

## INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - JUNE 14, 2021

1.	Building Department - Building Statistics - May 2021	N
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3.	P. Tate - email dated May 26, 2021 - Access from 70 <sup>th</sup> AVE NE	A
4.	L. Simons - email dated May 27, 2021 - Animal pass through for Lakeshore Drive NE	A
5.	C. Cosens - email dated May 27, 2021 - 30 km speed limit around McGuire Lake	A
6.	G. Armstrong - email dated May 29, 2021 - Noise	A
7.	M. Chursky - email dated June 2, 2021 - Logging on mount ida	A
8.	B. Weicker, President, Shuswap Lifeboat Society, Operating RCMSAR 106 (Shuswap)	A
9.	E. McDonald, President, Shuswap Naturalist Club - letter received May 2021 - Blackburn Park Shelter Request - June 15, 2021	A
10.	A. Mongerson, Events Membership Coordinator, Downtown Salmon Arm - email dated June 8, 2021 - Downtown SA Active Loop	A
11.	D. Sharman, Community Relations Manager, Southern Interior, BC Hydro - email dated June 1, 2021 - BC Hydro Meetings Prior to 2021 UBCM Convention	N
12.	B. Frenkel, UBCM President - letter dated May 21, 2021 - Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment	N
13.	R. Fleming, Minister, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure - letter dated May 28, 2021 - Intersection of 10 Avenue SE and Highway 97B	N
14.	K. Conroy, Minister, Ministry of Forests, Lands Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development - letter dated June 2, 2021 - Modernizing Forest Policy	N
15.	B. Schmidt, Director, Operations and Client Relations - email dated May 27, 2021 - 2021 UBCM Convention - Provincial Appointment Book and Meeting Request Process for Meetings with Provincial Government	A
16.	M. Little, Mayor, District of North Vancouver - letter dated May 17, 2021 - BC Government's Use of Provincial Paramountcy to Undermine Local Government Bylaws	N
17.	F. Haynes, Mayor, District of Saanich - letter dated June 1, 2021 - British Columbia Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Ending	N
18.	L. Kellett, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services Division - email dated June 2, 2021 - City of Prince George Resolutions Submitted to the 2021 UBCM Convention	N
19.	K. Kenney, Corporate Officer, City of Langley - letter dated June 4, 2021 - Support for 988 Suicide and Crisis Line Initiative	N
20.	K. Elliott, Mayor, District of Squamish to J. Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs and G. Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy - letter dated June 4, 2021 - Province of British Columbia's (BC's) decision to end the BC Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP)	N
21.	C. Peters, BC anti-human trafficking educator, speaker, advocate - email dated June 5, 2021 - Kamloops and Update on Human Sex Trafficking in BC and How To Stop It	N
22.	Office of the Seniors Advocate British Columbia - email dated June 7, 2021 - Update - June 2021	N

N = No Action Required  
A = Action Requested

S = Staff has Responded  
R = Response Required

**CITY OF SALMON ARM  
BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT  
MAY 2021**

LAST YEAR (2020)  
CURRENT MONTH YEAR-TO-DATE

CURRENT YEAR (2021)  
CURRENT MONTH YEAR-TO-DATE

		NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE
1	New Single Family Dwellings	5	1,640,000	16	6,254,000	6	2,575,000	29	10,325,000
2	Misc. Additions etc. to SFD's	11	347,458	35	1,667,553	14	922,680	46	2,841,610
3	New Single Family Dwellings with suites	-	-	2	755,000	2	930,000	8	3,730,000
4	New Secondary/Detached Suites	2	116,200	9	356,200	2	390,000	4	470,000
5	New Modulars/MH's (Factory Built)	3	633,600	10	1,918,600	2	350,000	5	940,500
6	Misc. Additions etc. to Modulars/MH's	-	-	2	19,200	1	25,000	3	78,692
7	MFD's (# Units)	1 (3)	750,000	1 (3)	750,000	-	-	-	-
8	Misc. Additions etc. to MFD's	-	-	4	59,855	1	121,752	2	122,752
9	New Commercial	-	-	1	120,960	-	-	-	-
10	Misc. Additions etc. to Commercial	-	-	6	257,000	1	8,000	8	565,600
11	New Industrial	-	-	1	100,000	2	1,450,000	3	1,600,000
12	Misc. Additions etc. to Industrial	-	-	2	505,000	-	-	-	-
13	New Institutional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Misc. Additions etc. to Institutional	-	-	1	5,000	-	-	1	500,000
15	Signs	1	10,000	5	17,950	5	26,200	22	118,156
16	Swimming Pools, Pool Buildings	1	105,000	1	105,000	-	-	1	110,000
17	Demolitions	1	-	7	-	4	-	10	-
18	Temporary Trailers, A & B Permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
19	Misc. Special Inspections, etc.	1	-	11	-	-	-	11	-
	<b>TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3,602,258</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>12,891,318</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>6,798,632</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>21,402,310</b>

MFD's - Apartment, Row, Duplex, Strata (# of dwelling units created)

Farm building values not included



# BUILDING PERMITS - YEARLY

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
2001	585,500	11,938,550	12,265,250	12,842,790	13,534,790	14,712,550	16,330,650	17,717,625	19,031,075	19,895,255	21,318,855	21,458,195
2002	585,500	1,952,500	3,340,850	3,821,240	5,455,840	6,411,690	8,844,690	10,932,510	15,780,890	16,705,600	17,738,200	17,923,700
2003	130,110	920,780	2,974,020	4,486,120	5,993,320	13,294,120	15,555,250	17,937,005	20,318,920	22,000,340	24,005,740	24,782,360
2004	430,700	1,506,500	5,903,780	8,379,104	10,122,768	12,086,319	14,779,343	21,598,763	30,371,023	33,614,173	34,957,458	35,881,343
2005	1,072,000	2,269,650	4,344,750	6,806,152	12,110,482	28,031,457	29,985,585	34,743,645	37,600,445	42,915,856	45,525,611	47,576,746
2006	815,550	3,224,468	8,012,449	11,501,929	16,084,809	20,066,533	23,714,194	26,370,890	36,479,806	37,278,358	42,332,995	43,077,170
2007	1,531,087	3,901,669	16,148,674	22,413,118	27,232,134	32,401,472	35,657,297	42,829,750	51,945,799	55,703,387	65,885,802	66,289,555
2008	1,797,604	4,203,429	12,947,058	27,647,379	33,857,533	36,582,025	39,759,375	42,395,454	45,412,474	50,699,301	53,383,541	53,522,880
2009	409,369	864,839	2,039,460	5,207,311	6,763,615	7,800,085	9,677,455	11,579,746	18,882,737	20,713,554	23,523,664	24,337,664
2010	1,518,563	2,708,062	5,931,546	10,081,816	12,260,236	13,526,546	16,597,121	18,790,511	19,848,804	21,174,632	22,953,692	27,249,702
2011	568,645	2,003,976	5,063,837	7,449,773	9,471,416	11,761,850	12,794,028	14,222,970	18,194,801	19,682,061	30,563,013	31,934,415
2012	2,189,660	3,128,562	4,794,040	6,337,260	10,000,544	12,120,246	17,883,185	24,375,078	26,118,787	26,493,820	28,130,500	28,666,430
2013	881,740	1,440,110	13,907,060	15,814,195	17,433,454	20,194,778	23,204,628	24,180,485	26,567,302	29,195,224	30,890,086	31,231,349
2014	665,304	2,806,404	8,075,941	20,789,869	27,574,834	29,877,686	33,456,523	41,971,923	42,784,769	44,804,191	46,460,471	47,707,993
2015	1,172,285	1,853,539	3,894,754	6,750,389	8,575,425	18,388,180	20,475,407	26,442,225	29,143,303	31,248,595	35,417,465	37,368,595
2016	1,268,865	2,298,280	4,987,625	8,904,610	12,253,660	16,279,464	19,265,124	23,811,029	29,823,014	36,084,949	40,154,959	41,418,659
2017	1,183,280	2,841,725	7,219,495	11,761,657	18,136,656	23,823,576	30,793,243	36,066,891	52,130,226	59,858,542	63,366,686	64,675,041
2018	1,970,104	3,943,104	10,028,787	14,363,122	20,252,322	30,488,747	37,540,412	40,421,060	55,689,215	59,634,580	64,988,531	66,797,572
2019	6,060,645	6,835,345	10,699,845	18,074,843	22,220,523	26,015,593	31,103,281	45,971,877	48,902,359	52,267,409	56,765,409	58,511,534
2020	2,218,950	4,293,250	6,900,060	9,289,060	12,891,318	23,340,638	26,757,691	32,516,960	37,062,215	46,505,927	51,472,227	54,065,527
2021	3,180,132	5,500,747	9,538,939	14,603,678	21,402,310							

From: [noreply@civicplus.com](mailto:noreply@civicplus.com) <[noreply@civicplus.com](mailto:noreply@civicplus.com)>

Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 6:56 PM

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

## Mayor and Council

First Name	Pam
Last Name	Tate
Address:	[REDACTED]
Return email address:	[REDACTED]
Subject:	Access from 70th ave NE
Body	<p>First off Thank you for putting a 4 way stop at the corner of 50th Ave &amp; 70th St NE, it is about time. The traffic in this area has increased fourfold in the last few years, for there only to be one access road on 70th Ave is absurd. This community has grown leaps and bounds and with only one access and there was a disaster it would be chaos for families trying to get out of the area. Why hasn't something been done for another access out to Canoe Beach Drive? No, the City doesn't care or it would have done something about this years ago. Years ago when Lakeside Pines as it was then called the developer deliberately didn't finish phase one because he was to have the road done, well how many years later and probably 400 homes built we still only have one access. The other major issue is parking on the street between 70th Ave NE and Canoe Beach north, this is a nitemare most days as there isn't enough room to pass in both directions. all of these homes have room for parking off-street and when the traffic increases with boats going to launch again it is chaos.</p>
Would you like a response:	Yes

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lauren Simons

Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 10:23 AM

To: Caylee Simmons

Subject: Animal pass through for Lakeshore Drive NE

Good Morning Mayor Harrison,

I have been a Salmon Arm resident for 3.5 years and I have lived on Lakeshore Road for 1.5 years. I take Lakeshore Drive daily, several times. It has come to my attention that Lakeshore Drive is a frequent pass through for many ducks, geese, turtles, quail and pheasants. I've witnessed many terrified ducks and turtles unable to cross with the volume of traffic. Yesterday on my way into town there was a long line of traffic stopped in the left hand lane. In front of the head vehicle appeared to be a duck. I stopped my vehicle and all traffic in the right hand lane and another citizen and myself approached the duck. She had about 10 babies under her wings. We ushered her across the road but she was unable to get to safety because she could not cross the cement barricade. She proceeded to walk down the road and traffic resumed around her. Most citizens respected this inconvenience but one man called out that they were "just wildlife".

With the bird sanctuary and lake accessible by crossing Lakeshore Drive I would like city council to consider a pass through (or several) for wildlife. Either a barricade with a cut out large enough for a duck to walk through or, slight gaps between the barricades. It would also be beneficial to have signage indicating Lakeshore Drive is frequented by wildlife and for motorists to slow down and be aware. Possibly this could be incorporated into the updates already planned.

I realize these are wild animals but I feel with creating man made obstacles, it is our job to help keep them safe and keep them flourishing.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. If necessary, please direct me to anyone else I could address this concern with.

Lauren Simons

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From: [noreply@civicplus.com](mailto:noreply@civicplus.com) <[noreply@civicplus.com](mailto:noreply@civicplus.com)>

Sent: May 27, 2021 12:31 PM

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

## Mayor and Council

First Name	Calvin
Last Name	Cosens
Address:	[REDACTED]
Return email address:	[REDACTED]
Subject:	30 km speed limit around Mc Quire Lake
Body	<p>Hello...Would it be possible to put 30km signs around Mc Quire lake. We at times see from our home office which over looks 8th ave and Mc Quire lake cars/trucks and motorcycles going way to fast around this sensitive area. As you may know there are ducks/turtles crossing the roads as well as children and seniors in there scooters. In the Spring and Summer on a sunny day there is a lot of activity around the park and speeding vehicles are concerning. Also when people are passing each other on the sidewalk most often they will step onto the road to provide a comfortable distance to pass by each other. I have talked to many of our neighbors and they all agree that a 30 km speed limit just seems reasonable for this beautiful part of our community.</p>
Would you like a response:	Yes

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**From:** [noreply@civicplus.com](mailto:noreply@civicplus.com) <[noreply@civicplus.com](mailto:noreply@civicplus.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 29, 2021 1:43 PM  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council

First Name Grant

Last Name Armstrong

Address:

Return email address:

Subject: Noise

Body

I am aware that a neighbor community has raised concerns about excessive noise from boats and I commend their efforts. There is a similar issue here in Salmon Arm with motorcycle noise. We live on Shuswap St. SW and there are a number of motorcycles that go back and forth several times a day. Their engines generate excessive noise. I know that even powerful cycles can be made whisper quiet with proper mufflers. Noise pollution can be very invasive and in this case can be remedied with proper restrictions. I encourage Council to investigate methods to deal with this issue.

Would you like a response: Yes

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From: [noreply@civicplus.com](mailto:noreply@civicplus.com) <[noreply@civicplus.com](mailto:noreply@civicplus.com)>

Sent: June 2, 2021 9:50 AM

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

## Mayor and Council

First Name Matt

Last Name Chursky

Address:

Return email address:

Subject: Logging on mount Ida

Body

Hello

My name is Matt Chursky and I am a resident and off-road enthusiast in salmon arm bc. I was born in this town and have been riding the dirt bike trails on mount Ida with my dad since I was 4 years old (34 years total.) I now ride these same trails with my own son and the great memories and experiences I have had I hope to share with him too.

That is why I am deeply concerned with the proposed logging above the salmon arm industrial park! Why propose clear cuts directly across a well used multi use trail network? I know the logic that has been put forth- a "firebreak" but come on, are we going to devastate the entire base of mount Ida in fears of a fire next?

I fully appreciate that logging is very important to our economy but I fail to understand why it cannot be performed in a less visible, unused area not to mention an area that is not a watershed!

Every year I pack a saw on my back and maintain these trails so that myself, my family, and all others in the dirtbike, hiking, mountain bike community can enjoy them. To see them transformed into a clear cut will break my heart and truly tarnish my perception of BCTS. PLEASE reconsider these blocks! The trail network is used and enjoyed by thousands of multi use citizens in the whole okanagan.

Please reply to this email and thank you for your consideration.

Matt Chursky  
Membership director  
Shuswap Dirt Riders

Would you like a response:

Yes

**From:** Bruce Weicker  
**Sent:** Friday, May 28, 2021 9:27 PM  
**To:** Erin Jackson  
**Subject:** Re: Request of Mayor for Support

Hi Erin,

I am asking for Mayor Harrison's support for the Rescue Base project we are undertaking. We are in the process of applying for a number of grants and letters of support from the community are very important to the success of our funding. There are three template letters attached for your reference. The templates are self-explanatory. I would ask that any letter of support be emailed back to me.

Shuswap Lifeboat Society and RCMSAR 106 (Shuswap) very much appreciate your time and effort.

Best regards,

Bruce

Bruce Weicker,  
President, Shuswap Lifeboat Society  
Operating RCMSAR 106 (Shuswap)



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## **Shuswap Naturalist Club**

**1740 – 16<sup>th</sup> St. NE, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 3Z7**

Dear Mayor Harrison and Council,

We, the Shuswap Naturalist Club, would like to use the sheltered area of Blackburn Park for our June monthly meeting on the afternoon of June 15<sup>th</sup>. We would like to use it between 1:30 and 3:30 if that is possible.

Your response in this matter would be very much appreciated.

Also, we would like to thank the mayor for the kind letter he sent to us regarding our last request about tree planting.

Thank-you,

Ed McDonald  
President, Shuswap Naturalist Club

**From:** Althea M.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 8, 2021 10:28 AM  
**To:** Erin Jackson  
**Subject:** RE: Downtown SA Active Loop

Hello Erin,

Dang, I knew you would have responded faster!

I am creating an ActiveLoop walk around the DT Core to help activate downtown and help the community feel at home downtown. To guide participants we will post decals around the loop and for an added bonus they can snap a photo and enter to win one of our weekly prizes ( They can also register at Kintec). Id like to post the decals in prominent locations – photos + locations bellow – but am unsure of whom to ask for permission or notify so that they aren't removed. Can you help? We will attach the decals with zap straps and if appropriate no residue tape. We hope to have the ActiveLoop running until the end of August.



Start and Finish – Fletcher Park Fence



McGuire Lake light posts at entrance and exit





Sign post or on Fencing at top of Walkway (Behind McGuire Lake professionals building)



Pole at Lakeshore Cross walk



Boat Basin walk way trail head – attached to fence





Pole on Hudson



Pole on Alexander (south side of highway)

Thank you for your help,

Althea Mongerson  
Events and Membership Coordinator

DOWNTOWN  
**SALMON ARM**

p. (250) 832-5440

e. [events@salmonarmdowntown.com](mailto:events@salmonarmdowntown.com)





**Welcome to the Downtown Salmon Arm  
Active Loop. Follow the decals for an  
adventure walk around downtown!**

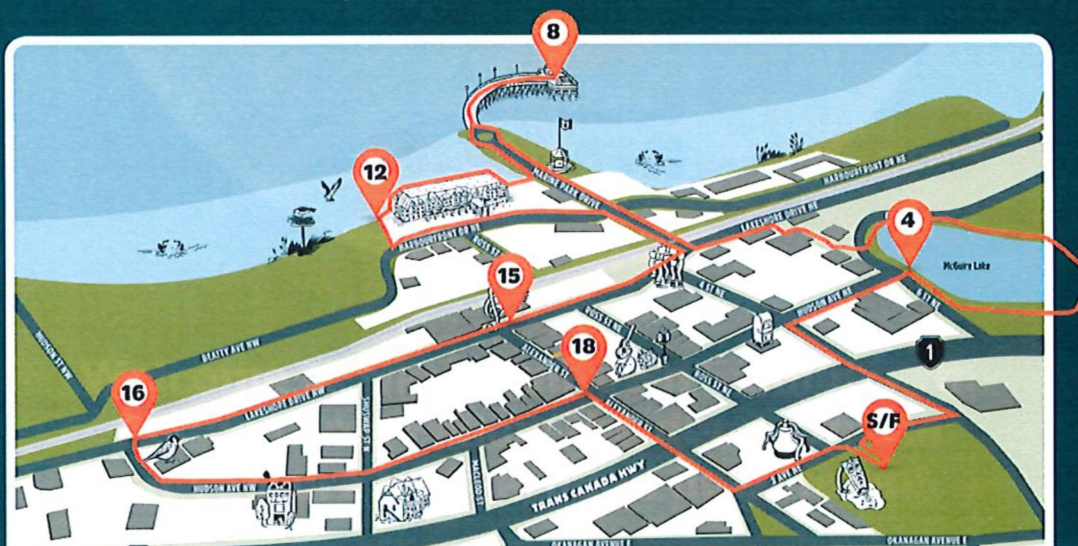
**DURATION:** 1 Hour Walk

**DISTANCE:** 4.6km

**STEPS:** approx. 6,800

**Get Active 'n Win Great Prizes!**

1. Snap a picture when you see one of the Active Loop signs and **TAG #DTActiveLoop** for a chance to win weekly prizes.
2. Stop in at Kintec to register your walk for a chance to win weekly prizes.



**From:** Tracey Hill  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 4:36 PM  
**To:** Carl Bannister  
**Subject:** BC Hydro Meetings Prior to 2021 UBCM Convention

June 1, 2021.

Dear Mayor & Council:

BC Hydro is pleased to offer local government officials with the opportunity to meet with our senior leadership during the week of September 7, just prior to this year's 2021 UBCM Convention.

If you would like to arrange a virtual meeting, please fill out the attached form and return it with your email request to Adil Zaheer ([adil.zaheer@bchydro.com](mailto:adil.zaheer@bchydro.com)) by **Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**.

By doing so, we can ensure better preparation and a more effective meeting with you. We will provide full details when we confirm your meeting date and time.

If you are unable to provide us with your notice by the end of June, we may not be able to accommodate a meeting request for early September.

However, as we did last year, we are prepared to hold meetings with local government officials in the weeks following UBCM to accommodate any late requests.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 250-308-7633

Sincerely,  
**Dag Sharman**  
Community Relations Manager  
Southern Interior



May 21, 2021



Mayor Alan Harrison  
City of Salmon Arm  
Box 40  
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2



Dear Alan Harrison:

**RE: GAS TAX AGREEMENT COMMUNITY WORKS FUND PAYMENT**

I am pleased to advise that UBCM is in the process of distributing the Community Works Fund (CWF) payment for fiscal 2021/2022. An electronic transfer of \$837,155.75 is expected to occur the first week of June. This payment is made in accordance with the payment schedule set out in your CWF Agreement with UBCM (see section 4 of your Agreement).

As announced by the Government of Canada, this CWF payment has been accelerated and delivered as a single payment, rather than two half-payments.

CWF is made available to eligible local governments by the Government of Canada pursuant to the Administrative Agreement on the Federal Gas Tax Fund in British Columbia. Funding under the program may be directed to local priorities that fall within one of the eligible project categories.

The Government of Canada has further announced that there will be a one-time top-up of the Gas Tax Fund this year, subject to federal approval. Information on the timing and amount of this top-up will be communicated once details have been confirmed.

Further details regarding use of CWF and project eligibility are outlined in your CWF Agreement and details on the Gas Tax Agreement can be found on our website at [www.ubcm.ca](http://www.ubcm.ca).

For further information, please contact Gas Tax Program Services by e-mail at [gastax@ubcm.ca](mailto:gastax@ubcm.ca) or by phone at 250-356-5134.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Frenkel".

Brian Frenkel  
UBCM President

PC: Chelsea Van de Cappelle, Chief Financial Officer

Item 12.1.12



May 28, 2021

His Worship  
Mayor Alan Harrison  
City of Salmon Arm  
500 2 Avenue NE  
PO Box 40  
Salmon Arm BC V1E 4N2

Reference: 302773

Dear Mayor Harrison:

**Re: Intersection of 10 Avenue SE and Highway 97 B**

Thank you for your letter of April 23, 2021, regarding the intersection of 10 Avenue SE and Highway 97 B in Salmon Arm.

The ministry is committed to safety. As you know, in response to concerns raised about this intersection, ministry engineers conducted a review in 2018 and identified potential improvements. In 2019, the ministry installed flashing lights approximately 200 metres north and south of the intersection and upgraded the signs by making them larger and flashing.

Since these improvements were completed, the ministry is not aware of any incidents or crashes having been reported at this location, and this intersection has not been identified as collision prone. Local staff travel this section of road daily, and their monitoring indicates the intersection is functioning safely. That said, we would be interested to learn about residents' concerns. If you would like to discuss this matter or share further feedback, please contact our local Road Area Manager Peter Cocker. He can be reached at 250 833-3371 or at [Peter.Cocker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Peter.Cocker@gov.bc.ca) and would be pleased to hear from you. Mr. Cocker can follow up with our engineers or maintenance contractors if needed.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Rob Fleming  
Minister

Copy to: Peter Cocker, Road Area Manager  
Salmon Arm Office



*From the Office of the Mayor*

April 23, 2021

Honourable Rob Fleming  
Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure  
PO Box 9850 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9T5

**Re: Safety Improvements at the Intersection of 10 Avenue SE and Highway 97B**

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At the April 12, 2021 Regular Meeting, Council passed the following resolution:

*THAT: Council authorize Mayor Harrison to contact the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure regarding safety improvements at the intersection of 10 Avenue SE and Highway 97B.*

The City of Salmon Arm recently received correspondence from residents regarding the safety of the intersection of 10 Avenue SE and Highway 97B. The safety of this intersection has been at the forefront of the City's discussions with the Ministry for a number of years and continues to be a concern, despite the installation of flashing warning lights.

It is the City's understanding that the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure has collected data for this intersection and we are respectfully requesting the statistics collected thus far.

Thank you for working with the City of Salmon Arm to help make our Highways safer.

Yours truly,



Alan Harrison  
Mayor



June 2, 2021

**VIA EMAIL: [aharrison@salmonarm.ca](mailto:aharrison@salmonarm.ca)**

Alan Harrison, Mayor  
City of Salmon Arm

Re: Modernizing Forest Policy

Dear Mayor Harrison:

Yesterday, the Premier and I shared a plan to modernize forest policy with the release of an intentions paper - [www.gov.bc.ca/modernforestpolicy](http://www.gov.bc.ca/modernforestpolicy). This work aligns with our continued efforts to implement the recommendations of the Old Growth Strategic Review and improve forest management through the *Forest and Range Practices Act*. I would like to update you on this work and our next steps.

### **Intentions Paper**

Plans to modernize forest policy as outlined in the Intentions Paper stem from what we heard from Indigenous peoples, local governments, industry, stakeholders and the public in forestry-focused engagement initiatives over the past three years including the *Forest and Range Practices Act* Improvement Initiative, the Old Growth Strategic Review, Coast Forest Sector Revitalization, and Interior Forest Sector Renewal. Three principles emerged from these engagements to guide our work including a focus on strengthening sector diversity, enhancing sustainability and stewardship, and ensuring ongoing support of the forest sector, what we have called strengthening the social contract.

There are 20 policy intentions laid out in this paper with several directly connected to what we heard from community leaders. This includes ensuring the voices of your communities are considered in decisions, like tenure disposition, where our government brought in Bill 22 in 2019 on this topic and seek to make further improvements. Other topics include the need to prioritize greater access to community tenures if local jobs, particularly in manufacturing, can be demonstrated. I also want to highlight our intention to provide statutory decision makers with discretion in permit approvals if the forest management proposed as part of a permit could put forest values at risk of damage, and to have community perspectives considered in tenure replacement decisions. There is much to be excited about it in these intentions and I hope you will take the time to review them.

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### **Old Growth Strategic Review**

In 2019, my predecessor appointed a two-person panel to engage Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, industry, and stakeholders on what a new path forward on managing old growth could include. They visited 45 communities, held over 200 meetings with close to 800 people, and received over 300 written submissions and more than 18,000 survey responses. The report they submitted in Spring 2020, along with the insight which informed it is included on our website at [Old Growth Forests - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://gov.bc.ca/oldgrowth).

The report and its 14 recommendations are complex and over the next two years policy options and implementation decisions will be developed into a new Old Growth Strategy for British Columbia. The immediate priorities are recommendations #1 and #6, that is to work with Indigenous Nations on a government-to-government basis, to identify if and where any further timber harvesting deferrals are needed where old growth is at a very high and near-term risk of irreversible biodiversity loss. Attached in Appendix 1 is a high-level roadmap for how the ministry plans to sequence the work on the recommendations going forward.

### **What's Next**

Over the next several weeks, ministry staff will connect with you on a series of virtual town halls we would like to have you join. I have asked my Parliamentary Secretary Roly Russell to host these town halls as part of his role to hear from you on modernizing forest policy and how it affects your communities.

After several initiatives to better understand where we should start our modernization effort, I am pleased we are advancing this work. The experiences and insights your government can bring to the table on behalf of your community are most welcomed. I hope you can participate.

Sincerely,



Katrine Conroy  
Minister

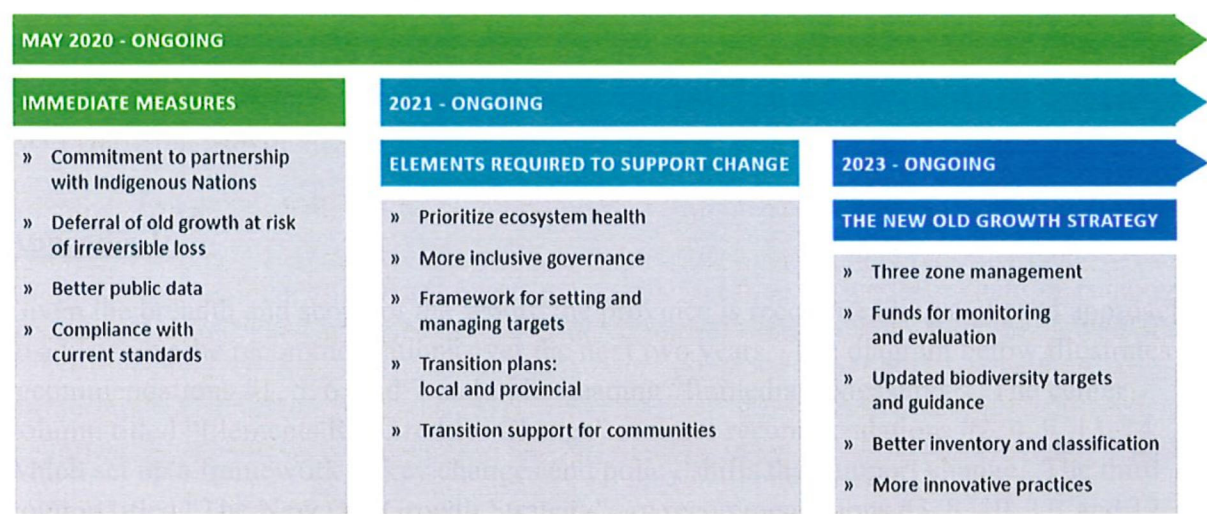
Enclosure

pc: Roly Russell, MLA, Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Development  
Brian Frenkel, President, UBCM  
Paul Rasmussen, ADM, South Area  
Gerry MacDougall, Regional Executive Director, Thompson Okanagan Region

**Appendix 1:**

Given the breadth and scope of the report, the province is recommending a phased approach to addressing the recommendations over the next two years. The diagram below illustrates recommendations #1, 5, 6, and 7 under the heading “Immediate Measures”. The center column titled “Elements Required for Change” outlines recommendations #2, 4, 9, 13, 14 which set up a framework of key changes and policy shifts that support change. The third column titled “The New Old Growth Strategy” are recommendations #3, 8, 10, 11, and 12 which are critical to implementing change.

Old Growth Strategic Review – The Path Forward





**From:** MUNI UBCM Meeting Requests MUNI:EX <[MUNI.UBCM.MeetingRequests@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MUNI.UBCM.MeetingRequests@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 27, 2021 3:12 PM  
**Subject:** 2021 UBCM Convention - Provincial Appointment Book and Meeting Request Process for Meetings with Provincial Government

This message is being sent to all UBCM Member Municipalities, Regional Districts and First Nations on behalf of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

**Subject:** 2021 UBCM Convention - Provincial Appointment Book and Meeting Request Process for Meetings with Provincial Ministries, Agencies, Commissions and Corporations (MACC)  
**Intended Recipient(s):** Mayors/Regional District Chairs/Islands Trust Chair/CAOs  
and cc: General Email  
Chiefs and Chief Councillors  
and cc: Secretaries and Alternates  
**Attachments:** One (1) plus message below

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

**MESSAGE:**

Further to the May 25, 2021 letter from the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding the 2021 UBCM Convention, I am pleased to attach the 2021 Provincial Appointment Book for your use in requesting meetings with the Premier, Cabinet Ministers, and ministry, agency, commissions and corporations (MACC) staff available to meet with delegates at Convention.

The 2021 UBCM Convention will take place virtually again this year from Tuesday, September 14 – Friday, September 17, 2021. Provincial government meetings will be scheduled the **week prior** to the UBCM Convention and held via conference call.

- Premier and Cabinet Ministers' Meetings will take place from: **Tuesday, September 7 - Monday, September 13, 2021 (as Monday, September 6th is Labour Day).**
- Meetings with Provincial MACC staff will take place from: **Tuesday, September 7 to Thursday, September 9, 2021.**

If you have any questions, please contact Meeting Coordinators Eri Moriya, by telephone at: 778 698-1686 or Katie Carrothers, by telephone at: 236 478-0537, or by email at: [MUNI.UBCM.MeetingRequests@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MUNI.UBCM.MeetingRequests@gov.bc.ca).

Thank you.

Regards,

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May 17, 2021  
File: 01.0115.30/002.000

Brian Frenkel  
President  
Union of British Columbia Municipalities  
525 Government Street  
Victoria, BC V8V 0A8

Dear President Frenkel:

**Re: BC Government's Use of Provincial Paramountcy to Undermine Local Government Bylaws**

At its April 26, 2021 regular meeting, the District of North Vancouver Council voted to write a letter in support of the City of Penticton's request that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities advocate for Premier Horgan to reconsider his government's use of provincial paramountcy in the case of 352 Winnipeg Street in Penticton.

In March, Penticton city council voted unanimously to reject a request from B.C. Housing to allow for the continued operation of a 42-bed shelter. Housing Minister David Eby responded, saying he would override council's decision by using provincial paramountcy.

This is more than a jurisdictional dispute between the City of Penticton and the province over a homeless shelter, the matter is about the protection of our role as the third level of government and respecting the decisions that local government make on behalf of our citizens. Land use is the primary reason local government exists and to have those powers over-ruled, should be of the utmost concern to all BC local governments and UBCM.

On behalf of District of North Vancouver Council, I ask that you honour the request from the City of Penticton and write Premier Horgan to have him and Minister Eby reconsider, and ultimately to reject, use of provincial paramountcy in such matters of local jurisdiction and interest. Obviously social and affordable housing is a critically important issue to address but it must be done in partnership with the municipalities.

Sincerely,

Mike Little  
Mayor

Copy: City of Penticton  
UBCM Members



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*Sent via email*

June 1, 2021

British Columbia Elected Officials  
BC Chief Administrative Officers

**Re: British Columbia Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Ending**

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This letter will confirm that Council, at their meeting held May 17, 2021, considered a staff report on the end of the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) and resolved as follows:

*"That Council:*

- 1. Receive for information the report of the Director of Planning dated May 13, 2021.*
- 2. Direct the Mayor to send a letter to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs; the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy; the Minister of Finance, and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) based upon the draft provided, detailing the impact of cancelling the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) and the need for a swift replacement that provides consistent, non-application funding to allow the District of Saanich and other municipalities to continue their work at a scale that can deliver on the Provincial CleanBC Plan and Municipal Climate Plans.*
- 3. Direct staff to draft a resolution to UBCM on a replacement CARIP program and present this to Council for consideration prior to the June 30, 2021 submission deadline.*
- 4. Share this report and attachments with the Capital Regional District Board of Directors, other BC municipal elected officials and Chief Administrative Officers in advance of the UBCM Conference in September, 2021."*

A copy of the report and draft meeting minutes are attached for information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "F. Haynes", with a stylized flourish underneath.

Fred Haynes  
Mayor

Enclosures

cc: Saanich Council  
Sharon Hvozdzanski, Director of Planning, District of Saanich  
Valla Tinney, Director of Finance, District of Saanich



## The Corporation of the District of Saanich

# Report

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Sharon Hvozanski, Director of Planning  
**Date:** May 13, 2021  
**Subject:** Ending the B.C. Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP)  
File: 1300-50 • Provincial Governments

**RECEIVED****MAY 13 2021**LEGISLATIVE DIVISION  
DISTRICT OF SAANICH

### RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council receive this report for information.
2. That Council send a letter to: Premier John Horgan; the Minister of Municipal Affairs; the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy; and the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) based upon the draft provided in Attachment 2, detailing the impact of cancelling the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) and the need for a swift replacement that provides consistent, non-application funding to allow the District of Saanich and other municipalities to continue their work at a scale that can deliver on the Provincial CleanBC Plan and Municipal Climate Plans.
3. That Council direct staff to draft a resolution to the Union of B.C. Municipalities on a Replacement CARIP Program and present this to Council for consideration prior to the June 30, 2021 submission deadline.
4. That Council share this report and attachments with the Capital Regional District Board of Directors, other B.C. municipal elected officials and Chief Administrative Officers in advance of the Union of B.C. Municipalities Conference in September, 2021.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information regarding:

- The announced end to the Provincial Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP);
- The implications this has for District of Saanich climate action; and
- Proposed next steps.

### DISCUSSION

#### **Provincial Announcement - Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP)**

In terms of background, the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) is a conditional grant program that provides funding to local governments that have signed the B.C. Climate



Action Charter. This funding equals 100% of the carbon taxes a local government pays to support their operations.

The program requires local governments to report annually on their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and encourages investment in climate action to help the Province deliver on its commitment to carbon neutrality. Since the Climate Charter was launched in 2007, 187 of 190 municipalities, regional districts and the Islands Trust have signed up, providing the Province with a comprehensive database of municipal corporate emissions inventories and corporate and community climate actions implemented at the local level.

On May 11, 2021 the Deputy Minister, and Assistant Deputy Minister for the Local Government Division of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs called a meeting with all Municipal and Regional District Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) to announce the end of the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program. It was indicated that this decision was a direct result of the recently introduced Provincial Budget. A follow up e-mail was then issued that includes information shared at the meeting (see Attachment 1).

The Province has outlined that 2020 will be the final year for reporting, with the final grant paid to local governments in 2021. They indicated that at this stage no replacement program with unconditional funding is planned and future programs would be application based. They aim to work with local governments through UBCM and the Green Communities Committee on further supporting the CleanBC goals.

In light of the Federal government's renewed climate commitments prior to the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26), the withdrawal of this consistent provincial funding source for climate action was extremely unexpected and it is clear that local governments have not been engaged in this decision.

## **Implications**

### Loss of Consistent Funding

The District of Saanich has participated in the CARIP program since signing the Climate Charter in 2007 and has benefited from more than \$1.3 million over the last 10 years, with approximately \$150,000 annually in recent years.

This funding has been used within the Sustainability Division of the Planning Department to support staff wages, implement community climate mitigation and adaptation projects and to leverage larger climate related grant applications, which often require a substantial contribution from the local government partner.

Examples of projects supported by CARIP funding include, but are not limited to:

- Feasibility analysis, design and installation of multiple rounds of public Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations;
- Communications campaigns for home energy efficiency upgrades, the Oil to Heat Pump program and Better Home BC rebates;
- Municipal top-ups to provincial rebates for home energy retrofits;



- Analysis and engagement to support the introduction of the Saanich Greener Garbage program and the BC Energy Step Code;
- Funding for the B.C. Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA) CoolIt! School climate leadership education program;
- Installation and maintenance of Bike kitchens at Saanich facilities;
- Support for engagement and analysis related to electric mobility and development of the Electric Mobility Strategy; and
- Workshops on local food production and processing.

Until approval of the 2021 Budget in May of this year, CARIP has been the main source of sustained and consistent funding for community focused climate action at the District of Saanich, with the Carbon Fund used for corporate climate action projects. While Council has committed to multiple one-time resource requests to support climate action where opportunities arose or costs exceeded CARIP funding, this approach does not provide the reliability afforded by the CARIP program. As such, CARIP has been instrumental in the development of a District of Saanich Sustainability Division and the hiring and retention of sustainability staff. Many other B.C. municipalities will have sustainability staff that are still resourced through CARIP funding.

Therefore, the clear lack of a replacement program that provides a consistent and reliable funding source for municipal climate action and the shift towards solely competitive funding streams and programs is of major concern.

Competitive funding programs and grants require significant effort, staff time and, often, financial resources to fund the analysis needed for an application with no guarantee of success. They also take substantial time and resources for evaluation by the decision making body. We regularly hear that grant programs and competitive funding streams are highly competitive and over-subscribed. In addition, they rely on match funding or financial contributions from the local government partner.

In the absence of either the CARIP program or a similar source of consistent funding, many municipalities will be limited in their ability to apply for such competitive programs or grants and it will be extremely difficult to develop work plans and implement climate programs that span multiple years based upon this competitive funding approach. This change is being implemented in a time of particular uncertainty when there is an overwhelming demand for municipal tax dollars to support core municipal services and local governments have limited ability to pivot on budget decisions. Removing dedicated climate action funding will create a shortfall that is unlikely to be met by many local governments through the municipal tax base.

#### Loss of Coordinated Reporting & Data

Saanich has recently committed to developing a comprehensive annual climate report card that aligns with the goals and actions outlined in the Climate Plan and Electric Mobility Strategy. Further, we report on community-wide GHG emissions through the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) using the globally recognized Global Protocol for Community Scale GHG Emissions Inventories (GPC Basic+). However, there are only a limited number of B.C. municipalities that are providing this level of climate reporting.

The CARIP program established a consistent climate reporting template for all B.C. local governments that had signed onto the Climate Charter and represents over a decade of publicly accessible data on municipal climate action. This is a true example of global best practice in coordinated climate reporting. Local government have spent significant effort building internal capacity and restructuring reporting systems to align with CARIP and the process has, in many municipalities, supported the development of strategic plans for climate action, monitoring and reporting on progress and the regular cross-departmental collaboration necessary to identify opportunities for climate related projects and programs.

### **Proposed Next Steps**

Some amendments to the CARIP process and report template would be valuable and local governments can provide important insight moving forward. For instance, as Saanich and other municipalities move towards our corporate GHG reduction targets and increase our requirements for contractor climate responsibilities, we will pay less carbon tax as a result. While this should be addressed by an increase in the carbon tax in the short term, as we get close to our zero carbon targets, the CARIP funding will be reduced. In addition, funding based on fossil fuel consumption may be perceived as rewarding a lack of progress. As such, changes to the program could include the move from a carbon tax refund based upon fossil fuel consumption to one based on municipal population. However, there remains considerable benefit to continuing with a climate program that provides consistent funding tied to the delivery of a simple annual climate report.

A draft letter to: Premier John Horgan; the Ministry of Municipal Affairs; the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy; and the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) is included as Attachment 2 for Council's consideration.

This letter outlines the value of the CARIP program and associated funding to the District of Saanich and the considerable implications for the program's end. It advocates for the Province to engage local governments in the design and implementation of a replacement program that offers consistent funding that is comparable to or greater than that is currently provided by CARIP. Program funding should be used for climate action (mitigation and adaptation), tied to a requirement for annual reporting on progress towards climate goals and should be in place for the first payments to be received by municipalities in 2022. It is recommended that Council sends this letter to the Provincial officials listed above.

In addition, there is the opportunity for Council to submit an endorsed resolution directly to UBCM prior to June 30, 2021 that would address the impact of ending the CARIP program and propose the swift development of a suitable replacement. It is recommended that Council direct staff to draft such a UBCM resolution for their consideration.

Finally, it is recommended that this Council report and attachments be shared with the CRD Board, other B.C. municipal elected officials and Chief Administrative Officers in support of an additional coordinated response and discussion at the UBCM Conference in September 2021.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

1. That Council approve the recommendations as outlined in this report.
2. That Council reject the recommendations as outlined in this report.
3. That Council provide alternate direction to staff.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The District of Saanich has participated in the CARIP program since signing the Climate Charter in 2007 and has benefited from more than \$1.3 million from the program over the last 10 years. In 2020, CARIP funding amounted to \$154,072. This forms a substantial portion of the Sustainability Division's budget. Should a similar Provincial program that provides consistent funding for municipal climate action not be developed to replace CARIP by 2022, then staff will need to bring forward a resource request to Council as part of the 2022 budget to ensure the required sustained funding necessary, to effectively deliver on the Climate Plan actions and goals. As always, staff will continue to apply for senior government and other sources of external funding. That said, the time spent seeking out and applying for external funding draws valuable staff resources away from work on corporate and community GHG initiatives.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

The 2021 Council Budget requests and Sustainability Division and Planning Department work plans have been developed on the understanding that the CARIP program will continue. As such, removal of this funding without a suitable and consistent replacement impacts the ability to deliver on the 2019-2023 Council Strategic Plan Goal: 'Climate Action and Environmental Leadership', most notably the initiative to implement Saanich's Climate Plan.

## **CONCLUSION**

CARIP has been a valuable source of consistent and dedicated funding over the last decade, allowing municipalities to take action on climate change by resourcing staff, undertaking key emissions reduction projects and leveraging larger climate related grants. It is a true example of global best practice in coordinated and consistent climate reporting by local governments at the provincial level.

On May 11, 2021 the Ministry of Municipal Affairs announced the end of the CARIP program, with the final grant paid to local governments in 2021. This amounts to a loss of approximately \$150,000 in consistent annual funding to the District of Saanich, which is used to address climate change.

In light of the Provincial commitment to climate action outlined in CleanBC and the Federal government's renewed climate commitments prior to COP26, the end of the CARIP program and withdrawal of this consistent provincial funding source was extremely unexpected and it is clear that local governments have not been engaged in the decision. The absence of a replacement program and shift towards competitive funding applications has considerable implications for dedicated municipal staffing and actions on climate change and jeopardises a decade's worth of work monitoring and reporting on local government GHG emissions and progress.



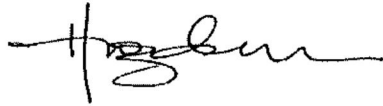
As such, staff are recommending that Council advocate to the Province via letter to the Premier, appropriate Ministries and UBCM, for a swift replacement of the CARIP program with consistent, non-application based funding, tied to annual climate reporting and that this be followed by a Council endorsed resolution submitted to UBCM addressing the same. This will allow municipalities to continue their work at a scale necessary to address the Climate Emergency and deliver on CleanBC and Municipal Climate Plan goals.

Prepared by:



Rebecca Newlove, Manager of Sustainability

Approved by:



Sharon Hvozdzanski, Director of Planning

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- Attachments:**
1. E-mail from Province of BC, Ministry of Municipal Affairs Re: CARIP Reporting 2020, May 11, 2021
  2. Draft Letter to Premier John Horgan, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM)

cc: Valla Tinney, Director of Finance

**ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:**

I endorse the recommendation from the Director of Planning



Paul Thorkelsson, Chief Administrative Officer

**Jon Poole**

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**From:** Rebecca Newlove  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 12, 2021 11:11 AM  
**To:** Rebecca Newlove  
**Subject:** Re: Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Reporting 2020

**From:** INFRA MUNI:EX [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 12:40 PM  
**To:** INFRA MUNI:EX <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** (External Email) Re: Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Reporting 2020

This email sent from outside the District of Saanich. Use caution if message is unexpected or sender is not known to you.

**To: All Municipal and Regional District Chief Administrative Officers and Chief Financial Officers**

**Re: Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Reporting 2020**

Many thanks to all who joined Deputy Minister Okenge Yuma Morisho and me on today's call about the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP), please accept our apologies for the technical difficulties on the call that some experienced. This email includes the information that was shared during the call. We want to emphasize that local governments throughout British Columbia have shown great leadership on climate action. The province is committed to working with local governments to reach our climate goals and make life better for people across British Columbia.

For those who were unable to attend or hear due to some technical difficulties on the call, I wish to inform you and your staff that the CARIP will be wrapping up in the 2021/22 fiscal year. During this final program year, local governments will be required to complete and submit the 2020 Carbon Tax Calculation Form. **This will be the only reporting requirement.**

All program information is available on the [Ministry of Municipal Affairs' CARIP webpage](#). In particular, we encourage you to review the CARIP [Program Guide](#) for 2020 prior to completing the 2020 [Carbon Tax Calculation Form](#).

#### **CARIP Reporting Requirement**

1. **2020 [Carbon Tax Calculation Form](#) (submission deadline: August 6, 2021)**  
Complete and submit a signed electronic version of the form to [REDACTED]. This form requires Financial Officer certification.

The end of the CARIP program should not be interpreted as the Province pulling back from the productive relationship we have and we look forward to working with UBCM, through the Green Communities Committee, to support the goals of the Climate Action Charter.

Under CleanBC, the Province of British Columbia has put a priority on reducing pollution, boosting energy-efficient solutions and building a low-carbon economy. Local governments will continue to be a key partner in



our collective efforts to address the challenges of a changing climate, playing a specific and important role in British Columbia's climate goals.

Just as local governments' actions on climate solutions have evolved in the past decade, our government is responding to support you with tools and funding programs such as:

- Updating the BC Action Climate Toolkit and the Green Communities Committee Carbon Neutral Framework.
- Investing \$110 million in combined provincial and federal funding to help local governments and Indigenous communities develop energy efficiency and clean energy projects through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program CleanBC Communities Fund.
- Working with the federal government to assess the climate impacts of all major infrastructure being funded under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program to reduce GHG emissions and increase resilience to climate change, which benefits communities and creates jobs.
- Boosting active transportation infrastructure with \$18 million through the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.
- Making sure commuters can get out of their cars with historic investments in public transit, such as the Broadway Subway Line, and free transit for kids 12 and under starting this September.

Budget 2021 commits \$11 million in new funding to help local governments plan for compact, energy- efficient communities, directly supporting the Climate Action Charter's commitment to create complete, compact, energy-efficient rural and urban communities. We look forward to working with all local governments through UBCM and the Green Communities Committee on how to support greener and more livable communities.

Building on record investments in CleanBC, the Province will continue to strengthen our work with local governments and support the Climate Action Charter.

If you have any questions, please contact the Ministry of Municipal Affairs at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Kind regards,

Tara Faganello  
Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs



May , 2021

The Honourable John Horgan, MLA  
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Councillor Brian Frenkel  
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Local Government House  
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Dear Premier John Horgan:

**Re: B.C. Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Ending**

This letter will confirm that Council, at their meeting held May 17, 2021, considered a staff report on the end of the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) (see attached) and resolved as follows:

*"That Council send a letter to: Premier John Horgan; the Minister of Municipal Affairs; the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy; and the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) based upon the draft provided in Attachment 2, detailing the impact of cancelling the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) and the need for a swift replacement that provides consistent, non-application funding to allow the District of Saanich and other municipalities to continue their work at a scale that can deliver on the Provincial CleanBC Plan and Municipal Climate Plans;*

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*That Council share this report and attachments with the Capital Regional District Board of Directors, other B.C. municipal elected officials and Chief Administrative Officers in advance of the Union of B.C. Municipalities Conference in September, 2021."*

On May 11 2021, the District of Saanich was made aware of the end to the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) through an announcement made by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

In light of the Provincial commitment to climate action outlined in CleanBC and the Federal government's renewed climate commitments prior to the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26), the end of the CARIP program and withdrawal of this provincial funding source for climate action was extremely unexpected and it is clear that local governments have not been engaged in the decision.

CARIP has been a critical source of consistent and dedicated funding over the years, allowing municipalities to take action on climate change by resourcing staff, funding key emissions reduction projects and leveraging larger climate related grants. It is a true example of global best practice in coordinated and consistent climate reporting, representing over a decade of data on climate action at the municipal level.

The District of Saanich has delivered a considerable number of high impact actions using CARIP funding, ranging from multiple rounds of public electric vehicle charging stations, to the analysis and engagement required to support adoption of the BC Energy Step Code. Additional examples are provided in the attached Council Report. Further, CARIP funding has been instrumental in the development of a Sustainability Division and the hiring and retention of sustainability staff, which, until 2021, were still partly resourced via CARIP funding. Many other municipalities will have staff delivering on climate action that are still resourced through the CARIP carbon tax refund.

Given this, the clear lack of a replacement program that provides a consistent and reliable funding source for municipal climate action and the shift towards solely competitive funding streams and programs is of major concern. Such programs require significant effort, staff time and, often, financial resources to fund the analysis needed for an application with no guarantee of success. They also take substantial time and resources for evaluation by the decision making body and we regularly hear that grant programs and competitive funding streams are over-subscribed. In addition, they rely on match funding or financial contributions from the local government partner. In the absence of either the CARIP program or a similar source of consistent funding, many municipalities will be limited in their ability to apply for such competitive programs. Further, this level of uncertainty makes it extremely difficult to plan for and implement climate actions that span multiple years.

While some amendments to the CARIP process and report template would be valuable, for example, the move from a carbon tax refund based upon fossil fuel consumption to one based on municipal population, there remains considerable benefit to continuing with a program that provides consistent funding tied to the delivery of a simple annual climate report.

This change is being implemented in a time of particular uncertainty when there is an overwhelming demand for municipal tax dollars to support core municipal services and local governments have limited ability to pivot on budget decisions. Removing dedicated climate action funding will create a shortfall that is unlikely to be met by many local governments through the municipal tax base.

As such, Council requests that the Province engage local governments on the swift replacement of CARIP with a program that provides consistent, non-application based funding, tied to annual climate reporting and with first payments received by local governments in 2022. This will allow municipalities to continue their work at a scale necessary to address the Climate Emergency and deliver on CleanBC and Municipal Climate Plan goals.

Sincerely,

Angila Bains, B.A., CMC,  
Manager, Legislative Services

RN/

Enclosures: Council Report:

cc. Mayor and Council  
Paul Thorkelsson, Chief Administrative Officer, District of Saanich  
Sharon Hvozdzanski, Director of Planning, District of Saanich  
Valla Tinney, Director of Finance, District of Saanich  
Tara Faganello, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division, Ministry of Municipal Affairs



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Climate Action

**ENDING THE BC CLIMATE ACTION REVENUE INCENTIVE PROGRAM (CARIP)**

Report of the Director of Planning dated May 13, 2021. To provide Council with information regarding:

- The announced end to the Provincial Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP);
- The implications this has for the District of Saanich Climate Action; and
- Proposed next steps.

The Manager of Sustainability provided an overview of the termination of the BC Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program.

**MOVED by Councillor Chambers and Seconded by Councillor Plant: "That Council:**

- 1. Receive for information the report of the Director of Planning dated May 13, 2021;**
- 2. Direct the Mayor to write a letter to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Minister of the Environment, Minister of Finance and Climate Change Strategy, and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities based upon the draft provided, detailing the impact of cancelling the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) and the need for a swift replacement that provides consistent, non-application funding to allow the District of Saanich and other municipalities to continue their work at a scale that can deliver on the Provincial CleanBC Plan and Municipal Climate Plans;**
- 3. Direct staff to draft a resolution to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities on a replacement CARIP program and present this to Council for consideration prior to the June 30, 2021 submission deadline; and**
- 4. Share this report and attachments with the Capital Regional District Board of Directors, other BC municipal elected officials and the Chief Administrative Officers in advance of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities conference in September 2021."**

Council discussion ensued with the following comments:

- The cuts to funding are disappointing.

**The Motion was then Put and CARRIED**

**From:** Leslie.Jackson@princegeorge.ca <Leslie.Jackson@princegeorge.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 1:59 PM  
**Subject:** City of Prince George Resolutions Submitted to the 2021 UBCM Convention

Good afternoon,

At the May 10, 2021 and May 31, 2021 regular Council meetings, the City of Prince George Council endorsed the four (4) resolutions for submission to the 2021 UBCM Convention. Those resolutions are attached for your review and consideration to support at the 2021 UBCM Convention.

1. Increased Capacity at the National Forensic Lab Services;
2. Improved Efficiencies in the Prosecution of Criminal Offences; and
3. Comprehensive Training Model for RCMP Members;
4. Increasing Capacity in Provincial Court Systems through Alternative Coordinated Initiatives.

Thank you,

Leslie



**Leslie Kellett**

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## Schedule "A"

### City of Prince George 2021 UBCM Resolutions

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#### 1. Increased Capacity at the National Forensic Lab Services

*WHEREAS the RCMP are tasked to preserve and organize information and evidence collected in the course of their investigation, in consideration of the Crown's obligation to disclose and in recognition of the benefits of early disclosure,*

*AND WHEREAS in accordance with the Crown Counsel Act, Crown Counsel is required to "examine all relevant information and documents and, following the examination, to approve for prosecution any offence or offences that he or she considers appropriate";*

*AND WHEREAS the demand for and backlog of biological and other forensic service at the National Forensic Lab Services negatively impacts the efficiency and effectiveness of an investigation and ability to proceed with the laying of charges;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM petition the provincial and federal governments to increase working capacity within the National Forensic Lab Services for the provision of forensic services in biology, firearms, toxicology, and trace evidence in order to better meet the necessary timelines of RCMP investigations across Canada.*

#### 2. Improved Efficiencies in the Prosecution of Criminal Offences

*WHEREAS the BC Crown Counsel Policy Manual's guidelines regarding charge assessment states that unless impracticable to do so, police will lay an Information charging a person with an offence only after approval of charges by Crown Counsel has been given;*

*AND WHEREAS police responsibilities regarding disclosure in criminal and regulatory offence proceedings is defined in the Disclosure Memorandum of Understanding between the BC Prosecution Service, the Public Prosecution Service of Canada (BC) and all BC police agencies, Crown Counsel's responsibility in accordance with the Crown Counsel Act, is to "examine all relevant information and documents and, following the examination, to approve for prosecution any offence or offences that he or she considers appropriate";*

*AND WHEREAS the costs and hours required to prepare a fulsome disclosure before charges are approved by Crown Counsel, can result in delays in charges being laid;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM petition the BC Prosecution Service to work with all police agencies in British Columbia to improve efficiencies in disclosure and information management practices in order to reduce delays in charges being laid for the prosecution of criminal offences.*



3. Comprehensive Training Model for RCMP Members

*WHEREAS RCMP costs are borne by local governments, as well as the provincial and federal governments;*

*AND WHEREAS the Municipal Police Services Agreement between BC and Canada includes costs for RCMP training;*

*AND WHEREAS local governments have different policing and training needs based on factors such as crime rates and patterns, population size, and cultural, social and economic circumstances;*

*AND WHEREAS law enforcement officers have increased needs for specialized training to safely respond to complex and challenging situations in multi-cultural urban and rural environments;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that both the provincial and federal governments increase funding and training specific to the provision of mental health resources (such as Health IM app) and the development of a comprehensive training model for RCMP members that includes components applicable to a detachment's service region and/or local government.*

4. Increasing Capacity in Provincial Court Systems through Alternative Coordinated Initiatives

*WHEREAS Provincial Crown Counsel prosecutes offences and appeals in British Columbia that arise under Canada's Criminal Code and British Columbia statutes;*

*AND WHEREAS collaborative approaches that address root causes of crime, such as mental illness and addictions, create effective and targeted responses by providing offenders with supports, services and ties to their community to promote rehabilitation and a crime-free lifestyle;*

*AND WHEREAS the provincial government, through the implementation of coordinated initiatives such as community/integrated court and addiction treatment centres, First Nation's Health Councils and Integrated Case Assessment Teams, recognizes social and economic factors and the negative effects of reliance on established measures within the mainstream justice system;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the Attorney General to improve capacity in the provincial court system by funding, province-wide, coordinated and collaborative alternatives to the court system.*

File: 0110.01

June 4, 2021

Ms. Tamara Jansen, MP  
Cloverdale - Langley City  
Suite 105 - 19211 Fraser Highway  
Surrey, BC V3S 7C9

Via Email: Tamara.Jansen@parl.gc.ca

Dear Ms. Jansen:

Re: Support for 988 Suicide and Crisis Line Initiative

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At its May 31, 2021, Regular Council meeting, the Council for the City of Langley passed the following resolution to convey Council's support of the Federal government's proposed National three-digit suicide and crisis line initiative:

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 per cent;

AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

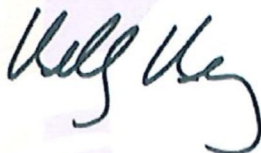
AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS The Council of the City of Langley recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Langley endorses this 988-crisis line initiative; and

THAT staff be directed to send a letter to the local MP, MLA, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.

Yours truly,  
CITY OF LANGLEY



Kelly Kenney  
Corporate Officer

Cc Andrew Mercier, MLA for Langley  
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The Hon. Steven Guilbeault  
Minister of Canadian Heritage  
Minister Responsible for the CRTC  
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The Hon. Patty Hajdu  
Federal Minister of Health  
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Local Area Municipalities



June 4, 2021

The Honourable Josie Osborne, MLA  
Minister of Municipal Affairs  
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Victoria BC V8W 9E2

The Honourable George Heyman, MLA  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy  
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Dear Ministers Osborne and Heyman,

RE: Province of British Columbia's (BC's) decision to end the BC Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP)

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As you are aware, on May 11, 2021 the BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs announced its decision to end CARIP. There has been very little information since then about whether a similar program will replace it or how local governments will be consulted in that respect.

The District of Squamish is deeply concerned with this decision and believes that it affects our collective ability to reach ambitious local, Provincial and Federal climate action goals and targets. The District has used CARIP funding to build a Carbon Neutral Reserve fund that is available to support a range of initiatives. In 2020, the District used funds to support the creation and initial implementation of a Community Climate Action Plan that outlines our community's pathway to achieving 45% emissions reductions by 2030 and toward net zero emissions in 2050. Funds were also spent on the procurement of electric bicycles for the corporate fleet. In 2021, funds are being spent on revamping the local community carbon marketplace and improving EV infrastructure to increase access.

The decision to end CARIP has negative implications for Squamish, and also for communities throughout BC. The following are some reasons why the cancellation of the Program is particularly damaging to communities as they work to address the climate emergency:

**Loss of flexible funding:** Communities were able to use CARIP funding for a variety of purposes, ranging from supporting staff positions, topping up provincial rebates for EVs or home retrofits, and running communications campaigns. Funding and granting programs are typically very specific, and there is currently no funding support available for many of the actions that a local government can and should take to address climate change.

**Loss of reliable, non-competitive funding:** There is currently no program that provides consistent funding over multiple years, and can be used for purposes such as supporting an ongoing position, program or campaign. Applying for grants is time consuming, difficult, and often very competitive. Many communities do not have the resources (in terms of time, skills and/or matching contributions) to successfully get grants, or this type of work is not a high Council priority. For communities such as these the CARIP funding may be the only specific funding earmarked for climate action.

**Loss of consistent and coordinated community data:** CARIP provides a consistent reporting mechanism for BC communities, and the methods and results are publicly available. In the absence of CARIP, communities may not report on emissions, and those that do are likely to use varying methods. Therefore, the loss of the Program represents an important loss of data.

Due to these and other reasons, Squamish Council strongly urges the Province of BC to reinstate CARIP until such time as consultation with local governments is complete and CARIP can be replaced with a similar, consistent, non-competitive program that is available to all municipalities. Our council and/or staff would be pleased to work with you on this process to ensure that we can develop a funding program that meets your needs and also provides local governments with access to funding that is crucial to our success in responding to the climate emergency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen Elliott', with a stylized, cursive script.

Karen Elliott, Mayor

CC: Premier John Horgan  
Brian Frenkel, President UBCM  
All BC Municipalities

**Sent:** Saturday, June 5, 2021 8:43 AM

**To:** Caylee Simmons

**Subject:** Kamloops and Update on Human Sex Trafficking in BC and How To Stop It

Dear Mayor Alan Harrison and Council,  
The Kamloops Residential School tragedy is horrific.  
It exemplifies the intergenerational trauma of the Indigenous peoples.

In the meantime, 54% involved in the sex industry are Indigenous women and children. Higher numbers in urban centres.  
While the average age of recruitment into the sex industry is 13 years old (10-12 years old in Vancouver and Toronto), it is much younger for Indigenous girls.  
Indigenous women and girls are severely over-represented in the sex industry.  
This is the worst form of systemic racism in our country and history.  
It must stop.

The normalization, commercialization, institutionalization (similar to the Netherlands, Germany, Thailand and Nevada) of the sex industry must not happen in Canada.  
First casualties would be Indigenous women and girls (followed by new migrants).

I have been raising awareness about this issue for the last 3 months to City Councils and Regional Districts in BC; to almost 100 communities in BC.  
Thank you for the opportunity. I will continue with presentations in the Fall.

**FOR EDUCATION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION:**

**Conference:** The National Coalition on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE) out of Washington, DC will be running a 4 day free virtual conference on July 20-24.  
CESE Summit 2021- Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation Online Global Summit.  
Global experts will be presenting. It is the largest global conference of its kind. Please attend if you can.

**Prevention Education Programs:**

Children of the Street (PLEA)  
Fraser Health Forensic Nursing course  
SexualExploitationEducation by Tiana Sharifi  
OCTIP- Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons online course  
BRAVE Prevention Education by Kelly Schuler (National)  
ROOTS of Character Program by Gloria Garvie (Vancouver Island)

**Books and Videos:**

Attached.

**Recent Documentaries:**

Fight for the Soul of Seattle- the impact of homelessness, drug use, prostitution, human trafficking on a city  
Childhood 2.0- impact of Social Media on today's youth



**ASK:** please write the Provincial Premier and Solicitor General that this crime is a priority in BC and there needs to be considerable funding/training for Provincial law enforcement and a Provincial Awareness Campaign. BC needs an inter-agency Human Sex Trafficking Task Force similar to what is available for drugs and gangs.

Please contact me if you need more information.

Sincerely, Cathy Peters

BC anti-human trafficking educator, speaker, advocate

Attachments area

## **Books/Videos on Human Trafficking/Sex Exploitation**

1. **"Invisible Chains"** by UBC Law Professor Benjamin Perrin, publ. 2010 Viking Canada, ISBN: 978-0-670-06453-3- THE textbook on sex trafficking in Canada. MUST READ.
2. **"Half the Sky"** by Nicholas Kristof, publ. 2010 Vintage Books, ISBN: 978-0-307-38709-7 Good overview of the global sex trade. Excellent primer to the issue.
3. **"Walking Prey"** by Holly Austin Smith, publ.2014 by St. Martin's Press, ISBN: 978-1-137-27873-9 Gives strategies to end exploitation at the back of the book.
4. **"Shadow's Law"** by Swedish Detective Inspector Simon Haggstrom, publ.2016, Bullet Point Publishing, ISBN: 978-91-88153-20-3 True story of an officer fighting prostitution.
5. **"My Journey Through Prostitution: PAID FOR"** by Rachel Moran, publ. 2013, W.W.Norton & Co., ISBN: 978-0-393-35197-2 A thorough treatise on what prostitution really looks by a survivor in Ireland.
6. **"Girls like Us"**, by Rachel Lloyd, publ.2011, Harper Perennial, ISBN: 978-0-06-158206-6 Human sex trafficking in USA.
7. **"That Lonely Section of Hell"** by Lorimer Shenher, publ.2015, Greystone Books, ISBN: 978-1-77164-257-6 The Robert Pickton investigation.
8. **"Renting Lacy- A Story of America's Prostituted Children"** by former Washington State Congresswoman Linda Smith, publ. 2013, Shared Hope International.
9. **"Pornland"** by Dr. Gail Dines, publ. 2010, Beacon, ISBN: 978-0870-0154-7 The impact of pornography on our culture by porn research expert. (view Dr. Dines TEDtalk).
10. **"Somebody's Daughter"** by Phonse Jessome, publ. 1996 by Nimbus Publishing, ISBN: 1-55109-174-7 Pimping in Canada and its beginnings; the Toronto/Halifax pimping ring
11. **"Made in the USA; The Sex Trafficking of America's Children"** by Alisa Jordheim, publ.2014, HigherLife Publishing and Marketing, ISBN: 978-1-939183-40-8
12. **"Prostitution, Trafficking, and Traumatic Stress"** by Melissa Farley, publ. 2003, Routledge, ISBN: 0-7890-2378-4
13. **"Victim Law: The Law of Victims of Crime in Canada"** by Benjamin Perrin, publ.2017, Thomson Reuters, ISBN: 978-0-7798-7766-9 The new field of law addressing the rights of victims in the justice system.
14. **"The True Story of Canadian Human trafficking"** by Paul H. Boge, publ.2018, Castle Quay Books, ISBN: 978-1988-9280-98. The true story of Human Trafficking in Canada from the perspective of the Manitoba MP Joy Smith who did something to try and stop it.
15. **"Sex Industry Slavery- Protecting Canada's Youth"** by Dr. Robert Christmas, publ. 2020, University of Toronto Press, ISBN: 978-1-4875-2485-2 Insider perspective into Canada's sex industry.
16. **"Not a Choice, Not a Job"** by Dr. Janice G. Raymond, publ. 2019, publ. Potomac Books, ISBN: 978-1-61234-626-7 Exposing the myths about prostitution and the global sex trade.

**Videos on YouTube: Google:** "Amy's Story; Covenant house Toronto" (homeless-youth/Sex-Trafficking link). "Kailey Heywood's Love Story" (UK police). PSA from Joy Smith Foundation (40 seconds). Trailer from "Red Light, Green Light Documentary" by Jared and Michelle Brock (3 minute overview of global problem). DTE survivor "Trisha Baptie TEDtalk" (15 minutes). "We are the Lions" spoken word cinema by YWCA Tennessee. "Break the Silence" Canadian version music video (3 Canadian girls who were trafficked).

**From:** Seniors Advocate HLTH:EX <info@seniorsadvocatebc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 9:08 AM  
**To:** Seniors Advocate HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** OSA Update - June 2021



## Office of the Seniors Advocate Monthly Update - June 2021

### What's Happening in June

[ALS Awareness Month](#)

[Stroke Awareness Month](#)

[Intergenerational Day](#) (June 1)

[National Health and Fitness Day](#) (June 5)

[Seniors' Week](#) (June 6-12)

[World Food Safety Day](#) (June 7)

[World Elder Abuse Awareness Day](#) (June 15)

[National Indigenous Peoples Day](#) (June 21)

### COVID-19

#### COVID-19 Vaccinations

Everyone in B.C. must register for the COVID-19 vaccine using the [Get Vaccinated provincial registration system](#), or by calling the provincial phone line at 1-833-838-2323. All people born in 2009 or earlier (12+) are now eligible to get their first dose. If you booked your first vaccine by phone or through a pharmacy, you must still register online to receive your second dose.

B.C. is accelerating second dose appointments for all eligible people due to increased vaccine supplies. Invitations for the second dose will be sent according to the date of your first vaccine.

[Learn More](#)

#### COVID-19 Update



In B.C. the third wave of COVID-19 pandemic peaked in early April 2021 with new cases averaging over 1,000 per day but case counts and hospitalizations have been steadily declining since then with the seven day average falling below 300 cases by May 27, 2021. On May 25, the province launched a four-step plan to carefully bring people back together. Progression through this plan will depend on the number of adults vaccinated, COVID-19 cases counts, hospitalizations and deaths, and the number of clusters and outbreaks.

[Learn More](#)

## Provincial News

### Statements from the Provincial Health Officer and Minister of Health

The Provincial Health Officer and the Minister of Health release regular statements that can be accessed on the [BC Government News](#) website.

### United Way Healthy Aging connecting seniors through new digital project (Delta Optimist)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many turned to technology to stay connected. The use of digital devices has grown significantly among seniors, but the need for education and technology resources remains. The United Way Healthy Aging has launched a year-long project to address this gap.

[Learn More](#)

### B.C. ombudsperson urges caution if governments adopt COVID-19 vaccine passports (CBC)

Vaccination certification programs are being explored in B.C. but the BC Ombudsman cautions that the use of vaccine passports may have unfair and unjust consequences. Dr. Bonnie Henry said that such programs may be necessary for international travel but does not recommend their use for services within B.C.

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### Recent Announcements from the B.C. Government Impacting Seniors

- May 31, 2021 [Affordable rental building opening in Nelson](#)
- May 28, 2021 [Affordable homes open for families, seniors in Trail](#)
- May 28, 2021 [New homes for seniors coming to Vernon](#)
- May 25, 2021 [B.C. launches restart plan to safely bring people back together](#)
- May 20, 2021 [Poverty reduction grants addressing local needs in Kamloops](#)

- May 20, 2021 [Poverty reduction grants addressing local needs in the Lower Mainland](#)
- May 20, 2021 [Poverty reduction grants addressing local needs in northern communities](#)
- May 20, 2021 [Poverty reduction grants addressing local needs in Cariboo](#)
- May 19, 2021 [New supportive homes open in Dawson Creek](#)
- May 17, 2021 [New affordable homes open for Mission seniors](#)
- May 14, 2021 [Bridging to retirement 1,000+ forestry workers](#)
- May 14, 2021 [Abbotsford Regional Hospital improvements nearing completion](#)
- May 14, 2021 [Emergency preparedness funding benefits B.C. communities](#)
- May 13, 2021 [Province partners with northern communities to strengthen services for people](#)
- May 11, 2021 [State of emergency extended to continue B.C.'s COVID-19 response](#)
- May 10, 2021 [Minister's statement on National Nursing Week](#)
- May 7, 2021 [Funding helps people facing food insecurity](#)
- May 5, 2021 [Cellular investments continue for B.C. highways](#)
- May 4, 2021 [Transforming primary care in the North with new virtual clinic](#)
- May 4, 2021 [Langley Memorial Hospital new emergency department opens](#)
- May 4, 2021 [New affordable homes on the way for Merritt seniors](#)
- May 4, 2021 [Internet speeds get a boost in Clinton](#)
- May 3, 2021 [More cellular service for B.C. highways](#)

## National News

### Statements from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada

The Chief Public Health Officer of Canada releases regular statements that can be accessed on the [Government of Canada News](#) website.

### Canadian Health Information Podcast (CIHI)

The Canadian Institute for Health Information has launched a podcast where they explore Canadian health topics and trends, bringing the stories of the people who work to keep Canadians healthy. The first episode, published on May 11, focusses on the impact that COVID19 has had on Canada's long-term care sector and features Dr. Samir Sinha from Mount Sinai Hospital.

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## Recent Announcements from the Federal Government Impacting Seniors

- May 31, 2021 [Federal, provincial and territorial ministers responsible for seniors release report on older workers](#)
- May 26, 2021 [Government of Canada works with communities and organizations to support food security for Indigenous Peoples during COVID-19](#)
- May 21, 2021 [Government of Canada extends quarantine measures and travel restrictions](#)
- May 14, 2021 [Ministers of Indigenous Services, Crown-Indigenous Relations, and Northern Affairs Celebrate National Nursing Week and Indigenous Nursing Day](#)
- May 12, 2021 [Government of Canada provides more support to CAN Health Network](#)
- May 11, 2021 [Message from the Minister of Health – National Nursing Week](#)
- May 11, 2021 [Aiding hearing loss with new diagnostic solutions](#)
- May 10, 2021 [Employing technology for long-term care](#)
- May 5, 2021 [Three good reasons to file your tax return – even though the deadline has already passed](#)
- May 4, 2021 [Coverage of oncology medicines well aligned across Canadian provinces, but sources of funding differ](#)
- May 3, 2021 [Minister Murray highlights investments to support seniors in Budget 2021](#)
- May 3, 2021 [Backgrounder: Increased costs for older seniors](#)
- May 3, 2021 [Message from the Minister of Health on Mental Health Week](#)
- May 3, 2021 [Minister of Veterans Affairs marks Mental Health Week](#)

## Seeking Your Opinion

### Long-Term Care and Assisted Living COVID-19 Staff Survey

The B.C. Seniors Advocate is reviewing COVID-19 Outbreaks in Long Term Care and Assisted Living and she needs to hear from front line staff. A province wide survey open to all staff who work in LTC/AL has been launched and we encourage all members to participate. Contact your facility for the survey access code for your site and the link to the survey or contact the Office of the Seniors Advocate directly at 1-877-952-3181 to obtain this information. Your voice is critical to understanding how we can make LTC/AL better for the people who live and work there. Insights from the front lines are critical to shape a better future.

[Learn More](#)

### Developing a New National Long-Term Care Services Standard

The Standards Council of Canada (SCC), Health Standards Organization (HSO), and Canadian Standards Association (CSA Group) are collaborating to develop two new complementary



National Standards for Long-Term Care that will be shaped by the needs of residents, families, and Canada's LTC workforce. The public is being asked to provide input on what matters most to you to help shape the future of long-term care in Canada.

[Learn More](#)

## **Social Decision-Making in the Pandemic Across Adulthood**

Researchers with the Cognitive Aging Lab at Simon Fraser University are interested in understanding older adults' mental wellbeing, mental abilities, and fears during the coronavirus-19 pandemic. They wish to understand how these factors affect older adults' decision-making abilities and increase their risk for falling for coronavirus-19 scams. They are looking for volunteers aged 60 years or older, to participate in several online questionnaires.

[Learn More](#)

## **From Hospital to Home for Persons Living with Dementia**

Researchers with the Institute of Health Policy Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto are interested in understanding the experiences of older adults living with dementia, or caregivers of a person living with dementia, during their transition from hospital to home. They are looking for people over the age of 65 living with dementia who have experienced a hospital transition back into the community to participate in a one-time interview to share their story.

[Learn More](#)

## **Recent Research**

### **Older adults experience of the COVID-19 pandemic: a mixed-methods analysis of stresses and joys**

This study explores older adults' reports about what they found stressful during the pandemic and what brought them joy and comfort amid the stress. The results, released in *The Gerontologist*, found that the most reported factors of stress were confinement/restrictions, concern for others, and isolation/loneliness; the most reported sources of joy and comfort were family and friendship, digital social contact, and hobbies.

[Learn More](#)

### **Risk factors for outbreaks of SARS-CoV-1 infection at retirement homes in Ontario, Canada: a population-level cohort study**

This study examines the relationship between the home and community care characteristics in Ontario assisted living homes and the risk of outbreak of SAR-CoV-2 infection. The results, released in the *Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ)*, found that the risk increased in homes that had a large resident capacity, were co-located with a long-term care home, were part of a larger chain of care homes, offered many onsite services, saw increased regional

incidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection, and were located in a regions with a higher community-level ethnic concentration.

[Learn More](#)

### **Investigations of a severe SARS-CoV-2 outbreak in a long-term care home early in the pandemic**

This study describes the factors associated with the severity of a SARS-CoV-2 outbreak in a long-term care home in Ontario, and the impact of infection control measures over the course of the pandemic. The results, released in the Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ), found that while the initial infection rate among residents and staff, and the fatality rate among residents was high, progressive implementation of outbreak management measures prevented further infections among new staff.

[Learn More](#)

### **A double burden of exclusion? Digital and social exclusion of older adults in times of COVID-19**

Older adults, many of whom are in long-term care, struggle with a double burden of exclusion: exclusion from society by physical social distancing, and exclusion from digital services, either by choice or inexperience. This paper, released in The Journals of Gerontology, discusses the potential outcomes of these exclusions and provides recommendations for rectifying the situation.

[Learn More](#)

### **Stroke admissions, emergency department visits, and prevention clinic referrals**

This study assesses the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on visits to the emergency department due to stroke, stroke unit admissions and referrals to the stroke prevention clinics at London's regional stroke centre in Ontario. The findings, released in the Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences, suggest that the decrease in emergency visits due to stroke was mainly driven by patient fear of SARS-CoV-2 exposure and the reduction in clinic referrals was largely due to hospital policies and government lockdown.

[Learn More](#)

### **Developer/adaptor method: a community-based approach to improve health in Indigenous communities**

This research identifies community solutions and knowledge to develop interventions to better support older indigenous persons to age in place and be able to remain independent in the community with access to relevant care. This paper, released in the International Journal of



Indigenous Health, describes an approach that allows a self-determining voice for Indigenous peoples and allow them to work collaboratively to develop wholistic care interventions.

[Learn More](#)

## **Intergenerational housing as a model for improving older-adult health**

The living situation of older adults is linked with the risk of loneliness and social isolation based on their living situation. This paper, released in the BC Medical Journal, discusses intergenerational housing projects where older adults live in communities that promote ties with younger generations providing benefits for all involved.

[Learn More](#)

## **Family and Friend Caregivers on the Front Lines**

There are over one million family and friend caregivers in British Columbia. The survey done by the Family Caregivers of British Columbia in December 2020 highlights the essential role that these caregivers play in our healthcare system and understand how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected them.

[Learn More](#)

## **Rising to the Challenge: How BC's Community-Based Seniors' Service Agencies Stepped up During COVID-19**

This report, released by the United Way in the Lower Mainland, studies the effectiveness and responsiveness of the Community-Based Seniors' Service sector in addressing the needs of vulnerable seniors during the COVID-19 pandemic. The results clearly showed that this sector has the ability to connect with seniors and meet their needs, but they have several recommendations in preparing for the future.

[Learn More](#)

## **Outreach by the OSA**

The Seniors Advocate continues to meet with seniors across the province by attending events and delivering presentations virtually. If you would like to invite the Seniors Advocate to present at your event, please contact our office at [info@seniorsadvocatebc.ca](mailto:info@seniorsadvocatebc.ca).

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