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April 16, 2014

File: 5460.08

Canadian Cancer Society
Relay For Life Coordinator
PO Box 3451
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4S2

Attention: Jennifer Dies, Relay for Life Coordinator

Dear Madam:

RE: RELAY FOR LIFE

Reference is made to your letter dated March 31, 2014

I am pleased to grant authorization for the following requests:

- 1) To paint a blue and yellow stripe on Alexander Street NE - pursuant to Section 201 of Traffic Bylaw No. 1971, permission is also granted for the Cancer Society to close Alexander Street (between Hudson Avenue and Lakeshore Drive NE **only**) to do street painting on Wednesday, May 7, 2013 weather permitting (after 6:30 p.m. and prior to 6:30 a.m.) subject to the use of washable, biodegradable paint and Item #3.
- 2) To paint the Relay for Life logo on Lakeshore Drive NE (in front of Shuswap Park Mall – between brick crosswalks) is approved, subject to the use of washable and biodegradable paint, provided street painting is done and dry prior to 6:30 a.m. to allow continuous traffic flow on Lakeshore Drive NE.

These requests are subject to the provision of adequate supervision and comprehensive general liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$2,000,000.00 inclusive per occurrence for bodily injury (including death, personal injury and property damage) with the City of Salmon Arm named as an "Additional Insured". Please forward a copy of your liability insurance prior to May 7, 2014.

Please contact the businesses on Alexander Street NE to gain their approval of this project and the proposed closure of Alexander Street NE.

You may contact Rob Hein, Manager of Public Works (250-803-4087) to arrange for barricades, signs, etc. for the event.

Best Wishes for a very successful campaign.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Niewenhuizen', enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

Robert Niewenhuizen, A.Sc.T.
Director of Engineering and Public Works

cc: ~~Council Information Correspondence~~
Downtown Improvement Association
RCMP / Ambulance Officials / Fire Department
Rob Hein, Manager of Public Works
Cam Gerow, Operations Clerk



Jennifer Dies
Relay For Life Coordinator
Canadian Cancer Society
PO Box 3451
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4S2

Rob Niewenhuizen
Director of Engineering and Public Works
City of Salmon Arm
PO Box 40
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March 31, 2014

Dear Rob,

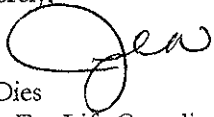
The 12th Annual Salmon Arm Relay For Life takes place June 14th & 15th at our new venue Elks Park from 7pm to 7am. The Relay For Life is a 12 hour noncompetitive fundraiser for cancer research and support services.

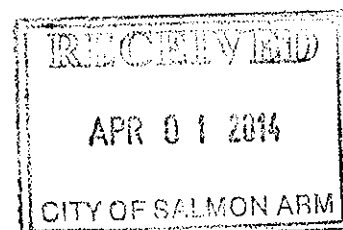
On Wednesday May 7th, 2014 we would like your support to once again to create our "Road to Relay". This kick-off is always a huge success for bringing awareness to the rest of the community. We would like to repeat the success of this event; by having our logo painted on the street really helps to promote our cause. I would like to submit the following request on behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society Relay For Life.

Request Details:

- We would like to paint both a blue stripe and a yellow stripe down the full length of Alexander St., between Hudson Ave & Lakeshore Drive (we will of course avoid the brick portions of the street). We would like to do this on Wednesday May 7th at a time that would be most convenient for the City and surrounding business (after 6:30pm and before 6:30 am). As was the case last year, we would ask for a temporary road closure (until the washable/biodegradable paint dried sufficiently) and we will be sure to communicate with the local business to gain their approval..
- We would also like to again paint our Relay For Life logo on Lakeshore Drive NE. (in front of Shuswap Park Mall and between the brick crosswalks)

Sincerely,


Jen Dies
Relay For Life Coordinator
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jdies@bc.cancer.ca

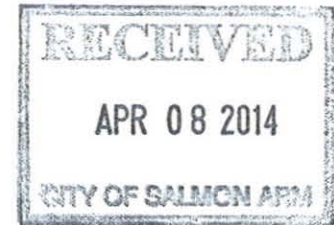


From: Melin, Janice [<mailto:Janice.Melin@interiorhealth.ca>]
Sent: April-04-14 10:39 AM
To: Nancy Cooper
Subject: Cell Towers and Smartmeters

My name is Janice Melin and I live in Canoe, B.C. My address is 7351 51 St NE. I am writing you to let you know I do oppose the proposed Cell Tower being set up in Canoe. I believe this is a very serious health issue and I wish to let you know I do oppose this proposal. Thank you.

281 - 8 St. NE
Salmon Arm, BC
V1E 1G9

April 4, 2014



Mayor Nancy Cooper and
Members of City Council
City Hall
Salmon Arm, BC

Your Worship and Members of Council:

I am writing about the absence of yard waste pick up by the City of Salmon Arm. This morning I put out for garbage collection a green bag containing yard waste, but I find that it has been refused on the grounds that it contains **yard waste**. On contacting the City, I learned that my only option is to take the bag to the landfill, and that free disposal will begin this weekend.

I am in my late seventies, and am not able to wrestle the bag into the car and dispose of it at the landfill. I was told by the clerk at city hall to whom I spoke that there are many others who are in the same position.

Most cities provide curb-side pick-up of yard waste in the spring, and the City of Salmon Arm used to do so. Why then, when Salmon Arm wishes to be seen as an attractive community with up-to-date services for the elderly, was this practice discontinued? It seems to me a very backward step. I urge you to reconsider, and revive the spring program of yard waste pick-up.

Sincerely yours,

Anne Morris

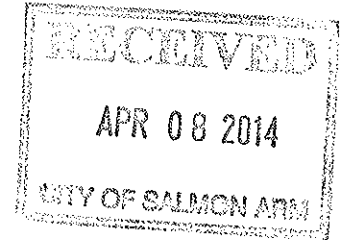
*P.S. I would be grateful for the favour
of a reply.*



Shuswap Naturalist Club

1740 16th St. NE, Salmon Arm, B.C. V1E 3Z7

April 5, 2014



To Her Worship the Mayor and Members of Salmon Arm City Council

The Shuswap Naturalists were delighted to receive notification from the City's Grants in Aid Committee approving our grant application and enclosing a cheque for \$2,000.

These funds will certainly enable us to fulfil our plans for hosting fellow naturalists who will be attending the fall conference our club is organizing on behalf of B.C. Nature, the umbrella organization for all naturalist clubs in this province.

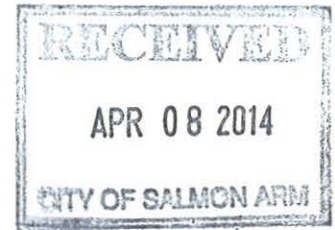
The event will be based at the Prestige Harbourfront Resort over the last weekend of September. We intend to make it a memorable and enjoyable experience for the participants so that they will leave with a heightened appreciation for the natural attributes of the Shuswap and the hospitality offered by our community.

Thank you so much for your support and good wishes.

Ed McDonald,
President

Cc: Shuswap Community Foundation

April 4, 2014



City of Salmon Arm
Box 40
500 2 Ave. NE
Salmon Arm, BC
V1E 4N2

Dear Mayor Cooper and Council,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Shuswap Community Foundation, thank you very much for your \$4000 sponsorship of the Shuswap Vital Signs Report. The support of the City of Salmon Arm sends a positive message to the community about this project.

This spring will be an exciting time for the Vital Signs team when we start engaging the community and collecting data. We will soon be contacting community leaders for involvement in our report's indicator selection, and we hope to have great involvement from all regions.

In closing, the Shuswap Community Foundation will keep you updated of our progress in our production of the Vital Signs Report. Please do contact us if you require further information or have any questions.

Yours truly,



Karen Angove, Vice President SCF
Rod Bailey, Director SCF



The Board of Education of School District No. 83 (North Okanagan - Shuswap)

PO Box 129 ~ 220 Shuswap St. N.E. ~ Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2 ~ 250-832-2157 FAX: 250-832-9428

April 1, 2014

City of Salmon Arm
Box 40
500 2 Ave. NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

Carl Bannister and Donna Shultz

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Glenn Borthistle – Superintendent of Schools, John Quilty – Career Coordinator (Salmon Arm Secondary), and myself to allow us to share the “Dual Credit” opportunities that are available to School District no. 83 students. The intent of these programs is to engage students at school and to provide them with valuable employability skills that they can bring into the community.

Since the meeting, we have updated our website (<http://career.sd83.bc.ca>) to include an in depth description of our programs as well as short videos highlighting out trades programs [Programs/Trades (ACEIT)]. This may provide some visuals to our discussions so feel free to peruse the website at your leisure.

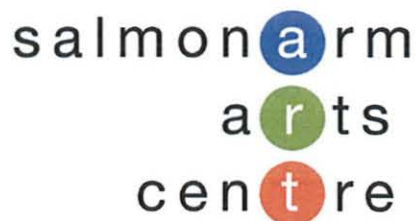
As mentioned at the meeting, we would like the opportunity to share our work with counselors, Mayor Cooper, administrators and other city staff at your convenience. We are always looking for new partnerships and we do feel that the City of Salmon Arm has much to offer the youth in our region. There are many talented employees on your staff and they have the potential to become significant mentors for our students.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with us. We look forward to meeting with the larger group at a future date and in developing a strong partnership with the City.

Regards,

Mark Marino
SD83 – Career Supervisor

Cc: Glenn Borthistle, Superintendent of Schools, School District No. 83
Bobbi Johnson, Chair, Board of Education of School District No. 83
John Quilty, Career Coordinator, Salmon Arm Secondary
Nancy Cooper, Mayor, City of Salmon Arm



Shuswap District Arts Council Box 1181 Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4P3 www.salmonarmartscentre.ca

April 11, 2014

Mayor Nancy Cooper and Council
City of Salmon Arm
Box 40
Salmon Arm, BC
V1E 4N2

Dear Mayor Cooper and Councillors,

Purpose: Outreach project for "Saga: The Art of Storytelling in the 21st Century"

As you may know, we are in the final stages of preparation for a big collaborative exhibition about how we tell our stories. One of the projects, "Have a Seat," involves placing sculptural chairs around town and encouraging people to sit down and read. The Shuswap Community Foundation was instrumental in helping us fund this and another community outreach project. We hope the City of Salmon Arm will support it with their agreement to place three of these chairs on city property.

We'd like one chair to be placed in City Hall, somewhere in the hall/foyer area. What would make it even better is to have the mayor herself use it for one of the Council meetings, helping to promote the idea that stories are what make us who we are. The other two chairs are appropriate for outdoor use, and would be ideally located at Ross Street Plaza and Marine Park. They'd each have to be attached to some structure with a cable, supplies of which we have. The artists have agreed that damage to their work is possible and they will not be devastated if that happens. Should a chair be damaged to the point of being dangerous, the gallery agrees to remove it from its public location.

We'd be delighted if you agreed to allow these three chairs to adorn City property from April 15 to June 30, 2014.

Sincerely,

Tracey Kutschker
Director/Curator
Shuswap District Arts Council

cc Carl Bannister, Brad Ackerman

Dear Municipal and Regional District CAOs,

The Okanagan Basin Water Board is sending the attached letters to Premier Clark/Minister Polak, and to federal Ministers Shea/Blaney, on the need for urgent action to prevent invasive zebra and quagga mussels from entering B.C. On behalf of the Water Board, I would like to invite and encourage other local government Boards and Councils to consider sending letters of their own to these elected officials. The economic, environmental, social and infrastructure impacts of these mussels are likely to be common and widespread in most freshwater lake and river systems in southern B.C.

The actions requested in these letters are consistent with a recommendation endorsed by UBCM in 2013 (see below). The urgency of this issue was highlighted by the recent near-miss in Osoyoos, when a boat with visible invasive mussels was stopped and voluntarily decontaminated on March 12th. The Okanagan Basin Water Board would like to see more funds allocated, and rapid action by the federal and provincial governments, leading to boat inspections and ramped up public outreach.

The Federal Government does not have current concrete action plans to inspect and hold boats (with invasive mussels) at the US border. Draft regulations are being developed (Federal Aquatic Species Regulation) which would authorize CBSA agents to hold boats with evidence of invasive mussels to be held at the border and call BC Ministry of Environment experts to confirm and take action if necessary.

The western provinces share information on current initiatives and information related to invasive species, including mussels. Manitoba is doing some eradication of invasive mussels in Lake Winnipeg and has requested (provincial) funds to decontaminate boats found to have the invasive mussels. They have committed to increased monitoring. Saskatchewan is trying to increase the profile of the threat of invasive mussels, but are just starting to ramp up their efforts. Alberta has allocated funds for 5 (voluntary) boat inspection stations, but has no legislation. All four western provinces are requesting provincial funding be allocated for invasive species initiatives. Even if there are inspections south and east of BC, it is desirable to run our own boat inspections for several reasons including: a) no inspections station is open 24hrs and not all roads are monitored; b) each inspection does not only mean an opportunity to find mussels, but it is also an outreach effort to inform individuals moving boats, either recreationally or commercially, about BC's regulations and the risk these mussels pose to BC's freshwater environment.

The Okanagan Basin Water Board is an inter-jurisdictional local government agency, representing the shared water interests of the three Okanagan regional districts and their member municipalities.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have additional ideas, questions or concerns.

Anna Warwick Sears

Anna Warwick Sears, Ph.D.
Executive Director
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2013 UBCM Resolution B76 INVASIVE ZEBRA & QUAGGA MUSSELS (Endorsed)

Okanagan-Similkameen RD

WHEREAS species introductions are the leading cause of biodiversity loss in lake ecosystems and are a growing threat to aquaculture in the Canadian coastal ecosystems;

AND WHEREAS invasive non-indigenous species are recognized as one of the most serious environmental problems in the world;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the federal and provincial governments to take immediate action to implement legislation and border controls whereby owners of aquatic equipment are obligated to prevent the spread of invasive Zebra and Quagga mussels to the province of British Columbia.

ENDORSED BY THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Endorse

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the provincial and federal governments implement legislation and border controls to ensure that owners of aquatic equipment are obligated to prevent the spread of invasive Zebra and Quagga mussels. However, the Committee notes that members endorsed resolution 2012-LR2, which asked the Province of BC

to take immediate measures to protect the lakes of British Columbia from introduction of Quagga and Zebra mussels through mandatory inspections of vessels being transported from Quagga or Zebra mussel infested waters.

As well, the Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the Province as well as the federal government to undertake measures to prevent the establishment and spread of invasive species in BC (2011-B44, 2010-B29, 2008-B71, 2008-B86, 2007-B30, 2007-B31, 2006-B32, 2005-B25, 2004-B72, 2003-B81).



Hon. Gail Shea, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
Parliament Buildings, Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Hon. Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Public Safety
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

April 10, 2014

Re: Urgent need to prevent invasive mussels from entering B.C.

Dear Ministers Shea and Blaney,

The Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) is extremely concerned about the need for action to prevent invasive zebra and quagga mussels from entering B.C. which could irrevocably harm our environment, economy, and way of life. The mussels would impact every water intake, outfall, boat and dock in our lakes, and all other in-lake infrastructure. Our sense of urgency arises from a recent near-miss that exposed gaps in policy and preparation.

On March 12 this year, an alert Canada Border Official noticed visible invasive mussels on the hull of a boat from the Southwestern U.S.A. and which was supposed to be launched in Okanagan Lake. Working with B.C. Conservation Officers and a cooperative transport company, the boat was decontaminated and released. While we strongly commend the commitment and professionalism of the border agent and conservation officers, and the interagency cooperation they displayed, we note:

- There is no federal legislation in place to prevent a mussel-infested boat from being imported to Canada. The necessary changes to the federal fisheries regulations have been pending for more than a year. We urge rapid passage of these regulations by the Government of Canada.
- The Border Services agent had not received training about mussels, and knew about the issue only from public outreach in Osoyoos. OBWB staff and partner organizations have had several informal conversations with agents who wish to have training, which could be done by provincial Ministry of Environment staff.
- The cost of implementing a boat inspection program would be a fraction of the economic losses from a zebra or quagga mussel infestation. The most conservative estimate is that an invasion would cost \$20 million/year in B.C., but our own study puts the figure at more than \$40 million in the Okanagan alone.

On behalf of the OBWB, I respectfully request that the Government of Canada move quickly to pass the regulations prohibiting transport of invasive zebra and quagga mussels into Canada. We further request that the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans and the Ministry of Public Safety allocate funds, and enable, train, and equip Canada Border Agents to inspect boats for invasive aquatic species and prohibit their entry without decontamination of the watercraft.

Please give this matter high priority in your ministries. Time is of the essence. You will find many allies and local partners in your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Findlater". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Doug Findlater, Chair
Okanagan Basin Water Board

CC:

- Regional District Chairs for North Okanagan, Central Okanagan, and Okanagan-Similkameen Regional Districts;
- Okanagan Municipalities: Enderby, Armstrong, Spallumcheen, Vernon, Coldstream, Lake Country, Kelowna, West Kelowna, Peachland, Summerland, Penticton, Oliver, Osoyoos;
- Chiefs Executive Council, Okanagan Nation Alliance;
- Okanagan MLAs: Premier Christy Clark, Minister Steve Thomson, Eric Foster, Norm Letnick, Dan Ashton, Linda Larson, Jackie Tegart, Greg Kylo.
- Okanagan MPs: Ron Cannan, Dan Albas, Colin Mayes, Alex Atamanenko;



Premier Christy Clark
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Hon. Mary Polak, Minister
B.C. Ministry of Environment
PO Box 9047 STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E2

April 10, 2014

Re: Urgent need to prevent invasive mussels from entering B.C.

Dear Premier Clark and Minister Polak,

The Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) is extremely concerned about the need for action to prevent invasive zebra and quagga mussels from entering B.C. which could irrevocably harm our environment, economy, and way of life. The mussels would impact every water intake, outfall, boat and dock in our lakes, including infrastructure like the W.R. Bennett Bridge. As we noted in our March 20, 2014 memo to the Okanagan Caucus, our sense of urgency arises from a recent near-miss that exposed gaps in policy and preparation.

On March 12 this year, an alert Canada Border Official noticed visible invasive mussels on the hull of a boat from the Southwestern U.S.A. and which was supposed to be launched in Okanagan Lake. Working with B.C. Conservation Officers and a cooperative transport company, the boat was decontaminated and released. While we strongly commend the commitment and professionalism of the border agent and conservation officers, and the interagency cooperation they displayed, we note:

- There is no federal legislation in place to prevent a mussel-infested boat from being imported to Canada. The necessary changes to the federal fisheries regulations have been pending for more than a year. We strongly urge assistance from the Government of B.C. to request rapid passage of these regulations by the Government of Canada.
- The provincial plan for preventing invasive mussels has not yet been completed.
- The Border Services agent had not received training about mussels, and knew about the issue only from public outreach in Osoyoos. OBWB staff and partner organizations have had several informal conversations with agents who desire training, which should be done by provincial staff at MOE.
- The closest publicly-owned decontamination stations are in Nelson and Kamloops, so a private station had to be located on the morning of March 13.
- We understand that the Invasive Species Council of B.C.'s plan for the Okanagan this year is primarily to rely on voluntary distribution of printed materials by outdoor recreation groups.
- Local invasive species groups provide the only consistent boater outreach in the Interior. They rely solely on grants, and have no consistent funding. For example, the Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society applied for four separate grants, but only received funding from the OBWB. Because of this, their boater outreach will be far less than 2013.

- We believe the funding shortfalls would best be addressed through a cost-neutral boat/trailer sticker program to fund invasive mussel prevention, and we urge the B.C. Ministry of Environment to initiate a business planning process as soon as possible.
- The cost of implementing a boat inspection program would be a fraction of the economic losses from a zebra or quagga mussel infestation. The most conservative estimate is that an invasion would cost \$20 million/year in B.C., but our own study puts the figure at more than \$40 million in the Okanagan alone.

On behalf of the OBWB, I respectfully request that the Government of B.C. move quickly to complete their aquatic invasive species control plan, establish a boat inspection program at the US/Canada and Alberta/B.C. borders, increase the number of trained Conservation Officers in the Southern Interior, and invest in sufficient decontamination equipment that can be easily accessed when and where needed. We further request that the province move swiftly to design and implement a cost-neutral boat registration and sticker program to raise funds for these measures and to support expanded, on-the-ground boater education programs by invasive species prevention groups in B.C.

Time is of the essence.

Sincerely,



Doug Findlater, Chair
Okanagan Basin Water Board

CC:

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- Hon. Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
- Hon. Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety Canada.

Salmon Arm Mayor, Council, City Admin concerning Cell Tower Siting Policy Submissions

To the Mayor and Council, the Chief Administrator, Planning and Development Services,

Submissions from residents of Salmon Arm, the CSRD and other areas are being sent in to the City of Salmon Arm and CSRD regarding the proposed Cell Tower Siting Consultation Policy.

Radiation from towers placed in Salmon Arm can affect the CSRD & vice versa, & are magnified in intensity by the lake. They affect the travelling, shopping and/or working public, in both areas. Radiation knows no boundaries.

These submissions will be coming in throughout April and into May.

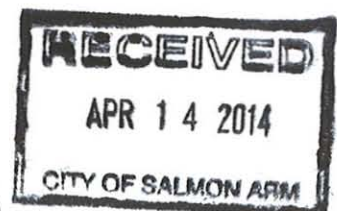
It seems there is no specific date, although one had been designated for mid April based on City Council voting on their new Cell Tower Siting Policy at that time proposed for the end of April.

We realize that the city is now waiting for the Federal Government's Cell Tower Policy changes which makes the timing uncertain and we have been advised by Carl Bannister to keep alert to the City of Salmon Arm's website for updates from Industry Canada on this matter.

We appreciate your consideration of the content expressed in these submissions. Please include all submissions in your Cell Tower Siting Policy being developed. Thank you!

Barbara Robinson

Barbara Robinson
5243 Sunnybrae Canoe Point Road, Tappen
On behalf of the
Shuswap North Okanagan Smart Meter and Cell Tower Awareness Initiatives

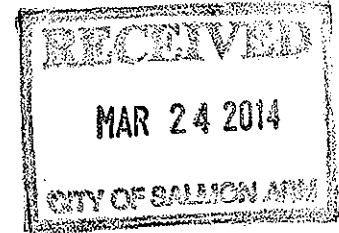




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REPORT TO COUNCIL

Board

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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THUNDER BAY, ON

MARCH 3-8, 2014

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OVERVIEW

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Meeting of the Board of Directors took place in Thunder Bay, Ontario from March 3-8, 2014.

Board members participated in Regional Caucus meetings, Standing Committee and Forum meetings, two Committee of the Whole meetings and the Board meeting. In these meetings, they discussed a broad range of important municipal issues that are presented in detail in the committee reports that follow.

Below are three underlining issues that were debated and recommended during committee meetings and brought forward to the Board Meeting:

1. The New Building Canada Plan

During a special briefing session on the New Building Canada Plan (NBCP), board and committee members expressed concerns regarding serious gaps that the federal government must address in the design of the NBCP. Members noted that these gaps could have been addressed through more meaningful consultation with municipalities, which the government had pledged to undertake when announcing a commitment to a new 10-year, \$14 billion Building Canada Fund (BCF) and a 2 per cent annual index of the federal gas tax transfer in the 2013 federal budget. Among members' concerns is that, to date, they have received no clear indication that a fair share of the new BCF will be invested in municipal projects.

The new BCF's funding rules further reduce local flexibility by eliminating core infrastructure categories from eligibility such as local roads. Members are also concerned that the NBCP introduced new requirements that could result in unnecessary red tape and cost property taxpayers more money, including a cumbersome "P3 screen" and rules that could force local governments to carry a higher share of project costs. Members are willing to work with other orders of government on these gaps. They believe the first and most important step is for federal, provincial and territorial governments to ensure that at least 70 per cent of the BCF is invested in our cities and communities, ensuring local governments receive a fair and predictable share of this important new program.

The Standing Committee on Municipal Infrastructure and Transportation Policy recommended that FCM focus on the following activities: correcting the public record regarding FCM's position on the new Building Canada Plan; monitoring the

implementation of the NBCP to ensure a significant majority of the NBCP investments flow to municipalities; collaborating with provincial and territorial municipal associations to support their discussions with provincial and territorial governments; begin developing new infrastructure demands for the 2015 federal election; and continue helping members to communicate our position locally.

Following the board meeting, board and committee members were sent a template news release they can use to communicate concerns about the NBCP in their home communities.

2. FCM Election Readiness Working Group

A new Election Readiness Working Group (ERWG) was struck to guide FCM's strategy in preparation for the 2015 federal election. In its inaugural meeting, the ERWG approved terms of reference for its mandate and discussed several themes that will inform a strategy document to be prepared by staff, including: the opportunity for the municipal sector to influence party platforms, the importance of non-partisanship, the importance of starting to prepare immediately, the opportunity to build upon previous FCM campaigns (Cut My Commute, Infrastructure, Housing), and to coordinate all advocacy activities with election readiness campaign objectives.

3. Ukraine

The Standing Committee on International Relations recommended that FCM issue a statement reflecting Canadian municipal support for the democratic struggle in the Ukraine.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2014 AND 2015

Meetings of FCM's Board of Directors

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| September 3 - 6, 2014 | Saguenay, QC |
| November 18 - 21, 2014 | Ottawa, ON |
| March 4-7, 2015 | Burnaby, BC |
| September 9-12, 2015 | Fredericton, NB |
| November 17-20, 2015 | Ottawa, ON |

FCM Annual Conferences

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| May 30 – June 2, 2014 | Niagara Falls, ON |
| June 5 – June 8, 2015 | Edmonton, AB |

Sustainable Communities Conferences

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| February 10 – 12, 2015 | London, ON |
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STANDING COMMITTEES AND FORUMS

FCM's standing committees and forums met to discuss the latest developments and to make recommendations to the Board of Directors. A summary of these activities is provided below.

**REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY
SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION****SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**

Committee chair Michael Thompson welcomed committee to Thunder Bay. The Chair introduced the Vice-Chairs, Councillors Randy Goulden and Albert Beaudry.

Staff provided an update on the Action Items Status Report including an update on the proposed interoperable emergency broadband network. Members pointed to the critical need for municipalities to work together to develop compatible procurement, equipment and network application strategies to ensure technical interoperability capacity among municipal emergency services across Canada.

The committee considered two resolutions: Chronic and Prolific Offenders and Emergency Notification of Tsunamis. The first has been referred back to staff for clarification and updated information.

The committee heard from FCM's Government Relations team with an update on FCM's Election 2015 strategy as well as the recent meeting between FCM president and the Minister of Public Safety where they discussed the development and delivery of a proposed federal disaster mitigation program. The committee agreed that FCM should strike a technical working group of municipal experts to inform FCM's work with Public Safety, to identify common concerns, needs, best practices and practical recommendations for the NDMP and to ensure that any new federal program is adequately resourced and responds to and meets community and municipal needs. A letter will go out from the FCM president to mayors, city managers, regional managers and the like urging them to identify staff to participate in the working group. FCM staff will ensure appropriate and balanced representation from member cities and communities.

Councillors Dave Hodgins and Chris Coleman updated the committee on the activities of the Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRR). The DRR has developed a community disaster preparedness evaluation tool-kit that has been well received by many communities.

The committee received a report from Councillor Susan Gimse on the March 4th meeting of the Joint Committee on Community Corrections (JCCC). Councillor Gimse reported that the committee would be receiving a tool-kit from the JCCC for those who are interested in learning more about and getting involved with ex-

offender reintegration initiatives. Examples of these initiatives include Habitat for Humanity Canada's work to train parolees in the construction of homes.

Staff provided an update on research being undertaken by the committee on the drivers of policing costs and provided feedback including the need to consider the impact of "Shadow Communities" on the cost of policing and other municipal services. The committee heard of examples of mining and other industry work camps that are not incorporated communities but require services, including policing and emergency services which are being provided by nearby communities who aren't being compensated. Staff was directed to raise this issue with other relevant policy departments to understand if the cross cutting issues of Shadow Communities are being addressed.

The committee shared information about the new regulations related to the production of medical marijuana and discussed the need to explore ways to address concerns around the cost of fire services.

The committee provided feedback into and approved the FCM Annual Conference policy forum agenda and revised and approved the policy statement.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for adoption:

1. Adopt the policy statement, as amended;
2. Adopt the policy forum agenda, as amended;
3. Staff coordinate a technical committee to inform FCM's engagement with Public Safety Canada on the development of Canada's National Disaster Mitigation Strategy.

Recommendations for referral to staff:

4. To facilitate the formation of the technical working group, staff will ensure a letter from the President is sent to mayors, city manager, regional managers of member communities, urging them to identify appropriate staff to participate in the working group.
5. Staff to engage provincial and territorial associations to feed into the consultation process for the federal disaster mitigation program.

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL FINANCE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ARRANGEMENTS

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Committee chair Don Downe welcomed committee members to Thunder Bay. The Chair introduced the Vice-Chair, Councillor Sav Dhaliwal.

The committee approved the report from the November 2013 meeting and staff provided an update on the Action Items Status Report – specifically on FCM’s work to monitor the implementation of the Canada-E.U. Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) as well as P3s under the new Building Canada Plan.

The committee considered eight resolutions dealing with: amendments to the income tax act, regional Veteran Affairs office closures, exotic animal regulations, derelict and abandoned vessels, sport halibut fishing, and various issues surrounding mail delivery in Canada. Following an involved discussion on the recent changes to door-to-door mail delivery in Canada, the committee endorsed a broader, principled position which aims to establish meaningful consultations as a key metric for Canada Post moving forward. It is also a priority to effectively communicate the frustrations of members with respect to the lack of consultations on these changes to date. The committee also directed staff to provide clear context to resolution sponsors on this issue.

The committee then heard updates from staff on a variety of priority files. First, staff gave an update on FCM’s work to encourage greater collaboration and coordination between all governments toward securing greater foreign direct investment. It was agreed that all opportunities to push this file forward should be taken. Second, the committee heard an update on the future work to be undertaken through the Jack Layton Fellowship.

Third, staff provided an update on the status of the 2014 State of the Cities and Communities Report. It is critical that FCM has as much information leading up to Advocacy Days as is possible. While it was recognized that the updated municipal finance component of the report needs to be irrefutable, there was agreement that having this report out as soon as is possible should be the primary goal. Finally, staff informed the committee of the work FCM has been

doing in support of the City of Edmonton's appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada on a challenge to the City's use of development charges.

The committee approved the FCM Annual Conference policy forum agenda and policy statement.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for adoption:

1. Adopt the policy statement, as amended;
2. Adopt the policy forum agenda, as amended;
3. Approve the *Principles for Federal-Municipal Consultations on the Five Point Action Plan*:
 - a. *Meaningful Consultations*: Land-use planning, service delivery and right-of-way management is unique in each city and community across the country. A one-size-fits-all approach will not work for every municipality. Canada Post must work with every municipality individually to ensure meaningful consultation on the location of community mailboxes meets the needs of the community.
 - b. *Partnerships*: Servicing municipal infrastructure is the responsibility of local governments. Yet municipalities must not inherit the mandate maintaining federally-owned community mailboxes without compensation. Either Canada Post must work with the local government to develop agreeable processes to maintain this infrastructure or Canada Post must compensate local governments for this work.
 - c. *Congruence with Municipal Planning*: As much as possible, the changes to door-to-door mail delivery must align with local strategies and processes aimed at fostering and supporting age/disability-friendly communities. Unique strategies must be developed in partnership with local governments to ensure local policies are respected.

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

The Committee Chair began by welcoming members to the meeting. The committee adopted the agenda as amended and approved the November 2013 meeting report. The format for the proposed policy forum agenda at the annual conference was discussed and many suggestions were provided as to how to make the forum more engaging and more meaningful for members. Ultimately, it was agreed that regardless of the engagement format pursued for the forum, participating members need to understand the purpose, the desired outcomes and the general context for the policy forum in order to provide a clear framework for member input. Staff then presented new amendments to the policy statement and all agreed that the section dedicated to Principles for Federal Assessment should be incorporated as adopted by the Board and more generic wording needed to be used for the amended sections. Staff will be revising those sections of the policy statement for circulation to the Committee.

During the lunch period, Thomas Hoggarth, from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans presented to the Committee on changes to the Fisheries Act, the new Fisheries Protection Policy and program delivery. Concerns were expressed by Committee members in regards to program reductions, perceived loss of habitat protections and the policy's departure from ecosystem management objectives. Mr. Hoggarth invited the Committee to participate in an upcoming May workshop on the development of guidelines for medium and large water intakes.

Following the lunch period, eight resolutions were adopted as recommended by staff and incorporated into the consent agenda. Three of the resolutions, all related to climate change adaptation and disaster mitigation, were combined and it was agreed that these resolutions would serve as guidance to future members of the proposed FCM technical working group in their input to Public Safety's recently announced National Disaster Mitigation Program.

Staff then provided an update on FCM advocacy work and a progress report on the Committee's 2013-14 policy and advocacy priorities. Next, a series of update and decision reports were provided by staff, beginning with the status and direction of policy research in support of 2015 election readiness. The research

direction and approach on the climate change adaptation priority was agreed to be clear and while there was general agreement on the new approach and next steps to the energy/climate change priority, some had concerns over the uncertain outcomes of this research and whether it would provide a clear advocacy position for FCM on this Committee priority. Staff understand this concern and will develop an inventory of areas of federal jurisdiction or potential influence over municipal energy and energy-efficiency policy and will provide thorough analysis with proposed approaches to building a coherent story on the issue in order to ensure the committees concerns are met and a clear advocacy position emerges.

This was followed by a brief update on BCF program design and then a presentation from the Director of National Programs on the direction that FCM's Green Municipal Fund will be taking in 2015. Finally, a memo on the municipal issue of non-flushable products and the approach being pursued by the Municipal Emergency Sewer Use Group in partnership with the Canadian Water and Wastewater Association to deal with this issue was presented. General support was expressed for the dual approach of these organizations to pursue a standard for flushable products while simultaneously engaging in a national education and awareness campaign.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for adoption:

1. Write a letter to CWWA and MESUG in support of their initiative to develop a standard for the testing and labeling of flushable products; and
2. Continue with efforts to advance solutions to this problem through the National Zero Waste Council; and
3. Communicate to the FCM membership, the CWWA and MESUG initiative to develop a standard for the testing and labeling of flushable products; and
4. Help support a national educational awareness campaign based on the concept of "toilets are not garbage cans" by disseminating educational materials and resources provided by this initiative to the FCM membership; and

5. Direct FCM staff to explore opportunities for collaboration on both our policy research and advocacy work related to climate change adaptation with partner, sponsor and other organizations whose goals are clearly aligned with those of FCM in this area.

Recommendations for referral to staff:

6. Amend the policy statement and circulate to committee members for input; and
7. Amend the policy forum agenda and format and circulate to committee members for input;

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INCREASING WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Committee Chair Erin Hogan welcomed everyone to Thunder Bay and introduced the Committee Vice-Chairs: Councillor Linda Rydholm of the City of Thunder Bay, ON and Director Susan Gimse of the Regional District of Squamish-Lillooet, BC and invited committee members to introduce themselves.

The committee then approved the agenda, the report from the Ottawa Board Meeting, and its action items. Chair Erin Hogan updated the committee on the work of the sub-committee on long-term funding. At this time, the committee requested that the subcommittee explore funding options beyond Status of Women Canada including unions, private sector and the United Nations. Chair Erin Hogan also gave an update on the scholarship sub-committee work. This year the committee received 50 applications for the Canadian Women in Municipal Government Scholarship and 10 applications for Mayor Andrée Boucher Memorial Scholarship.

Director Susie Gimse updated on International Day of the Girl Child (IDGC) and led the committee in a discussion regarding these celebrations. The committee modified and approved a new approach to IDGC which will have FCM staff sharing the IDGC toolkit with sample proclamations to committee members and Regional Champions in June and August annually.

Councillor Linda Rydholm provided an update on the Regional Champions network. The committee then discussed the definition of a Regional Champion as well as possible additional steps in the Regional Champions strategy which intends to renew and revitalize this network. The committee approved a clear definition of a Regional Champion as well as the creation of a Regional Champions Community of Practice to be launched at the Annual Conference in June 2014.

Mayor Debra Button led a discussion looking at the possible synergies between the committee and the UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality. The committee requested a detailed briefing on the work of the UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality and the role of FCM as Vice-Chair.

Head Start for Young Women Program Coordinator Melissa Newitt, Councillor Joni Baechler and Councillor Sylvie Goneau each gave a brief update on the Head Start for Young Women.

Next, the committee discussed the Policy Forum Agenda for the 2014 Annual Conference in Niagara Falls agreeing that the focus will be on celebrating the achievements of Head Start for Young Women participants as well as the launch of the Regional Champions community of practice. The Ontario Men's Committee gave an update on their fundraising plans for the Annual Conference and requested feedback from the committee. The policy statement was approved and it was noted that the committee would like to consider modifications in the future.

And to wrap up Councillor Linda Rydholm provided an update on the Political Panel and Campaign School that will be taking place in Thunder Bay on March 8th, 2014 with the participation of many committee members.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for adoption:

1. Adopt the policy statement, as amended;
2. Approve strategy for IDGC celebrations for 2014:
 - a. FCM staff to distribute the IDGC toolkit with sample proclamations to committee members and Regional Champions in June and August annually;
3. Approve the strategy for the work required to maintain and expand the *Regional Champions Program*:
 - a. FCM creates and promotes an online Community of Practice for Regional Champions;
 - b. The Standing Committee to officially launch this Community of Practice at the Women's Committee Forum at the Annual General Meeting in June 2014.

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE RURAL FORUM

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

The meeting began with an introduction by the Chair and approval of the agenda. Following approval of the report of the November 2013 board meeting, staff provided an overview of the action items previously identified by the Forum. Regarding disaster mitigation, a technical committee will be formed by the Standing Committee on Community Safety and Crime Prevention to support FCM's engagement with Public Safety Canada on the development of Canada's National Disaster Mitigation Strategy. On the issue of rural airport viability, staff reiterated that the issue of additional federal funding for airports will be part of FCM's 2015 election work.

The Forum then reviewed the progress report on the 2013-2014 policy and advocacy priorities. Staff confirmed that the research reports on rural sustainability and rural broadband are now complete, and that FCM's advocacy efforts were successful in securing a new \$305 million broadband investment in Budget 2014.

There was a discussion about the Building Canada Fund and the Small Communities Component. In addition to concerns about program design, members discussed the critical need for investments in capacity building for rural communities.

The Forum approved the 2014 FCM Annual Conference Policy Forum Agenda and Policy Statement.

President Marit presented an emergency resolution on the level of railway service for the shipment of commodities, which was unanimously adopted by the Forum. Mayor Dooley commented that rail backlogs have a major impact on municipal roads and highways due to increased heavy truck traffic, and that addressing the issue may require an increase in rail infrastructure.

Staff then presented the high level findings of the rural sustainability research project, including statistics on employment, economic sectors by GDP, youth out-migration, immigration, and aging, among others. The committee was then provided a briefing on rural broadband, including the recent 700 MHz auction and the upcoming 2500 MHz auction, in preparation for a presentation by the

Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association (CWTA) on rural broadband deployments.

The presentation by Kurt Eby from the CWTA and Timo Hiiback from Tbaytel was followed by a question and answer period. President Dobrowolski made closing remarks.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for adoption:

1. Adopt the policy statement, as amended;
2. Adopt the policy forum agenda, as amended;

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Acting Committee Chair Roger Anderson welcomed everyone to Thunder Bay and invited committee members, observers and staff to introduce themselves. The Committee approved the agenda and the minutes of the November 2013 meeting in Ottawa. The acting chair then presented the new program reporting format to SCIR members and pointed out amendments to the agenda for approval by the committee.

Committee Vice-Chair Garth Frizzell provided an update on the governance task group and brought the completed terms of reference for both the Standing Committee and Governance representatives forward for Committee feedback and final approval. The Tors were approved by the Committee. The new francophone governance representative for the Haiti program, Councillor Brian Pincott and the representative for the Africa programs, Gatineau Councillor Sylvie Goneau were also introduced to the committee.

The Committee continued the process of renewing FCM's current international relations framework with a focus on establishing the key principles that should give the new framework. Aligned with FCM's 2012-17 Strategic Plan, the goal of the renewal is to provide a strategic direction for FCM's existing international activities and identify potential new areas of involvement. Small working group discussions were held around three topic areas: refining the proposed principles, adding to the proposed principles, and the implications of the principles for FCM's work. The draft framework will be revised and brought forward for one last consultation during the program forum at the Annual Conference in June. The final framework will be brought forward for board approval in September 2014.

The Committee also received a report in response to a concern brought forward by Cllr. Tim Stevenson to SCIR following a decision by DFATD (formerly CIDA) to fund a religious organization that had posted homophobic statements on their web site. This concern led to a broader discussion surrounding the values or principles that FCM is applying in its international work, particularly surrounding partnership opportunities, and the policy process for bringing forward committee concerns surrounding international policy issues. A presentation on amendments

to partnering guidelines and the FCM resolutions process took place to clarify the committee's position on issues surrounding diversity, values, and advocacy positions. The report was approved unanimously by the Committee.

In a new segment called stories from the field Governance Representative for Latin America, Coucillor Marvin Plett presented on his recent experience with a delegation of Nicaraguan representatives who were visiting western Canada, and UBCM President Rhona Martin presented on her recent association capacity building experience in Vietnam. Acting Chair Roger Anderson provided an update on the situation in Ukraine, the safety of staff, and the status of current and new international programming efforts there. As Governance Representative for Ukraine, Chairman Roger Anderson expressed his recent communications with staff and political officials in the country. Committee members shared their personal and professional investments in the country's democratic struggle.

The committee accepted the presentations and program reports for FCM International's four current international development programs, the Municipal Partners for Economic Development (MPED), Ukraine Municipal Local Economic Development Program (MLED), the Caribbean Local Economic Development Program (CARILED), and the Programme de Cooperation Municipale Haiti (PCM).

Finally, the committee discussed the agenda for the FCM annual general meeting in Niagara Falls in May 2014. The new joint FCM workshop format was introduced to the committee by FCMI Director, Sebastien Hamel. Potential international contributions to the FCM workshops were then discussed by committee members and staff promised to follow up with individual members for status updates on potential workshop contributions. Finally, to address the international overlap of the trade and development files, a joint task group between the finance and intergovernmental committee (FIG) and the international committee (SCIR) was suggested as a future possibility for more targeted board member collaboration.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Emergency recommendations for referral to the Executive Committee:

1. That FCM release a statement reflecting Canadian municipal support for the democratic struggle in the Ukraine.

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Councillor Brian Pincott, the committee chair, introduced Vice Chair, Mayor Edgar Rouleau and welcomed the committee to Thunder Bay. The chair and committee sent their thoughts and best wishes to Vice Chair Councillor Pam McConnell.

The committee received the Action Item Status Report and considered five resolutions across a range of issues including the National Day of Health and Fitness, Old Age Security and Recognizing the Year of Reconciliation with Aboriginal Peoples. The committee discussed and amended the resolution on Early Intervention Centres for Mental Health and Addiction to reflect the committee's support for adequately resourced and effective strategies that support people living with mental illness.

Government Relations Manager, Shawn Menard, provided the committee with a federal advocacy update. FCM's "Fixing the Housing Crunch Campaign" and Election Preparedness are at the top of our advocacy agenda. Through the Housing Crunch campaign we gained a commitment from the federal government to work with FCM and stakeholders to address social and affordable housing needs. At the same time, the Minister of Social Development has been clear that this government will not reinvest its \$1.7 billion annual funding for social housing operating agreements as they expire over the coming years. The impact of the loss of this investment on social housing and across the housing continuum is the focus of FCM's housing advocacy moving forward and will be elaborated on in a pending FCM research report.

The chair led a discussion about "Fixing Canada's Housing Crunch" and the vital role of the committee and FCM members in bringing this national campaign to the local level. There was consensus within the committee of the need to address not just social housing, but housing accessibility and gaps across the housing spectrum including adequate rental housing, affordable homeownership and the lack of options for seniors in rural communities.

The committee was updated on the National Forum on Housing and the Economy as well as the upcoming Quality of Life Reporting System report on seniors and housing. FCM will work with the committee and the Election Readiness Working

Group to launch these initiatives over the next six to eight months in a strategic way that supports our housing and elections agenda.

Senior Policy Advisor, Leanne Holt, updated the committee on the proposed changes to the federal Additions to Reserve policy. While recent consultation between FCM, the Union of BC Municipalities and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development have led to significant improvements in the proposed policy changes, many questions remain and staff has been directed to seek clarification on a number of concerns.

Councillor Ben Henderson provided an update on the Urban Aboriginal Matters working group. The group remains committee to identifying areas of focus for potential action. A workshop in November facilitated by Councillor Paul Harris has brought the group closer to developing a shared mandate and they are currently working to build an agenda for a meeting at the Annual Conference in Niagara. The committee approved the FCM Annual Conference policy forum agenda and policy statement.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for adoption:

1. Adopt the policy statement;
2. Adopt the policy forum agenda;

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION POLICY

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Committee Chair Doug Reycraft welcomed members of the committee to Thunder Bay. The Chair then introduced the Vice-Chairs Mayor Janelle Saskiw and President Robert Coulombe.

After approving the agenda and minutes of the November 2013 meeting, the Committee heard an update from staff on the Action Items Status Report. Staff then provided comments on the political environment in Ottawa and the latest intelligence on our advocacy opportunities ahead. Following this update, staff brought the committee up to speed on the activities undertaken to date on the committee's priorities: infrastructure planning, telecommunications policy and rail safety.

CEO Brock Carlton provided an overview of what was committed to municipal infrastructure in Budget 2013 and what has been announced to date on the New Building Canada Plan. The committee considered a series of recommendations on next steps with respect to FCM's infrastructure advocacy. Discussion focused on a number of issues. First, including a public outreach component to FCM's Election Readiness strategy is a critical priority for future policy and advocacy work. Second, arming our members with post-board messaging and tools (such as a template press release) is also important. Third, there remain significantly positive elements of the new BCP including the FCM-delivered GTF with a 2% index. This cannot be ignored in our messaging. Finally, a collaborative approach must be struck with our members and the Provincial/Territorial Municipal Associations to capitalize on any other opportunities to influence the scope of the new BCF.

Staff then provided updates on our rail safety policy and advocacy work over the year. No doubt it has been a busy year for the committee in its leadership of the municipal response to the future of rail safety in our communities. Next, the committee heard from staff on proposed grade crossing regulations from Transport Canada. In response to the Gazetting of these regulations, staff will be working with a technical working group of municipal staff to review the impacts of these regulations and report back to the committee at the next board

meeting. The committee then received an update on FCM's ongoing rights-of-way work.

The committee approved the 2014 Annual Conference policy forum agenda and policy statement. Representatives from FCM's Atlantic Caucus then brought forward a recommendation that FCM write to VIA Rail's President and CEO to request a response to earlier correspondence from FCM.

Finally, the committee welcomed Rick Zaporzan from the National Research Council, who provided a detailed presentation on their work to develop an all-hazards municipal infrastructure risk management tool. Such a tool will provide a valuable resource for our members to make evidence-based decisions on infrastructure priorities. Additional information on the project will be sent to members following the meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for adoption:

1. Adopt the policy statement, as amended;
2. Adopt the policy forum agenda, as amended;
3. Direct staff to provide comments to Transport Canada indicating FCM's support for the proposed Grade Crossings Regulations, and identifying any remaining operational concerns before the close of the 90-day comment period; and
4. Direct staff to monitor the implementation of the Grade Crossings Regulations, in particular cost implications and the efficacy of the blocked crossing provision.

5. ... Emergency recommendations for referral to the Executive Committee:

New Building Canada Plan

Set the record straight

1. Direct staff to prepare a public response to misleading information utilized by the Government of Canada and Opposition Parties with respect to our position on the new Building Canada Plan;

Hold the Gov't Accountable

2. That FCM monitor the rollout and implementation of the NBCP to ensure a significant majority of the New Building Canada Fund investments flow to municipalities and to hold the Government of Canada to account and ensure federal investments are made transparently.

Collaborative Response

3. That FCM collaborate with the Provincial/Territorial Municipal Associations to inform and support their discussions with provinces and territories and promote our key principles on the New Building Canada Plan;

Developing the Future Platform

4. That FCM begin development of a new infrastructure ask for Election 2015 which includes a public engagement plan beginning with a gap analysis of the current plan and places emphasis on municipal collaboration on future program design to deliver the best value for every dollar.

6. VIA Rail

FCM write a follow-up letter to the VIA President and CEO (copying CN and Minister Raitt) requesting a response to our first resolution, especially in light of CN's intentions to abandon rail operations on the 70-kilometre line in New-Brunswick mostly used by VIA Rail for passenger service.

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE NORTHERN AND REMOTE FORUM

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

The meeting began with an introduction by President Ehaloak, followed by approval of the agenda. The report of the November 2013 meeting was then approved.

Staff provided an update on action items previously identified by the Forum. At the request of members, the scheduling of board meetings has been revised to reduce conflicts. On the issue of northern airports, staff explained that Transport Canada is currently conducting a risk-based assessment of the Runway End Safety Area regulations to be completed by the end of 2014. It is anticipated that airports in the territories will continue to be exempt due to economic considerations, but the impact on airports in the provincial north is not yet clear.

The Forum was provided with a detailed update on the 2013-2014 policy and advocacy priorities: northern housing, telecommunications, and northern infrastructure and adaptation. Members reiterated the urgent need for renewed federal investments in social housing, in particular in areas with extensive resource development. While progress has been made on broadband, including a \$305 million commitment in Budget 2014, there remains a need for a long-term comprehensive plan to ensure a minimum level of service for all northerners. Staff participated in a panel discussion on this issue at the 2014 Northern Lights conference. The Forum also discussed the challenges surrounding the program design of the New Building Canada Fund.

Members then discussed changes in the role of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), specifically the closure of a majority of DFO offices in the Northern and Arctic region, the recent changes to the Fisheries Act, and the elimination of DFO's involvement in environmental assessments. Councillor Bidgood explained that these changes are particularly concerning for communities on the Pacific coast given the scale of industrial projects in development in that region.

Staff provided an overview of emergency management and search and rescue capabilities in the North. Members agreed that FCM should provide comments to the Tanker Safety Review Panel's consultation on Arctic Ship-source Spills. The Forum also discussed the critical need for enhanced search and rescue

capabilities that respond directly to community needs in the territories and provincial North.

The meeting concluded with approval of the Policy Forum Agenda and Proposed Policy Statement for the 2014 Annual Conference in Niagara Falls, ON.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for adoption:

1. Adopt the policy statement, as amended;
2. Adopt the policy forum agenda, as amended; and

Recommendations for referral to staff:

3. Direct staff to coordinate a submission to the Tanker Safety Expert Panel consultation on Arctic Ship-source Spills, and report back to the Forum on opportunities to advocate for enhanced search and rescue capabilities that respond to community needs.

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Annually, an Elections Committee is named to oversee the upcoming election process and to receive nominations for Table Officers positions.

The 2014 Committee met on Wednesday, March 5th to review FCM's election procedures and timelines.

As defined in FCM by-laws, the following dates are key for the 2014 FCM Elections process:

1 March, 2014

- Launch of FCM's 2014 election process and campaign period

5-8 March, 2014 (*March 2014 Board Meeting*)

- Meeting of the Elections Committee, March 5

2 April, 2014 (*60 days prior to the FCM 2014 Annual General Meeting*)

- Posting of nominations of Table Officer positions on the FCM Website

11 May, 2014 (*21 days prior to FCM 2014 Annual General Meeting*)

- Deadline for submission of nominations for Table Officer positions

13 May, 2014

- Deadline for submission of Consent Forms for Board Member positions (to be registered on the list of candidates)

18 May, 2014 (*14 days prior to the FCM 2014 Annual General Meeting*)

- Deadline for Candidates to Withdraw from any Table Officer positions

1 June, 2014

- FCM 2014 Annual General Meeting - Election of Table Officers
- Provincial Elections for Board Member positions

As part of their mandate, the Committee also agreed to recommend the appointment of the following directors to the position of Election Chair in their respective province or territory:

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| Yukon | President Elaine Wyatt |
| Northwest Territories | President Tina Gargan |
| Nunavut | President Jeannie Ehloak |
| British Columbia | President Rhona Martin |
| Alberta | President Bob Barss |
| Saskatchewan | Presidents Debra Button and David Marit |
| Manitoba | President Doug Dobrowolski |
| Ontario | President Russ Powers |
| Québec | Président ex-officio Robert Coulombe |
| New Brunswick | President Bruce MacIntosh |
| Prince Edward Island | President Bruce MacDougall |
| Nova Scotia | President Dave Corkum |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | President Churence Rogers |

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendations for adoption:

1. It is recommended that the individuals listed above be appointed as the Election Chairs in their respective province or territory to the 2014 Elections Committee.

From: Krenz, Ralph IIO:EX [mailto:Ralph.Krenz@iio.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 3:32 PM
To: Caylee Simmons
Subject: FW: IIO Presentation by the chief civilian director

Background:

The creation of the Independent Investigations Office (IIO) profoundly changes the way police in British Columbia are investigated as it is mandated to conduct investigations into police-related incidents of death or serious harm in order to determine whether or not an officer may have committed an offence. Incidents of serious harm include injury that may result in death, may cause serious disfigurement or may cause substantial loss or impairment of mobility of the body as a whole or of the function of any limb or organ.

The IIO believes that the best way to inform communities about our work is to meet them. To achieve this goal, the IIO has developed a Community Engagement strategy that extends through 2014/15. This strategy commits IIO staff to attending community meetings across the province to ensuring that communities are well informed of our mandate, operations and investigative structure and to answer any questions that those attending may wish to ask.

Presentation to Counsel:

On behalf of the Chief Civilian Director Richard Rosenthal of the IIO I would like to make a tentative request that the IIO be allowed to present to Salmon Arm city council. We are currently scheduling the week of April 14 to be in your area and I was advised that a council meeting is to occur for the Monday evening April 14 at 7 pm. Would it be possible to schedule approximately 30 minutes of council's time to allow for a presentation by the Chief Civilian Director?

If you could advise myself as to the availability for the requested time to myself that would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Ralph Krenz | Senior Investigator Stakeholder Relations
Independent Investigations Office

12th Floor, 13450 102 Avenue, Surrey BC V3T 5X3
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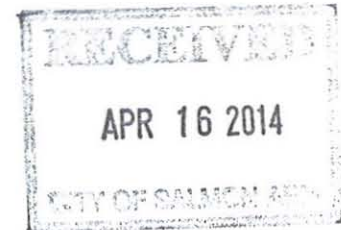
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April 11, 2014

Nancy Cooper
Mayor
City of Salmon Arm
PO Box 40
#500 - 2 Avenue NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2



Jim Kimmerly
President
Salmon Arm & District Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 999
#101, 20 Hudson Avenue NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4P2

Dear Ms. Cooper and Mr. Kimmerly:

Thank you for your invitations to a meeting in Salmon Arm to discuss gas pricing in your region. Mr. Williams, our President and CEO, has asked that I respond to your letters and I am pleased to provide you with further information.

As you have noted in your letter, retail fuel prices often vary from one location to another, and from one region to another. The retail price that individuals pay at the pump are influenced by a host of factors, including crude oil costs at the international level, wholesale prices at the regional level and a number of local market factors. These factors may include variations in market size, the nature of competition, taxation and distribution costs.

With respect to your specific concerns, our records indicate that retail fuel prices at our branded Petro-Canada locations in Salmon Arm and surrounding communities are within 2 cents per litre of each other, on average, over the past 90 days. The price variance between our site in Salmon Arm and larger urban centres further away can be greater.

Markets are constantly evolving and the competitive landscape is ever changing, with new retail fuel offerings emerging in many cities and towns across Canada and British Columbia. As a result, the pricing of motor fuel can be very dynamic, with frequent price changes and significant differences in price from time to time between these markets and others with varying competitive profiles. Smaller communities in general provide marketing challenges that are different from larger urban areas. Some of these factors include higher transportation and distribution costs, and fewer retail operators.

At Suncor, we strive to provide a compelling value proposition for our customers at our Petro-Canada branded retail operations, with clean and well maintained facilities, exceptional service and competitive prices. We have worked hard over the years to do a better job of explaining how our business works, and are proud to operate in a fair, ethical and responsible manner. Our corporate blog, called PumpTalk (www.pumptalk.ca) provides information about some of the influences on the price of fuel, and advise on how consumers may better control and conserve their fuel purchases.

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NATIONAL PARTNER

I hope this information is helpful for you and your colleagues in the City of Salmon Arm and trust you can appreciate our inability to participate in any meeting that involves other oil and gas companies to discuss gas pricing issues (as per Canadian Competition Laws). If you wish to discuss further, we encourage you to contact our industry representation, Canadian Fuels Association. Canadian Fuels is a valuable resource who is able to speak on this complex subject on behalf of the industry. Your Association contact is Brian Ahearn, Vice President, Western Division. He can be reached at 403-266-7565.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mel Broten', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mel Broten
Vice President, Sales Service and Operations
Suncor Energy Inc.



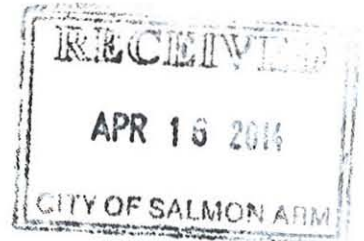
ARMSTRONG REGIONAL COOPERATIVE

Box 250, Armstrong, BC
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Date: 15-Apr-2014

City of Salmon Arm
Box 40
Salmon Arm, BC V1E4N2



Dear Sirs,

The Armstrong Regional Cooperative ("ARC") is in receipt of the letter from the City of Salmon Arm dated March 28, 2014 in regards to "gas pricing inequities" in Salmon Arm, British Columbia. The ARC has also recently received a similar letter from the Salmon Arm Chamber of Commerce. Both of the letters received request a meeting involving representatives from the City of Salmon Arm, the Salmon Arm Chamber of Commerce, the ARC and other gas companies that operate gas stations within Salmon Arm. It is indicated that the purpose of this meeting would be to discuss gas pricing.

Unfortunately, the ARC must decline the invitation to attend at the meeting that has been requested, and do so based on the reasons that follow.

The ARC does not ever meet with competing companies to discuss gas prices. Our concern is that such a meeting involving competing companies, and a potential discussion of pricing, would violate the conspiracy provisions of the *Competition Act* for which there are severe implications and penalties.

The ARC believes its gas prices to be competitive. While there may be competitors who may decide to offer lower prices from time to time, we offer additional value by providing exceptional products and services to our members and customers. Finally, we would also like to note that the ARC, as part of the lifetime membership benefits, offers to its members the potential for annual cash back and an equity account that grows over time. In fact, for the last three years, patronage percentage paid by the ARC with respect to gas purchases, along with the actual patronage money paid to our members for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 were as follows:

| Fiscal Year | Patronage % | Patronage \$ | Estimated ¢ per litre |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2011 | 8 | \$3,764,654 | 7.6 |
| 2012 | 8 | \$4,039,718 | 8.2 |
| 2013 | 7½ | \$4,038,267 | 8.7 |

Since 1990 the average patronage percentage paid in respect of gas purchases has been 9.5% with average patronage money paid being \$1,382,477. In the last 10 years the average patronage percentage paid has been 9.0% with average patronage money paid being \$2,908,375. The ARC is very proud to say that the total dollars returned to our community since 1990 has totaled \$33,179,448. Taking into account our equity and cash back programs, our prices are competitive with any in the neighbouring communities.

The ARC would like to confirm that it does pride itself on its community support. As noted in the ARC's community support statement found on the ARC's website at www.armstrong.coop, "Our support is multi-faceted – investing in our young people, remembering the aging and supporting the many other organizations that contribute to the heartbeat of our communities. We've cared for 90 years and we'll keep on caring for another 90 years and beyond." The ARC strongly believes that it abides by its values. The ARC is locally invested, community minded and will continue to offer lifetime membership benefits.

Please rest assured that the ARC will continue to live its values and will continue to serve and support its members and customers within Salmon Arm and surrounding areas to the fullest extent.

Yours truly,



Jeff Payne,
General Manager

ARC 11/1/13

Child Find

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April 16, 2014

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

Re: Proclamation for National Missing Children's Month and Missing Children's Day

I write today on behalf of Child Find British Columbia. Child Find BC requests that your local government proclaim May as Missing Children's Month and May 25th as missing Children's Day.

Child Find BC provides "ALL ABOUT ME" ID Kits with child finger printing and photos, to at no cost to families and Child Find BC hosts these Child Find ID Clinics throughout BC. Child Find BC provides education, including public speakers, literature and tips for families to assist them in keeping all of our children safe.

We hope that you will raise this proclamation for consideration to your Council and your community at your next meeting.

Most recent reporting from the RCMP show that over 8,000 cases of missing children were reported in British Columbia and over 45,000 cases in Canada. Through the support of municipal governments like yours we are able to educate and bring awareness to thousands of BC families on this important issue.

Thank you so much for your consideration of this request and your continuing commitment to Community Services in BC and the children and families of BC. If you have any questions regarding this request please contact the Child Find BC office at 1-888-689-3463.

Yours truly,



Crystal Dunahee President, Child Find BC

Victoria Office

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Victoria, BC V8T 4B2
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"A charitable non-profit organization working with searching families and law enforcement to reduce the incidence of missing and exploited children."

*A Missing Child is
Everyone's
Responsibility*



If you or your organization would like to host an "All About Me" ID clinic, have an idea for an event in your community or would like literature and information on becoming a member and supporter of Child Find BC, please call us at 1-888-689-3463.

Your Letterhead here

National Missing Children's Month and Missing Children's Day

WHEREAS Child Find British Columbia, a provincial member of Child Find Canada is a non-profit, registered charitable organization, incorporated in 1984; **AND**

WHEREAS The Mandate of Child Find British Columbia is to educate children and adults about abduction prevention; to promote awareness of the problem of missing children, and to assist in the location of missing children; **AND**

WHEREAS Child Find has recognized Green as the colour of Hope, which symbolizes a light in the darkness for all missing children; **AND**

WHEREAS Child Find's annual Green Ribbon of Hope Campaign will be held in the month of May and May 25th is National Missing Children's Day; **AND**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

I, (Mayors Name) of the (city, town, municipality), do hereby proclaim May as Child Find's Green Ribbon of Hope month and May 25th as National Missing Children's day. I urge our citizens to wear a green ribbon as a symbol of Hope for the recovery of all missing children; and to remain vigilant in our common desire to protect and nurture the youth of our Province.

_____ Mayor

Signed at _____ this _____ day of May, 2014

APR 15 2014

Good afternoon,

My name is Theresa Mackay and for those of you who I have yet to meet or speak with, I am the new Executive Director here at the BC Museums Association.

Will your organization commemorate the First World War this year and/or sometime over the next four years during the centenary period?
Already planning something? Wondering what to do?

On April 30, the BC Museums Association and Royal Roads University will present, BC Remembers the First World War 2014-2018: A forum to explore directions, issues and opportunities.

Join us from 9am-4pm as we discuss approaches, plans and opportunities for commemorating the First World War during the 2014-2018 centenary period. Explore possible approaches to First World War commemoration through a facilitated program that focuses on issues, resources, partnerships, good practices and approaches from around the world while providing an opportunity for sharing and networking.

To support province-wide participation, you can join the forum in-person at Royal Roads University in Victoria or by distance through the university's online learning platform that will live-stream the session and enable facilitated online discussion in small groups.

Further information on this exciting opportunity is available on our website.
<http://museumsassn.bc.ca/professional-development/upcoming-events/bc-remembers-first-world-war-victoria-online/>

The forum is open to BC-based museums, archives, galleries, libraries, educational institutions, heritage sites, city heritage planners and provincial agencies.

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in spreading the word.
Please share this email within your community.

I look forward to you joining us at the forum.

Kindly,
Theresa

Theresa Mackay
Executive Director, BC Museums Association
675 Belleville Street, Victoria, BC, V8W 9W2
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Join us for Conference 2014 in Penticton BC from Oct 22-25!

Thanks to your continued support, the number of Mayors for Peace member cities reached

We would be most grateful if you could release this news to local media as well.

For your information, you can find membership by country from the link below:

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/01 monthly updating/07 membership by country en.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/01%20monthly%20updating/07%20membership%20by%20country%20en.pdf)

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Mayors for Peace Membership by Country

April 1, 2014

| No | Area | Countries & Regions | Cities |
|----|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Asia | Afghanistan | 2 |
| 2 | 30 countries & regions | Bangladesh | 21 |
| 3 | 2,055 cities | Bhutan | 1 |
| 4 | | Cambodia | 2 |
| 5 | | China | 7 |
| 6 | | Cyprus | 5 |
| 7 | | India | 17 |
| 8 | | Indonesia | 3 |
| 9 | | Iran | 183 |
| 10 | | Iraq | 139 |
| 11 | | Israel | 56 |
| 12 | | Japan | 1,439 |
| 13 | | Jordan | 2 |
| 14 | | Lebanon | 1 |
| 15 | | Malaysia | 8 |
| 16 | | Mongolia | 4 |
| 17 | | Nepal | 8 |
| 18 | | Northern Cyprus | 4 |
| 19 | | Pakistan | 13 |
| 20 | | Palestine | 28 |
| 21 | | Philippines | 23 |
| 22 | | Saudi Arabia | 1 |
| 23 | | South Korea | 10 |
| 24 | | Sri Lanka | 41 |
| 25 | | Syrian Arab Republic | 2 |
| 26 | | Taiwan | 3 |
| 27 | | Thailand | 13 |
| 28 | | Turkey | 13 |
| 29 | | Viet Nam | 4 |
| 30 | | Yemen | 2 |
| 31 | Africa | Algeria | 1 |
| 32 | 45 countries & regions | Benin | 6 |
| 33 | 351 cities | Botswana | 3 |
| 34 | | Burkina Faso | 2 |
| 35 | | Burundi | 1 |
| 36 | | Cameroon | 90 |
| 37 | | Cape Verde | 2 |
| 38 | | Central African Republic | 1 |
| 39 | | Chad | 1 |
| 40 | | Republic of Congo | 1 |
| 41 | | Cote D'Ivoire | 2 |
| 42 | | Democratic Republic of the Congo | 1 |
| 43 | | Djibouti | 1 |
| 44 | | Egypt | 3 |
| 45 | | Eritrea | 2 |
| 46 | | Ethiopia | 8 |
| 47 | | Gambia | 3 |
| 48 | | Ghana | 33 |
| 49 | | Guinea | 2 |
| 50 | | Kenya | 4 |
| 51 | | Lesotho | 1 |
| 52 | | Liberia | 1 |
| 53 | | Madagascar | 7 |
| 54 | | Malawi | 2 |
| 55 | | Mali | 5 |
| 56 | | Mauritania | 3 |
| 57 | | Mauritius | 1 |
| 58 | | Morocco | 6 |
| 59 | | Mozambique | 2 |
| 60 | | Namibia | 1 |
| 61 | | Niger | 1 |
| 62 | | Nigeria | 5 |
| 63 | | Rwanda | 1 |
| 64 | | Sao Tome and Principe | 2 |
| 65 | | Senegal | 72 |
| 66 | | Seychells | 1 |
| 67 | | Sierra Leone | 1 |
| 68 | | Somalia | 1 |
| 69 | | Somaliland | 1 |
| 70 | | South Africa | 9 |
| 71 | | South Sudan | 1 |
| 72 | | Tanzania | 2 |
| 73 | | Togo | 2 |
| 74 | | Uganda | 53 |
| 75 | | Zambia | 3 |
| 76 | Oceania | Australia | 87 |
| 77 | 9 countries & regions | Fiji | 2 |
| 78 | 128 cities | French Polynesia | 1 |
| 79 | | Marshall Islands | 2 |
| 80 | | Micronesia | 2 |
| 81 | | New Zealand | 30 |
| 82 | | Northern Mariana Islands | 2 |
| 83 | | Papua New Guinea | 1 |
| 84 | | Solomon Islands | 1 |

| No | Area | Countries & Regions | Cities |
|-----|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| 85 | Europe | Albania | 2 |
| 86 | 46 countries | Andorra | 2 |
| 87 | 2,501 cities | Armenia | 1 |
| 88 | | Austria | 109 |
| 89 | | Belarus | 1 |
| 90 | | Belgium | 378 |
| 91 | | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 9 |
| 92 | | Bulgaria | 9 |
| 93 | | Croatia | 34 |
| 94 | | Czech | 29 |
| 95 | | Denmark | 14 |
| 96 | | Estonia | 4 |
| 97 | | Finland | 3 |
| 98 | | France | 147 |
| 99 | | Georgia | 1 |
| 100 | | Germany | 404 |
| 101 | | Greece | 18 |
| 102 | | Hungary | 4 |
| 103 | | Iceland | 3 |
| 104 | | Ireland | 12 |
| 105 | | Italy | 463 |
| 106 | | Kazakhstan | 15 |
| 107 | | Kosovo | 1 |
| 108 | | Kyrgyzstan | 1 |
| 109 | | Latvia | 4 |
| 110 | | Lithuania | 2 |
| 111 | | Luxembourg | 55 |
| 112 | | Macedonia | 1 |
| 113 | | Malta | 1 |
| 114 | | Moldova | 2 |
| 115 | | Netherlands | 115 |
| 116 | | Norway | 91 |
| 117 | | Poland | 8 |
| 118 | | Portugal | 38 |
| 119 | | Romania | 4 |
| 120 | | Russia | 67 |
| 121 | | Serbia | 3 |
| 122 | | Slovakia | 1 |
| 123 | | Slovenia | 6 |
| 124 | | Spain | 303 |
| 125 | | Sweden | 27 |
| 126 | | Switzerland | 21 |
| 127 | | Tajikistan | 2 |
| 128 | | U.K. | 78 |
| 129 | | Ukraine | 5 |
| 130 | | Uzbekistan | 3 |
| 131 | North America | Canada | 103 |
| 132 | 3 countries & regions | Greenland | 1 |
| 133 | 302 cities | U.S.A. | 198 |
| 134 | Latin America and Caribbean | Argentina | 52 |
| 135 | 25 countries & regions | Bolivia | 3 |
| 136 | 663 cities | Brazil | 100 |
| 137 | | Chile | 22 |
| 138 | | Colombia | 16 |
| 139 | | Costa Rica | 47 |
| 140 | | Cuba | 2 |
| 141 | | Dominica | 1 |
| 142 | | Dominican Republic | 33 |
| 143 | | Ecuador | 12 |
| 144 | | El Salvador | 18 |
| 145 | | Guatemala | 4 |
| 146 | | Guyana | 1 |
| 147 | | Haiti | 4 |
| 148 | | Honduras | 3 |
| 149 | | Jamaica | 1 |
| 150 | | Mexico | 80 |
| 151 | | Nicaragua | 155 |
| 152 | | Panama | 1 |
| 153 | | Paraguay | 23 |
| 154 | | Peru | 41 |
| 155 | | Puerto Rico | 13 |
| 156 | | Trinidad Tobago | 2 |
| 157 | | Uruguay | 4 |
| 158 | | Venezuela | 25 |

Please refer to the list of member cities at:
<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/memberscity/map.html>

6,000 member cities in 158 countries and regions

Caylee Simmons

From: Dalyce Brandt [admin@sibacs.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 3:02 PM
To: admin@sibacs.com
Subject: Investment Capital Conference Invite
Attachments: Conference Agenda Package Mobilizing Local Investment Capital Conference.pdf

Hello Southern Interior Municipalities:

The Southern Interior Beetle Action Coalition will hosting two conferences on investment capital opportunities titled *Mobilizing Local Capital in Rural Communities*. Please find attached a Conference Invite and agenda package for the Conferences in Christina Lake on Monday May 12th and Wednesday May 14 in Revelstoke. We hope there will be interest from your members to attend.

Please RSVP: admin@sibacs.com

Sincerely,

Dalyce Brandt

SIBAC Administrator

(250) 378-1929

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CONFERENCE INVITATION

MOBILIZING LOCAL INVESTMENT CAPITAL IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

Interested in learning about new approaches to assist with rural development and rural economic revitalization?

Come hear how rural communities in Nova Scotia, Alberta and BC have successfully raised and invested local capital in their communities to stimulate business development and job creation.

Conference speakers from Nova Scotia and Alberta will describe how their respective Community Economic Development Investment Funds (CEDIF) and Unleashing Local Capital initiatives have helped stimulate rural business development. For more information on these exciting initiatives please visit: <http://www.novascotia.ca/econ/cedif/background> and www.acca.coop/unleashing/

The conference will be held twice to encourage participation from individuals throughout the southern interior. There is no charge to attend and draws will be held at both conferences to provide some travel assistance to the lucky winners.

Please join us at one of the following conference dates and locations:

1. **May 12th 2014 Christina Lake Community Hall - 1 PM to 6 PM (with an evening event) OR**
2. **May 14th 2014 Revelstoke Coast Hillcrest Hotel – 9:30 AM to 4 PM**

Please RSVP to admin@sibacs.com indicating which conference you would like to attend and the numbers in your party.



MOBILIZING LOCAL INVESTMENT CAPITAL IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

MONDAY MAY 12TH CHRISTINA LAKE CONFERENCE – CHRISTINA LAKE COMMUNITY HALL

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| 1 - 1:15 PM | Welcoming Remarks from Grace McGregor, SIBAC Vice-Chair |
| 1:15 – 1:45 PM | <i>Mobilizing Capital in Rural Areas – Recognizing the Need</i> - Mike Lewis, Canadian Center for Community Renewal |
| 1:45 – 2:30 PM | <i>Nova Scotia's CEDIF Program</i> – Chris Payne, Nova Scotia Ministry of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism. |
| 2:30 -3 PM | <i>Utilizing CEDIFs as a tool for Rural Development – the New Dawn experience.</i> – Peter Cameron, Chief Financial Officer, New Dawn Enterprises. |
| 3 – 3:15 PM | Refreshment Break |
| 3:15 - 4 PM | <i>The Unleashing Local Capital Experience in Alberta</i> – Paul Cabaj, Director of Cooperative Development, Alberta Community and Cooperative Association |
| 4 - 4:30PM | <i>Creating and operating an Opportunity Development Coop in the Crowsnest Pass</i> – Shane Stewart, Founding Board member Crowsnest Opportunity Development Coop. |
| 4:30 – 5:30 PM | Question and Answer Panel (all speakers) |
| 7 – 8:30 PM | Public Presentation |

WEDNESDAY MAY 14TH REVELSTOKE CONFERENCE – COAST HILLCREST HOTEL

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|-----------------|--|
| 9:30 – 9:45 AM | Welcoming Remarks from Rhona Martin, SIBAC Chair |
| 9:45 – 10:15 AM | <i>Mobilizing Capital in Rural Areas – Recognizing the Need</i> - Mike Lewis, Canadian Center for Community Renewal |
| 10:15 – 11 AM | <i>Nova Scotia's CEDIF Program</i> – Chris Payne, Nova Scotia Ministry of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism. |
| 11 – 11:15 AM | Refreshment Break |
| 11:15 - 12 PM | <i>Utilizing CEDIFs as a tool for Rural Development – the New Dawn experience.</i> – Peter Cameron, Chief Financial Officer, New Dawn Enterprises. |
| 12 – 1 PM | Lunch |
| 1 – 1:45 PM | <i>The Unleashing Local Capital Experience in Alberta</i> – Paul Cabaj, Director of Cooperative Development, Alberta Community and Cooperative Association |
| 1:45 – 2:15 PM | <i>Creating and operating an Opportunity Development Coop in the Crowsnest Pass</i> – Shane Stewart, Founding Board member Crowsnest Opportunity Development Coop. |
| 2:15 – 2:45 PM | <i>Operating a First Nations Equity Investment Fund – a BC Success story</i> - Paul Donald, CEO All Nations Trust. |
| 2:45 – 4 PM | Question and Answer Discussion with Conference Participants and Speakers |

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Mike Lewis – At 25 Mike founded what is now known as the Canadian Centre for Community Renewal and remains its director. Ever since he has been engaged community economic development (CED), development finance, business start-ups and research related to the social and co-operative economy. Over the last 8 years, the issues and innovations outlined in the recent book he co-authored, 'The Resilience Imperative: Cooperative Transitions to a Steady State Economy' have become central to his mission. Food, shelter, energy, land tenure and finance innovations aimed building greater local and regional self-reliance occupies Michaels consulting, research and public speaking in Canada and internationally. He is also the lead investigator in the B.C. Alberta Social Economy Research Alliance and an adjunct professor with Athabasca University.

Chris Payne – Chris is a Director with the Nova Scotia Ministry of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism. Chris has been with the Nova Scotia Provincial Government since 1987, and with the Community Economic Development Investment Fund program since “before it began”. That is, he was part of the committee that designed the Form 1 Offering Document and has promoted the use of this tool to interested groups throughout the Province since the enabling regulation was put in place in 1999. CEDIFs have grown and evolved over the past 11 years, from an unproven concept to a proven model for community capital development that now manages nearly \$50 million in capital, all raised from local individuals.

Peter Cameron – Peter is the Chief Financial Officer of New Dawn Enterprises based in Sydney Nova Scotia. New Dawn is one of Canada's oldest and most successful community development corporations www.newdawn.ca. Peter has been with New Dawn since 2010. Before joining New Dawn, Peter was a Controller with Clearwater Seafoods and Chief Financial Officer of Schwartz Furniture. Peter is responsible for the administration of the CEDIF's for New Dawn including preparing the annual Offering Document, meeting with investors, dividend announcements and communication, and communications with the Nova Scotia Securities Commission and the Department of Finance. The New Dawn CEDIF family of companies have been participating in the Nova Scotia CEDIF program since 2003/2004. These companies have to date overseen the offering of nine CEDIFs amounting to \$9.2 million in locally invested capital. The \$9.2 The New Dawn CEDIFs have also paid out over \$950,000 in dividends to their CEDIF investors

Paul Cabaj - Paul Cabaj is one of the founders of SPARK power, an electricity retailer cooperative operating in Alberta; and the Director of Cooperative Development for the Alberta Community and Co-operative Association www.acca.coop. Paul has assisted dozens of startup cooperatives and community owned businesses get off the ground. The majority of his work in the last several years has been leading the development of investment vehicles that will make it easier local capital to be directed towards locally owned businesses. Paul was awarded the Canadian National Award of Merit for Cooperative Development in 2011.

Shane Stewart – Shane is a founding Board member of the Crowsnest Opportunity Development Cooperative www.codcoop.org based out of the Crowsnest region of Alberta. The Crowsnest Opportunity Development Cooperative is one of three pilot communities under the Alberta Unleashing Local Capital initiative. Shane is also CEO of ClansWest Development Ltd and Chair of the Community Futures Alberta Network.

Paul Donald, - CEO All Nations Trust – Paul became CEO of First Nations Trust on Jan 1 2014 but has been with the organization for over 13 years. All Nations Trust is a very successful example of a First Nation's owned and controlled Investment Corp. (www.antco.bc.ca). Initial funding for All Nations Trust was raised through equity contributions from First Nations bands and individuals. Operating since 1987, All Nations Trust shareholders equity value is now \$17.42 million and the organization has paid out over \$1 million in dividends to its investor members.



City of Pitt Meadows

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

April 2, 2014

File No.: 3900-20- 2626, 2013

Member Municipalities
Union of BC Municipalities
525 Government Street
Victoria, BC V8V 0A8

Re: Medical Marihuana Zoning Text Amendment

This is to advise that at its Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 Council adopted Bylaw No. 2626, 2013, a text amendment to the Zoning Bylaw, prohibiting the growing, storing, processing, testing or distribution of cannabis in all zones in the City of Pitt Meadows.

In light of:

1. Financial implications associated with the BC Assessment Authority's confirmation that commercial medical marihuana operations, or portions of operations, established to produce medical marihuana might qualify to be assessed at farm rates whether or not they are located in agricultural areas; and
2. The concerns regarding the lack of services, emergency access, and potential impact on neighbouring properties in agricultural areas,

Council has moved to prohibit medical marihuana production facilities in Pitt Meadows.

Copies of the resolution adopting Bylaw 2626, 2013, and the associated staff report dated March 5, 2014, are appended for your reference.

Yours truly,

Deb Walters
Mayor

Attach: 2

cc: Pitt Meadows Airport Society Chair
Pitt Meadows Council

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**CITY OF PITT MEADOWS
ZONING AMENDMENT
BYLAW NO. 2626, 2013**

A Bylaw to amend applicable sections of Zoning Bylaw No. 2505, 2011

WHEREAS, it is deemed expedient to amend The City of Pitt Meadows Zoning Bylaw No. 2505, 2011 as amended;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pitt Meadows in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the **City of Pitt Meadows Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2626, 2013"**.
2. Part 2 Interpretation, 2.3 General Definitions is amended by adding the following definitions:

MARIHUANA means all parts of the genus cannabis whether growing or not and the seed or clone of such plants.

MEDICAL MARIHUANA means marihuana that may be administered to treat or alleviate a qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition or symptoms associated with the patient's debilitating medical condition under the Marijuana Medical Access Regulations SOR/2001-227, as amended.
3. Part 3 Enforcement, 3.4 Specific Prohibitions is amended by adding the following section:

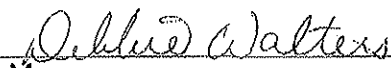
h) The cultivation, processing, drying, storing, packaging, distribution or testing of *marihuana* or *medical marihuana* is prohibited in all zones.
4. Pitt Meadows Zoning Bylaw No. 2505, 2011 and amendments thereto, is hereby amended accordingly.

READ a FIRST and SECOND time the 18th day of March, 2014.

PUBLIC HEARING waived the 18th day of March, 2014.

READ a THIRD time the 1st day of April, 2014.


ADOPTED the 1st day of April, 2014.



Mayor



Corporate Officer

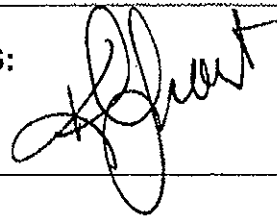
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|  | CITY OF PITT MEADOWS | |
| | COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE REPORT | |
| | To: | Chief Administrative Officer File No: |
| | From: | Acting Director of Operations and Development Services Bylaw/Policy No: 2626, 2013 |
| | Date: | March 5, 2014 |
| | Subject: Medicinal Marihuana Zoning Text Amendment | |

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT Council:

- A. Grant First and Second Reading to Bylaw No. 2626, 2013; AND
- B. Waive the requirement for a public hearing for Bylaw No. 2626, 2013 as per Section 890(4) of the Local Government Act and Section 15.a. of the City of Pitt Meadows Development Application Procedures Bylaw No. 2444, 2009, OR
- C. Direct staff to prepare a bylaw for Council's consideration that would accommodate the production of medical marihuana within an industrial zoning designation; OR
- D. Other.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:



PURPOSE:

To request that Council consider the following two options with regard to the production of medical marijuana within the City of Pitt Meadows:

- Option 1: Grant First and Second Reading to Bylaw No. 2626, 2013 explicitly prohibiting the growing, storing, processing, testing, or distribution of cannabis from all zones and waive the requirements for public hearing pursuant to Section 890(4) of the Local Government Act and Section 15 a. of the City of Pitt Meadows Development Procedures Bylaw; OR

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Option 2: Direct staff to prepare a bylaw for Council's consideration that would accommodate the production of medical marihuana within an industrial zoning designation, as proposed in the September 13th Report to Council. The proposed amendment would provide a mechanism to proponents seeking to locate a medical marihuana facility within Pitt Meadows, but would still require an rezoning application (and public hearing) for a particular location / parcel.

BACKGROUND:

At the October 1st, 2013 Regular Council meeting, Council considered a staff report that provided an update to the new federal legislation that would legalize the commercial production of marihuana for medical purposes. The new regulations will replace the Marihuana Medical Access Regulations (MMAR), which authorizes people to grow marihuana for themselves, or to allow a designated person to grow the marihuana for them. These new regulations go into effect on March 31st, 2014.

In June 2013, the Agricultural Land Commission had issued an information bulletin stating their position on the production of medical marihuana as a farm use consistent with the Farm Practices Protection Act. Generally, a municipality cannot prohibit those farm uses that are permitted by the province. Not all uses associated with the production of medical marihuana, for example, research and development, would be considered an agricultural use. In these cases, it may be necessary for the proponent to apply for a non-farm use in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

Despite the ALC's position last year, several municipalities were choosing to amend their zoning regulations to restrict medical marihuana facilities to industrial areas, even if there was land within the Agricultural Land Reserve within their boundaries. These municipalities included the Township of Langley, Chilliwack, and Burnaby. A few municipalities chose to permit these facilities within agricultural areas, including Maple Ridge. Pitt Meadows staff supported the possible location of medical marihuana production facilities in industrial areas as explained in the previous report to Council.

Two key developments have occurred regarding the new medical legislation. Firstly, the BC Assessment Authority has confirmed that commercial medical marihuana operations, or portions of operations established to produce medical marihuana might qualify to be assessed at farm rates whether or not they are located in agricultural areas.

Secondly, the Agricultural Land Commission updated their original bulletin (see Attachment A). The bulletin states that the regulation of land use is within a municipality's jurisdiction and that restrictions may be applied to the production of medical marihuana.

Since the fall, many municipalities in the Lower Mainland have considered and / or taken action to regulate medical marihuana production facilities. The following is a summary of the municipal land use approaches used in relation to medical marihuana facilities:

| Municipality | Mechanism(s) | Zones Permitted | Status |
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| Abbotsford | Blanket prohibition in Zoning Bylaw for all aspects of medical marihuana production. | None – Medical marihuana grow operations explicitly prohibited | Approved |
| Burnaby | Site-specific rezoning application. | Industrial Zones | Approved |
| Coquitlam | Specific areas zoned to permit the production of medical marihuana for other people under MMAR. | Industrial | Approved in 2012 under MMAR |
| Delta | Blanket prohibition in Zoning Bylaw for all aspects of medical marihuana production. | None, although may consider site specific zoning for use. | Bylaw went to P.H., February 25 th , 2014. |
| City of Langley | Under Uses Prohibited in All Zones, all aspects of medical marihuana production prohibited. | None | Approved |
| Township of Langley | Restricted all aspects of medical marijuana production to industrial zones. | Industrial | Approved |
| Richmond | Blanket prohibition in Zoning Bylaw for all aspects of medical marihuana production.* | None | Approved |
| District of North Vancouver | Blanket prohibition in Zoning Bylaw for all aspects of medical marihuana production. | None | In process |
| Chilliwack | Specific areas zoned to permit the production of medical marihuana. | Industrial | Approved |
| Surrey | Site specific rezoning. | Agricultural and limited commercial | Approved |

*Richmond City Council is currently considering a site specific rezoning application to permit a medical marihuana production facility.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

BC Assessment Authority's position on commercial marihuana operations could negatively impact the tax revenue generated by such a use on an industrial property.

DISCUSSION:

Since the first report to Council in October, two primary developments have occurred that may shift the municipal perspective on medical marihuana production facilities:

1. The BC Assessment Authority confirmed that commercial marihuana operations, or portions of operations established to produce medical marihuana might qualify to be assessed at farm rates whether or not they are located in agricultural areas.

The continued development of industrial and business park areas for commercial uses is a key factor in Pitt Meadows future financial sustainability. The study of property tax revenue distribution by G.P. Rollo and Associates, Land Economists, concluded that with the development of industrial / business park lands (including the North Lougheed Area and Cardiff Farm lands) the revenue from non-residential sources of property taxes would exceed residential property taxes by 2022 and account for 53% of the property tax revenue. Locating medical marihuana production facilities within areas designated for industrial uses would compromise that balance.

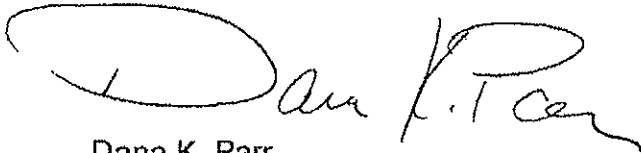
2. ALC's updated information bulletin regarding medical marihuana production in the ALR and the municipal role in its regulation and restriction.

In the September 13th report, staff recommended that medical marihuana production facilities be located in industrial areas with a rezoning application rather than in agricultural areas, despite the ALC's position that the cultivation of marijuana would be considered a farm use. The ALC's updated bulletin appears to confirm the City's original position that the municipality should be able to determine the location of these facilities within their own boundaries based on factors such as servicing capabilities, emergency access, and impact on neighbouring properties. However, the bulletin is not a legal document, and it remains possible that the municipality may be legally challenged on not permitting the use in the ALR. Given that many municipalities with land in the ALR are prohibiting medical marihuana operations there, this is a challenge that many local governments may be facing.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSION:


Given the potential loss of commercial tax revenue that could result from permitting medical marihuana production facilities in business parks / industrial areas and the lack of services, emergency access and impact on neighbouring properties in agricultural areas, staff is recommending that the use be prohibited in Pitt Meadows.

Respectfully submitted,



Dana K. Parr
Planner

Reviewed by:



Anne Berry
Manager of Development Services

Approved by:



Terry Fryer
Acting Director of Operations and
Development Services

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2626, 2013
- B. ALC Information Bulletin, updated January 2014.



INFORMATION BULLETIN
MEDICAL MARIHUANA PRODUCTION IN THE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE
 Updated January 2014

Health Canada's Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulation (MMPR) <http://www.laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2013-119/> has changed the parameters for the production of medical marihuana in Canada. The current system of personal use licenses and designated person licenses will be phased out by April 1, 2014. In its place, new Federal licenses are geared to larger scale production/distribution facilities. For further information about the changes see the following website <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/marihuana/index-eng.php>.

Various local governments in British Columbia are looking at their zoning bylaws to determine where these larger scale commercial production facilities should be directed. A number of local governments are considering industrial, commercial and agricultural zones, within purpose built structures and with siting regulations from property lines and residential uses. Others are looking to restrict this land use or direct to particular areas of their community.

The Agricultural Land Commission Act and regulations determine land use in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). Due to the number of inquiries from local governments and Medical Marihuana production proponents, the ALC provides the following for clarification purposes with regard to Medical Marihuana production in the ALR.

Section 1 of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* defines "farm use" as:

An occupation or use of land for farm purposes, including farming of land, plants and animals and any other similar activity designated as farm use by regulation, and includes a farm operation as defined in the *Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act*.

Based on the above definition, if a land owner is lawfully sanctioned to produce marihuana for medical purposes, the farming of said plant in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) is allowed and would be interpreted by the Agricultural Land Commission as being consistent with the definition of "farm use" under the *ALC Act*.

Notwithstanding the farming of land for the production of medical marihuana, not all activities associated with its production would necessarily be given the same "farm use" consideration. Accessory uses associated with the farm use include a small business office, testing lab, processing and drying, packaging shipping areas, cloning room and anything else directly related to the growing and processing of the plant. Determining an accessory use is contingent on the use being necessary and commensurate with the primary function of the property/building to produce an agricultural product. If a land use activity is proposed that is not specifically related to the growing of an agricultural product including a stand-alone research and development facility, an application to the ALC for non-farm use would be required.

Municipalities are responsible for governing the use of land within the respective municipality's jurisdiction. Zoning bylaws enacted by municipalities may set out restrictions on land use, including but not limited to the use of land for medical marihuana production. Where such restrictions may apply to land within the ALR, such restrictions with respect to the particular land use of lawfully sanctioned medical marihuana production would not in and of themselves be considered as inconsistent with the *ALC Act*.

Proponents of medical marihuana production facilities should contact their local government to determine the applicability of zoning bylaws, approval processes and to determine building permit requirements that may apply.



Office of the Mayor

April 8, 2014

Mr. Colin Mayes,
Member of Parliament, Okanagan - Shuswap
3105 29th Street
Vernon, BC V1T 5A8

Dear Mr. Mayes:

Re: Concerns Regarding Recent Amendments to the Canada Postal System

The Village of Lumby Council, at the Open Council Meeting held on April 7, 2014, was presented with a delegation from the Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association regarding the community impacts of the proposal to eliminate home delivery service by the Canada Post Corporation.

Council is concerned with the current proposal to replace home mail delivery service with community mail boxes, and would like Canada Post to engage in a comprehensive and meaningful public consultation with municipalities in order to review all options. Council is very supportive of rural postal service.

The local Post Office in Lumby serves a critical component to the social livelihood of the community while supporting the local economy.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Acton
Mayor

cc: MLA Eric Foster
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