



# Town of Gibsons

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Tracy Forster, Administrative Assistant II

DATE: August 12, 2019

SUBJECT: **Correspondence for the Week Ending August 12, 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

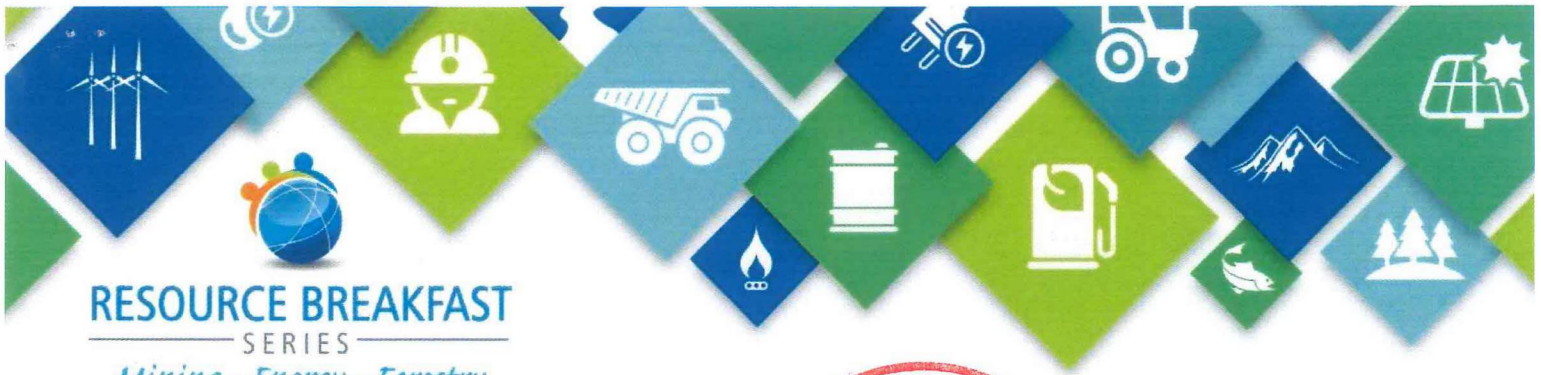
- 2019-08-08 Invitation to 6th Annual Resource Breakfast Series - Sept 24, 26 & 27, 2019 7-830am
- 2019-08-08 Invitation to RCMP Community Appreciation BBQ - Aug 15, 12-3pm

### 2. Regular Correspondence (Including Emails)

- 2019-07-29 Lori Pratt, Chair, SCRDP re Endorsement for Nomination of Howe Sound Biosphere Reserve Designation
- 2019-08-07 BC Housing Community Relations re Response to Supportive Housing Concern
- 2019-08-07 UBCM Group Benefits Plan - Notice of Plan Marketing Review
- 2019-08-08 Coastal Fire Centre Status Report
- 2019-08-09 22(1) FOIPPA re Letter of Appreciation of Mayor & Council
- 2019-08-09 Coastal Wildfire News
- 2019-08-09 Touchstone Vision - Life on the Waterfront
- 2019-08-12 UBCM Convention Bulletin #3

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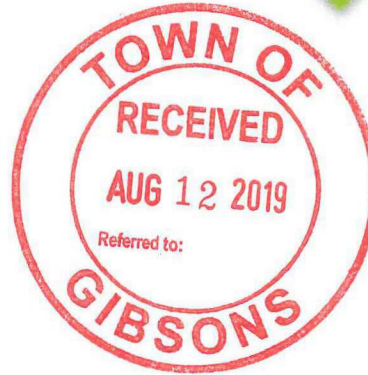
*"The World's Most Liveable Town" 2009*



**RESOURCE BREAKFAST**  
SERIES  
*Mining - Energy - Forestry*

August 8, 2019

Mayor and Council  
Town of Gibsons  
Box 340  
474 South Fletcher Road  
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Dear Mayor and Council,

**Re: Invitation to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Resource Breakfast Series - September 2019**

It is my sincere pleasure to invite you to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual *Resource Breakfast Series*. This popular event returns to the Terminal City Club in Vancouver, BC September 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The *Series* is not affiliated with the Union of BC Municipalities, but the event is conveniently hosted during the Annual Convention and offers a friendly and relaxed environment to discuss BC's natural resource sector and its importance to the communities and economy of the province. The breakfasts are a must-attend event each fall, featuring the mining, energy, and forestry sectors.

<b>MINING SECTOR BREAKFAST</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 24, 2019</b>
<b>ENERGY SECTOR BREAKFAST</b>	<b>Thursday, September 26, 2019</b>
<b>FOREST SECTOR BREAKFAST</b>	<b>Friday, September 27, 2019</b>

The *Breakfast Series* has become an unprecedented opportunity to meet collectively and network with an important group of leaders to present the latest news and developments related to the resource sectors. **Each breakfast in last year's Series attracted over 20 Ministers and MLAs, over 30 resource sector leaders, and almost 100 local government representatives from across BC.**

**Event Details:**

Time: 7:00 am-8:30 am  
Style: Plated breakfast  
Location: Terminal City Club (837 West Hastings St, Vancouver, BC V6C 1B6)

Price: \$27.00 + tax per breakfast  
Dress: Business Casual  
Registration: <https://resource-breakfast-series-2019.eventbrite.ca>

To support and encourage a broad spectrum of participation from leaders from across the Province, we are suggesting local government limit themselves to two tickets per Municipal Council or Regional District at each of the breakfasts.

We are pleased to announce a great line-up of speakers at each of the three breakfasts including:

**Mining Sector Breakfast – Tuesday, September 24, 2019**

- Hon. Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Government of BC
- Mayor Lisa Pasin, City of Trail
- Kendra Johnston President & CEO, Association for Mineral Exploration
- Moderator: Michael Goehring, President & CEO, Mining Association of BC

**Energy Sector Breakfast – Thursday, September 26, 2019**

- Hon. Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Government of BC
- Mayor Phil Germuth, District of Kitimat
- Moderator: Bryan Cox, President & CEO, BC LNG Alliance

**Forest Sector Breakfast – Friday, September 27, 2019**

- Hon. Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, Government of BC
- Mayor Lyn Hall, City of Prince George
- Susan Yurkovich, President & CEO, Council of Forest Industries BC
- Moderator: Susan Dolinski, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Western Forest Products

If you have any questions, please email [events@c3alliancecorp.ca](mailto:events@c3alliancecorp.ca). We look forward to seeing you at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Resource Breakfast Series.

Respectfully,

  
Sarah Weber  
President & CEO  
C3 Alliance Corp.

+20 Ministers and MLAs

+100 Local Government  
Representatives

+30 Resource Sector  
Leaders





**Join Us for the**  
**2019 Sunshine Coast RCMP**  
**Community**  
**Appreciation Barbecue!**



**12:00 noon to 3:00pm on Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Behind the Sunshine Coast Detachment**  
**5800 Teredo St. Sechelt**

- \* Free Hot Dogs, Cake, Popcorn and refreshments
- \* Clock your pitching speed for prizes
- \* Visit with local RCMP members, Safety Bear, and police puppy Lema
- \* Face painting and crafts for the kids
- \* Visit with BC Conservation, Fisheries and Oceans, and the Ministry of Forests, Land, and Natural Resource Operations
- \* Visit with Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue, Ground Search and Rescue, Crimestoppers, and Restorative Justice

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July 29, 2019

Canadian Commission for UNESCO  
Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative  
c/o Ruth Simons, Lead  
Box 465  
Lions Bay, BC V0N 2E0

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Dear Ms. Simons:

**RE: Endorsement of the Nomination for an Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Reserve**

The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is pleased and excited to support the nomination of Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound for UNESCO Biosphere Reserve designation.

The SCRD recognizes the value of the landscapes and healthy recovery of the marine life in Howe Sound, particularly the uniqueness of the Howe Sound glass sponge reefs. The opportunity to showcase, protect and cooperatively manage the unique natural and cultural assets is of immense interest to the Regional District.

We are supportive of the objectives of the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere program and the opportunity for the Howe Sound Biosphere Initiative to be an active member of an international network seeking to find solutions to significant environmental issues. Fostering new or strengthened relationships with other governments, Skwxwú7mesh Nation and the community are aligned with SCRD's strategic goals. The possibilities extending from these relationships include, to name but a few, growing the economy, enabling volunteerism, and advancing reconciliation. Now more than ever, these are critical needs for achieving ways for people and nature to thrive together.

A robust understanding of values in Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound, as developed through an ecosystem-based approach to management and conservation, would add value to SCRD's land use planning processes, such as through the development of our Official Community Plans or growth strategies, while enhancing regional opportunities for coordinated approaches to land use management. Such integration could support sustainable development and action on climate change while inspiring residents, visitors and all Canadians to live sustainably.

SCRD optimistically looks forward to the establishment of the Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

Yours truly,

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT**

Lori Pratt  
SCRD Board Chair

## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** Community Relations <communityrelations@bchousing.org>  
**Sent:** August 7, 2019 4:11 PM  
**To:** 22(1) FOIPPA@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** FW: Gibsons supportive housing

Hello 22(1) FOIPPA,

To learn more about supportive housing please visit our Community Acceptance series: [www.bchousing.org/research-centre/library/community-acceptance](http://www.bchousing.org/research-centre/library/community-acceptance) Research indicates that Police calls do not increase with supportive housing buildings established.

The federal government's Contribution Agreement requires Gibsons residents to get priority for moving into the supportive housing building. Based on the 70+ local applications for the Sechelt supportive housing apartments, it has been established that there is a need for this in Gibsons. Currently Gibsons support providers interact personally with approximately 35 Gibsons residents who could use this type of housing.

People who experience homelessness are as varied as any other neighbour. They are seniors, people with disabilities, people who have employment but no housing, people who are working through mental health concerns and/or substance use. All residents in supportive housing have made a choice to work towards living a healthy, stable life.

RainCity could end a program agreement at any time if a resident is:

- Engaging or behaving in a manner which is abusive and/or a threat to the mental or physical health or safety of anyone in the building/community;
- Significantly disrupting the quiet enjoyment of other participants and/or neighbours; and
- Engaging in willful vandalism or damage to the building or property.

Sincerely,

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BC Housing Community Relations Team

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**From:** Gibsons General Mailbox <info@gibsons.ca>  
**Sent:** August 2, 2019 9:48 AM  
**To:** Lesley-Anne Staats <lstaats@gibsons.ca>  
**Cc:** Community Relations <communityrelations@bchousing.org>  
**Subject:** Gibsons supportive housing

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**From:** [info@gibsons.ca](mailto:info@gibsons.ca) [info@gibsons.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2019 10:31 AM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** New Contact Form submission from Town of Gibsons Website

Name
22(1) FOIPPA
Email

**Comments**

This low barrier housing is a bad idea and the government is shoving it down our throat.  
I've researched it. everywhere these low barrier housing units are put in it creates a nightmare for residents and buildings alike.  
This will not solve any problems but create more.  
Our poor limited police won't be able to handle the amount of crime and complaints. We'll be bringing how many people from Vancouver to live in the housing project?  
Anyways, big mistake if it's done. All I see is crime and vigilanteism if it goes through.

## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** UBCM <ubcm@ubcm.ca>  
**Sent:** August 7, 2019 2:08 PM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** UBCM Group Benefits Plan - Notice of Plan Marketing Review



## UBCM GROUP BENEFITS PLAN - NOTICE OF PLAN MARKETING REVIEW





**Date:** August 7, 2019

**To:** All UBCM Members and Group Benefit Plan Participants

**SUBJECT: UBCM GROUP BENEFITS PLAN – NOTICE OF PLAN MARKETING REVIEW**

This notice will serve as the formal announcement that in October 2019 UBCM will be conducting a Plan Marketing Review of the UBCM Group Benefits Plan for insurance services. These services are currently provided by Pacific Blue Cross/BC Life and the purpose of our review is to ensure that we are providing our membership with the best service and pricing available in the market.

*Over the past few years, we have collected feedback from several of our groups regarding their experience within our program, and, although the majority of the comments received were positive, there were areas that could be improved to better serve our membership. It is also good plan governance to explore alternatives every five to ten years. This does **not** mean that any changes will necessarily be made to our program (i.e. transferring business to an alternate insurance carrier), but we want to ensure that full transparency is provided to our membership throughout this process.*

To our member groups who are **currently participating** in the UBCM Group Benefit Plan:

- Your current benefits plan with Pacific Blue Cross should not experience any disruption as a result of this review;
- There is no cost or action required of you at this time;
- If a change in carrier is recommended following our review, no aspect of your current program will change without discussion with you and your approval;
- We will keep you up-to-date on our review as it proceeds; and
- If you have any comments or concerns regarding your group benefits plan that you would like us to review during this marketing, **we would love to hear from you!**

To our members who are **not currently participating** in the UBCM Group Benefit Plan:

- We wish to extend you an invitation to leverage this marketing review and join in the process with us.

With group insurance, a general rule of thumb is that the larger a group the better the economies of scale achieved. This is due to lower negotiated insurer administration charges (resulting in lower insurance premiums). For the purpose of this marketing review we are collaborating with the Healthcare Benefit Trust, a public sector not-for-profit organization which provides and administers benefits for over 100,000 covered lives. UBCM's consultant, George & Bell Consulting, will be coordinating the market review for all participants.

***We are one of several other public sector organizations who are working together as part of this process and, in aggregate, this initiative is expected to be one of the largest group benefit marketing exercises ever conducted in Canada.***

**Challenges and issues navigating the group benefits industry include:**

- Insurance companies charge expense factors based on individual group sizes which can limit the ability for groups to offer efficient programs;
- Without any leverage, employers are often forced to accept “insurance company standards” and are unable to achieve preferred financial terms or are limited in their plan designs;
- Employers are often engaged by brokers or consultants for redundant services conducted purely for their profit; and
- Employers generally aren’t aware of what’s “normal” to pay for group benefits or what options are available to them in the market.

Public sector organizations rarely work together to reduce costs. This marketing exercise is aimed at bringing more collaboration amongst organizations to reduce administration and costs, provide efficiencies **and** maintain the same coverage currently provided to members. Individually, we lack the leverage necessary to make meaningful change, however **collectively** we have size to negotiate lower costs and establish service commitments with insurance carriers on our terms and not theirs.

**What is the cost to participate if you are not a current UBCM Group Plan member?**

The cost varies by group size but is largely nominal and far less than you would pay to a broker or consulting firm to tender your business (whether through fee-for-service or embedded commissions). These costs are achieved through the economies of scale by working together with others in the public sector.

Group Size	Flat Fee*
<1,500 employees	\$1,500
1,500 to 5,000 employees	\$4,000
5,000 to 7,500 employees	\$7,000
>7,500 employees	\$10,000

**Why should you participate?**

- Group benefit programs represent a significant cost for municipal groups;
- Costs have been increasing at a higher rate than compensation levels or inflation for several years;
- Many organizations are looking to contain costs without reducing the level of benefit coverage provided to their employees; and
- As part of good governance, employers should be testing the market, therefore why not conduct your marketing review now when you can participate with a larger buying group, at a much lower cost and the process is being managed by professionals.



**Advantage of participating even if you are not a current UBCM Group Plan member?**

- By participating you would **not be committing to any change** but you would receive quotations to continue to operate under your current structure (i.e., a governance exercise you should undertake periodically anyway).
- The administrative obligations required from groups in order to participate is minimal and a streamlined data request would be provided to those that elect to participate.
- The opportunity to participate in a group buying arrangement that we expect could potentially save 10% to 20% of your current group benefit costs, without changing plan design **or giving up your autonomy.**
- At the end of this Group Benefits Marketing Review process you will be able to compare current costs of your group benefits plan (status quo) with the cost of moving to other insurers and with the cost of joining a pooled arrangement.

The process has been designed to satisfy procurement requirements through the use of public tendering sites to ensure all providers are given an opportunity to respond. At the end of the process, you would be under no obligation to change any aspect of your current program.

**The deadline for members of UBCM not currently with the UBCM Group Plan to notify us of participation with this marketing review is October 2, 2019.**

If you have any questions or you would like to discuss this initiative further, please don't hesitate to reach out to UBCM directly - Anna Wijesinghe or Kathleen Spalek for more information:

Anna Wijesinghe  
Manager, Member & Association Services  
phone 604-270-8226 ext 111  
[amwijesinghe@ubcm.ca](mailto:amwijesinghe@ubcm.ca)

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Thank for your continued support of UBCM and the UBCM Group Benefits Plan.

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## Coastal Fire Centre Status Report

CoFC Information Officer: (250) 951-4229

Fire Activity			
<b>Fires Currently Burning</b>	6 (0 lightning-caused / 6 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>	6		
	<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>	114	165	114
<b>Total Hectares to Date</b>	311	147266	22695

Overview
The Sakinaw Lake Fire (V51270) is now considered Under Control. 23 fire suppression personnel continue to make good progress and are supported by a water tender.
As well, numerous fire suppression and support personnel are being deployed to the Kamloops Fire Centre to support their preparedness levels and others will be deployed to the Eagle Bluff fire (K51244).
Coastal Fire Centre continues to support EMBC at the Big Bar Landslide with personnel to replace those being released to their home fire centres.

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
(Today-tomorrow) A not particularly strong but well placed upper high centre continues to bring hot dry weather to all Coastal zones today and again tomorrow as well. The atmosphere is quite dry and there is little or no pressure gradient which allows the atmosphere near the ground to heat rapidly. Afternoon max temperatures will reach the low to mid 30s this afternoon for the interior valleys and even the near to water coastal stations likely climb up to the low 30s. A few interior valleys see afternoon humidity readings drop to the middle teens today while near the water readings likely stay in the 30 percent range. A large but dry upper low sits well offshore of the Oregon coast and is sending plumes of moisture northward with at least a chance of convective impulses reaching far southeast BC today but nothing for Coastal. That starts to change tomorrow. The ridge holds just as strong Wednesday and temperatures and humidity remain unchanged but the low off Oregon spins up a more significant moisture plume especially in the 10,000 foot level and this moisture spreads out east to west along the 49th parallel and across to southern Vancouver Island and could be just enough to generate isolated thunderstorms. Relatively high based storms as well and maybe dry lightning. Winds over the weekend were relatively light with the only significant gusts along the usual inflow valleys near the Fraser River, Howe Sound and the Bella Coola

Zone Fire Danger Rating	
Fraser	Moderate west half, High east half
Pemberton	Mostly moderate, small portion high
Sunshine Coast	Moderate
South Island	Moderate to High
Mid Island	Moderate, small patches of Low
North Island	Low to Moderate
Central Coast (Bella Coola)	Moderate
Haida Gwaii	Low, north and south tips Moderate

24HR Lightning Forecast
Issued: 1100 PDT Wednesday 07 August 2019 CHANCE OF LIGHTNING / DRY LIGHTNING -
FRASER - SOUTH ISLAND: Today: 0/0. Tonight: 0/0. Tomorrow: 20/0.
PEMBERTON - SUNSHINE COAST - NORTH ISLAND - MID-COAST: Today: 0/0. Tonight: 0/0. Tomorrow: 0/0.
HAIDA GWAII: Today: 0/0. Tonight: 0/0. Tomorrow: 0/0.

3-5 Day Weather Outlook
(Thursday-Saturday) The ridge starts to weaken Thursday with afternoon high temperatures decreasing a few degrees and the high level moisture plume increasing. Still sunny and warm and a better chance of late day convection developing. By Friday the ridge is pretty well gone but the weather remains at least a mix of sun and clouds with a few afternoon showers and possible isolated thunderstorms. By Saturday a band of showers lies over central Washington state and local conditions are in the low to mid 20s under a mix of clouds and sun and isolated showers.

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>

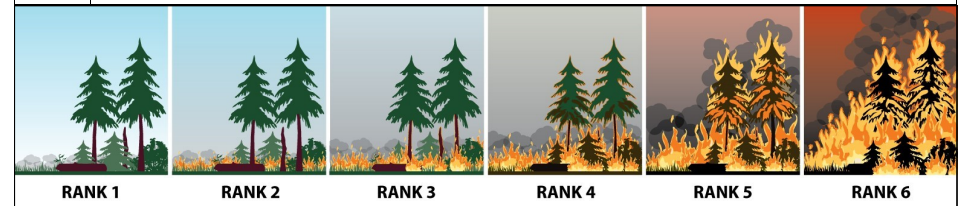
Zone Activity Level	
<b>Level 1: (Exporting)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low to normal fire activity; no additional resource support is anticipated</li> <li>Adequate resources to deal with anticipated fire demands</li> <li>Monitor and anticipate possible support for non-wildfire provincial 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.



## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** info@gibsons.ca  
**Sent:** August 9, 2019 4:07 PM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** New Contact Form submission from Town of Gibsons Website

### Name

22(1) FOIPPA

### Email

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

### Comments

Would just like to comment that I not only trust the Mayor but have no end of respect with the work he and Council are doing!

His desire for transparency and thoroughness is to be commended!

No, we won't all agree on all issues but I think the Mayor and Council are doing their utmost to be fair.

It is sometimes a thankless job and I am forever grateful that good people are still willing to step up to the task.

Keep up the good work!



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

## FireSmart Discipline: Legislation and Planning



The FireSmart discipline “legislation and planning” is about developing or making changes to policy and legislation to effectively deal with: forestry management practices; integrated land use planning; compliance and enforcement programs; and fire-related legal orders.

In 2018, the province experienced another historic wildfire season, with over 1.3 million hectares burned and about 28,100 individuals evacuated. Wildfire suppression costs were nearly \$600 million.

About 93 legal orders were issued throughout B.C. in 2018 due to fire activity and fire-related conditions. About 83% of those orders were issued in the southern portion of the province to address the changing needs of the fire centres in those regions. Given the significant fire activity experienced during the months of July, August and September, legal orders were put in place to restrict open burning; restrict certain activities and the use of specific equipment, restrict public access within active fire areas; and implement full backcountry closures.

In the Coastal Fire Centre, 10 legal orders were written in 2018, including restrictions on open burning. In addition, one evacuation alert and one evacuation order were issued by local governments for a wildfire near Nanaimo Lakes.

Planning is a large component of the legislation and planning discipline. When BC Wildfire Service staff propose modifications to legislation or policy, they need to make a good argument for why such changes are necessary. This means that data is required to support its recommended changes to the *Wildfire Act* or the *Wildfire Regulation*, or for policy changes.

Below are two of the tools used for fire-related planning and for mitigating wildfire threats:

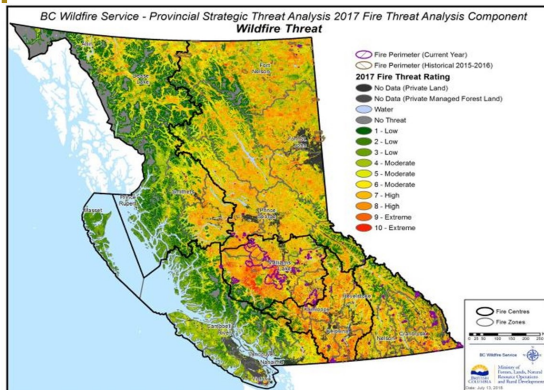
1) Fire-related **fin**s and **penalties** were increased on April 1, 2016 to reflect a growing concern about irresponsible behaviour that

could spark wildfires. These increased fines would not have been approved if the BC Wildfire Service had not been able to prove that (typically) most wildfires in the Coastal Fire Centre are human-caused. For a summary of these fines, go to: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/about-bcws/governance/legislation-regulations/summary-of-fines>

2) The **Provincial Strategic Threat Assessment** is designed to consistently evaluate and map potential wildfire threats to values on the landscape, such as communities, infrastructure and natural resources. The Provincial Strategic Threat Assessment offers local governments, private landowners, industry and other stakeholders an opportunity to:

- review threat ratings in their areas of interest
- assess how much fire prevention work has been done in those areas (e.g. FireSmart activities or fuel management treatments)
- determine what additional steps they could take to safeguard their interests

Downloadable files related to the 2019 Provincial Strategic Threat Assessment can be found at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/vegetation-and-fuel-management/fire-fuel-management/psta>



**Values** - refer to natural resources or man-made structures or features that have a measurable or intrinsic worth and could be negatively impacted by wildfires.



## The Role of a Natural Resource Officer

British Columbia's Natural Resource Officers (NROs) operate out of the Compliance and Enforcement Branch of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. They enforce natural resource legislation throughout the province and play a key role during the wildfire season.

Natural Resource Officers visit wildfire sites and work closely with fire origin and cause investigators, who determine the causes of those blazes. If there is any indication that a wildfire was caused by human activity, that triggers an investigation.

Natural Resource Officers use their unique investigative skills to gather evidence. This may involve interviewing witnesses, analyzing materials from the site and taking other actions in cooperation with fire origin and cause investigators. After compiling the evidence, NROs decide whether there is reason to believe that a person or a party of interest has contravened British Columbia's *Wildfire Act*. If so, they present their case at a hearing and a delegated decision-maker will decide on a penalty for the contravention.

Natural Resource Officers play a vital role in holding members of the public and industry personnel accountable for their actions. Their investigations can result in the recovery of firefighting costs for the Province, which are often very significant. In 2016, for example, the Beatton Airport Road fire (G80046) was investigated by Natural Resource Officers. The subsequent hearing, based on their evidence, determined that the Province was owed \$15.8 million in direct firefighting costs and loss of resource values.



The work of Natural Resource Officers also deters irresponsible activity, preventing dangerous fires from starting in the first place. Wildfire prevention is extremely important to the Compliance and Enforcement Branch. By making people who start fires accountable for their actions, NROs send a clear message that unsafe fire activities will not be tolerated in British Columbia.

To learn more about the Compliance and Enforcement Branch and Natural Resource Officers, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/natural-resource-law-enforcement/natural-resource-officers>

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You may be able to meet your local Natural Resource Officers at trade shows and community events. You'll recognize them by their dark green and black uniforms.



### If you witness or are aware of a natural resource violation, please do one of the following:

- Fill out a violation report form at: <https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hen/nrv/report.htm>
- Call the Natural Resource Violation reporting line at 1 877 952-7277
- Or contact your local police detachment.



## Why the Build-Up Index is Used to Implement Prohibitions

A team of BC Wildfire Service staff was formed in 2017 to determine the most efficient and consistent measurement for determining when to implement or rescind a campfire prohibition. The team found that the build-up index (BUI) is the most effective indicator.

The build-up index represents a combination of the duff moisture code (DMC) and the drought code (DC) and indicates the total amount of fuel available to a spreading wildfire.

There are some key advantages to using the BUI. It doesn't fluctuate as much as some other measurements, it factors in seasonal drought conditions, it's monitored daily, it provides a stable framework for decision-makers, and it takes weather into account over an extended period of time.

BC Wildfire Service staff who decide when and where open burning prohibitions should be implemented also consider a variety of other factors (including current and forecasted wildfire activity) before making the decision to implement a legal order to restrict open burning. The decision may be based on a number of factors, including (but not limited to): forest fuel conditions; current and anticipated wildfire activity; the availability of fire control resources (including fire crews, equipment and aircraft); concerns for public safety and the safety of first responders; restricting access to areas where public safety may be a concern (Wildfire Act—Section 11); and forecasted weather.

A prevention project team is currently reviewing the use of the

BUI, and/or other factors for implementing larger Category 2 and Category 3 open fire prohibitions (date-driven implementations of Category 3 open burning prohibitions will be evaluated as well). While prohibitions are enacted using science-based parameters, this project allows the team to determine if the measurements used are the most effective and will allow them to fine tune the process.

The prevention project team will also review the use of BUI thresholds for making campfire prohibition decisions this year and, if necessary, amend the criteria for the 2020 fire season.

Using the build-up index to decide when and where to implement Category 2 and Category 3 open burning prohibitions has some specific advantages:

- Using this method considers conditions over an extended period of time and therefore limits how many times a particular prohibition would be enacted and rescinded within a single fire season.
- Using this method makes it easier for people to understand the mechanics of enacting a open burning prohibition, including those who help enforce those legal orders.
- It establishes a more consistent process for implementing open burning prohibitions in all six of the province's fire centres.

As with campfire prohibitions, experience and expertise also factor into the decision-making process for Category 2 and Category 3 open burning prohibitions.

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

A few weeks ago at my local gas station, which also happens to sell fireworks, I overheard an employee reminding a customer who had an armful of fireworks that they should make sure "to point them away from the forest because it's dry out."

I advised both of them that the Coastal Fire Centre has restricted the use of fireworks (including firecrackers) since noon on May 27, 2019. I further explained that while there are places that have local bylaws to manage the use of fireworks, most rural communities don't have fireworks bylaws and so they default to the Coastal Fire Centre's restriction on their use.

The customer's response surprised me: "How can fireworks be prohibited if there isn't a campfire ban?"

I explained that the use of fireworks — along with sky lanterns, binary exploding targets, burn barrels, and burning cages — are included in a Category 2 open fire (backyard burning) prohibition as restricted activities. I further explained that the BC Wildfire Service website has a list of all current open fire prohibitions and restrictions (listed by fire centre) and shared the link: [www.bcwildfire.ca](http://www.bcwildfire.ca)

Every year, I find it interesting that some people don't really feel that the wildfire season has started until a campfire ban is put in place. People need to be vigilant about wildfire prevention whenever the conditions warrant it. Implementing a campfire prohibition is just one of many precautions that are taken as the wildfire risk increases.

For the record, the customer at the gas station still bought the fireworks but promised to wait until they were not longer restricted before setting them off. I hope that's true, because the fine for failing to comply with an order restricting the use of fireworks is \$1,150. The person responsible may also be held liable for fire suppression costs and damage to Crown and/or private property, which can run into the millions.

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

Total	116
Lightning	35
Person	80
Undetermined	1

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

Total	12
Lightning	0
Person	12

**Fire Danger  
Rating today**



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

**Category 2 Open  
Fire Prohibition  
throughout the  
Coastal Fire  
Centre's  
jurisdictional area.**

**Campfire and  
Category 3  
prohibitions have  
not yet been  
implemented.**

**Go to  
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the latest  
information.**

# Coastal Fire Centre

# Wildfire news

## At Coastal

**Sakinaw Lake—V51270 . Size: 3.8 hectares. Status: Under Control.**  
Cause: Suspected human-caused. Reported: August 5, 2019.  
Resources: 5 personnel. This fire is now 100% contained and is being mopped up.

**Mount Matheson—V61318. Size: 0.6 hectares. 4 BCWS firefighters assisted the East Sooke Fire Department on August 8, 2019.**

A campfire prohibition has not been enacted but senior officers continue to monitor conditions closely. We ask everyone to continue to be diligent and want to thank everyone for contributing to the low number of fire starts over the August long weekend. Responsible campers know where, and when, to have a campfire; as well as the importance of putting them out! Completely out!

There were 12 abandoned campfires reported by patrols over the August long weekend.

You may see some new signs adjacent to some human-caused fires. BC Wildfire Service has produced the signs and will be posting them, where appropriate, to point out what fires were preventable. The QR Code takes you to the online Natural Resource Violation Reporting form where you can offer any information you have about the fire.



### UNDER INVESTIGATION

**This human-caused wildfire was preventable.**

YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please report any information related to this wildfire to:**

**NATURAL RESOURCE VIOLATION REPORTING**

☎ Toll-free: 1 877 952-7277

☎ Cellphone: #7277

☎ Online at: <https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hen/nrv/report.htm>



Visit [bcwildfire.ca](http://bcwildfire.ca) to learn more about wildfire prevention.

## Weather

**SYNOPSIS:** (Today-tomorrow) Several significant developments overnight make this a very difficult forecast. First, as expected, extensive marine cloud layers formed and this morning sees widespread overcast skies and patchy drizzle. All zones are involved and will see afternoon temperatures as much as ten degrees cooler than lately. Secondly, a large convective complex, with lightning and locally heavy showers, formed over central Washington after midnight and is now drifting north-west towards the Lower Mainland. Showers are already reported at Abbotsford; lightning was reported at Bellingham earlier. With the cooler temperatures today it is very difficult to say whether thunderstorms including lightning are likely today as normally the lightning trigger is the warmer afternoon temperature readings. Still, the local motion of the observed cloud mass indicates shower activity moving into all southern zones later today and a few locally heavy showers are almost certain. Model forecasts show further southerly flow bringing more showers and possible thunderstorms tonight and again all day Saturday. Temperatures remain very cool and humidity very high. Locally heavy showers

may be accompanied by gusty winds.

**OUTLOOK:** (Sunday-Tuesday) An upper trough sits over southern BC this weekend and next week and maintains cool cloudy occasionally wet conditions.

**CONFIDENCE/DISCUSSION:** At the moment the best forecast is just to be watching the live satellite and radar imagery as well as Dispatch and the lightning display. The early morning computer model forecast still does not show the local heavy rainfall currently reported over central and northern Washington so can not be trusted to indicate potential rainfall for the Coastal zones. As of time of issue the lightning appears to have faded out over Washington and if it is to reach southern BC it may not be until this afternoon.

**6 TO 10 DAY:** (next week) The upper low and or trough persists all next week bringing more cool cloudy sometimes wet weather.



## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** Touchstone Sales <info@touchstonegibsons.com>  
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Dear Town of Gibsons Councillors,

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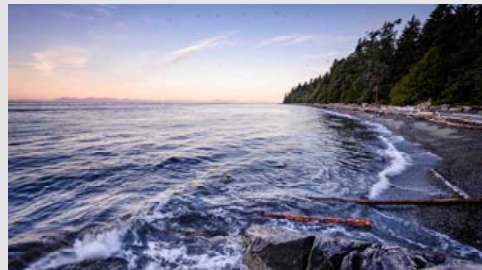


Your opportunity to live in this dramatic oceanfront community, amid protected parkland and forest, will soon be here. In the meantime, we hope the first of a series of emails about the Touchstone Vision will help you will discover some of our favourite places on in this special place we call Touchstone.



### **Gospel Rock**

The story of Gospel Rock is deeper than where and how this place sits on the land. It's also about the place it occupies in the hearts of locals. For decades, this area has been famously photographed, fought for, and beloved. In many ways Gospel Rock represents the area's touchstone — a living symbol of a genuine, meaningful way of life. For locals, that means we have a legacy to honour. And, for newcomers, it means we need to welcome them to this special place.

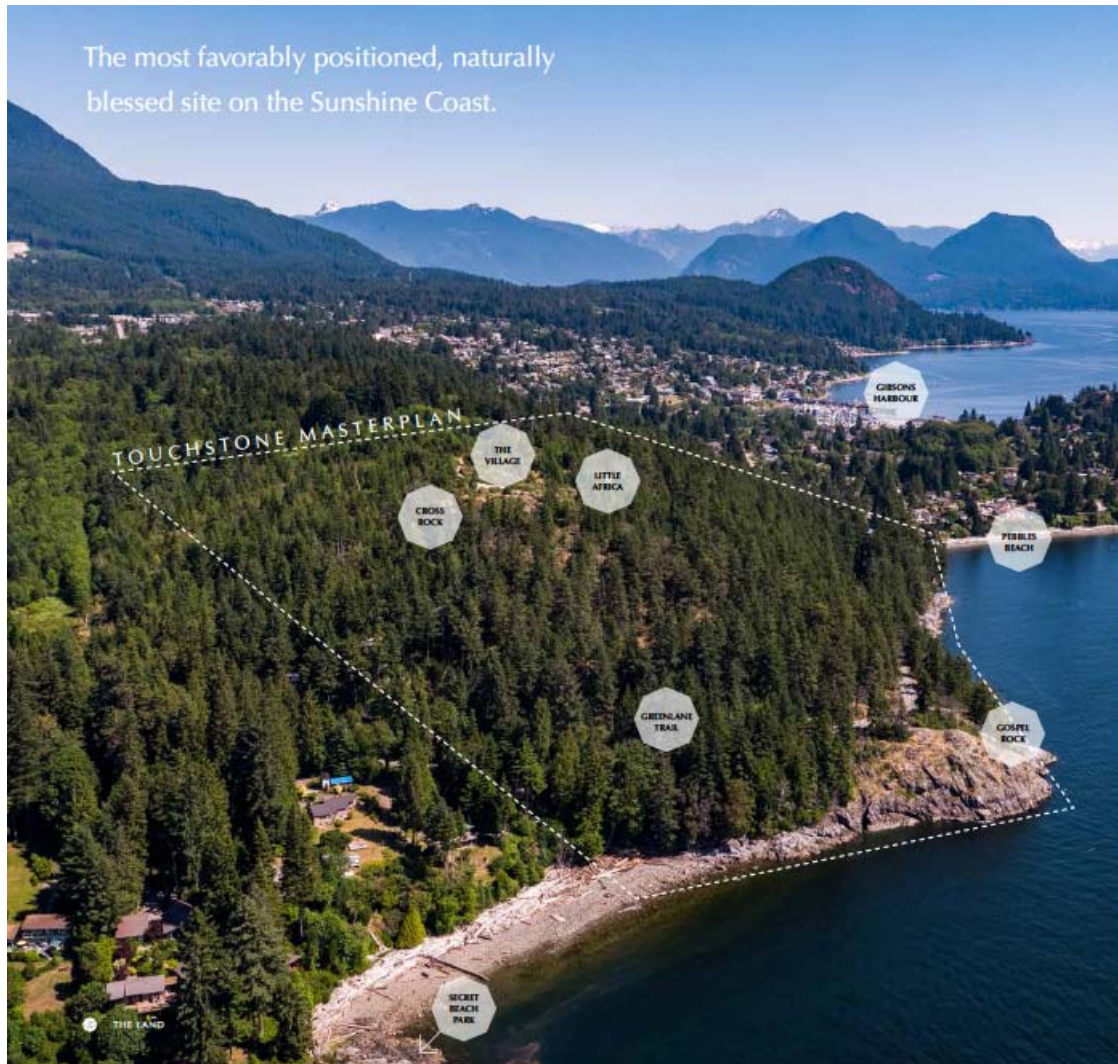


### **Secret Beach Park**

Just one of many scenic sites which also include Little Africa, Cross Rock and Gospel Rock, that you can walk to via the community's new pathways and woodland trails. Enjoy Crayola-coloured wild flowers, eagles overhead and sweet ocean air - all outside your door. Touchstone offers a stunning space to call home, one that's walkably close to the markets and marinas of Lower Gibsons, and a short ferry ride to West Vancouver.

Touchstones' coveted waterfront location means you can simply walk down to the beach at any time of day, any day of the week. It's the kind of rare ocean

access that makes for less screen time and more serene time. Whether it's beachcombing with your kids, playing fetch with your dog or strolling hand in hand with your partner, discover the power of nature to reconnect you to the ones you love the most.



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If you are here on the Sunshine Coast, or planning to come in the near future,

don't forget to stop by our Discovery Centre which is now **open 12-5 pm daily (closed Tuesdays) at 971 Venture Way, Gibsons, BC**. We invite you to stop by to learn more about this unique community.

Sincerely,

The Touchstone at Gospel Rock Sales Team

*PS - want to come for a visit, but not want the hassle of driving your car over? Email us to book an appointment, then just walk-on the ferry and we will come and pick you up from the ferry terminal, take you for a tour of the Discovery Centre and the site, then drop you back off at the ferry for your walk-on trip back home.*

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### Childminding Registration Deadline

The Childminding Program will be offered once again during the 2019 Convention for elected officials of UBCM members at a nominal fee of \$30 plus GST per day per child. Elected officials of UBCM members requiring childminding services must register by August 30, 2019. For more information, please contact Lilliana at [lkang@ubcm.ca](mailto:lkang@ubcm.ca) or visit the UBCM [Childminding](#) webpage.

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Get an up-close view of Port of Vancouver's major marine terminals operating in the Burrard Inlet! This tour will take place on Thursday afternoon, September 26th, following the Delegates' Lunch. Narration will be provided about key infrastructure and landmarks as well as the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's land, water, and air protection initiatives. Refreshments and snacks will be served. Pre-registration is not required, but be sure to arrive promptly as capacity is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Hotel Cancellation Policies

Have you overbooked your room block? Don't miss your hotel room cancellation deadline. Each hotel has its own deadline for cancelling rooms; please refer to the [Hotel Accommodations](#) webpage to view the reservation cancellation policy for your hotel. If you have rooms you would like to cancel, please contact Kelsey at [kmackaysmith@ubcm.ca](mailto:kmackaysmith@ubcm.ca).

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