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March 14, 2018

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Canadian Cancer Society
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 13, 2018

I am pleased to grant authorization for the following requests:

- 1) Pursuant to Section 201 of Traffic Bylaw No. 1971 - permission is granted for the Canadian Cancer Society to close Alexander Street (between Hudson Avenue and Lakeshore Drive NE **only**) for the purpose of street painting on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 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 9, 2018.

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 Cam Gerow, Operations Clerk at the Public Works Department (250-803-4082) to arrange for barricades, signs, etc. for the event. Alternatively, you may also contact Rob Hein, Manager of Roads & Parks at (250-803-4087).

Best Wishes for a very successful campaign.

Yours truly,

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

cc: Council Information Correspondence
Downtown Salmon Arm
RCMP / Ambulance Officials / Fire Department
Rob Hein, Manager of Public Works





Jennifer Dies
Annual Giving Coordinator
Canadian Cancer Society
PO Box 3451
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Rob Niewenhuizen
Director of Engineering and Public Works
City of Salmon Arm
PO Box 40
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

March 13, 2018

Dear Rob,

Now that we've had some sunshine, it's time to start thinking about painting the street! The 16th Annual Salmon Arm Relay For Life takes place June 9-10th and we will be at the Fall Fair Grounds again. We've made the decision, to return to an overnight event from 7pm-7am; which is supposed to emulate a 'cancer journey' there is nothing better than seeing the sun come up the next day...that's what HOPE looks like.. The Relay For Life is a 12 hour noncompetitive fundraiser for cancer research and support services.

On Wednesday May 9th, 2017 we would like your support to once again to create our "Road to Relay". This kick-off is always a huge success and helps bring awareness to the rest of the community. 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 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 13th at a time that would be most convenient for the City and surrounding businesses (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
Annual Giving Coordinator
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jdies@bc.cancer.ca

Barb Puddifant

From: Marijke Dake [marijkehd@gmail.com]
Sent: March-06-18 5:08 PM
To: Barb Puddifant
Subject: Re: Additional CP Re-Spray Facility East of Salmon Arm

Dear Mayor Cooper,

Thank you very much for the letter of support to Mike LoVecchio, Director of Government Affairs at Canadian Pacific, requesting an additional CP re-spray facility east of Salmon Arm.

I sincerely appreciate the City of Salmon's concern and interest in requesting CP to reduce the amount of coal dust as CP trains travel through Salmon Arm.

Marijke Dake
Resident of Salmon Arm

On Thu, Mar 1, 2018 at 3:02 PM, Barb Puddifant <bpuddifant@salmonarm.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon.

I am attaching correspondence from Mayor Cooper.

Thank you.

Barb Puddifant | Administrative Assistant | City of Salmon Arm

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

March 13, 2018

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Askew's DT 50th Street Party

Our Askew's Downtown Salmon Arm location is hosting a celebration of our 50th Anniversary in the store's current location on Lakeshore Drive. The event will take place on Friday August 24th, 2018 from 4-11 pm. This free community event will be open to families and community members of all ages.

We hope to attract several hundred people to the downtown core to celebrate with us.

We have invited all of the shops on Lakeshore Drive across from the Downtown Askew's to participate in the event by staying open later than they normally would and by setting up a street sidewalk sale.

In addition to the street sidewalk sale there will be local food vendors sampling products such as local cheeses, granola, crackers and other items and we will have a BBQ, pizza truck and beer garden set up in the Askew's parking lot.

We are also planning a wide range of entertainment. We will be renting a dance floor and setting up a stage where we will have a live dance band performing at 7 pm and before that a children's magician and singer. Children's activities will take place with games and crafts and we will be arranging for a vintage car show.

We will be offering plenty of special hot deals in the Downtown Askew's store with one item that will be offered to customers at the same pricing as it was on opening night in 1967.

We will require a relatively large space for this event so we are requesting a street closure along Lakeshore Drive from Alexander Street NE to Shuswap Street N from 2 pm – 11 pm (please see attached map) and are requesting that the bus be re-routed for these hours.

We are working closely with Lindsay Wong from Downtown Salmon Arm on this event (letter of support attached) and we have contacted all the shops along Lakeshore Drive (with the exception of Anne's Café, which has been closed each time we have gone by to pop in) who are all supportive of this one afternoon and evening closure. We will put signage in the appropriate spots informing vehicles that there will be a road closure taking place from 2 pm- 11 pm on Friday August 24.

We hope Mayor and Council will come downtown to partake in the festivities and help us celebrate this important milestone for our Downtown store.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the downtown Salmon Arm business community and for your support of community events.

Respectfully,

Claire Askew

Askew's Project Specialist

Askew's Foods
111 Lakeshore Drive BOX 249
SALMON ARM, BRITISH COLUMBIA V1E 4N3

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Legend

Askew's 50th Street
Write a description for your map.

street closure

street closure

Askew's
DT

Beck's

Donut
+ Bud

chicken
+ ribs

BBQ

open for local food vendors

Google Earth

downtown SALMON ARM

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

March 9, 2018

Dear Mayor and Council

Re: Askews DT 50th Street Party

The Salmon Arm Downtown Improvement Association fully supports Askews Downtown in their plans for hosting a 50th Anniversary celebration Friday August 24, 2018.

We are assisting them with the administration and logistics of the event, plus reaching out to our contacts for entertainment, vendors and equipment.

Askews Downtown is showing initiative by hosting this street party and greatly contributing to the lively and vibrant atmosphere that we strive for.


We are excited for this event and to further promote how special and unique our downtown is.

Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you

Regards

Lindsay Wong
Manager



DOWNTOWN SALMON ARM
402 – 251 TRANSCANADA HIGHWAY NW
SALMON ARM, BRITISH COLUMBIA V1E 3B8

From: Maggy Davidson [info@spiritquestbooks.com]
Sent: March 14, 2018 3:02 PM
To: Nancy Cooper
Cc: Barb Puddifant; 'Lindsay Wong'
Subject: Street Closures Downtown

I wish to go on record to state that having been in business in Downtown Salmon Arm since 1999 that I am opposed to any street closures or parking restrictions in the downtown area.

Any street closures limit access to all business on the street and therefore impact sales.

Specifically, I am opposed to the proposed closing of Lakeshore Drive during the daytime for an Askews celebration at the end of August.

Thank you for your consideration.

Spirit Quest Books
170 Lakeshore Dr. NE
Salmon Arm, BC Canada
Ph. 250-804-0392
www.spiritquestbooks.com

From: El Gazzar, Christina [Christina.ElGazzar@interiorhealth.ca]
Sent: March 15, 2018 2:12 PM
To: Nancy Cooper
Subject: Request to install Playground Communication Board at Blackburn Park

City of Salmon Arm Mayor and Council,

My name is Christina El Gazzar and I am a Registered Speech Language Pathologist working with children aged birth-to-school-entry and their caregivers. This year I decided to participate in Salmon Arm Bulldogs Boxing's Hit to Fit challenge. This challenge consists of 3 parts: 1) Fitness challenge; 2) Local charity fundraising; and 3) Fight for a cause in the ring on May 5th. I have been meeting all of the goals of the fitness challenge; wanted to share my idea for the local fundraising piece with you; and as for the 3rd challenge, well the jury is still out on that one!! May is Speech & Hearing Month, so I am very motivated to raise awareness around Speech Language Pathology and may very well get in the ring!!

My idea for the local charity piece is to raise money to purchase and have installed a communication board at Blackburn Park (children's universally accessible playground). I've attached a photo to give you an idea of what the final product could look like. I have been in touch with Jason Chernoff, who kindly connected me with vendors in order to have an estimate of how much money I would need to raise. I believe that the cost would likely be under \$2000. Nancy Cooper has connected me with the CEO of SASCU, who informed me that I would be able to open an account at SASCU to hold all donations.

Young children with communication challenges need support in order to express the most basic of human needs, such as making requests, conveying emotions, & socially connecting with others. Communication happens everywhere. Having a communication board at Blackburn Park will provide these children with the supports they need to be successful in this setting.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future. Once I receive a positive response I will open an account at SASCU and begin fundraising.

Kind regards,

Christina

Christina El Gazzar, MA, RSLP, SLP (C) ~ Professional Practice Leader ~ Speech & Language Services Registered Speech-Language Pathologist
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From: Bev Pickard [<mailto:bevpickard@gmail.com>]
Sent: March-09-18 9:52 AM
To: greg.kyllo.MLA@leg.bc.ca; premier@gov.bc.ca; Nancy Cooper
Subject: Stop the Time Change

Attention Premier Horgan, MLA Kylllo and Mayor Cooper:

I am Beverly Anne Pickard, a British Columbia resident of voting age, I am a supporter of the Stop the Time Change Movement. I request that the question of stopping the Bi-annual Time Change be put to a provincial Referendum, preferably during the next Municipal Election in the fall, or at the latest in the next Provincial Election. The Stop the Time Change movement knows that Voter Turnout will be at an all time high if you add this question to the ballot.

I feel that if the people in British Columbia have a chance to have a final say on this issue, it can be put to rest either way. Please put forth a referendum on this as soon as possible. It is TIME to Stop the Time Change.

Here are the questions we would like to see on the ballot.

1- Are you in favor of Stopping the Time Change in British Columbia? Yes OR No

2- If YES- What Time would you like British Columbia to stay on permanently?

A- Pacific Daylight Savings Time (Summer) or

B- Pacific Standard Time (Winter)

Rather than seeing these polls on News Sites and Social Media, we feel it needs to be on the most important poll of all.. The Election Ballot. Thank you for considering.

Sincerely

Beverly Pickard
40 17 St SE
Salmon Arm, BC

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From: Heather Hamlin Gravells [hgramlin@gmail.com]
Sent: March 7, 2018 2:02 PM
To: Kylo.MLA, Greg LASS:EX; premier@gov.bc.ca; Nancy Cooper
Subject: Stop the Time Change

Hello Premier Horgan, Mr Kylo, and Mayor Cooper:

I am Heather Hamlin Gravells, A British Columbia resident of voting age, I am a supporter of the Stop the Time Change Movement. I request that the question of stopping the Bi-annual Time Change be put to a provincial Referendum, preferably during the next Municipal Election in the fall, or at the latest in the next Provincial Election. The Stop the Time Change movement knows that Voter Turnout will be at an all time high if you add this question to the ballot.

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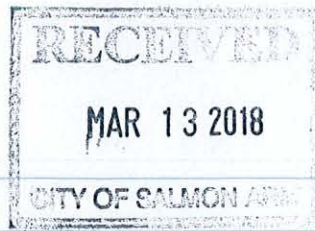
Sincerely

Heather Hamlin Gravells

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Heather, Chris, David and Michael Hamlin Gravells
2381 Sunrise Blvd, Sorrento, BC, V0E 2W2
250 463-2852 Heather's cell and 250 675-3862 home
hgramlin@gmail.com





Mayor Cooper

March 13

Nancy, we worked together at CMHA many years ago. I have enclosed a recent article from the Globe & Mail, and really believe that the city of Salmon Ariz should consider this option.

Not only do I hate the smell of 'Pit' on the streets, but we both know what it can do to children's developing minds. Now would be the time to strike, before it is legal!

Sincerely,
Ken Smith
Blind Bay

(7)

250-625-3485

Quebec town moves to ban smoking pot in public

INGRID PERITZ MONTREAL

Like many civic leaders across Canada, councillors in the town of Hampstead, Que., were worried about the idea of people smoking marijuana on the street once the drug became legal. So they drew up a tough bylaw – and it's set to become the most restrictive anti-smoking measure in the country.

In a move that experts predict will motivate other Canadian municipalities, the town of 7,100 has adopted a draft bylaw that would ban smoking everywhere in public, including streets and sidewalks.

The catalyst for the law was Ottawa's plan to legalize marijuana, which is expected to come into force this year. But because the restrictions extend to all forms of smoking, they would have the collateral effect of ushering in the most far-reaching smoking ban in Canada.

"This is a Canadian first. It's the first municipality to ban smoking on roads and sidewalks," says Rob Cunningham, senior policy analyst at the Canadian Cancer Society. "I expect other municipalities to follow suit. The legalization of marijuana is going to be a prompt for municipalities to consider this issue, because now, not only will they have cigarettes on the sidewalk but marijuana cigarettes, which have second-hand smoke as well."

Hampstead, a well-to-do bedroom community that borders on the city of Montreal, unanimously adopted the draft bylaw this month. Council will probably vote on the final version in April and Mayor William Steinberg expects it to pass.

Some critics predict the law will face a court challenge and be difficult to enforce. However, Mr. Steinberg said the town felt compelled to act and didn't want to wait for the federal cannabis law to come into force.

"People can do whatever they want in their homes, they can do it in their front yards or backyards if they wish to. It's their private property," Mr. Steinberg, a four-term mayor, said on Wednesday. "But in the public domain, no. We believe in individual freedoms, but individual freedoms have limits."

The city is acting on its legal powers to control the environment and public nuisances, Mr. Steinberg said.

"Once pot is legalized, if older teenagers and young adults are going around and smoking pot all over the place, it's a very bad example. And for that matter, smoking cigarettes is a bad example, too, except that you see a lot less of it," Mr. Steinberg said. "I think you'll have a lot more people smoking joints than you'll see people smoking cigarettes once marijuana is legalized. And I don't want to see that in public in our town."

Ontario, for example, restricts the use of recreational cannabis to private residences.

"For a majority of provinces, marijuana is banned where smoking is banned, and that leaves a lot of outdoor areas," Mr. Cunningham said. "Municipalities are well-placed to respond to community concerns, and there are many people who don't want to be exposed to second-hand smoke of any kind."

The Hampstead initiative is meeting with pushback from surprising quarters. A non-smokers' rights group says it goes too far.

Anti-tobacco organizations spent years fighting to get people not to smoke indoors. With an estimated 5.2 million daily or occasional smokers in Canada, it's not fair to simply ban them from smoking outdoors, too, says François Damphousse, Quebec director of the Non-Smokers' Rights Association.

"It's very difficult, especially since people are addicted to nicotine and need a fix," he said. "We fought to protect people indoors and asked them to go outdoors, and now we're saying we're banning smoking outdoors?"

Blair Longley, Leader of the Marijuana Party, said the multiplication of provincial and municipal laws targeting cannabis will end up increasing fines and penalties for users and, paradoxically, subject them to more legal problems than they currently have.

Penalties under Hampstead's bylaw would be between \$100 and \$300 for a first infraction and up to \$600 for subsequent violations.



January 10, 2018

City of Salmon Arm
500 – 2 Ave. NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2
Attn: Marcel Beddard

Dear Mr. Beddard,

Re: Sound Variance

We are working on our 16th annual Relay For Life event again, and it's fast approaching, on June 9th & 10th. We are very pleased to be back at the Fall Fairgrounds again this year, and shifting back into an overnight event. As in previous years we will again be having live musical performances from 7pm Saturday the 9th to 7am Sunday the 10th in order to supply entertainment for our Relay participants. We would again ask for your support in this matter.

Thank you in advance,

Jennifer Dies
Annual Giving Coordinator
Canadian Cancer Society
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Interior Health
Every person matters

Population Health Healthy Communities Update

March 2018

Community Recognition

City Of Kelowna- Bikeshare Pilot Program



The **City of Kelowna** will begin an 18-month dockless bikeshare pilot program this spring with Canadian company Dropshare. A bikeshare program is a system of bicycles available for short term rental that allows users to get a bicycle at one location and drop it off at another. "Dockless" means the bikeshare system has no physical stations or hubs, but instead has designated zones (called havens) where bikes will be placed and locked, ready for the next rider. Find answers to all your questions about this exciting program [here](#) and make sure to check out the '[get involved](#)' link at the bottom of the page.

Events and Learning Opportunities

Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments - Drinking Water Workshop

Join Interior Health representatives at the Drinking Water Workshop in **Fernie** on **April 17, 2018**. This workshop will be from 10-4 at the Park Place Lodge. Elected Officials within the Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) region and delegates of the AKBLG conference may register for this workshop when you sign up for the conference. See [this poster](#) for details. We hope to see you there!



2018 High Ground: Communities for All

This conference is taking place in **Vancouver** on **March 23 & 24**. Presented by Columbia Institute's Centre for Civic Governance, where they aim to develop a deeper understanding of the issues shaping our times, offer networking with colleagues, and hope participants take away insights on opportunities to build more inclusive, sustainable communities. All the information is [here](#).



2018 Rural Health Services Research Conference: Building Intersections for Vibrant Rural Communities



This Conference will be held **May 31 - June 1 in Nelson** and will explore issues of health, wellness, and equity in rural settings, supporting capacity building for innovative methodologies for applied research. Presentations will explore

strategies for genuine engagement and create dialogue about the implications of research findings for both rural communities and service organizations. The goal is to spark partnerships for transformative research and knowledge translation. Pre-conference workshops will be held on May 30th to allow for deeper discussion and networking around specific topics. Registration is now open on [this page](#).

Tamarack Institute – Adaptive Leadership Masterclass

Does your work involve complex cross sector or community collaborations? Are you looking to learn practical and effective skills that will help you and your teams collaborate better – deal with conflict, challenge old ways of working, respond to diverse views, create shared meaning, and plan for the future – all while working together to make a collective impact? [Register now](#) for this fundamental one-day Masterclass with Liz Skelton, Director of Collaboration for Impact from Australia and Liz Weaver, Co-CEO, Tamarack Institute.

Examining Early Childhood Indicators: Launch of a New Data Module and Partnership Tool

FREE WEBINAR on March 20, 2018 at 10am Pacific Time

The experiences, environments, and care that children are exposed to between birth and age 5 will shape their health and well-being for years to come. Given how critical this period is for child development, all sectors of society have a role to play in creating the best possible environments for children to develop and grow. This webinar will provide an overview of new user-friendly, online resources to support planning related to early child health inequalities, and explain how data from different sectors has been used to lead action on early childhood development. [Go here](#) for information and registration.

Healthy Public Policy Resources

PROOF – New Food Insecurity Fact Sheets

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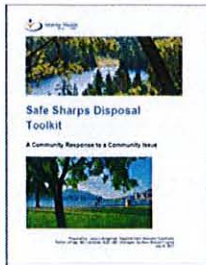
PROOF is an interdisciplinary research team investigating household food insecurity in Canada. The team has created 7 different downloadable fact sheets on the PROOF website. Topics include Monitoring Food Insecurity, Public Policy & Food Insecurity, The Impact of Food Insecurity on Health, Children in Food Insecure Households, Food Skills & Food Insecurity as well as 2 new fact sheets- Food Security & Social Assistance and Food Insecurity & Mental Health. Check [them all out!](#)

Let's Talk Vulnerable Road Users and Heavy Vehicles Safety Measures

The safety of cyclists and pedestrians when they share the road with heavy vehicles remains an on-going challenge. To specifically address this safety concern, a task force was assembled to examine safety measures, also known as countermeasures, to help protect vulnerable road users (VRUs). This task force is led by a Steering Committee, co-chaired by Alberta Transportation and Transport Canada, with representatives from provincial/territorial

authorities. Check out the [Summary Report from the Task Force](#) and opportunities to provide feedback.

Interior Health- Safe Sharps Disposal Toolkit



Interior Health has been working on increasing its involvement in sharps disposal and has rolled out some changes to help communities with sharps disposal options. One of those changes includes continuing to fund current sharps disposal contracts and to assume fiscal responsibility for all harm reduction related sharps disposal costs throughout the IH region including those incurred by municipalities and community agencies distributing harm reduction supplies. Additionally, see the [Safe Sharps Disposal Toolkit: A Community Response to a Community Issue](#) for education and information

about organizing your community to manage the issue of discarded sharps. If you have questions about the changes, contact the Regional Harm Reduction Coordinators at harmreduction.coordinator@interiorhealth.ca

Upstream Radio – New “Housing is Healthcare” Podcast

Upstream Radio dives deep into the social and economic determinants of health through an easy to listen to podcast series. Check out the [latest episode](#) "Housing is Healthcare" to learn more about the critical links between housing and our health. [Past episodes](#) include discussions of food insecurity, precarious work, social isolation, environmental health and more!



Physical Activity Policy Needs Assessment Survey

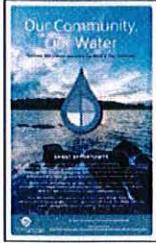
The BC Alliance for Healthy Living Society (BCAHL) is looking for your assistance with a needs assessment survey that will help improve equity, inclusion and accessibility policies for physical activity in British Columbia. This survey seeks to identify existing and emerging equity/inclusion/accessibility policies or documents that guide work in organizations and ask stakeholders about what supports they need to develop or implement them.

This survey is being implemented on behalf of the BC Physical Activity and Health Collaborative which is a network of organizations that are involved in the advancement of physical activity in the province of British Columbia and are committed to meeting the goals outlined in the BC Active People, Active Places Physical Activity Strategy.

The survey can be accessed at [PA Health Collaborative Physical Activity Policy Needs Assessment Survey](#) and will be open until April 13, 2018.

Funding News

First Nations Health Authority - Our Community, Our Water Grant



The objective of the grant is to support awareness and preservation of the First Nation's community drinking water sources. FNHA will provide from \$500-5000 for First Nations communities to support hosting a Water Awareness Day Event. **Proposals will be assessed on an ongoing basis** throughout the fiscal year and events must be held prior to **March 31, 2018**. Read all the information [here](#).

Sincerely,

Your Healthy Communities Team

Contact us at: healthycommunities@interiorhealth.ca

To subscribe, send a blank email with [Subscribe to Monthly e-newsletters](#) in the subject line.

To unsubscribe, send a blank email with [Unsubscribe to Monthly e-newsletters](#) in the subject line.

For Immediate Release | February 28, 2018

Overdose Alert: Increase in suspected overdoses in Kamloops

KAMLOOPS – Interior Health and the BC Coroners Service are urging residents using or considering using drugs to reconsider or take steps to prevent overdose in the wake of a recent increase in suspected illicit drug overdoses in Kamloops.

Based on preliminary data from the BC Coroners Service, there were six suspected illicit drug overdose deaths in a 10-day period in the Kamloops area earlier this month.

People who are considering using drugs experimentally or for recreational purposes are advised to avoid the use of illicit drugs. Anyone using illicit drugs is advised to take steps to reduce the risk:

- Don't mix different drugs (including pharmaceutical medications, street drugs, and alcohol).
- Don't take drugs when you are alone. Use in the company of someone who can administer help or call 9-1-1 if you experience an overdose.
- Keep an eye out for your friends – stay together and look out for each other.
- Use less and pace yourself. Do testers to check strength – take a small sample of a drug before taking your usual dosage.
- Carry a naloxone kit and know how to use it. A list of locations to get a kit can be found on the [Interior Health website](#).
- Recognize the signs of an overdose: slow or no breathing, gurgling or gasping, lips/fingertips turning blue, difficult to awaken, or non-responsive.
- If someone is experiencing an overdose or is witnessing an overdose, follow the [SAVE ME steps](#) and call 9-1-1 immediately.
- Consider treatment options – talk with your healthcare provider or contact one of our [Mental Health and Substance Use offices in IH](#), which offer a full range of services to improve the health and well-being of people with substance use problems.

Interior Health has Mobile Supervised Consumption Services available in Kamloops. More information on these services is available at:

<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/AboutUs/Leadership/MHO/PHEmergency/Pages/Mobile-ODPS.aspx>

For more resources and links related to overdose and substance use,

visit: <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/AboutUs/Leadership/MHO/Pages/PHEmergency.aspx>

March 1, 2018

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



Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Re: UBCM Membership

I am writing to invite City of Salmon Arm to renew its membership with the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM).

UBCM has served as the voice for local government in British Columbia since 1905. Created by local government to serve local government, our policy-based, non-partisan approach to advocacy has made us the recognized voice for B.C. communities.

Over the past year we have taken a leading role in areas as diverse as cannabis legalization, housing policy and responsible conduct. We have also continued to advocate for a stronger, integrated response to the opioid crisis and a place at the table for local government in the design of new infrastructure programs. 2018 will provide new challenges and opportunities to advance the agenda on these and other issues shared in common by our membership.

Our credibility as an organization is grounded in strong local government support. In 2017 we celebrated the 39th consecutive year that 100% of B.C. local governments have chosen to be members of UBCM. Through the renewal membership by your Council, our aim is to maintain the same level of support from B.C. communities for 2018.

It has been an honour to work on your behalf this past year. If you have any questions or comments about our work, please contact me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Booth".

Wendy Booth, President





MEMO

January 31, 2018

TO: Local Government Chief Financial Officers

FROM: Kathleen Spalek, Chief Financial Officer, UBCM

RE: **2018 UBCM MEMBERSHIP DUES**

UBCM President Wendy Booth has written to all local councils and regional boards requesting them to consider renewing their membership for 2018 (enclosed).

UBCM membership dues are based on Executive Policies 2.1–2.3. The UBCM Executive approved a 1% increase in our rates effective January 1, 2018. Rates for 2018 are:

<u>Population</u>	<u>Rate</u>
First 5,000	0.6955
Next 10,000	0.5051
Next 15,000	0.3178
Balance	0.0650

Membership dues are calculated on your population, and the population estimates used are those prepared by BC STATS, Ministry of Jobs, Trade & Technology, Province of BC (December 2017).

We also enclose for your attention our 2018 dues invoice. Should you wish to make electronic payment, please contact our office for direct deposit information (hbains@ubcm.ca).

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Encls.



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INVOICE

TO: City of Salmon Arm
Box 40
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

Invoice Date: Jan 31, 2018
Invoice No: D-4680
Due: upon receipt
Reference: 2018 UBCM Annual Dues

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Population: 19,661 <i>Your UBCM dues have been calculated using population estimates (Dec 2017 release) provided by BC STATS, the central statistical agency of the Province of British Columbia, and include a rate increase of 1.00% effective Jan 2018, approved by the UBCM Executive.</i>	
Annual Dues:	
First 5,000 population at 0.6955	\$3,477.50
Next 10,000 at 0.5051	\$5,051.00
Next 15,000 at 0.3178	\$1,481.27
Balance at 0.0650	\$0.00
Subtotal:	\$10,009.77
5% GST: (10815 0541)	\$500.49
Total:	\$10,510.26



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REMITTANCE PORTION

City of Salmon Arm
2018 Annual UBCM Dues

Date: Jan 31, 2018
Invoice # D-4680

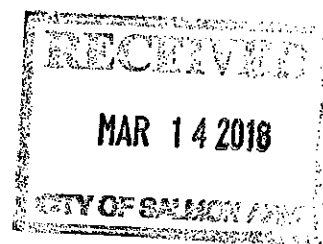
TOTAL DUE:

\$10,510.26AMOUNT
ENCLOSED:

Please return this portion of invoice with payment. Please do not combine payment of this invoice with any other billing you may receive from UBCM. Thank you.



MAR 12 2018



Her Worship Nancy Cooper
City of Salmon Arm
Box 40
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

Dear Mayor Cooper:

Your February 13, 2018 letter and enclosures sent to Mr. Greg Kylo, MLA for Shuswap, have been referred to me as the Minister responsible for leading the Province of British Columbia's planning for the safe implementation of legalized cannabis. I appreciate you taking the time to share the feedback you received from members of your community in support of EDEN Medicinal Society.

For clarification, although the proposed federal *Cannabis Act* (Bill C-45) provides for provinces and territories to regulate certain components of the legal non-medical cannabis regime, it does not provide provinces and territories with authority to regulate medical cannabis as this falls under the existing *Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations*, which is administered by Health Canada.

While some aspects of non-medical cannabis regulation will be the responsibility of the Government of Canada, the Province will be responsible for other components. British Columbia's Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Secretariat, within the Policing and Security Branch of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, is conducting policy work to support the development of the provincial regulatory framework. The priorities of protecting children and youth, promoting health and safety, keeping the criminal element out of cannabis, keeping our roads safe, and supporting economic development are guiding this work.

The Province has set policy in a number of areas regarding how non-medical cannabis will be regulated in British Columbia. The Liquor Distribution Branch (LDB) will be the wholesale distributor of non-medical cannabis in the province. Adults 19 and above will be able to purchase non-medical cannabis through private or government-run retail stores and online sales. The LDB will operate public retail stores, and the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch will be responsible for licensing private stores and monitoring the retail sector:

- Licenced non-medical cannabis retailers will not be able to sell cannabis in the same stores as liquor, tobacco, or pharmaceuticals;
- Exceptions will be established for non-medical cannabis retail stores in rural areas – criteria are under development;

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- The Province has also released a “B.C. Cannabis Private Retail Licensing Guide,” which provides information for those who are considering applying for a provincial license to sell non-medical cannabis. To learn more, please visit:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Cannabis_Private_Retail_Licensing_Guide.pdf

In addition to the above, the Province has announced a number of other key policy decisions and set direction on other key aspects of how non-medical cannabis will be regulated. These decisions include:

- British Columbia’s minimum age to possess, purchase and consume non-medical cannabis will be 19 years old;
- Adults of legal age will be allowed to possess up to of 30 grams of non-medical cannabis in a public place;
- Consumption will generally be allowed in public spaces where tobacco smoking and vaping are permitted with the exception of areas where children gather, including community beaches, parks and playgrounds where it will be banned;
- Use of cannabis in any form will be banned in vehicles for all vehicle occupants;
- Adults will be allowed to grow up to four cannabis plants per household, but plants must not be visible from public spaces off the property;
- Personal cannabis cultivation will be banned in homes used as a daycare;
- Landlords and strata councils will be able to restrict or prohibit cannabis cultivation and smoking at tenanted and strata properties; and
- Drug-impaired driving will continue to be against the law and British Columbia will increase training for law enforcement in this area. British Columbia will also toughen provincial regulations to give police more tools to remove drug-impaired drivers from the road and deter drug-impaired driving, including:
 - British Columbia will create a new 90-day Administrative Driving Prohibition for drug affected driving; and,
 - The current zero tolerance restrictions for the presence of alcohol for drivers in the Graduated Licensing Program will be expanded to include zero tolerance for the presence of THC.

Government plans to introduce legislation in the spring legislative session to affect these policy decisions. It will also launch a public education campaign to ensure broad public awareness of the provincial rules before they come into force. For more detailed information, please visit:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/public-safety/cannabis>.

Her Worship Nancy Cooper
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To inform the development of our provincial regulatory framework, the Province conducted a public and stakeholder engagement from September 25 to November 1, 2017. The results from the engagement can be found in the 'What We Heard' report, which is available on the provincial cannabis webpage.

There is still much work to be done on this priority initiative. Ensuring our regulations balance and reflect the views and values of all British Columbians is of great importance as we work towards the federal government's summer 2018 timeline for legalization.
Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Farnworth", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety
and Solicitor General

pc: Mr. Greg Kylo, MLA

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City File No.: 390-20

February 13, 2018

Association of Vancouver Island
And Coastal Communities
525 Government Street
Victoria, B.C. V8V 0A8

Re: 2018 Resolution – Asset Management

Please be advised that the City of Courtenay submits the following resolution for the 2018 AVICC Annual General Meeting:

***Common Asset Management Policy
City of Courtenay***

WHEREAS the purposes of a British Columbia municipality and regional district include providing for stewardship of the public assets of its community;

AND WHEREAS, the powers, duties and functions of British Columbia municipal and regional district Chief Administrative Officers include:

- (a) overall management of the operations of the local government;*
- (b) ensuring that the policies, programs and other directions of the council or board are implemented; and*
- (c) advising and informing the council or board on the operation and affairs of the local government.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities supports sound Asset Management practices as the means to achieve local Sustainable Service Delivery;

THAT BC municipalities and regional districts, their respective CAOs and staffs would benefit from guidance to a common communications approach to enhance Asset Management Practices; and

THAT the AVICC recommends the Union of BC Municipalities Resolve to develop and implement such a common communications approach in partnership with the LGMA and Asset Management BC.

I trust the above is satisfactory, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Yours truly,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

John Ward, CMC
Director of Legislative and Corporate Services
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND

Common Asset Management Policy

Asset Management BC (AMBC) has been providing awareness of Asset Management best practices for nearly a decade and throughout that time senior City Staff have been closely affiliated with AMBC. The City has benefited from that relationship by adopting many of the practices AMBC devised or has otherwise supported and after several years, the positive impacts are beginning to be felt.

AMBC is a group of Associations, governments and first nations with a collective interest in Asset Management. It's important to emphasize that AMBC quite deliberately refers to itself as a "Community of Practice", meaning it does not depend upon or represent a particular entity or sector. Therefore, the various observations and suggested practices are motivated only by objectivity and excellence in Asset Management practices.

Given its chosen position as a neutral party, it might be considered presumptuous of AMBC to offer advice to elected officials without it first being requested. That is possibly why there has not yet been a collation of policy practices offered in support of CAOs and council/board elected officials where, from a public administrator's perspective, something of that nature would be very useful. Ironically, our affiliation with AMBC has helped us to recognize that this form of guidance does exist, but it is located in various places and has not been provided or promoted in a coherent, unified way. The guidance is located in statutes, senior government publications and Courtenay Council's Asset Management Policy.

Beyond the operational aspects, to be successful over the long-term a local government AM program depends upon three intertwined yet distinct communications channels and their respective content:

1. The **relationship between council members/regional directors with their constituents** to consider and agree upon continuing levels of service balanced with the constituents' willingness to pay;
2. The **relationship between council members/regional directors and their respective CAOs** to agree upon policy objectives (and reporting) and provision of the means to achieve them; and
3. The **relationship between municipal/regional district CAOs and their staffs** to set the operational and capital work plans in place to achieve sustainable service delivery through sound AM practices.

These three channels have their origins in the following references:

- *Community Charter (CC)* and *Local Government Act (LGA)*;
<http://www.bclaws.ca/>
- Auditor General for Local Government (AGLG) Perspectives Series Booklet, “Asset Management for Local Governments”;
<https://www.aglg.ca/> and
- City of Courtenay **Policy #1670.00.02** “Asset Management Policy”.
<http://www.courtenay.ca/EN/main/city-hall/asset-management.html>

COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBERS AND CONSTITUENTS:

As most will know, municipalities and regional districts are distinct, but are both referred to as ‘local governments’ and the *Community Charter* and *Local Government Act* are the two principal sources of their respective authority. These statutes provide for the purposes of these two forms of local government. One purpose is “providing for stewardship of the public assets of its community”.¹ They also stipulate that ‘the powers, duties and functions of a municipality or regional district are to be exercised and performed by its council or board’² as the case may be.

The BC AGLG provides even more succinct guidance to the elected officials:

“Local residents, as service customers and taxpayers, expect to be advised and consulted on how you are spending tax dollars... It is important for you to... engage and educate members of the community on what asset management involves, why it is important and the implications if your local government fails to proactively manage publicly-owned assets. This communication provides an opportunity for your local government to ask the community about their service level expectations and their willingness to pay the costs of meeting those expectations.”³

This guidance is echoed the City’s Asset Management Policy: “...council members are responsible for adopting policy and ensuring that sufficient resources are applied to manage the City’s capital assets” and for providing “...those we serve with services and levels of service for which they are willing to pay”.⁴

COUNCIL/BOARD AND THEIR CAOs:

The *CC* and *LGA* speak to this relationship, too: CAOs’ powers, duties and functions include overall management of operations of the local government; ensuring that the policies, programs and other directions of the council/board are implemented; and advising and informing the council/board on the operation and affairs of the local government.⁵

1 *Community Charter* s. 7 and *Local Government Act* s. 185.

2 *Community Charter* s. 114 and *Local Government Act* s. 194.

3 Auditor General for Local Government (AGLG) Perspectives Series Booklet, “Asset Management for Local Governments”, pp. 17-18.

4 This latter policy statement is reiterated in the City of Courtenay Strategic Priorities 2016-2018.

5 Paraphrased for convenience from *Community Charter* s. 147 and *Local Government Act* s. 235.

The AGLG also considers this relationship:

“Elected officials have a stewardship responsibility and an oversight role, while staff are responsible for implementation and for reporting back to the council/board. It is important for both parties to understand and respect the distinction between governance and management and to maintain an appropriate balance of accountability... As elected officials, you can help ensure effective asset management by supporting staff in their efforts to develop and implement asset management planning.”⁶

Council’s AM Policy commits to “Ensuring necessary capacity and other operational capabilities are provided” and to “...providing sufficient financial resources to accomplish them”. As a reflection of the legislation and AGLG guidance, the Policy goes on: “The Chief Administrative Officer has responsibility for Asset Management plans, strategies and procedures as well as reporting to Council on the effectiveness of Asset Management practices and their outcomes.”

CAOs AND THEIR STAFF:

Communications as part of this relationship is a matter of leadership style and public administration practices. How these manifest themselves locally is a function of the individuals’ education and experience along with ongoing professional development. This is offered by agencies such as the Local Government Management Association of BC and more formalized training through various academic institutions.

While the statutes do not speak to this particular relationship, the AGLG does provide some guidance:

“Asset management is a highly integrated activity requiring staff from across the local government to interact and share knowledge and data. It requires a shift to a new business model based on sustainable service delivery. To succeed, your chief administrative officer must champion asset management, select the right group of staff from finance, planning, operations, information technology and engineering, give them the proper authority and make them accountable for action.”⁷

This AGLG guidance coincides with the City’s AM Policy as provided above.

As is obvious, the guidance to successfully develop these three channels of communication does exist. However, it would be more effective if it were coalesced in a singular form that could be consistently referred to by local governments wishing to more effectively develop Asset Management for Sustainable Service Delivery. One way of accomplishing this could be for BC local governments to collectively request it be done on their behalf by an organization or agency such as Asset Management BC.

6 Auditor General for Local Government (AGLG) Perspectives Series Booklet, “Asset Management for Local Governments”, pp. 17 & 13.

7 Auditor General for Local Government (AGLG) Perspectives Series Booklet, “Asset Management for Local Governments”, p. 18.



Office of the Mayor

March 14, 2018

Honourable Carole James
Minister of Finance
PO Box 9048 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

RE: Employer Health Tax

Dear Minister Carole James,

We appreciate the recently announced Employer Health Tax is administratively more efficient and replaces a regressive form of taxation; however, it results in a significant cost increase to municipalities.

The direct impact of this change for the City of Maple Ridge will be a doubling of what was paid under Medical Service Plan (MSP) premiums. It is likely that there will also be indirect cost increases with Employer Health Tax implications being passed on by contracted service providers. Municipalities, unlike businesses, have not benefited from recent business tax reductions.

Municipalities have few options to cover cost increases. If unchanged, the payroll tax will result in increases to property taxes or reductions to municipal services resulting from funds being reallocated to cover the Employer Health Tax. School Districts have even fewer options to cover the increased costs, unless the Province decides to make exemptions or other adjustments to compensate.

Please consider options to attempt to make the transition to the Employer Health Tax cost neutral for municipalities.

Respectfully,

Nicole Read
Mayor

cc: UBCM Members (via emails)
Maple Ridge Council
Paul Gill, Chief Administrative Officer
Kelly Swift, General Manager: Parks, Recreation & Culture
Frank Quinn, General Manager: Public Works & Development Services

City of Maple Ridge

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February 28, 2018

File: 0400-20-01

The Honourable Selina Robinson
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Robinson:

Re: Cannabis Sales Revenue Sharing

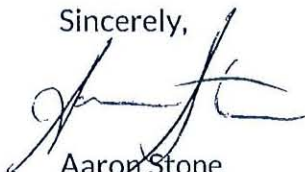
On behalf of the Council of the Town of Ladysmith, please accept this letter regarding the need for cannabis sales revenue sharing with local governments within the Province of BC.

The Town of Ladysmith is joining with other BC local governments to request that we be involved in the process of establishing a regulatory approach to the legalization of cannabis and that cannabis tax revenue be fairly distributed amongst all levels of government. Current discussions regarding revenue sharing involve the federal and provincial governments with no inclusion of local governments.

The Town of Ladysmith Council is requesting your support by agreeing to 50 percent of the provincial share of the cannabis tax sharing formula be provided to local government. This is an adequate and equitable share to help support costs and services incurred by local governments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Aaron Stone
Mayor

C:UBCMMemberMunicipalities



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File: 0530-01

March 6, 2018

District of West Vancouver
750 17th Street
West Vancouver, BC V7V 3T3

Attention: Mayor Michael Smith


Dear Mayor Smith and Council:

Subject: New Municipal Tax Classes – submission for LMLGA

Thank you for your letter of February 23, 2018 seeking Council's support of your resolution regarding your request for the creation of new municipal tax classes.

Your letter was before Council at its Regular meeting on March 5, 2018 for consideration. I am happy to report that Council supported the District of West Vancouver's resolution which will be submitted for consideration at the LMLGA 2018 Convention.

Sincerely,



Leo Facio
Mayor

cc: Union of British Columbia Municipalities



File: 0530-01

March 6, 2018

District of Sicamous
PO Box 219
446 Main Street
Sicamous, BC V0E 2V0

Attention: Mayor Terry Rysz

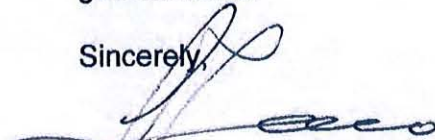
Dear Mayor Rysz and Council:

Subject: Cannabis Sales Revenue Sharing

Thank you for your letter of February 14, 2018 seeking Council's support regarding current discussions surrounding revenue sharing generated from the implementation of the legalization of cannabis.

Your letter was before Council at its Regular meeting on March 5, 2018 for consideration and I am happy to report that Council endorsed and supported your Council's request to have 50% of the provincial share of the cannabis tax sharing formula be provided to local governments. We view this request to be a fair and equitable share to recover costs that will be incurred by local governments.

Sincerely,



Leo Facio
Mayor

cc: Union of British Columbia Municipalities

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

March 8th, 2018

Honorable John Horgan
Premier of British Columbia
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Honorable Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Room 128
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Victoria, BC
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Dear Premier Horgan and Minister Farnworth,

Re: Human Trafficking Task Force

At its most recent Regular Meeting on March 5th, 2018, the Township of Spallumcheen Council received the attached email from Cathy Peters, BC's Anti-Human Trafficking Educator, Speaker and Advocate, dated February 26th, 2018. As such, Council passed the following resolution:

"THAT the Township of Spallumcheen Council direct staff to send a letter to the BC Premier John Horgan and the Public Safety Minister/Solicitor General Mike Farnworth that we need a Human Trafficking Task Force and the Federal Law enforced as requested in an Email from Cathy Peters, BC's Anti-Human Trafficking Educator, Speaker and Advocate, dated February 26th, 2018 – Re: Child Sex Trafficking in BC Municipalities and How to Stop It."

Thank you for your attention to this matter, if you have any questions in this regard please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,

Janice Brown
Mayor

Attach: Email from Cathy Peters dated February 26th, 2018 Re: Child Sex Trafficking in BC Municipalities and How to Stop It.

cc: Cathy Peters, BC's Anti-Human Trafficking Educator, Speaker and Advocate
All UBCM member municipalities

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Maureen Williamson

RECEIVED

From: Cathy Peters <ca.peters@telus.net>

Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 9:19 PM

To: Maureen Williamson

Subject: Child sex trafficking in BC Municipalities and how to stop it

Attachments: SPALLUMCHEEN WHAT CAN I DO AS A PARENT TO STOP MY CHILD FROM BEING TRAFFICKED.docx; Some Ways to Prevent Your Child from Being Recruited Into Prostitution.docx; UBCM & Bill C-36.docx; Ontario unveils funds for human trafficking.docx; DCO; PWM

Importance: High

Mayor	
Mayor & Council	
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City Agenda	
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Dear Mayor Janice Brown and City Councillors,
Child Sex trafficking (including child pornography) is the fastest growing crime in the world, Canada and in BC.
I have been raising awareness to this issue for the past 5 years.

I have included two attachments addressing how to stop this crime and the UBCM 2015 Resolutions on Human trafficking/Rape culture.

BC needs a properly funded Human Trafficking Task Force (like Ontario) for awareness, education and training for law enforcement.

Also, the current Federal Law, "Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act" needs to be properly enforced.

ASK: Would you please write a letter to the BC Premier John Horgan and the Public Safety Minister/Solicitor General Mike Farnworth that we need a Human Trafficking Task Force AND the Federal Law enforced (it is in the rest of the country), and send me a copy of that letter.

#MeToo and #TimesUp are 2 timely anti- sexual abuse campaigns. Please write me if you support these campaigns.

Sincerely, Mrs. Cathy Peters BC's anti-human trafficking educator, speaker, advocate
#302-150 W. 15th St., North Vancouver, BC V7M 0C4

Mission statement: A Modern Equal Society does not buy and sell women and children.

My goal: to traffick-proof every community in BC and insure there is not another Robert Pickton (Port Coquitlam serial killer) situation.

Strategy: the 2 E's- **Education** (of the problem), **Enforcement** (of the Law, The Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act)

Result: to make it known that British Columbia is a bad place (for buyers of sex, traffickers, facilitators) for the business of sexual exploitation.

MAR 05 2018

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

ITEM: 8 (a) (v)

WHAT CAN I DO AS A PARENT? Here are five things that you can do to help prevent your child from being lured away by a trafficker:

1. Set a high standard of “love” within your home.

The way you define and express love shapes your children’s self-image, confidence and opinions of future relationships. Treat them the way you want their future spouses to treat them. Help them to distinguish between real love and empty promises or cheap gifts.

2. Talk to your children about sexual abuse.

According to the US Department of Justice, every two minutes someone in the US is sexually assaulted, of which 29% are ages 12-17. Let your children know that if anyone has or ever does hurt them, they can talk to you. This is the most important thing you can say. Don’t assume they have not been hurt by sexual violence before. Leave the door open for your child to talk about past circumstances that they haven’t shared with you.

3. Talk to your children about sex trafficking.

Discuss ways children and teens are targeted for sex trafficking. Let them know that traffickers specifically try to woo young girls and boys with promises of a better life – whether it’s promises of love and attention or promises of nice things and trips – these pimps look for ways of exploiting dreams. Traffickers can be male or female, even classmates. Traffickers may even use kids to recruit other kids.

4. Talk to your children about the dangers of social media.

It’s important to provide practical safety tips like: don’t share personal information on the Internet; don’t accept Facebook requests from unknown people; NEVER share naked photos of yourself with anyone; and tell a parent or a trusted adult if you feel threatened or uncomfortable online. Also, children need help in defining friendships. Social media has distorted our childrens’ understanding of what friendship means. Teach them that a friend is not someone you met yesterday and that a “friend” on Facebook is not the same thing as a friendship.

5. Pay attention to your children.

Monitor your children’s social media accounts, look for ways to meet their friends, their friends’ parents and those they hang out with. Be alert to boyfriends who are much older, or friendships that tend to isolate your child from other friends or family. Notice if your child has new clothing items, makeup products, cell phone or other items and inquire about how they aquired them.

Some Ways to Prevent Your Child from Being Recruited Into Prostitution

- Recruiters frequent malls, movie theaters, bowling alleys, parks, typical teen hang out areas, and around school grounds. Make sure your children are supervised and not alone when in these areas.
- Recruiters are always looking for girls who are alone or isolated; if your child is with a group, she is much less likely to be targeted.
- Make sure your child is not alone when they are going to or from school or other extracurricular activities.
- Check your child's emails, social media, and internet activities. Many recruiters will build a relationship with children through the internet over time in order to gain their trust.
- Screen any boyfriend by checking his age and status in the community. Check with his parents to verify his age, any gang affiliation, or any criminal history. Recruiters are notorious for lying about their age and who they are in order to gain a girl's—and even her parent's—trust.
- Know where your child is all times. It may be annoying to your child, but it also could mean saving their life.
- Adding a GPS tracker to your child's phone is a great form of protection, as it allows you to find out exactly where your child is at any time.
- Have a code word or phrase. For example, saying "I'm fine" means "*Not okay! I need help!*". This way, if they are in the hands of an abductor they can text you this code without raising the suspicion of the abductor or recruiter.
- Use the percentage sign or some unique symbol that will allow your child to text you one quick symbol to tell you they are in trouble.
- Have specific and periodic check in times with your children. Setting a recurring alarm on your child's phone will help them remember to check in. If your child misses a check in time, you can set a response in motion assuming that they are in trouble.
- Ethical Modeling agencies do not typically solicit girls who are alone. Thoroughly screen any solicitation for your child to model or to go somewhere with someone who has not been vetted.
- Talk to your child about what to do if they get into trouble with someone who is threatening them. The basic rule is to never go to the second location once you realize you are in danger. No matter what the threat, advise them to go to a figure of authority *immediately*.
- It is a difficult discussion to have, especially with junior high age children, but 8 to 14 year-olds are the primary targets of recruiters. Children really need to be coached on how to respond to that type of threat if it happens to them.
- If your child is going to a party, make sure that you know it is held at a safe place with the supervision of people you trust. Recruiters for sex trafficking will often frequent parties that teenagers attend and wait until a child is alone, single them out, and actually take them during the party. Many times the recruiter will take them to a back room where any kind of disturbance would not be heard due to the noise of the party.
- Advise your child to never leave any drink, even water, unattended at any party or event. Recruiters will drop what they call a "roofie" into the drink which causes the victim to become submissive to anyone without bringing attention to the situation.

Most importantly, get involved in your child's life and be their parent, not their buddy. They may resist, but it is our job as parents to protect our children from the predators that seek to destroy their lives.

CANADIAN FEDERAL LAW:

"The Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act"

1. **Targets the demand** by targeting the buyer of sex; the predator, pimp, trafficker, john are criminalized 2. Recognizes the seller of sex is a victim; usually female and is not criminalized 3. Exit strategies put in place to assist the victim out of the sex trade.

UBCM RESOLUTIONS September 2015:

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING; NCLGA Executive

WHEREAS human trafficking is a real and devastating issue in British Columbia; AND WHEREAS significant work & research has been done as of late to aid in the prevention and prosecution of human trafficking throughout Canada:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the RCMP, local police forces and local governments to work collaboratively in order to implement the recommendations found within the National Task Force on Sex Trafficking of Women and Girls in Canada's recent report ("NO MORE' Ending Sex -Trafficking In Canada") as well as the Province of British Columbia's "Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking."

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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RAPE CULTURE IN CANADA; NCLGA Executive

WHEREAS sexual assaults continue to be committed across Canada, and victims are of every age, race, income and gender;

AND WHEREAS sexual assaults are under reported, and prosecution and conviction rates are low:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM advocate for an intergovernmental task force to be convened to determine the steps needed to erase the "rape culture" that is pervasive in schools, universities, workplaces and elsewhere across Canada;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be mandated to elicit testimony from victims in order to determine the steps needed to improve the reporting, arrest and conviction rates across Canada.

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Ontario unveils \$72-million plan to fight human trafficking

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The Ontario government will spend up to \$72-million over four years in a new anti-trafficking strategy, with support for indigenous-led approaches to tackling the issue as one of its priorities.

Government ministers unveiled the strategy on Thursday at Covenant House in Toronto, a shelter for homeless youth. They said the money will be used to bolster support for culturally appropriate services for indigenous survivors of trafficking, establish a provincial anti-trafficking coordination centre and create a specialized prosecution team for human-trafficking crimes.

Ontario is the third province in Canada to adopt a plan to fight human trafficking. The province has about 65 per cent of the human trafficking cases reported to police in the country, and the RCMP has identified Ontario as a major hub for trafficking in Canada.

Human trafficking “is a deplorable crime that robs the safety, livelihood and dignity of those who are being exploited and abused,” Attorney-General Yasir Naqvi said at the announcement.

Indigenous women and girls are disproportionately affected, he said in an interview. “We know the number is high. A lot of indigenous women, unfortunately, get trafficked, and that is why we wanted to have an indigenous approach as a wraparound for this entire strategy. It is disproportionate, absolutely.”

A Globe and Mail investigation earlier this year showed that, despite a raft of studies, reports and surveys showing that aboriginal youth and women comprise an outsized share of trafficking victims, relatively little dedicated federal funding has gone to prevention or protection.

Covenant House has provided services to 60 victims of sex trafficking so far this year, which already surpasses last year’s numbers. The agency has estimated about a quarter of cases involve indigenous girls and young women.

Trafficking charges have resulted in few convictions. The rate, specifically for human trafficking, is less than 10 per cent of charges in the Ontario Court of Justice. Mr. Naqvi said that reflects the complexity of the crime and difficulty in getting victims to testify.

The provincial government did not break down how the \$72-million will be spent. It did say it will expand supports for at-risk youth leaving care and bolster services for survivors, such as trauma counselling and job skills training.

Barbara Gosse, CEO of the Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking, said she would have liked the plan to include education for judges on the issue, and more emphasis on data collection. “We need a coordinated and integrated system of collecting data from law-enforcement, frontline service providers and non-profit organizations who provide services and supports to victims,” she said, so that governments can develop policies based on evidence.

Canada’s national action plan on human trafficking expired in March. Public Safety Canada, which coordinated the federal response to trafficking, said the government is determining “next steps.”

Human trafficking is defined as recruiting, transporting or exercising control over a person to exploit them, typically through sexual exploitation or forced labour. The majority of trafficking cases in Canada are domestic, rather than international or cross-border, and most domestic cases are sex trafficking, the RCMP says.

The province’s announcement came as a global report said Canada remains a source, transit and destination for sex trafficking. Canada is also a destination country for men and women subjected to forced labour, the U.S. State Department said in its annual global report on trafficking in persons.

“Women and girls from Aboriginal communities; migrants, including those newly arrived, at-risk youth; runaway youth; and girls in the child welfare system are especially vulnerable,” it said.

The report recommended Canada “significantly increase” specialized services and shelter for victims. Data collection should be improved, while inter-agency co-ordination between the provinces has been “uneven.” It said training efforts – particularly for prosecutors and judges – should be increased.

It also said the government “did not provide adequate funding for specialized victim services; and the range, quality, and timely delivery of services varied across the provinces.”

Globally, human trafficking is now a \$150-billion industry, the report said.

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Greetings,

Given that your organization is very likely subscribed to, or have access to, Municipal World Magazine in some manner, it's also likely that at sometime in the past decade you've read more than a few of my 166 articles published in their Management Zone column – so I doubt I'm entirely a stranger to you or your management team.

While I've written on a wide variety of management topics in the column, I'm primarily focused on Change Management. How to think about it, cope with it, communicate it to all types of audiences from constituents to staff, plan for it and succeed in implementing it. Oh, and to have a bit of fun with what most consider a highly stressful topic.

During my 30-year career as a Change Management speaker/consultant – I've assisted organizations of all types, in more than 40 countries. I've spoken to all levels of government, from Australia to Ontario and many points between – from both directions.

I wanted to ensure that you had seen the news that Municipal World is once again co-sponsoring my Change Management workshops/presentations to municipal organizations, and associations across Canada at a reduced rate during the months of April & May 2018.

The link to all the details of their generous sponsorship, are located here;

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After 30 years of offering my services in this capacity – I'm aware of the difficulty of contacting the exact person dealing with either training, leadership development, or an upcoming event where my skills might be of service.

So, with that reality in mind, I will beg your indulgence and hope that if you think your organization, or any of your contacts, might have need of a provocative, and useful Change Management perspective, you would forward this note to their attention.

In the interests of keeping this note as short as possible – I have resisted the urge to include a longer bio, pages of references, and detailed descriptions of my keynotes or workshops – I'll assume that if there is interest in these at any level, you'll ask – and I'll respond.

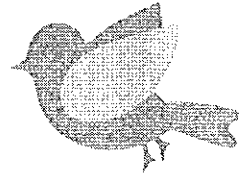
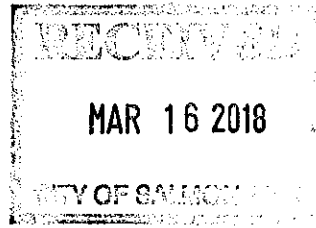
If there's no interest? Then you've already hit the delete key. Yes – humour does creep into both my writing and speaking.

Yours truly
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p.s. I recognize that smaller organizations, sometimes even larger organizations, have little if any budget for training – that's the reality for many organizations today – yet? There is still a need for exposure to innovative ideas and concepts. To that end? I've created an archive containing more than 100 hours of Management level presentations – these exist for you to exploit – you don't even have to let me know you're making effective use of them. You can find this resource here: www.vimeo.com/technobility

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Dear Nancy Cooper,

My name is Cole Hashimoto and I'm in grade three in New Denver. My class is doing research about places in the province of British Columbia. I chose your town because it is interesting and I know that there are 17,706 people living in Salmon Arm. I was hoping you might be able to send me some information about your town. Anything that might help me learn about your community would be great.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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