



# Town of Gibsons

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Tracy Forster, Administrative Assistant II

DATE: September 24, 2019

**SUBJECT: Correspondence for the Week Ending September 24, 2019**

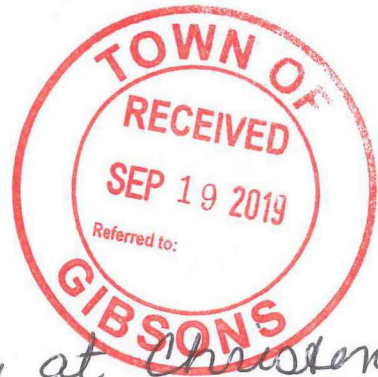
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***Please note:*** Only correspondence indicated has been forwarded to staff.  
If you have any questions, or would like staff to follow up with items on the CRF, please contact Lindsey as items do not need to wait for a Council meeting to be actioned.

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September 8 2019



Dear Mayor Beamish,

I am a senior living at Christensen Care home a few blocks away from the Supportive housing project on School Road.

I want to express my strong concerns regarding this project.

I have great-grand children that attend the school beside it, and I am worried for their safety.

I also don't agree with a building that size and density going onto a lot that small.

My taxes have gone into this community for many years and I would like to feel they have been valued.

My daughter has helped me write this letter because my

hands are a little bit shaky  
and you wouldn't be able to  
read it. I have dictated my  
concerns for her to write.

Thank you for reading.

22(1) FOIPPA

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## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** Diamond Isinger <isinger@cofi.org>  
**Sent:** September 16, 2019 1:58 PM  
**To:** Diamond Isinger  
**Subject:** COFI releases plan to secure a strong, competitive forestry future

Dear community leaders,

I am emailing to share with you a document we released today called [“Smart Future: A path forward for B.C.’s forest products industry.”](#)

As you know, there are many challenges facing the forest sector... challenges which are impacting workers and communities throughout the province. COFI and its member companies have been actively participating in the consultation and engagement processes currently underway to revitalize and renew the sector, including attending stakeholder meetings held throughout the interior this summer.

Much of the discussion at these sessions has rightly focused on the need to support workers and communities to address the impacts of closures and curtailments as mill capacity is rebalanced to match lower harvest levels. But we are also getting questions from mayors, local governments, First Nations, our employees and partners asking what the future looks like for forestry in B.C. and where we will be once we have moved through this transition.

To try to answer these questions, this document provides some ideas and choices that we believe can help build a stronger future for B.C.’s forest sector. We recognize that some ideas presented here are not new. Some ideas can be implemented by industry, others will require government action, and all will require a collective effort from workers, contractors, communities, First Nations, academic institutions, and others.

We recognize the list is not complete and that you and others will have other ideas to add to or complement the ones here. We do hope that it can help the discussions at the upcoming Union of BC Municipalities’ 2019 Convention and in the weeks ahead.

We look forward to connecting with many of you there. If you are attending UBCM, find us at our tradeshow booth to share your ideas. If you are not attending, but would like to connect, please contact me at [isinger@cofi.org](mailto:isinger@cofi.org), and we would be happy to meet and talk further about the forest sector.

Please find our news release below. A direct link to the plan and recommendations can be found at [https://www.cofi.org/wp-content/uploads/COFI\\_APathForward\\_2.pdf](https://www.cofi.org/wp-content/uploads/COFI_APathForward_2.pdf)

Yours truly,  
Diamond

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# COFI Releases Plan to Secure a Strong, Competitive Forestry Future

Sep 16, 2019

(Vancouver, B.C.) – The BC Council of Forest Industries (COFI) today released a plan – “*Smart Future: A Path Forward for B.C.’s Forest Products Industry*” – with 60 policy choices that can be made today to secure a stronger future for B.C.’s forest sector.

The forest industry has been a cornerstone of the B.C. economy for more than 100 years, generating about 140,000 jobs in our province, including one in four jobs in the manufacturing sector. The industry is currently facing significant challenges that are being felt across the province.

“B.C.’s forest industry is an industry in transition,” said Susan Yurkovich, President and CEO, BC Council of Forest Industries. “The industry is facing somewhat of a perfect storm – an array of market and operating challenges coming together at a time when we are also experiencing a significant structural shift in the availability and cost of fibre. These conditions are forcing difficult decisions, which are impacting workers and communities.”

A number of policy reviews and public consultations are underway to discuss the challenges. COFI and its member companies are actively participating in these discussions along with many other groups.

“In addition to addressing today’s challenges, many people are asking what the future holds for forestry in British Columbia, and where will we be once we have moved through this transition,” commented Yurkovich. “We believe that with the right choices, there is a bright future for the forest industry in B.C. That’s why we are putting forward our ideas for a path forward – one that will help attract investment, secure jobs, deliver value and sustain economic benefits across the province.”

“Some of these policy choices can be implemented by industry, others will require government action, and many will require collective effort from workers, communities, First Nations, academic institutions and all those involved in the sector to build the industry of the future,” added Yurkovich.

The 60 choices for a better future are outlined under five major areas:

1. - Invest in, and protect, our working forest land base
2. - Have smart rules that protect the environment and encourage investment
3. - Strengthen participation of Indigenous people and partnerships with communities
4. - Double down on market and product diversification
5. - Be the global hub for expertise in low-carbon, green building

[Click here to read the full report.](#)

## Quotes

“Industry is ready to work with all partners to put these ideas into action. Working in partnership, we can create the right conditions for a world-leading, globally competitive and innovative manufacturer of high-quality, sustainable products that supports skilled jobs and provides economic benefits for communities, First Nations, and all British Columbians. “

– **Don Kayne, Chair, BC Council of Forest Industries**

“Our province has a proud history of breaking new ground in wood construction, and now is the time to take our expertise to the next level. We need to think big. This vision document looks toward a time in which British Columbia becomes the “Harvard of Green Building” – a world hub for innovation in wood construction. We have the people, the know-how and the ability to lead the world. Let’s grab the opportunity.”

– **Michael Green, Michael Green Architecture**

“Customers both at home and around the world know that B.C.’s forest products are produced to the highest environmental standards. Wood is a renewable resource that lowers the climate impact of modern construction. That’s why it’s more important than ever that we work together to ensure that wood remains the go-to building material here in B.C. and across the globe.”

– **Greg Stewart, President, Sinclar Group Forest Products Ltd.; Chair, Wood WORKS! BC**

“Our industry is facing weak markets, volatile prices, punishing U.S. tariffs and high fibre costs which are making it impossible to operate economically today. We need to work together to put these ideas into action and find ways to get back to a competitive position so we can get contractors and employees back to work.”

– **Dick Jones, Teal Jones Group**

“I have been in the forest industry for over fifty years, both in primary and secondary manufacturing, and in my experience, there hasn’t been a time as defining as now for our collective future. Our focus should be to review all aspects of our industry to determine how to effectively add more social and economic value to the resource, and how to further innovate and develop new products for new markets. A key to success, however, is that industry must have reasonable expectations of access to competitive fibre. Also, collaboration through strong business relationships between primary and secondary manufacturing will be crucial going forward.”

– **John A. Brink, President & CEO of Brink Forest Products Ltd.**

“Indigenous people have been managing the land for thousands of years. It is a natural fit and valuable to the indigenous and non-indigenous communities in British Columbia for First Nations to increase their engagement in the forest sector at all levels to support community economic growth and diversify our collective knowledge of the land base.”

– **John Mohammed, President, A&A Trading**

“Over many years, we have built a forest industry we can all be proud of ... an industry that is recognized around the world for its quality products produced to the highest safety and environmental standards. We have faced challenges before, but our industry, workers and communities have proved to be resilient over the years and we can be again.”

– **Ray Ferris, President & CEO, West Fraser**

The BC Council of Forest Industries (COFI) is the voice of the B.C. forest industry which continues to be one of the most significant economic drivers in the province and the largest producer of softwood lumber in Canada. COFI members produce lumber, pulp and paper, panels and engineered wood products at facilities across the province. All share a commitment to a future based on sustainable forestry and manufacturing practices, innovative product development and employee safety.



we are all  
connected

September 2019

**Community Update  
Province Announces Consultation Process  
for Provincial Accessibility Legislation**

Dear Community Partner,

On Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, the Government of BC announced that the consultation process for forthcoming provincial accessibility legislation had begun. British Columbians will have the opportunity to provide their input and help shape the legislation until November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

You are invited to read the Accessibility Framework document and make your voice heard by completing the online questionnaire, sending your comments by telephone or email, attending an in-person session, and/or participating in a virtual town hall. The Accessibility Framework and all information about how to participate is available here:

<https://www.engage.gov.bc.ca/accessibility/>.

Community groups, libraries and other organizations can also participate by applying for funding and resources totaling up to \$2,000 to hold their own community meetings and provide feedback. For details, visit SPARC BC: <https://www.sparc.bc.ca/accessibility-legislation/>.

Disability Alliance BC is encouraged by the scope of the consultation process and excited to see how this legislation will take shape.



September 17, 2019

All BC Municipalities  
Via email

**Re: UBCM Reception Sponsored by the Government of China**

I write on behalf of Mayor and Council to advise that District North Saanich Council at its Regular Council meeting held on September 16, 2019 adopted the following resolution:

***Whereas Canadian citizens are being detained in China as retaliation for the arrest of Meng Wanzhou, the Chinese tech company's chief financial officer at the request of US authorities, and***

***Whereas the government of China has unfairly taken actions to restrict imports of Canadian agricultural products, and***

***Whereas the government of China is no longer a trusted trading partner,***

***Now therefore be it resolved that staff email as many governments in BC as is practicable, asking that all Council members and staff who are attending this years UBCM convention to give personal consideration to not attend the Government of China reception.***

On behalf of Mayor and Council, thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Curt Kingsley", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Curt Kingsley  
Deputy CAO / Director of Corporate Services



## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** National Defence / Défense nationale  
<DNDRemembrance.SouvenirMDN@forces.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2019 7:41 AM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** National Veterans's Week Speakers Program 2019 / Programme national des conférenciers de 2019

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Défense

Défense  
nationale

CANADIAN  
ARMED FORCES



FORCES ARMÉES  
CANADIENNES

*(Le français suit)*

### **PRESENTATIONS BY CANADIAN ARMED FORCES MEMBERS DURING VETERANS' WEEK**

**September 17, 2019**

During Veterans' Week 2019, from November 5 to 11, Canadians will come together to pay tribute to all Veterans who have served and who continue to serve this country with pride.

As part of a long-standing tradition in support of Veterans' Week, current members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) are available to give presentations at schools and community organizations across Canada as part of the Department of National Defence's National Veterans' Week Speakers Program.

The program aims to raise awareness to Canadians of all ages about Veterans — past and present— underscoring the importance of their roles and sacrifices.

Our CAF speakers have a wide range of stories to share. Each presentation can be tailored to your audience, no matter their age. Typical presentations can include a speech, a slide show, a video, and a question period.

To invite a CAF member to your event or ceremony, visit the 2019 National Veterans' Week Speakers Program webpage (<http://Canada.ca/caf-veterans-week-speakers>). If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact our national coordinator, Mélodie Gratton at 1-833-223-8322 or via email at: [DNDRemembrance.SouvenirMDN@forces.gc.ca](mailto:DNDRemembrance.SouvenirMDN@forces.gc.ca).

Requests for speakers are filled on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to the availability of CAF personnel in your region. You are encouraged to submit your request as soon as possible. We will make every attempt to fill your request, resources permitting. Options for locations where speakers may not be able to attend in person could include a VTC/Skype teleconference or pre-recorded video.

The deadline to submit your request is **October 18, 2019**. There is no charge for this service.

Veterans' Week November 5-11  
#MyCAF #RememberThem

La semaine des vétérans du 5 au 11 novembre  
#MesFAC #Nelesoubliezpas

Canada

Veterans Affairs Canada offers an array of free, bilingual learning resources available in electronic and print formats to help students remember the importance of honouring Canada's veterans. Materials can be ordered directly at: <http://www.veterans.gc.ca/educators>.

On the day of your event or ceremony, you are invited to take photos during the CAF member's presentation and post the images to social media using the

hashtags **#MyCAF** and **#RememberThem**.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Goodnough

Director, Outreach and Speechwriting

Assistant Deputy Minister (Public Affairs), Department of National Defence



## **PRÉSENTATIONS PAR DES MILITAIRES DES FORCES ARMÉES CANADIENNES PENDANT LA SEMAINE DES VÉTÉRANS**

### **Le 17 septembre 2019**

Du 5 au 11 novembre, pendant la Semaine des vétérans 2019, les Canadiens rendront hommage à tous les vétérans qui ont servi notre pays avec fierté et à ceux qui continuent de le faire aujourd'hui.

Dans le cadre du Programme national des conférenciers de la Semaine des vétérans du ministère de la Défense nationale, les membres actuels des Forces armées canadiennes (FAC) sont disponibles pour donner des présentations dans les écoles et organismes communautaires partout au Canada.

Le programme vise principalement à faire connaître les vétérans d'hier et d'aujourd'hui aux Canadiens et à souligner l'importance de leur travail et de leurs sacrifices.

Nos conférenciers militaires ont une vaste expérience à partager. Chaque présentation peut être adaptée à votre public, quel que soit le groupe d'âge. En général, les présentations comprennent un témoignage, un diaporama, une vidéo, ainsi qu'une période de questions.

Pour inviter un membre des FAC à votre événement ou cérémonie, veuillez visiter la page Web du Programme national des conférenciers de la Semaine des vétérans 2019 (<http://Canada.ca/fac-conferenciers-semaine-veterans>). Si vous n'avez pas accès à Internet, veuillez téléphoner à notre coordonnatrice de la Semaine des vétérans, Mélodie Gratton, au 1-833-223-8322. Vous pouvez aussi lui écrire un courriel au [DNDRemembrance.SouvenirMDN@forces.gc.ca](mailto:DNDRemembrance.SouvenirMDN@forces.gc.ca).

Les demandes de conférenciers sont acceptées selon le principe du premier arrivé, premier servi, et dépendent de la disponibilité des membres des FAC. Vous êtes donc invités à soumettre votre demande dès que possible. Nous ferons notre possible pour honorer votre demande, si les ressources le permettent. Pour ce qui est des endroits où les conférenciers ne sont pas en mesure de se rendre en personne, il est possible d'organiser une vidéoconférence ou une rencontre sur Skype, ou encore d'enregistrer une vidéo.

La date limite de soumission est le **18 octobre 2019**. Le service est gratuit.

La semaine des vétérans du 5 au 11 novembre  
#MesFAC #Nelesoubliezpas

Veterans' Week November 5-11  
#MyCAF #RememberThem

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Anciens Combattants Canada offre toute une panoplie de ressources d'apprentissage gratuites et bilingues sous forme électronique et imprimée pour aider les élèves à se souvenir de l'importance de rendre hommage aux vétérans du Canada. Il est possible de les commander directement sur le site

suivant : <http://www.veterans.gc.ca/educateurs>.

Vous êtes invités à prendre des photos du conférencier des FAC lors de votre événement ou de votre cérémonie et à les publier sur les médias sociaux en utilisant les mots-clés **#MesCAF** et **#Nelesoubliezpas**.

Je vous prie d'agréer mes salutations distinguées,

Kirsten Goodnough

Directrice, Relais d'opinion et allocutions

Sous-ministre adjoint (Affaires publiques), Ministère de la Défense nationale

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**From:** info@civicinfo.bc.ca  
**Sent:** September 19, 2019 4:11 PM  
**To:** info@civicinfo.bc.ca  
**Subject:** Message from Emergency Management BC to UBCM Members - 2019 Convention

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This message is being sent by CivicInfo BC to all UBCM Members on behalf of Emergency Management BC.

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**Subject:** Invitation to Meet and Discuss 2019 BC Floods and Wildfires During UBCM Convention  
**Intended Recipient(s):** Mayors/Regional District Chairs/Islands Trust Chair/Councillors/Regional District Directors/CAOs and c  
**Attachments:** None. See message below.

**If you have received this message in error, we ask that you forward it to the appropriate person in your office.**

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MESSAGE:

Senior staff from Emergency Management BC (EMBC) and Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) are pleased to offer UBCM Delegates an opportunity to meet to discuss matters related to the 2019 BC floods and wildfires, as well as longer-term efforts to follow-up on recommendations arising from 2017 and 2018 events.

The Provincial government is committed to making improvements regarding how British Columbia prepares for, responds to, and recovers from floods and wildfires. Several reports, such as “Addressing the New Normal: 21st Century Disaster Management in BC” have provided invaluable recommendations on this topic. The planned meetings with EMBC and FLNRORD staff during UBCM will provide an opportunity for delegates to communicate any new or continued issues and advice related to how all governments address these hazards.

The meetings will be held at the Pan Pacific hotel, near the Vancouver Convention Centre on Tuesday, September 24, 2019. Meetings will be twenty minutes in length, in order to accommodate the maximum number of participants over the course of the day. If this schedule cannot accommodate all meeting requests, additional times will be made available.

If you would like to request a staff meeting regarding floods or wildfires please visit the Provincial Appointments Desk at the UBCM 2019 Convention on Monday, September 23, 2019, Vancouver Convention Centre, East Building – Lobby, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. Questions regarding booking procedures can be directed to Laura Smith ([Laura.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Laura.Smith@gov.bc.ca), +1 (778) 698-3263).

Sincerely,

Lori Halls  
Deputy Minister  
Emergency Management BC

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## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** ICLEI Canada <iclei-canada@iclei.org>  
**Sent:** September 19, 2019 6:15 AM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** Register now for LCF 2019 - Rates rise Sept. 25th!

# Livable Cities Forum

## Building Better Communities through Resilience

October 28-30, 2019 | Victoria Conference Centre, Victoria, BC

**Rates rise on September 25, 2019!**

**REGISTER NOW**

# Register by September 25, 2019 to attend the full conference for \$659!\*

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Our program provides a variety of unique formats including workshops, plenaries, and dynamic sessions to highlight our 3 conference themes:



- Exploring the Climate Change and Health Nexus
- Role of Infrastructure in Building Better Neighbourhoods
- Advancing Low Carbon Resilience for more Livable Communities
- [Read more about the program >](#)



Join us for two evenings of programming!

- Dinner with Mayor of Victoria Lisa Helps, plus keynote address from Jennifer Keesmaat, Former Chief Planner for City of Toronto
- Partners for Climate Protection program 25th Anniversary Cocktail Reception

On October 30, we've planned a variety of half-day excursions and workshops in the City of Victoria and surrounding area.



- Victoria Idea Camp Workshop



- Building Connectedness through Placemaking Across Victoria
- Community Building, Equity, and Wellbeing: A multi-modal tour in Victoria
- Exploring Urban Food Systems
- [Learn more about study tours >](#)

## ONLINE PROGRAM



Questions about the Livable Cities Forum?

Christina Schwantes  
christina.schwantes@iclei.org  
647-728-4395

# REGISTER NOW

September 19, 2019

Mayors, Councillors, Elected Representatives  
Province of British Columbia

Dear Sir/Madam

Since March of 2019 yet another British Columbia municipality has found itself embroiled in a legal personal controversy involving one of its elected officials. Port Moody's Mayor Robert Vagramov, after he was charged for sexual assault, voluntarily took a paid leave of absence while the case was before the court; three months later changed that to unpaid leave for the duration and then returned to work September 9 while the case remains before the courts. This has caused undue anxiety and concern to Port Moody citizens, created uncomfortable work environments for city employees and other members of council and is tarnishing the good name of Port Moody in the broader community.

Pitt Meadows BC has experienced the same challenges in 2017. David Murray, Pitt Meadows, who continued to sit as a councillor while under indictment for a criminal charge and once convicted, only resigned upon significant public pressure. Under the BC Municipalities Act there is no recourse for a municipality or the voting public of that entity to chart a reasonable course of action to protect the best interests of the municipality and its citizens. A perfect example of this is when Port Coquitlam experienced significant challenges leading up to 2008 whereby Mayor Scott Young was charged and convicted of a serious criminal offence, remained Mayor while living under house arrest until the end of term and subsequently lost in the 2008 election.

I understand during the 2018 UBCM convention the following resolutions and decisions took place and were endorsed, B83 and B84

[https://www.ubcm.ca/assets/Resolutions~and~Policy/Resolutions/Resolutions\\_Decisions\\_2018.pdf](https://www.ubcm.ca/assets/Resolutions~and~Policy/Resolutions/Resolutions_Decisions_2018.pdf)

B83 Elected Official Disqualification Endorsed as Amended: Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to implement legislation to require that an elected local government official be disqualified from office upon conviction of a serious criminal offense, not including convictions related to non-violent acts of civil disobedience; And be it further resolved that an elected local government official be required to take a paid leave of absence from office upon Crown approval of charges until the court process is complete.

B84 Disqualification from Holding Elected Office Endorsed as Amended: Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to make whatever legislative changes are needed to: 1.Require that an elected local government official be put on unpaid leave immediately upon conviction, during his or her current term, of a serious criminal offence (to be defined by legislation), not including convictions related to non-violent acts of civil disobedience until the expiration of the time to file an appeal or determination of an appeal; and 2.Require that an elected local government official be disqualified from holding office upon conviction, during his or her current term, of a serious criminal offence (to be defined by legislation), not including convictions related to non-violent acts of civil disobedience upon the expiration of the time to file an appeal or determination of an appeal.

Recall Legislation may be appropriate with respect to job performance but I do not feel it is appropriate to be considered for Criminal Code matters. It should not be the responsibility of citizens to police elected officials with respect to criminal activities.

This letter is requesting that you, as Mayors, Councillors and elected officials representing 190 British Columbia Municipalities, Regional Districts and First Nation Members, act in the best interests of your constituents by calling on the Government of British Columbia to respond to the UBCM resolutions and change the Act without delay.

Legislation requiring an elected municipal official to be put on immediate leave of absence if charged with an offence under the Criminal Code is long overdue. Nor is it reasonable that the province give latitude to any elected official facing such charges to return to office while their case is still before the courts. Mandatory removal from office of an elected municipal official convicted of any Criminal Code offence is also overdue.

The Province should further ensure the integrity of municipal government by ensuring that removal from office is mandatory for local government politicians who violate BC's Ethical Standards for Locally Elected Officials.

Legislation would remove from elected officials a currently unreasonable privilege of protecting personal interests with no consideration of the broader and more relevant interests of the communities they are supposed to be serving, and places it within the law and legislation. It would substantially relieve communities from the risk of conflict of interest, from influence by affected or peripheral parties and from politicizing and place it within clear judicial practices.

Below are the names and addresses of a representative number of eligible voters throughout the Province who are concerned there is no recourse if the same situation arose in their community and are urging immediate attention and resolution to this matter.

Respectfully,

Laura Dick  
222-3133 St Johns St  
Port Moody, BC  
[pomofirst@gmail.com](mailto:pomofirst@gmail.com)

cc: Hon. Selina Robinson, Hon. Mike Farnsworth, Hon. Adrian Dix, Premier John Horgan

and on behalf of but not inclusive of:

Summary

City	# of Signatories	City	# of Signatories
Port Moody	68	Coquitlam	11
Vancouver	3	Port Coquitlam	5
Belcarra	1	North Vancouver	1
Anmore	3	Delta	2
Maple Ridge	4	Agassiz	1
Surrey	4	Abbotsford	1
Tumbler Ridge	1	Langley	1
Burnaby	2	West Vancouver	1
Mission	1	Lake Country	1
Nanaimo	4	Squamish	1
Kelowna	2	Chilliwack	3

Sarah Wellman

22(1) FOIPPA

Jillian Eaton

22(1) FOIPPA

Stirling Ward

22(1) FOIPPA

Amanda Wellman

22(1) FOIPPA

Lisa Elser

22(1) FOIPPA

Steve Guy

22(1) FOIPPA

Adrian Crook

22(1) FOIPPA

Charles T Schlegel

22(1) FOIPPA

Anthony Sandler

22(1) FOIPPA

Brianne Egeto

22(1) FOIPPA

Dan Attridge

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Morgan Weverink

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Daniel Eaton

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Tracy Green

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Krista Dennett

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Lauren Sechov

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## Mayor and Council

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA [REDACTED]@eastlink.ca>  
**Sent:** September 19, 2019 1:19 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Tree removal

Dear Mayor and Council, I'm still shaking my head over your decision to reject a homeowners request for tree removal. All over Gibsons developers are clear cutting trees everywhere you look, and on hills! These developers have had the town's approval, yet you refuse to assist homeowners with a minor ask. And these homeowners have agreed to, not only replace the trees, but add more to their property. And then to add insult to injury you lecture them on the environment. I'm still shaking my head.

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## Mayor and Council

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** September 19, 2019 12:13 PM  
**To:** Emanuel Machado; Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Questions for Mayor Bill Beamish, All Council Members, and Manuel Machado

Dear Mayor and Council, Manuel Machado,  
I apologize the contact form on the Town of Gibsons site did not work for me

I am asking a few questions, with great respect for your work in Municipal Asset Management spearheaded by the Town of Gibsons, and which serves as an example, province-wide.

I have read an article by Gracelyn Shannon's (AM Coordinator, Town of Gibsons), A Case Study: Start where you're at for Natural Asset Management. I have also read the Town's literature, "Advancing Municipal Natural Asset Management: The Town of Gibson's experience in financial planning and reporting.

Questions:

1. Of the \$60 million recorded in Assets, what is the valuation of the Aquifer?
2. Compared to the value of the Aquifer, what would be the cost to rehabilitate the Aquifer if it is compromised.
3. What would the cost be to construct an engineered water supply for Gibsons in the event of a water catastrophe or shortage?  
The only statement I've seen to this question suggests - 'costs similar to other municipalities'.
4. What measures have been taken by the Town to secure the value of the aquifer in case of a breach. As Charman Creek is under Provincial Jurisdiction - is the Aquifer the jurisdiction of the town, the Province, or both?

From my reading, I have concluded that the solution to Natural Asset Management, in large part lies at "Gibsons feet" - the aquifer. Directly related or not, the Town's literature and verbal projections for the growth of Gibsons is said to be between 7200 - 7300. This growth rate may provide the income required to put tax money aside for repair of infrastructure, rehabilitation of natural assets, etc. But of course, as population increases, the tax base increases but so does the impact on resources, natural or engineered.

I have also concluded that developers are encouraged by the lower fees the Town provides, thanks to natural asset solutions to capacity needs (See Ms Shannon's statement below). Does this not imply under, or zero-valuing of our assets?

Ms Shannon states:

". . . the Town of Gibsons, is taking effective asset management a step further. The Town is considering the role of engineered assets such as roads and storm sewers, as well as the role of natural assets such as forests, **aquifers**, creeks, wetlands and foreshores that provide essential civil services to citizens.

and

"Today, the Town of Gibsons' formal recognition of our natural assets has enabled us to increase funding to natural asset monitoring and stewardship, **while reducing costs for developers by recognizing natural asset solutions to capacity needs..**."

It is my hope that as a leader in Natural Asset Management, Gibsons puts forward a solid and responsible foundation for Natural Asset Management, based on facts and figures, particularly where it involves very substantial assets such as the Gibsons Aquifer.

Thank you for taking the time to answer my questions and if the answers are that no figures are estimated, confirmed, or available to the public, please let me know, or when we can expect them going forward, or why not.

And, congratulations on your Charman Creek Natural Asset costing!

Best Regards,

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As further reference to my statements I have included the following:

**An asset inventory revealed that Gibsons owns approximately \$60 million in assets.** This value reflects the historical costs of the assets as required by financial reporting. Current replacement cost can be significantly higher depending on the age of the asset. Each asset requires upkeep, repair and maintenance, which in turn requires corresponding financial plans. The Town established that to maintain assets properly they must spend or put aside, as a rough guide, up to 3-4% of asset value, or about \$1.8 million to \$2.4 million, each year for asset replacement. This was an uncomfortable realization for the Town given that the Town's annual revenue for operating, maintaining and replacing assets as well as constructing new assets is only about \$6.6 million. *Town administration realized that a major change would be required to ensure long-term financial sustainability. Practically, Gibsons needed to reduce the number and value of the assets they owned and operated and reduce the maintenance costs for those assets they retained – all while meeting community expectations for services. Part of the solution lay, quite literally, at their feet.*

The Gibsons Aquifer is a confined aquifer underneath the Town that holds water and provides it to the Town's wells and springs. Gibsons conducted an extensive study of the aquifer during 2009 to 2013 to determine its properties. One finding was that the aquifer filters and stores enough water to supply the present and future projected populations of the Town who can drink from water pumped from the aquifer. GIBSONS AQUIFER Long-term financial sustainability requires that Gibsons retains the fewest assets possible, and to ensure that assets are natural, energy efficient and the lowest cost possible to operate over the long term. TOWN OF GIBSONS' EMERGING MUNICIPAL ECO-ASSETS STRATEGY Simply recognizing the services provided by the Gibsons Aquifer gave the Town a basis for more informed decisions and better risk management. *The Town's research helped staff determine that if the aquifer became degraded, then engineered assets would be required to provide the same services, at a cost that could be calculated based on costs in other municipalities. Conversely, a well-managed aquifer provides clean drinking water in perpetuity and reduces the risk of liabilities for new water purification and storage infrastructure. Gibsons also invests \$28,000 annually in monitoring the aquifer, a small fraction of the operating costs of an engineered facility. These insights have given Gibsons the basis for determining the actions, timelines and costs needed to maintain aquifer health and officially include them in the Asset Management Plan in order to ensure sufficient funds are in place to do so.*



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September 17, 2019

All BC Municipalities/Regional Districts  
Via Email

**RE: FOSTERING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICES IN SMALL COMMUNITIES**

All BC Municipalities/Regional Districts,

Please be advised that the Village of Salmo Council, at the September 10, 2019 Regular Council meeting, passed resolution #R10-17-19 in support of the following City of Enderby motion regarding fostering transportation network services in small communities:

WHEREAS the Province of BC has created a regulatory framework permitting transportation network services to operate in BC, which provides a passenger transportation option to address the significant public need for vehicles-for-hire and, in turn, reduce impaired driving, improve the ability of seniors and persons with barriers to access needed resources, and stimulate economic development;

AND WHEREAS the Province's regulatory framework is so onerous that it effectively prohibits the establishment of transportation network services outside of the Lower Mainland, and particularly in small, rural, and remote communities where it has the greatest potential to address areas underserved by traditional public transportation options;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM asks the Province of BC to amend the Passenger Transportation Act to establish an area-based, tiered, regulatory solution that will enable viable and competitive transportation network services in small rural and remote communities as well as other communities outside of the Lower Mainland.

Sincerely,

Anne Williams  
Chief Administrative Officer

Cc: *MLA Michelle Mungall*  
*All BC Municipalities/Regional Districts*



September 20, 2019

Dear Community Leaders,

British Columbia's rural communities are facing a crisis that keeps getting worse.

As you may be aware, the government has indefinitely suspended the Rural Dividend Fund program. The NDP did not want to make this public, so communities and organizations were quietly sent rejection letters in the mail instead. This is unacceptable and further indication that the NDP government is not working in the best interests of rural British Columbia.

The Rural Dividend Fund was created so smaller communities and First Nations can build capacity and promote economic diversification. The government shouldn't be punishing rural communities by taking away important funding that helps create jobs and contributes to the overall wellness and sustainability of smaller communities.

The NDP says they are suspending the Rural Dividend Fund in order to pay for their forest worker support program. This is an insult to the forestry communities. The Forests Minister is simply taking money from certain rural communities to try to cover up his inaction in others. We are outraged at this and you should be too. Your communities deserve to have their voices heard, which is why we are encouraging you to speak up during your meetings with government at UBCM.

Hard-working British Columbians and their families in forestry-dependent communities are facing unemployment and the possibility that they will have to leave their homes in order to find new work. It is now clear that the government is not interested in finding ways to make our forestry industry more competitive.

Our intention as the BC Liberal Caucus is to work with you and your councils to find solutions to help mitigate the disastrous effects of this government's negligence in rural British Columbia, and especially in forestry. We will continue to pressure the NDP to work with communities and First Nations to ensure that they aren't leaving British Columbians out in the cold.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Andrew Wilkinson'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Andrew Wilkinson

## Gibsons General Mailbox

**From:** BC Healthy Communities <bchc=bchealthycommunities.ca@cmail20.com> on behalf of BC Healthy Communities <bchc@bchealthycommunities.ca>  
**Sent:** September 20, 2019 8:30 AM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** Fall News: UBCM Convention, new Coastal Communities Resource & more!

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**BC Healthy Communities**  
People. Place. Potential.



*A young child plays in a pile of leaves . Photograph by [Scott Webb](#).*

Welcome to our Fall issue. We've been gearing up for the UBCM Convention, where we'll have a trade show booth filled with action guides and resources, community-building activities, and a few surprises as we launch our new brand. We hope to see you there!

### Healthy Community Engagement Action Guide released!

Our new Healthy Community Engagement Action Guide is here. Full of information, strategies, community examples and resources, it's designed to help local governments ensure their engagement processes are inclusive and equitable. Look for the checklist on page 10 guideline for a quick assessment of your community's engagement processes.



[Get the Action Guide](#)



## New Active Coastal Communities Resource

Due to their location, size and landscape, small coastal communities often face unique barriers when it comes to supporting physical activity. Our new Active Coastal Communities resource shares success stories from coastal communities who have completed projects to improve access to opportunities to be physically active.

[Get the Resource](#)



## We want to hear from you at UBCM.

Our team will be at the UBCM Convention to chat with local government officials about their plans to make their communities healthier. We'll also be looking for input into the design of our upcoming PlanH grants. Stop by our booth across from the Delegates Lounge and to discuss your community's needs and goals, and how BCHC can help.



[Get in touch to learn more](#)

**we have  
a new  
look.**

## Sneak Peek: BC Healthy Communities is launching a fresh new look.

This past year, we've been working hard behind the scenes to develop a new brand that better reflects the amazing, transformative things that can happen when you combine the powers of planning and public health. We'll be rolling out this new brand over the next few months, and the first stop is the UBCM Trade Show. If you're not attending, you can still get a sneak peek of the new brand by visiting [bchealthycommunities.ca](http://bchealthycommunities.ca) after September 23.

## Updated Funding Opportunities on PlanH.ca

We've updated our PlanH program's Funding Opportunities page with lots of new grants available to local governments. With eleven categories, including Accessibility & Equity, Mental Health & Well-being, Housing, Indigenous Communities, Food Security and more, there's sure to be a funding opportunity for everyone.



[See the Funding Opportunities](#)



## Welcome Emily!

We're excited to welcome Emily Johnson as our new Healthy Community Planner. With a Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology and a Master's degree in Community and Regional Planning, she is well-positioned to collaborate with communities working towards physical activity, social inclusion, urban design and active transportation.

[Learn more about Emily](#)



## Thank you Trevor & welcome Jocelyn!

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Healthy Communities scholar and outgoing BCHC Vice President Trevor Hancock for his years of vision, passion and service as one of our Board of Directors and original Steering Committee members. Best of luck with all the amazing initiatives you are involved with moving forward. We're also excited to announce the appointment of new board member Jocelyn Stanton, who brings many years of experience in public policy, health and stakeholder relations. Stay tuned for a full introduction to Jocelyn in the Winter edition of our newsletter.



### YES Magazine gets it.

We're always spreading the word about Healthy Communities work, so we get pretty excited when an article comes out that truly represents what this movement is all about. *"For Healthy Communities, Look Beyond Diet and Exercise"* is a great primer on how systemic barriers can be undone through local government action.



[Read the Article](#)

Cities Fit for Children Summit featured



The Chilliwack Progress wrote an article recently about the 2020 Cities Fit for Children Summit to be held in Chilliwack in May. Featuring a quote from our Executive Director, Jodi Mucha, the article provides some background on this great initiative.

[Read the Story](#)



### Good news travels fast.

Articles that make you think, make a difference and make your day.

- [Inclusive Community Engagement & Equitable Participation to Improve 4 Core Functions of Local Government \(Medium\)](#)
- [‘It’s a superpower’: how walking makes us healthier, happier and brainier \(The Guardian\)](#)
- [Programming for Inclusion: Enhancing Equity through Public Space Activation \(Medium\)](#)
- [Vancouver Island resident paints happiness on fire hydrants after tough 2 years for rural community \(CBC News\)](#)



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## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** Rob Douglas <rob.douglas@northcowichan.ca>  
**Sent:** September 20, 2019 3:45 PM  
**To:** Rob Douglas  
**Subject:** Regional Forestry Management - UBCM presentation on September 24, 5:00 PM

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

As many of you know, the Municipality of North Cowichan is bringing forward an exciting resolution to UBCM calling for the Province to explore major changes to how we manage our forests in British Columbia ([Resolution B156 – Regional Management of Forestry](#)).

With the unprecedented closure of mills across the province devastating communities and leaving thousands out of work, now is the time to look to bold solutions!

We are pleased to tell you that we will be holding a presentation for UBCM delegates, followed by a question/answer session and group discussion, on **Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at the Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel**, just a couple minutes away from the UBCM Convention (1128 West Hastings St, Vancouver). You will find us in the Showcase Loft on the lobby level of the hotel. Beverages and refreshments will be provided.

The presentation will make the case for more local control and outline the key concepts included in North Cowichan's UBCM resolution and in last year's [major paper from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives](#) such as:

- Creating a new officer of the legislature/forester general - who would report to us all;
- Creating empowered regional standing committees of the B.C. Legislature for Vancouver Island and the Coast, the Kootenays, Southern Interior, Northern Interior, Lower Mainland, and the other major regions;
- Creating a forest charter of outcomes, standards and goals; and
- Giving more local control of our forests given the good examples we already have.

Reservations are not required, but letting us know if you plan to attend will help with planning.

We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

**Rob Douglas** - Councillor, Municipality of North Cowichan

**Bob Williams** - Former Minister of Lands, Forests and Water Resources

**Corky Evans** - Director, Columbia Basin Trust and Former Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries

**Ray Travers** - Registered Forest Professional (Ret.) and Private Forest Consultant

## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** Scarp Water Planning Lab <water.planning@ubc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 20, 2019 6:37 PM  
**To:** rgrant@mission.ca; palgra@mission.ca; aaminpour@delta.ca; mcgowan@cranbrook.ca; jennifer.bailey@vancouver.ca; kkli@surrey.ca; nduncan@victoria.ca; chaer@richmond.ca; apeters@abbotsford.ca; jpillainayagam@coquitlam.ca; cmoody@kelowna.ca; slazykj@dnv.org; rsmith@kamloops.ca; Naiduwa@chilliwack.ca; jdingwall@mapleridge.ca; steven.mercedes@princegeorge.ca; dmatsubara@cnv.org; akwan@westvancouver.ca; nathalie.viau@campbellriver.ca; pleblanc@portmoody.ca; dgerow@salmonarm.ca; bsmith@squamish.ca; jmiles@rdno.ca; monte.staats@scrd.ca; jsagebiel@cdpr.bc.ca; jacquest@comox.ca; wsit@myuna.ca; brent.edge@penticton.ca; mday@whistler.ca; ashley.springer@burnaby.ca; darsen.pooni@burnaby.ca; rhoekstra@terrace.ca; jengelberts@williamslake.ca; info@nakusp.com; Curtis Helgesen; dbeck@nelson.ca; Gibsons General Mailbox; whunt@newhazelton.ca; jreel@castlegar.ca; cmcisaac@trail.ca; garin.gardiner@princerupert.ca; lkearns@gochetwynd.com; pslack@whiterockcity.ca; awicks@whistler.ca; dchurko@rdn.bc.ca; clarke.kruiswyk@cord.bc.ca; dleitch@comoxvalleyrd.ca; pwells@strathconard.ca; kielwilke@lakecountry.bc.ca; jcallow@newwestcity.ca; revans@pittmeadows.bc.ca; shawk@portcoquitlam.ca; kjefford@langleycity.ca; brobinson@bimbc.ca; kevin.dicken@anmore.com; wbabcock@tol.ca; Guy\_Cicon@portalberni.ca; jmiles@rdno.ca; tgleig@kitimat.ca; jmanson@ladysmith.ca; bclarke@hope.ca; Operations@kimberley.ca; mthiessen@district.kent.bc.ca; peter@duncan.ca; general@smithers.ca; mglass@peachland.ca; mail@spallumcheentwp.bc.ca; ross.beddoes@creston.ca; dbeale@dtr.ca; info@harrisonhotsprings.ca; dpendergast@revelstoke.ca; dfinnigan@merritt.ca; operations@fortstjohn.ca; jkalinczuk@dawsoncreek.ca; dvandermeulen@summerland.ca; robert.bell@northcowichan.ca; ccoben@quesnel.ca; jdinwoodie@osoyoos.ca; info@district.mackenzie.bc.ca; admin@oliver.ca; cityhall@fernie.ca; kerryfox@cityofarmstrong.bc.ca; justask@northernrockies.ca; info@grandforks.ca; operations@district.vanderhoof.ca; ops@golden.ca; smercer@porthardy.ca; mbohmer@sparwood.ca; darrinalbo@rossland.ca; cao@houston.ca; cao@invermere.net; jfernandez@lakecowichan.ca; info@cityofenderby.com; info@cumberland.ca; cao@sicamous.ca; rzerr@princeton.ca; SueHarvey@portmcneill.ca; cityhall@lillooetbc.ca; cao@chasebc.ca; lpedrini@pemberton.ca; jcarter@loganlake.ca; rmartin@burnslake.ca; info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca; pstrain@dist100milehouse.bc.ca; admin@ashcroftbc.ca; info@warfield.ca; office@tofino.ca; info@lumby.ca; info@ucluelet.ca; grlplourde@cablerocket.com; works@lionsbay.ca; publicworks@fortstjames.ca; cao@keremeos.ca; info@telkwa.com; pwm@ccrd-bc.ca; cao@sqcrd.bc.ca; vflwork@fraserlake.ca; publicworks@kaslo.ca; speacock@cachecreek.info; foreman@hudsonshope.ca; info@salmo.ca; admin@montrose.ca; pwadmin@northernrockies.ca; office@queencharlotte.ca; vom@mhtv.ca; info@portalice.ca; cbishop@poucecoupe.ca; info@radiumhotsprings.com; bwoodward@canalflats.ca; midwaypw@shaw.ca; publicworks.GreenwoodCity@shaw.ca; tdall@village.clinton.bc.ca; info@portedward.ca; office@newdenver.ca; cao@districtofstewart.com; PNELSON-SMITH@ALERTBAY.CA; general@villageofgranisle.ca; info@villageofslocan.ca; publicworks@hazelton.ca; pbworks@wells.ca; publicworks@lytton.ca  
**Cc:** mminchau@cariboord.bc.ca  
**Subject:** [New Report] The political climate for stronger action on water metering policies in Metro Vancouver: A survey of elected council members and mayors

Dear colleagues,

A new report has been released on water metering in Metro Vancouver. We believe our report gives some insight into the current political climate for mandatory water metering, in addition to providing further explanation of the reasons that mobilize supporters and opposers of this policy.

## **Most Metro Vancouver councillors support mandatory water metering**

While few households in Metro Vancouver have water meters, the political will for mandatory metering is strong, according to a new survey conducted this summer by researchers at the School of Community and Regional Planning of the University of British Columbia. ([Full Report](#))

The researchers surveyed elected councillors and mayors in the region and found that 68 per cent are in favour of mandatory water metering.

“While cities such as Victoria, West Vancouver and Richmond have been able to provide a water meter to nearly all residents, much of British Columbia and many cities in Metro Vancouver are far behind national coverage rates – most cities have no water metering policy and have been hesitant to introduce water meters,” said report author Jordi Honey-Rosés, an associate professor in the School of Community and Regional Planning (SCARP) at UBC.

“It’s important to understand why elected officials’ might be hesitant to go forward with stronger action on water metering. Political will is crucial in efforts to introduce this technology in households.”

Water meters are simple gadgets that track water consumption, detecting leaks and promoting smart use of water. The survey showed that most councillors—around 80 per cent—agree that water metering produces valuable information for city managers and is an efficient tool for sustainability. Seventy-three per cent are in favour of exploring the benefits of water metering in their city, with even the few who were undecided still in favour of learning more about the impacts.

“We found that a high proportion—86 per cent—disagreed with the statement that we do not need water metering ‘because we have lots of water,’” said co-author Pascal Volker, a master’s student at SCARP. “In other words, the abundance of water in Metro Vancouver is not an obstacle in the water metering debate.”

The authors are hopeful that the results will spur more action for wise water management. “We hope the results of this survey can help empower municipal planners, engineers and staff who agree that metering is a smart way to improve water management, but who might have hesitated to take this issue to council” added Professor Honey-Rosés.

*Report: “The political climate for stronger action on water metering policies in Metro Vancouver: A survey of elected council members and mayors”.* <http://hdl.handle.net/2429/71693>

*More on the report here* <https://news.ubc.ca/2019/09/19/most-metro-vancouver-councillors-support-mandatory-water-metering/>

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## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA @22(1) FOIPPA.com>  
**Sent:** September 20, 2019 3:59 PM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** Coast reporter article on gospel rock

Dear mayor and council,

Re: Coast Reporter Article

### **“Committee says Gospel Rock design needs to be ‘softened’”**

I’m writing this email to acknowledge my agreement with your committee regarding Gospel Rock and the facade design. Please challenge their designers to be more innovative.

I would also ask that Gospel Rock and any other new developments be pre-wired for solar or even better have the solar built into the development budget, especially on any new builds in the town of Gibsons.

We built a new house in 2018 and took possession 10 months ago and already are seeing the cost benefit of supplementing home energy with solar. We see a 60% cost reduction in our home energy bills based on today’s Hydro rates (which will only go up). Our ROI will be 16 years or less, depending on future bc hydro rates.

I also would like to see new multi resident home builds in Gibsons be required to provide EV charging stations for at least 50% of all parking stalls.

I support all the developments in our community: Eagleview, Touchstone, George and Maplewood.

I just wish council or the new community plan could prioritize solar and EV plug ins in all new builds.

This would be my vision for Gibsons. Make our town Green!!!

Warm regards,

# Sustainable Funding for Watershed Resilience Workshop

**Monday September 23, 2019**

**1:00 — 4:00 pm PDT**

**SFU Harbour Center, 515 West Hastings St., Meeting Rm 2200  
Vancouver, BC**

## Workshop Objectives:

The objectives of this session include:

1. Sharing success stories and challenges in securing sustainable funding sources for watershed work;
2. Sharing background and consolidated insights from the Sustainable Funding for Watershed Governance Initiative; and,
3. Discussing opportunities for progress and identifying concrete strategies and next steps for implementing sustainable funding mechanisms for BC

## Desired Workshop Outcomes:

The outcomes of this session include:

1. Learning exchange
2. Identifying what could help local governments' seeking to develop sustainable funding mechanisms
3. Identifying opportunities for collaboration to expand sustainable funding options in BC

<b>TIME</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>WHO</b>
1:00 - 1:30	Welcome and Introductions	Zita Botelho
1:30– 1:45	Lessons learned from Sustainable Funding for Watershed Governance Initiative	Zita Botelho
1:45 -2:30 pm	PANEL SESSION  Examples of watershed funding successes and challenges from around the province	Brian Carruthers, CAO Cowichan Valley Regional District  Emanuel Machado, CAO Town of Gibsons  Donna Dean, Manager of Planning and Development Regional District Kootenay Boundary
2:30 - 2:45 pm	Refreshment Break	
2:45 – 3:00 pm	Discussion of strategic funding opportunities	Oliver Brandes, POLIS Water Sustainability Project, University of Victoria
3:00 – 3:45 pm	Dialogue Session discussing opportunities for progress and identifying concrete strategies and next steps for implementing sustainable funding mechanisms for BC	All
3:45 – 4:00 pm	Evaluation & next steps	All



## Call in details for remote participants:

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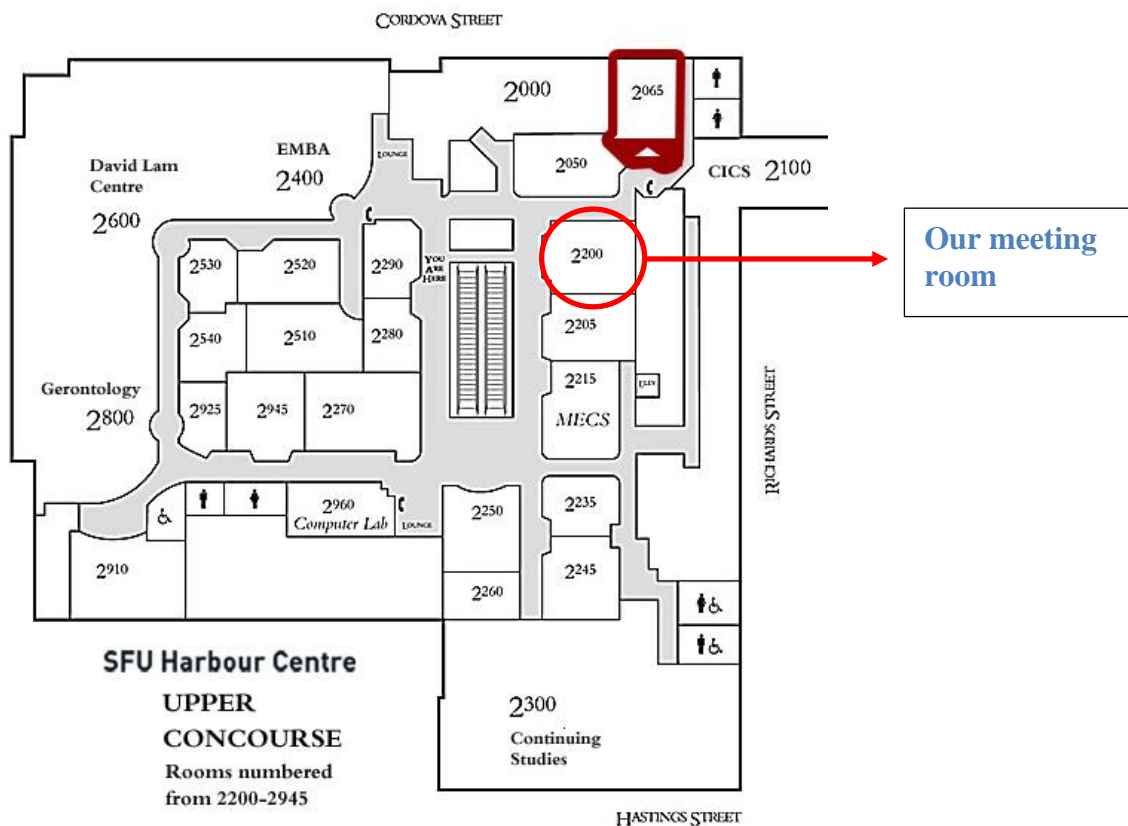
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## Our meeting space



## Resource Materials

Below you will find links to relevant readings and videos.

### FURTHER RESOURCES:

1. [Local Conservation Funds in BC: A guide for Local Government and Community Organizations](#)
2. [Combatting Canada's Rising Flood Costs: Natural infrastructure is an underutilized option](#)
3. [BC Report on the 2020 Budget Consultation](#)

### Videos

1. [CVRD Drinking Water and Water Protection Service \(3:30\)](#)
2. [Municipal Natural Asset Initiative \(2:14\)](#)

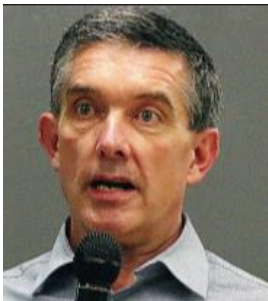
## Speakers Bios

**Oliver Brandes**, Co-Director; Associate Director of Strategic Partnerships and Public Policy POLIS Project; Centre for Global Studies



Oliver is an economist and lawyer by training and a trans-disciplinarian by design. Oliver serves as the Associate Director of Strategic Partnerships and Public Policy at the University of Victoria's Centre for Global Studies. He is an Adjunct Professor at the Faculty of Law and School of Public Administration and is a fellow of the Environmental Law Centre. In 2012, he co-developed B.C.'s first water law course at the University of Victoria's Faculty of Law. He also has affiliations at the University of Manitoba and Brock University. Oliver is a founding member of the national Forum for Leadership on Water (FLOW), which he currently co-chairs, and is an advisor to numerous national, provincial, and local water organizations, governments, and funders. He is currently a technical advisor to the B.C. Ministry of Environment, supporting the ongoing development of the provincial Water Sustainability Act.

**Brian Carruthers**, Chief Administrative Officer, Cowichan Valley Regional District



Mr. Carruthers has been the Chief Administration Officer (CAO) for the Cowichan Valley Regional District since 2014. He has spent 15 years working in local government in executive and senior management roles including CAO in the Regional District of Central Kootenay and with the City of Williams Lake.

**Donna Dean**, Manager, Planning and Development, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary



Donna Dean is the Manager of Planning and Development at the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and is a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners and registered Professional Agrologist. She has a B.Sc. in Geography and Environmental Science from Trent University; a M.Sc. in Soil Science from UBC and an Urban Design Certificate from Simon Fraser University.

Following her undergraduate degree Donna worked for a Conservation Authority in Ontario conducting research on rural watersheds and the impact of land use on water quality at beaches on Lake Huron. While working on her master's degree she worked for Agriculture Canada and a consulting firm in the Lower Mainland. After relocating to the Kootenays she did consulting focusing on contaminated sites; agricultural land capability studies; and soil nutrient, and composting research. In her spare time, she likes to ski, mountain bike and make stuff.

## Emanuel Machado, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Gibsons



For over a dozen years, Emanuel has worked with communities throughout Canada, promoting a greater use of renewable energy, net-zero buildings, water strategies, social plans and sustainability frameworks, all with a focus on people, recognized with numerous awards including the Arbor Vitae Award from the Province of British Columbia and the Professional Award for Innovation in local government.

Emanuel's passion and commitment to creating sustainable communities is evident in his work in the Town of Gibsons, by combining the Official Community Plan, Strategic Plan and Sustainability Plan to create a hybrid document that balances economic development, the natural environment, and social well-being. It is this integration and balance that has been the key element of his work.

More recently, Emanuel has been developing a program for the Town of Gibsons, called Eco-Assets, which recognizes the role of nature as a fundamental component of the municipal infrastructure system, leading to a greater understanding of the value of ecosystems services and improved financial and operational management plans of the community's natural assets.

## Facilitator

### Zita Botelho, Project Manager, Sustainable Funding for Watershed Governance



Zita Botelho is passionate about water and promoting dialogue and collaboration to support innovative solutions to water challenges. She is a consultant with deep experience in environmental and water public policy development. Prior to working in consulting, Zita was the Manager of Strategic Water Initiatives at the BC Ministry of Environment, where she led the development of *Living Water Smart: B.C.'s Water Plan* and the initial phases of the *Water Sustainability Act* development. She also worked with Environment Canada and on various international projects in South America, South East Asia, and Africa. She is currently the Project Manager of the Sustainable Funding for Watershed Governance Initiative and the Manager of the

reFRESH Water Lab.

## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** vel anderson <vel.anderson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** September 21, 2019 5:52 PM  
**To:** Leonard Lee; Lori Pratt; Andreas Tize; Mark Hiltz; Darnelda Siegers; Tom Lamb; Bill Beamish; Alvina Paul; Donna McMahon; Gibsons General Mailbox; council@sechelt.ca; wpaul@secheltnation.net; alvinapaul@secheltnation.net; coreyaugust@secheltnation.net; kjulius@secheltnation.net; saugust@secheltnation.net; nicholas.simons.mla@leg.bc.ca  
**Subject:** BOTTLED WATER issue at UBCM

September 21, 2019

Dear Elected Officials,

With climate change putting a strain on the environment, our watersheds will see the effects of the change soon enough. Water must be safeguarded for human and ecological needs, not for commercial sale.

We expect you, our elected officials, to call for a ban or moratorium on issuing provincial water licenses for commercial water bottling and export.

We see the need for more local control and oversight management of water resources and the potential of local bylaws and policies for the Sunshine Coast.

*“Nestlé is draining California aquifers, from Sacramento alone taking 80 million gallons annually. Nestlé then sells the people’s water back to them at great profit under many dozen brand names”* Read more here - <https://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2015/03/17/18770053.php>

That sure sounds like the situation here in BC. Nestles pays little for our water, sells our water back to us at a huge profit, while we get to pay for the clean up of their plastic bottle garbage left in the environment!!!

We note that Golden has stepped up for it's citizens - NEWS RELEASE, Sept 20, 2019

**DIRECTORS TAKE STAND AGAINST COMMERCIAL WATER EXTRACTION IN RURAL GOLDEN -**

<http://www.csr.bc.ca/sites/default/files/news/2019/2019%20September%20Bottle%20Water%20motion.pdf>

**Water licenses for bottled water should not be given to multi-nationals at any price.**

We ask that you to do everything in your power to protect water for communities and ecosystems now and for the future.

Vel Anderson, Elphinstone

## Mayor and Council

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA <22(1) FOIPPA@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** September 22, 2019 3:43 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Strategic plan

A continuous walkway/wooden raised walkway along all of the town's waterfront. No Sea walls or rock berms. Public to have access to all the waterfront.

Enforce a tall tree policy so we don't lose water views.

22(1) FOIPPA  
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## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** Sabia Curran <scurran@westvancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** September 23, 2019 4:28 PM  
**To:** Sabia Curran  
**Subject:** Support for Resolution B148 | Confirming Municipal Jurisdiction to Regulate Single-Use Items

Good Afternoon,

On behalf of Mayor Mary-Ann Booth and Council, please note the following District of West Vancouver resolution that will be considered at this year's UBCM Convention:

**B148      Confirming Municipal Jurisdiction to Regulate  
Single-Use Items**

**West Vancouver**

Whereas single-use items increase waste, are often not recyclable, and have various negative impacts on communities across British Columbia;

And whereas several municipalities in British Columbia recently have acted or are in the process of acting to restrict the use of single-use items;

And whereas the ability of municipalities to regulate to protect the environment is specifically circumscribed by s. 9 of the *Community Charter*, S.B.C. 2003, c. 26, which states that a municipality may not adopt a bylaw for the protection of the natural environment unless the bylaw is established in accordance with a regulation made by the Province, is established in accordance with an agreement by the Province, or is approved by the Minister responsible (and there are no applicable regulations, agreements or approvals):

Therefore be it resolved that the Province specifically allow local governments to regulate or restrict single-use items by the Province's agreement, by regulation, or by approval of the Minister.

*Not presented to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association*

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation:*                    **No Recommendation**

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

*The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to allow local governments to regulate or pass regulation reducing and banning single-use items within their municipality.*

*However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed a similar resolution calling for a Provincial Single-Use Item Reduction Strategy as part of a Provincial Zero Waste Strategy. Specifically, resolution 2018-B126 called on the Province of British Columbia to engage the packaging industry to develop a provincial Single-Use Item Reduction Strategy as part of a provincial Zero Waste Strategy, which would include, but not necessarily be limited to plastic and paper shopping bags, polystyrene foam cups and polystyrene foam containers, other hot and cold drink cups and take-out containers, straws and utensils, but would exclude all single use items needed for medical use or for people with disabilities.*

*The membership also endorsed resolution 2018-B29 with calls for the Province to work with local governments and retailers to introduce uniform, province-wide business regulations in relation to disposable plastic packaging, to substantially reduce the volume of disposable plastic packaging in local solid waste streams.*

*The Resolutions Committee notes that this resolution, B148, calls for local governments to regulate or restrict single-use items, which appears contrary to B42 that asks the Province to develop a province-wide single-use item reduction strategy.*

*See also resolutions B42, B147, C37.*

Conference decision: \_\_\_\_\_

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West Vancouver respectfully requests your consideration and support of this initiative.

Thank you,  
Sabia Curran

**Sabia Curran**

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## Mayor and Council

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**From:** 22(1) FOIPPA 22(1) FOIPPA@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** September 23, 2019 9:29 AM  
**To:** Mayor and Council; nicholas.simons.MLA@leg.bc.ca;  
complaintresolution@bchousing.org  
**Subject:** School Road - Low Barrier - Old RCMP Building - Gibsons BC

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I want to shed light on the fact that we might want to consider offering support for single parents with children at 739/749 School Road Gibsons.

I personally know of a woman who's children have been removed from her because she is homeless. She has no where to live, and the children are in Foster care.

What considerations could be given for women and children (or men) who have no home? Women and children who go to the Women's shelter in Sechelt who have been abused, often find themselves with nowhere to go. I imagine many of them end up back in the abusive relationship.

Has there ever been a count of this group of people?

Also, why does the "single homeless population" count keep changing? I've heard 10, 200 and now "conveniently" 40 in Gibsons.

Why do we hear from RainCity Reps, such a variation in the numbers of prospected people that will likely be addicts living there? "Less than 5, 1/4 - 1/3, and most of them."

Can the plans be changed to house homeless families? Why are THEY being discriminated against? Does it not make sense to house families 100 meters from Gibsons Elementary school? Next to trails and parks? In a residential area? Instead of single adults (% of addicts) who's services are on the other side of the school?

What about the rights of the children?

Let's make this a win/win for everyone. Sechelt already has the Low Barrier Facility built. They have shelters. Let's take a slightly different stand in Gibsons and focus on families.

Thanks for your consideration.

Regards,  
22(1) FOIPPA  
Gibsons

## Mayor and Council

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**From:** Sandur, Parveen <Parveen.Sandur@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 23, 2019 7:21 PM  
**Subject:** UBCM Official Opposition Events

Good evening,

For those of you attending UBCM this week, I hope you have all arrived safely and had a productive day at the conference.

Just a quick reminder that the Official Opposition is hosting three roundtable discussions on Thursday, September 26 at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel - Cheakamus Room as follows:

Time: 3:30-4:15pm

Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery

with critic Jane Thornthwaite

Time: 4:30-5:15pm

Housing and Transportation for a Growing Population

with critics Todd Stone and Jordan Sturdy

Time: 5:30-6:15pm

Jobs and Affordability (focus on forestry sector crisis)

with critics Shirley Bond, Greg Kylo and John Rustad

On Friday, September 27 we will be hosting a hot breakfast at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel - Mackenzie Room from 6:30-7:55am.

If you would like to attend any of the roundtables or the breakfast and have yet to respond, please RSVP by reply email.

Best Regards,

Parveen Sandur

BC Liberal Caucus

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## Gibsons General Mailbox

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**From:** info@gibsons.ca  
**Sent:** September 23, 2019 10:34 PM  
**To:** Gibsons General Mailbox  
**Subject:** New Contact Form submission from Town of Gibsons Website

### Name

22(1) FOIPPA

### Email

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

### Comments

For what it is worth, I need to voice my objection to the idea that faith based organizations are to be considered exempt from the paying of property tax under Bylaw 1273, 2019.

Recent statistics reveal that approximately 70% of British Columbians do not practice any religion, and nearly 25% of the B.C. population are in fact atheist. These numbers are significant, and deserve a reassessment of this antiquated practice.

Tax exemptions for churches are grossly unfair, when considering that much of the money generated by the church, stays within the church, or goes towards proselytizing to steer people towards their religion. One of these properties appears to be a vacant lot, and obviously contributes nothing towards the community.

There are many fine organizations that do great things in our communities, and they accomplish this without tax breaks.

Thank you for allowing me to air comments I have heard from many people.

22(1) FOIPPA, Sechelt.

## Tracy Forster

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**Subject:** FW: Tsain-Ko replacement Forest Stewardship Plan

**From:** Gary Gallinger <[GaryGallinger@capfor.ca](mailto:GaryGallinger@capfor.ca)>

**Date:** September 23, 2019 at 13:09:51 PDT

**To:** Gary Gallinger <[GaryGallinger@capfor.ca](mailto:GaryGallinger@capfor.ca)>

**Cc:** 'Jordan Louie' <[jlouie@tsain-ko.com](mailto:jlouie@tsain-ko.com)>, Larry Fedorkie <[LarryFedorkie@capfor.ca](mailto:LarryFedorkie@capfor.ca)>, Mike Baker <[MikeBaker@capfor.ca](mailto:MikeBaker@capfor.ca)>, Russ Hawkins <[RussHawkins@capfor.ca](mailto:RussHawkins@capfor.ca)>, Mark Siemens <[MarkSiemens@capfor.ca](mailto:MarkSiemens@capfor.ca)>

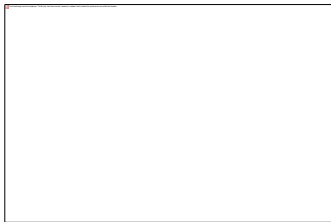
**Subject:** Tsain-Ko replacement Forest Stewardship Plan

The replacement Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) for the Tsain-Ko Forestry Development Corp. (TKFDC), a forest company wholly owned by the shíshálh (Sechelt) Nation, will commence a 60 day review period starting on September 27. Capacity Forest Management Ltd. (Capfor) manages the operations of TKFDC in conjunction with the Nation.

The FSP document and maps will be available on our website (shown below) by September 27. The FSP is not intended to show operational items like proposed roads and cutblocks. Rather it describes how TKFDC will maintain or protect other resources during development activities.

If you have any issues downloading the documents you want, please call or email me at the address or numbers below.

Thank you for taking the time to review the document and maps and I look forward to your input. Keep in mind the FSP is a legal document that deals with specific issues. You may have items that cannot be accommodated in the FSP, but we still want that input and we will try to use it in our development activities.



Gary

**Gallinger, RPF**

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