carcinogen worse than tobacco.

Please proceed with caution and look around the world for safer alternatives for the sake of everything and everyone.

If you need more information, I would be happy to visit you and present the information I have.

For example, I could show you the readings from a meter measuring RF radiation near the cell tower and how far away you have to get before it’s not affecting you. I also have a lot of answers for health problems based on energy since this stuff attacks us at the energy/electron level.

I look forward to your reply.

22(1) FOIPPA

[REDACTED]



## No Insurance Coverage?

**“Non-Thermal Effects Confirmed  
Exposure Limits Challenged  
Precaution Demanded . . .**

**... All across Europe, the debate on exposure limits has flared up; insurance companies do not insure cell phone providers because of the incalculable health risks.”**

Austrian Insurance Company (AUVA)  
report confirming health risks associated  
with wireless technologies - July 21, 2009



## Safeguarding the Public

- Germany warns citizens to avoid Wi-Fi due to health risks – September 2007
- Russian Radiation Protection Agency gives urgent warning to defend children’s health from RF/MW - April 2008
- Five public libraries in Paris shut down Wi-Fi due to health concerns - May 2008
- European Parliament votes to bring in stricter radiation limits - September 2008
- City of Herouville St. Clair, France removes Wi-Fi from primary schools due to health risks - April 2009
- Teachers in UK call for immediate dismantling of Wi-Fi in schools due to health risks - April 2009
- Sorbonne University, Paris passes moratorium on Wi-Fi - May 2009
- Israeli Minister of Environment gives public warning on radiation emitting devices including Wi-Fi - July 2009
- The World Health Organization (W.H.O.) reclassifies radiofrequency electromagnetic fields as a Class 2B carcinogen, possible to cause human cancer. This includes emissions from ALL wireless devices -May 2011

**We Believe** a profound urgency exists to protect the unsuspecting public, especially children, from electropollution in our environment.

A growing percentage of our population experiences uncomfortable and damaging physical reactions to cellular and wireless technologies. We agree with thousands of scientists and doctors who now believe and assert in documented research studies that **Wi-Fi and its related technologies are NOT SAFE.**

Our goal is to raise awareness of this problem so that the public is empowered to protect themselves and their children while demanding reduced exposure to unsafe technologies.

## What You Can Do

- Care enough to **share this information.**
- **Hardwire** your home computers.
- **Protect youth** by requesting that your **school/college** hardwire its computers.
- Request that **businesses** using Wi-Fi post **Radiation Exposure signs** that allow concerned individuals to **avoid involuntary exposure.**
- Request that all levels of **government** protect the public by enacting biological health standards as recommended in the **BioInitiative Report.**

## Websites and Resources

[www.centerforsaferwireless.org](http://www.centerforsaferwireless.org)  
[www.weepinitiative.org](http://www.weepinitiative.org)  
[www.safeschool.ca](http://www.safeschool.ca)  
[www.wifiinschools.org.uk](http://www.wifiinschools.org.uk)  
[www.powerwatch.org.uk](http://www.powerwatch.org.uk)  
[www.magdahavas.com](http://www.magdahavas.com)  
[www.radiationrescue.org](http://www.radiationrescue.org)  
[www.wiredchild.org](http://www.wiredchild.org)  
[www.radiationeducation.org](http://www.radiationeducation.org)

- **Public Health SOS: The Shadow Side of The Wireless Revolution** - Magda Havas and Camilla Rees
- **Wireless Radiation Rescue** - Dr. Kerry Crofton
- **Living Safely with EM Radiation** – Jim Waugh
- **Zapped** – Ann Louise Gittleman
- **Electromagnetic Fields – A Consumer’s Guide to the Issues and How to Protect Ourselves** –B. Blake Levitt

# Wireless Is it Safe?



## Who Are We?

### Citizens For Safe Technology

is a not-for-profit educational society made up of parents, grandparents, teachers, business professionals, physicians, scientists, lawyers and politicians concerned about the exponential increase in public exposure to harmful wireless technologies.



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

## Untested and Unregulated

“**Wi-Fi**” is the term given to the **wireless** transmission of **internet signals**. It uses radio frequency microwave radiation (RF/MW) to operate and communicate. **Cell** and **portable phones**, **cell towers** and **antennae**, laptops, wireless **monitors** and **routers**, **Wii games**, **utility “smart” meters** . . . all emit and utilize similar **Radio-Frequency Radiation**.

Damaging **health effects** are undeniable, and scientifically shown to occur at levels thousands of times below existing public safety limits.

**Reputable scientists** state that our **standards are obsolete** because they are based solely on thermal effects.

## Radiation - Use with Caution

*“Exposure to cell phone radiation is the largest human health experiment ever undertaken without informed consent.”*

Lloyd Morgan, Electronics Engineer (Ret.)  
USA Bioelectromagnetics Society



*“This is damage to the human genome, and can lead to mutations which can be inherited, or which can cause cancer, or both . . . The rapidly expanding development of new wireless technologies and the long latency for the development of such serious diseases as brain cancers means that failure to take immediate action to reduce risks may result in an epidemic of potentially fatal diseases in the future.”*

“Public Health Implications of Wireless Technologies”  
Sage/Carpenter – Pathophysiology, 2009

## Electrohypersensitivity

**EHS** is receiving **international recognition** as an emerging public health problem recognized in Sweden and Norway as a functional impairment.

The Canadian Human Rights Commission, the Americans with Disabilities Act and our Canadian Government now recognize EHS as an **Environmental Sensitivity**.

The **Power Watch Handbook** states that between 3% and 35% of our population are sensitive in some way to electromagnetic frequencies. The likelihood will only grow with continued **exposure and time**.



## EHS - Sensitivity Symptoms

**Neurological:** headaches and migraines, difficulty concentrating, memory loss, dizziness, nausea, irritability, numbness, tingling, fatigue, hyperactivity, anxiety, stress reactions, depression, insomnia, tremors, muscle spasms, joint pain . . .

**Respiratory:** allergies, sinus infections, asthma, bronchitis, pneumonia . . .

**Cardiac:** pain or pressure in the chest, palpitations, shortness of breath, low or high blood pressure, arrhythmia . . .

**Other:** sleep disturbances, hormonal imbalances, altered immune response, tumors, infertility, digestive problems, blood sugar fluctuations, irritable bowel symptoms, skin rashes, flushing, night sweats, vertigo, nosebleeds, impaired sense of smell and/or taste, loss of appetite, tinnitus, hearing loss, deteriorating vision, mood changes, thyroid imbalances . . .

*“Relief can be obtained by eliminating exposure to radiation emitting devices such as cell phones and other wireless technologies . . .”*

EHS Awareness Proclamation, August 2009  
Mayor of the City of Colwood, BC.

## Health at Risk

All over the world, people of all ages are becoming ill when exposed to the pollution created by **everyday electromagnetic technologies**. These include cell phones and cell towers, wireless internet (Wi-Fi), portable home telephones, Wi-Max, utility “Smart” meters, microwave ovens, lighting, CFL light bulbs and other home and business devices and appliances.

*“No scientific evidence has determined that wireless technology is safe . . . This exposure affects our whole body . . . Are we equipped to face this sort of radiation? Has evolution provided us with a shell that can protect us? And obviously the answer is no, we don’t have that kind of protection, so we are left to pray and to hope that it isn’t dangerous, but it’s an empty hope.”*

Professor Olle Johansson, PhD  
Royal Institute of Technology  
Stockholm, Sweden



## Over 3,000 Doctors Agree

*“ . . . One can no longer evade these pulsed microwaves. They heighten the risk of already present chemical/physical influences, stress the body’s immune system, and can bring the body’s still-functioning regulatory mechanisms to a halt. Pregnant women, children, adolescents, elderly and sick people are especially at risk.”*

Freiburger Appeal,  
signed by over 3,000  
German Medical Doctors