

**INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - JUNE 22, 2020**

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**From:** Maureen Croft-Steen  
**Sent:** June-07-20 4:49 PM  
**To:** Barb Puddifant  
**Subject:** Mt. Ida Cemetery

23 - 2550 Golf Course Drive  
Blind Bay BC V0E 1H1

June 6th, 2020

Mayor and Council  
City of Salmon Arm  
Box 40, 500 -2 Avenue NE  
Salmon Arm BC V1E 4N2

Re: Mt. Ida Cemetery

Dear Mayor and Council:

This letter is to ask that the By-Law restricting decorations at the above cemetery be changed.

My mother, father and husband are all buried in this cemetery and for over ten years now I have visited the grave sites and on special occasions left flowers. Just recently I was informed that this was no longer allowed. Though I understand that leaving flowers in containers would cause extra work for the groundskeeper I feel that the benefits to the families of the people interned are of great importance.

I do understand that glass/ pottery containers and mementos are of a particular concern but the use of the special plastic container (equipped with a stabilization spike) could be an option. In the cemeteries in Vancouver they work well and they can be purchased here in Salmon Arm at Fimmy's Flowers. This would have the effect of unifying the appearance and avoid glass and pottery breakage.

If limits were set as to the months that flowers in containers were allowed, for example May through September, and that all containers were to be removed when not in use this would make the groundskeeper's job easier. In the past I have always used the plastic vases taking them home along with the withered flowers. While I personally would prefer a longer period in the year, due to special anniversaries and birthdays, I could live with the months mentioned above as it takes in Mother's Day, Father's Day and the summer period.

I respectfully request that Council revisit this By-Law and consider the feelings of people who have loved ones buried in Mt. Ida Cemetery. For some of us this is a very emotional matter.

Yours truly,

Maureen Croft-Steen

**From:** Sherry Ridout  
**Sent:** June-14-20 2:47 PM  
**To:** Alan Harrison  
**Cc:** Caylee Simmons  
**Subject:** 5G ~ What you Need to Know

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Dear Mayor Harrison & Councillors,

Parliament has been remote. School has been virtual. Work has been online. Recent events have shown us how important safe and affordable high-speed broadband is.

In response, telecommunication providers are racing to install 5G. Is this the best connectivity option? What rights do local governments have when it comes to 5G? And why are the limited rights municipalities *do* have now under threat?

## 5G and You

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) recently published *Getting it right: Preparing for 5G deployment in your municipality*. Although the FCM guide accurately answers the regulatory questions linked to 5G, including the potential loss of local input, it does not offer municipal governments the critical big picture information needed to understand the practical, policy and logistical implications of 5G.

To support you in making well-informed telecommunication decisions, we have prepared [Getting it Wrong in Getting it Right](#), a preamble and supplement to the FCM guide.

### Action Item:

- Please take a moment to read the guide by clicking [Here](#). It is also attached.

## Untying Your Hands

Perhaps you would like to create local 5G and small cell siting policies that reflect and protect community interests, but believe your hands are tied.

The second document we have prepared and attached, [Creating a Proactive Antenna Siting Protocol and Small Cell Licensing Agreement](#), shows you how to create the most protective policies possible given our regulatory landscape. It also covers critical liability issues which every local government should know about.

### Action Item:

- Please read the document's *Overview* and share the document with your legal team. It is found [Here](#) and is also attached.

## A Better Way

The infrastructure investments we make today will shape how the Internet will be provided and how it will impact our security, well-being, resilience, and sustainability for generations to come. **We encourage you to choose the fastest, safest, most energy-efficient and cyber-secure data delivery system for your community - fiber optics** connected directly to each premise.

### Action Item:

- Visit this site to learn more:

[Connected Communities ~ Wired fiber for Sustainable Last-Mile Solutions](#)

### Who are We?

We represent an umbrella group of organizations and individuals advocating for safe and responsible technology.

For more information, you may reach us at [cst.citizensforsafetechnology@gmail.com](mailto:cst.citizensforsafetechnology@gmail.com) ,

With Warm Regards,

Sherry Ridout

On Behalf of Citizens for Safe Technology



# Creating a Proactive Antenna Siting Protocol & Small Cell Licensing Agreement

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## Overview

If your municipality does not have its own antenna siting procedure in place, when a telecom wants to install an antenna in your community the default antenna siting policy created by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (found [here](#)) will apply.

In some instances, telecommunication providers are not required to consult with land use authorities before they install small cells. For example, if a telecom is installing 4G or 5G small cell transmitters on existing structures, and its equipment does not increase the height of that structure by more than 25%, the proponent is only required to request a local government's permission if the town owns the property it wants to put the antennas on.

Clearly, it is prudent for local governments to create antenna siting protocols that include small cells, and to protect local interests in all antenna siting matters to the degree that federal telecommunication regulations permit. To draft a siting protocol for your town, use the template found [here](#) as a guide. Be sure to add the elements below to insure your protocol is as protective as possible.

The suggestions in this document may also be included in small cell licensing agreements made between telecoms and local governments.

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## General Examples of Areas to Address

### LOCATION

- Prohibiting small cell installations in residential areas, in certain districts
- Requiring installations to be a certain distance away from residences, schools, hospitals, and/or other installations

### AESTHETICS / ENVIRONMENT

- Aesthetic, design, and noise requirements such as co-location, camouflage, height and light limits, and more

### ADMINISTRATIVE / LEGAL

- Requiring that residents within a certain distance of an installation be notified
- Requiring annual recertification fees
- Requiring permittees to defend and indemnify the city from any liabilities arising from permits and the installation, operation and maintenance of small cell installations
- Requiring the proponent to have insurance that includes pollution liability with no electromagnetic field exclusions as well as cyber-security and data privacy protection
- Reserving the right to hire independent consultants at the applicant's expense
- Reserving the right to employ a qualified RF engineer to conduct an annual random and unannounced test of the Permittee's small cell wireless installations located within the Town to certify compliance with all Safety Code 6 radio-frequency emission limits

### POLICY

- Appointing a committee to study the viability of a community-owned fiber optic network

Fiber networks wired directly to the premise are *always* faster, safer and more energy efficient and secure than wireless networks. To learn more about the many benefits of community-owned fiber please visit [Connected Communities ~ Wired fiber for Sustainable Last-Mile Solutions](#)



## Specific Content Suggestions

### Section 1: PERMITTING PROCESS

**1.1 Permit Required.** No small cell installation shall be constructed, erected, modified, mounted, attached, operated or maintained within the Town on or within any public right-of-way without the issuance of a permit. No approval granted under this chapter shall confer any exclusive right, privilege, license or franchise to occupy or use the public right-of-way of the Town for delivery of telecommunications services or any other purpose.

**1.2 Application Content.** All permit applications must include:

- A. Detailed site and engineering plans for each proposed small cell installation, including full address, GIS coordinates, a list of all associated equipment necessary for its operation, as well as a proposed schedule for the completion of each small cell installation covered by the application.
- B. A master plan showing the geographic service area for the proposed small cell installation(s), and all of applicant's existing, proposed and anticipated installations in the Town.
- C. Certification that the proposed small cell installation(s) addresses an existing and significant gap in coverage in the service area, such certification to include a detailed map of the "gap areas" and documentation of such gaps causing an inability for a user to connect with the land-based national telephone network or maintain a connection capable of supporting a reasonably uninterrupted communication.
- D. Photographs of proposed facility equipment.
- E. Visual impact analyses with photo simulations including both "before" and "after" appearances, including simulations of the appearance of the equipment from the perspective of any property owner within 250 feet.

F. Certification by a certified radio-frequency engineer that the small cell installation will be in compliance with Safety Code 6 RF emissions as they relate to the general public, including aggregate emissions for all co-located equipment.

G. Certification that the applicant has a right under federal law to install wireless telecommunications facilities in the public right-of-way.

H. Documentation demonstrating a good faith effort to locate the small cell installation in accordance with the preferred provisions of this protocol.

I. Documentation that owners of all properties within 500 feet of the proposed small cell installation have been notified in writing via certified mail of the proposed installation, including its exact location.

J. An executed indemnification agreement as set forth in section 1.7 below.

K. A disclosure of all related third parties on whose behalf the applicant is acting, including contracting parties and co-locaters.

L. If the small cell installation is proposed to be attached to an existing utility pole or wireless support structure owned by an entity other than the Town, sufficient evidence of the consent of the owner of such pole or wireless support structure to the proposed collocation.

M. Performance specifications and data that identify the maximum and minimum amount or level of radio-frequency emissions that are produced by the equipment when it is in full operating mode, and a monitoring plan for the Applicant's equipment capable of tracking and recording the daily amounts or levels of radio-frequency emissions that are produced by the equipment in order to verify that the average and peak emissions do not exceed the levels permitted by Safety Code 6.



**1.3 Application Fee.** The Town shall assess a per-installation fee of \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the Town's costs of processing, reviewing, evaluating, conducting a public hearing, and other activities involved in consideration of the application, and conducting oversight of the construction of the small cell installation to ensure compliance with zoning requirements.

**1.4 Consultant Fee.** The Town shall have the right to retain an independent technical consultant to assist the Town in its review of the application. The reasonable cost of the review shall be paid by the applicant.

**1.5 Hydro Fees.** Permittee shall pay to the Municipality an annual hydro consumption surcharge of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) per Structure. This amount is due on January 2 of each year and is not prorateable or refundable.

**1.6 Compliance Bond.** Upon approval of the application, the Permittee shall be required to post a bond in the amount of \$50,000 for each small cell installation, such bond to be held and maintained during the entire period of Permittee's operation of each small cell installation in the Town as a guarantee that no such installation, including any co-located equipment, exceeds or will exceed the allowable Safety Code 6 limits for RF radiation exposure to the general public as determined by a qualified independent RF engineer under Section 1.11.2 below.

**1.7 Indemnification.** Permittee shall provide an executed agreement in the form provided by the Town, pursuant to which Permittee agrees to defend, hold harmless and fully indemnify the Town, its officers, employees, agents, attorneys, and volunteers, from (i) any claim, action or proceeding brought against the Town or its officers, employees, agents, or attorneys to attack, set aside, void, or annul any such approval of the Town or (ii) a successful legal action brought against the Town for loss of property value or other harm caused by the placement or operation of a small cell installation. This indemnification agreement shall be in a form acceptable to the Town Attorney and shall include, but not be limited to, damages, fees and/or costs awarded against the Town, if any, and cost of suit, attorney's fees, and other costs, liabilities and expenses incurred in connection with such proceeding whether incurred by the Permittee, the Town and/or the parties initiating or bringing such proceeding. The

agreement shall also include a provision obligating the Permittee to indemnify the Town for all of the Town's costs, fees and damages which the Town incurs in enforcing the indemnification provisions of this Section.

**1.8 Hazardous Substances.** Permittee specifically acknowledges that the Town is not responsible for the escape, discharge or release of any hazardous substances from the Equipment, and specifically agrees to indemnify, protect and save the Town harmless from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims and demands regarding any such hazardous substance that has escaped, been discharged or released from the Equipment unless caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Town, its elected officials, appointed officers, employees, agents, contractors or any person the Town is responsible for in law.

**"Hazardous Substance"** means any hazardous or toxic substance, and includes radiofrequency electromagnetic energy, or other radiation, petroleum products and byproducts, industrial wastes, contaminants, pollutants, dangerous substances, and toxic substances, as defined in or pursuant to any law, ordinance, rule, regulation, bylaw or code, whether federal, provincial or municipal.

**1.9 Environmental Liability.** Permittee agrees to assume all environmental liability under federal, provincial and local government laws in Canada, as a responsible person or otherwise, relating to its occupancy and use of the Facilities, including but not limited to any liability for clean-up of any Hazardous Substance in, on, under, along, across and around the Facilities, which are proven to result directly from:

- (a) the installation, occupation, operation and removal by Permittee of the Equipment;
- (b) any materials or goods brought to the Facilities by Permittee, or by any other person with the express or implied consent of Permittee.



Permittee shall not be responsible for, or required to remove or remediate any Hazardous Substances that have migrated onto or into a Facility or which existed at a Facility prior to Permittee's occupation or use of such Facility.

**1.10 Insurance:** For the duration of the Term:

(a) Permittee shall maintain comprehensive general liability insurance with coverage up to five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00), per occurrence and in the annual aggregate for products and completed operations, to protect Permittee from claims for personal injury, bodily injury or property damage arising out of Permittee's Work and/or operation of the Equipment. In addition, Permittee agrees that:

(i) the Town shall be added as an additional insured but only with respect to Permittee's legal liabilities arising out of Permittee's operations under this Agreement; and

(ii) the insurance shall include coverage for: products and completed operations; blanket contractual liability; cross-liability; non-owned automobile liability; pollution liability with no electromagnetic field exclusions, cyber-security and data privacy protection, and broad form property damage.

(b) Permittee shall also maintain automobile liability insurance, with coverage for bodily injury and property damage, for any Permittee owned or leased vehicles used in the performance of the Work in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) per accident.

(c) The comprehensive general liability insurance policy shall contain a provision whereby the insurers will endeavour to provide the Town with sixty (60) days' notice of cancellation.

(d) Upon execution of this Agreement, Permittee shall file with the Town a certificate of insurance of each insurance policy required. Permittee shall also provide a certificate of insurance at any time upon reasonable written

request by the Town . Failure to maintain the insurance policies as required by this Agreement is a material breach of contract.

(e) Excess (umbrella) liability insurance may be used to achieve the required insured limits.

#### **1.11 Annual Re-certification.**

**1.11.1** Each year, commencing on the first anniversary of the issuance of the permit, the Permittee shall submit to the Town an affidavit which shall list all active small cell wireless installations it owns within the Town by location, certifying that

(1) each active small cell installation is covered by liability insurance with no electromagnetic field exclusions in the amount of \$5,000,000 per installation, naming the Town as additional insured; and

(2) each active installation has been inspected for safety and found to be in sound working condition and in compliance with all federal safety regulations concerning RF exposure limits.

**1.11.2** The Town shall have the right to employ a qualified RF engineer to conduct an annual random and unannounced test of the Permittee's small cell wireless installations located within the Town to certify their compliance with all Safety Code 6 radio-frequency emission limits as they pertain to exposure to the general public. The reasonable cost of such tests shall be paid by the Permittee.

**1.11.3** In the event that such independent tests reveal that any small cell installation or installations owned or operated by Permittee or its Lessees, singularly or in the aggregate, is emitting RF radiation in excess of Safety Code 6 exposure guidelines as they pertain to the general public, the Town shall notify the Permittee and all residents living within 1500 feet of the small cell installation(s) of the violation, and the Permittee shall have forty-eight (48) hours to bring the small cell installation(s) into compliance. Failure to bring the small cell installation(s) into compliance shall result in the forfeiture of all or part of the Compliance Bond, and the Town shall



have the right to require the removal of such installation(s), as the Town in its sole discretion may determine is in the public interest.

**1.11.4** Any small cell wireless installation which is no longer in use shall be removed by the Permittee within 30 days of being taken out of use.

**1.11.5** Any small cell wireless installation which is not removed within 30 days after being listed as no longer in use in the annual re-certification affidavit shall be subject to a fine of \$100/day until such installation is removed.

**1.11.6** Where such annual re-certification has not been properly or timely submitted, or equipment no longer in use has not been removed within the required 30-day period, no further applications for small cell wireless installations will be accepted by the Town until such time as the annual re-certification has been submitted and all fees and fines paid.

**1.12 Non-Permitted Installations** Any small cell installation constructed, erected, modified or enhanced prior to the issuance of a site-specific permit from the Town shall be removed prior to the submission of any other application. No application for a small cell installation shall be considered while such unauthorized installations remain.

**1.13 Notice of Permit Filing.** Notice of the filing of any permit submitted pursuant to this protocol shall be sent to all property owners within 500 feet of each and every proposed small cell installation within five (5) days of such filing, such notice to be sent by certified mail at the expense of the Permittee.

**1.14 Public Availability of Permit Applications.** All permit applications submitted pursuant to this protocol, including all related documents, shall be made available for viewing and/or copying by any member of the public during normal business hours at the relevant office of the Town. Any charge for copies shall be limited to the Town's actual cost. No additional charges may be assessed against any member of the public for access to the entire permit and all of its related documents.

## **Section 2: LOCATION AND CONFIGURATION PREFERENCES**

**2.1 Siting Guidelines.** The purpose of this section is to provide guidelines to applicants and the reviewing authority regarding the preferred locations and configurations for small cell installations in the Town, provided that nothing in this section shall be construed to permit a small cell installation in any location that is otherwise prohibited by the Town code.

**2.2 Order of preference - Location.** The order of preference for the location of small cell installations in the Town, from most preferred to least preferred is:

1. Industrial zone
2. Commercial zone
3. Mixed commercial and residential zone
4. Residential zone

### **Discouraged Locations:**

1. Land use
  - Medium and high density residential areas
  - Schools, daycare facilities, playgrounds and similar facilities
  - Areas that adversely impact view corridors
  - Heritage areas (unless visibly unobtrusive) or on heritage structures unless it forms an integrated part of the structure's overall design (i.e. through the use of stealth structures).
  - Nature protection areas
  - Environmentally sensitive ecosystems
2. Other considerations, irrespective of land use designation
  - Locations directly in front of doors, windows, balconies or residential frontages
  - Community gathering places such as community halls, churches, commercial eating & drinking establishments
  - Sites of topographical and geographic prominence

*(See Note 1)*



### **Section 3: INSTALLATION SPECIFICATIONS**

**3.1.** The Permittee must construct, install and operate the small cell installation in strict compliance with the plans and specifications included in the application.

**3.2.** Where feasible, as new technology becomes available, the Permittee shall replace larger, more visually intrusive facilities with smaller, less visually intrusive facilities, after receiving all necessary permits and approval required by the Town.

**3.3.** The Permittee shall submit and maintain current at all times basic contact and site information on a form to be supplied by the Town. The Permittee shall notify the Town of any changes to the information submitted within seven days of any change, including the name or legal status of the owner or operator.

**3.4.** At all times, all required notices and signs shall be posted on the site as required by ISED and federal law, and as approved by the Town. The location and dimensions of a sign bearing the emergency contact name and telephone numbers shall be posted pursuant to the approved plans.

**3.5.** The Permittee shall maintain current at all times liability and property insurance including pollution liability with no electromagnetic field exclusions for each small cell installation in the Public Right of Way in the amount of \$5,000,000 (Five Million dollars) naming the Town as additional insureds.

**3.6.** The proposed small cell installation shall have an adequate fall zone to minimize the possibility of damage or injury resulting from pole collapse or failure, icefall or debris fall, and to avoid or minimize all other impacts upon adjoining properties.

**3.7.** Every effort shall be made to locate small cell installations no less than 2000 feet away from the Permittee's or any Lessee's nearest other small cell installation, or within 1500 feet of any school (nursery, elementary, junior high, and high school), trail, park or outdoor recreation area, sporting venues, and residential zones. (*See Note 2*)

**3.8.** A single or co-located small cell installation must be mounted on an existing structure such as a utility or lighting pole that can support its weight and the weight of any existing co-located equipment. All new wires needed to service the small cell installation must be located within the width of the existing structure so as to not exceed the diameter and height of the existing utility pole.

**3.9.** All equipment not to be installed on or inside the pole must be located underground, flush to the ground, within three (3) feet of the utility pole. Each installation is to have its own dedicated power source to be installed and metered separately.

**3.10** If a Permittee proposes to replace a pole in order to accommodate a small cell installation, the pole shall match the appearance of the original pole to the extent feasible, unless another design better accomplishes the objectives of this section. Such replacement pole shall not exceed the height of the pole it is replacing by more than seven feet.

**3.11** Each small cell installation facility shall be designed to be resistant to, and minimize opportunities for, unauthorized access, climbing, vandalism, graffiti and other conditions that would result in hazardous situations, visual blight, or attractive nuisances. The Town may require the provision of warning signs, fencing, anti-climbing devices, or other techniques to prevent unauthorized access and vandalism when, because of their location or accessibility, a small cell installation has the potential to become an attractive nuisance.

**3.12** The Permittee shall repair, at its sole cost and expense, any damage including, but not limited to, subsidence, cracking, erosion, collapse, weakening, or loss of lateral support to Town streets, sidewalks, walks, curbs, gutters, trees, parkways, street lights, traffic signals, improvements of any kind or nature, or utility lines and systems, underground utility line and systems, or sewer systems and sewer lines that result from any activities performed in connection with the installation or maintenance of a small cell installation in the public right-of-way. The Permittee shall restore such areas, structures and systems to the condition in which they existed prior to the installation or maintenance that necessitated the repairs. In the event the Permittee fails to complete such repair within the number of days stated on a written notice by the permitting authority, the



permitting authority shall cause such repair to be completed at Permittee's sole cost and expense.

**3.13** Prior to issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall obtain the permitting authority's approval of a tree protection plan prepared by a certified arborist if the small cell installation will be located within the canopy of a street tree, or a protected tree on private property, or within a 10-foot radius of the base of such a tree. Depending on site-specific criteria (e.g., location of tree, size, and type of tree, etc.), a radius greater than 10 feet may be required by the permitting authority.

**3.14** Applicant shall abide by all local, provincial and federal laws regarding design, construction and operation of the small cell installation, including all provincial and federal Occupational Health and Safety Regulations for worker safety in, around and above power lines and near radiation-emitting devices.

**Note 1:** The town may also wish to include preference for the *configuration* of small cell installations, from most preferred to least preferred. Configuration preferences might be:

- (1) Co-located with existing wireless facilities,
- (2) Mounted on existing utility poles,
- (3) Mounted on new poles or towers.

Considerations include the structural integrity of existing utility poles, the fact that mandating co-located equipment could result in an unfair aesthetic burden on some residents or neighborhoods, and the possibility that new poles might be bigger, heavier and more obtrusive.

**Note 2:** Every effort should be made to avoid placing small cell installations in close proximity to residences. Viable and defensible setbacks will vary based on zoning.

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## Getting it wrong in “Getting it right: Preparing for 5G deployment in your municipality”

In February 2020, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) published [Getting it Right: Preparing for 5G deployment in your municipality](#), a guide designed to help municipalities deal with the practical, policy and logistical implications of 5G technology in local communities.

This FCM document contains several half-truths, mistruths and framing tactics – listed below – which result in a biased, misleading and generally inaccurate guide.

The document did, however, get *some* things right. Part 2 of this summary outlines those points.

### Part 1: Getting it Wrong

**Misconception 1** The fifth generation of wireless technology (is) a necessity if Canada is to remain competitive on the world stage. (p.4)

**Fact** The benefits of 5G are dubious at best, and are they worth the costs?

There has been no cost-benefit analysis of 5G to see if its consequences and risks, including the costs stemming from security and data breaches, environmental damage, liability claims, lost productivity due to radiofrequency radiation-induced illness, and increased healthcare requirements, outweigh its benefits.

Driven by the belief that digital technology is neutral and therefore carries no unintended consequences or risks, politicians, policy makers, and society are ignoring the science-backed evidence that urges us to exercise precaution when investing in infrastructure that is wireless-dependent.

#### Learn more here:

1. Women’s College Hospital, Toronto, [Impacts of Wireless Technology on Health: A symposium for Ontario’s medical community](#), 31 May 2019  
Video of Presentation by Dr. Magda Havas: [Impacts of EMFs on health in the community](#)
2. Schneier, B. (2019, September 25). [Essays: Every Part of the Supply Chain Can Be Attacked – Schneier on Security](#) – as published in the New York Times
3. Zarrett, David. (2020, February 19). [Threats to security, health, public infrastructure and other potential costs of Canada’s 5G rollout](#). Macleans



## **Misconception 2** 5G is key to profiting and benefiting from enhanced connectivity and “Smart Cities.”

“Connectivity has become essential for any community’s economic, cultural and social development.” President’s Message (p.4)

“For municipal officials, the IoT translates into “smart cities” where countless data points generated by citizens, sensors and assets allow you to monitor traffic and parking, water, wastewater, storm water, bus and rail stops, etc. This would also allow municipalities to make adjustments, or allow systems to make adjustments on their own, as needed.” (p.8)

## **Fact** 5G is not the pinnacle of connectivity; wired fiber optic networks are.

From resource and energy monitoring and management to improved emergency, educational and health care services, most of the smart city applications 5G promises can be provided by fiber optic cables connected directly to each premise - without the threats wireless 5G poses to privacy, national security, energy consumption, the environment and public health. A few of 5G’s perks - like autonomous vehicles - cannot be delivered by wired fiber networks. However, experts warn that self-driving cars are risk and liability laden, and that 5G will likely not be able to support them.

### **Learn more here:**

1. The Benefits of [Wired Smart Cities](#), Connected Communities
2. Schoechle, Timothy. ( 2018). [Reinventing Wires: The Future of Landlines and Networks](#). The National Institute of Law and Public Policy
3. Dawson, Doug. (2019). [The Myth of 5G and Driverless Cars](#). CircleID
4. Jones Day law firm. (2017, November). [Legal issues Related to the Development of Automated, Autonomous and Connected Cars](#). A White Paper

## **Misconception 3** 5G is the wireless industry’s solution to our ever-increasing wireless data consumption.

“The trend toward greater connectivity will only accelerate. The use of wireless Internet connected devices in our communities is exploding. The advent of fifth generation (5G) wireless networks is the industry’s response to this growth and the desire to further leverage the potential of the Internet.” (p.6)

**Fact** The main industry drivers behind 5G – Huawei, Ericsson and Qualcomm – admit they developed 5G by recognizing trends and opportunities. Consumers would not be consuming more and more data if an endless stream of wireless products were not being marketed and sold. Our growing wireless data consumption has serious environmental implications.

Which came first – our skyrocketing data usage or industry’s plan to sell us a wireless world that is dependent upon us consuming more and more data? Wireless technology uses 10 times more energy than wired technology does. Experts warn our environment cannot support unlimited digital consumption.

Industry is not providing 5G as a public service. When asked about the motivation driving 5G at a December 2016 meeting of *The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers* (IEEE), respected industry expert and Senior Huawei Researcher Dr. H. Anthony Chan stated: “...if technology does not change, the company will die...it is about more jobs...engineering and manufacturing... People must buy a new phone.”

#### Learn more here:

1. A GSA Executive Report from Ericsson, Huawei and Qualcomm. (2015, November). [The Road to 5G: Drivers, Applications, Requirements and Technical Development](#)
2. The Shift Project. (2019, March). [Lean ICT: Towards “Digital Sobriety”: Our New Report on the Environmental Impact of ICT](#)
3. The Shift Project. (2019, July). [Climate Crisis: The Unsustainable use of Online Video: Our new Report on the Environmental Impact of ICT](#)

#### **Misconception 4** 5G will bring us the fastest Internet possible.

“Once fully deployed, 5G technology promises maximum theoretical speeds in the 10 Gbps range, at least 100 times faster than top theoretical speeds for existing 4G technology (up to 1,000 times faster than actual speeds in some circumstances). To get a sense of this change, downloading a two-hour movie will take less than four seconds versus approximately six minutes on existing 4G networks. (Note that consumer technology will also have to catch up as many existing devices are not 5G capable.) (p.7)

**Fact** New breakthroughs in fiber optics offers real-time transmission of 200 Gbps. This is 20 times faster than the maximum theoretical speed of wireless 5G.



### Learn more here:

Brown, Mike. (2020, January 2). [A Fiber Optic Breakthrough Could Beat 5G for Rural Internet Access](#). Inverse

**Misconception 5** “5G technology will outperform traditional land connections in some cases, making home routers a thing of the past.” (p.7)

**Fact** 5G may be faster than Internet provided through copper wires or coaxial cable, but it will never be faster than fiber wired directly to the premises.

Wireless signals can never be as fast as the fiber cables that transport data to antennas.

### Learn more here:

Schoechele, Timothy. ( 2018). [Reinventing Wires: The Future of Landlines and Networks](#). The National Institute of Law and Public Policy

**Misconception 6** “More significantly, 5G networks are key to opening up the potential of the “Internet of Things” (IoT). (p.7)

**Fact** A balanced and informed discussion of the IoT will include its potential, as well as its pitfalls. This discussion would include:

#### Privacy and National Security issues related to the IoT:

- Smart devices are easily hacked and controlled,
- They allow for increased surveillance, and potentially nefarious military and paramilitary capabilities such as “swarming” and robotic attack missions,
- They permit our personal data to be tracked and sold.

#### Environmental and Social Costs of the IoT:

- Powering , manufacturing and storing the data from trillions of sensor-equipped and chipped devices demands huge amounts of energy and resources,
- Massive amounts of e-waste will be generated due to planned obsolescence,
- An increasingly automated world threatens job security and heightens tech addiction,
- Mining for the rare minerals needed to make these devices is causing untold human suffering.

### Learn more here:

1. Halpern, Sue. (2019, April 26). [The Terrifying Potential of the 5G Network](#). The New Yorker
2. Congressional Research Service. (2020, May 22). [National Security Implications of 5<sup>th</sup> Generation \(5G\) Mobile Technologies](#). A Report from the U.S. Congressional Research Service
3. Bordage, Frederic. (2019, October). [The Environmental Footprint of the Digital World Summary](#). A Report from Green IT.fr
4. McLelland, Callum. (2020, January 15). [The Impact of Artificial Intelligence - Widespread Job Losses](#). Retrieved from IoT for all
5. Annie Kelley. (2019, December 16). [Apple and Google named in US lawsuit over Congolese child cobalt mining deaths](#). The Guardian

### **Misconception 7** There are no Health Risks associated with 5G.

“Health Canada ensures that 5G installations comply with all existing safety regulations, including Safety Code 6 (SC6), which determines exposure limits for wireless devices and their associated infrastructure. Canada’s limits are consistent with the science-based standards used in other countries. Large safety margins have been incorporated into these limits to provide a significant level of protection for the general public and personnel working near radio frequency sources.” (p.23)

**Fact** There is ample peer-reviewed science linking non-thermal radio frequency radiation (RFR) to biological harm. Countries such as Italy, Switzerland and Russia have radiation exposure limits many times more protective than ours.

In 1976, the [US Naval Medical Research Institute](#) published a [bibliography of 3,700 scientific papers](#) on the thermal and non-thermal biological effects of RFR. The body of scientific evidence on the health implications of the non-thermal effects of RFR has grown exponentially since.

“Health Canada’s 2015 guidelines for human exposure to non-ionizing radiation (Safety Code 6) were out of date before they were published, and the review process was flawed,” says Dr. Meg Sears, PhD, Chair of Ottawa-based *Prevent Cancer Now*. “Hundreds of peer-reviewed, published studies show that radiofrequency (RF) radiation can cause cancers, damage sperm and DNA, impair reproduction, learning and memory, and more. We should be limiting public exposure, not increasing it.”



“We have sufficient data to classify RF radiation as a Group 1, known human carcinogen, along with, for example, asbestos and tobacco smoke,” states Dr. Anthony Miller MD, Professor Emeritus of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto, who worked with the International Agency for Research on Cancer on the 2011 scientific review.

When the U.S. Naval Medical Research Institute identified the risks in 1976, governments should have limited the scope of technological change, and created radiation exposure standards that protected the public from harm. Instead, the evidence was hidden and ignored, and industry-influenced bodies like ICNIRP created the standards that Health Canada still emulates today.

### Learn more here:

1. [Peer Reviewed Scientific Research on Wireless Health Effects](#) ~ Environmental Health Trust
2. [5G Telecommunications Science](#) - Physicians for Safe Technology
3. Lai, Henry. (2019). [Research Summaries of RFR scientific Literature](#). Retrieved from Bioinitiative.org

## **Misconception 8** Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) regularly audits antenna sites to make sure they are safe.

“ISED’s regulatory framework, including market surveillance and compliance audits, provides safeguards to protect Canadians against overexposure from wireless devices and antenna installations.” (p. 23)

**Fact** ISED relies on cell tower operators to make sure their sites comply with Safety Code 6. Given how 5G and the IoT work, operators cannot accurately measure citizens radiofrequency radiation exposure.

Much like the fox watching the henhouse, ISED asks cell tower operators to self-monitor how much radiofrequency radiation their antenna sites are emitting. The tests these telecoms do are often software generated, and prone to inaccuracies.

ISED requires operators to “consider, in addition to their own radio system, the contributions of all existing radiocommunication installations within the local radio environment”. Given that 5G requires potentially dozens of small cell antennas on one street, and that millimetre wave 5G works “on demand”, it is impossible for an operator to take an accurate and consistent field measurement of the RF exposure residents are receiving on a daily basis.

For software-generated audits of 5G RF exposure to be accurate, operators would need to assess an ever-changing IoT “smart” landscape that includes multiple antenna sites owned by multiple operators as well as the RF-emitting smart infrastructure that 5G is purportedly there to support.

For the past six years, academics have been preparing for the increase in radiofrequency radiation exposure inherent to smart cities, and have been developing potential measurement tools. These measurement systems are much more involved and complex than what ISED now requires, and would likely put the onus on municipalities to monitor and regulate emissions and protect residents’ health.

### **Learn more here:**

1. ISED. (2015, March 19). TN-261 [Safety Code 6 Radio Frequency Exposure Compliance Evaluation Template](#)
2. Diez, L., Agüero, R. and Muñoz, L. (2017, June) [Electromagnetic Field Assessment as a Smart City Service: The SmartSantander Use-Case](#). Retrieved from [Sensors \(Basel\)](#). 17(6): 1250

## **Part 2: Getting it Right**

The FCM’s “Preparing for 5G deployment in your municipality” outlines several 5G-related planning and regulatory issues that all municipal governments in Canada should be aware of.

### **Planning Concerns**

“Clusters of small cells can be visually unappealing and create unique safety concerns. They can, in particular, detract from the qualities and integrity of areas such as historical or heritage districts as well as some planned urban environments.” (p.24)

### **Regulatory Concerns**

“For stand-alone tower structures, regardless of height, the procedure provides for formal consultations with the municipality as the local land-use planning authority. However, 5G small cell installations on existing structures (towers and non-tower structures such as a building or power pole) are excluded from this requirement as long as the height of the structure is not increased by more than 25 percent.” (p.14)



"In practical terms, this means that if the power poles are owned by the provincial utility in your jurisdiction, a carrier could enter into an agreement to install 5G small cell antennas on these poles and not even have to notify your municipality (even if the small cell is added at the top of the pole, as long as the addition is less than 25% of the existing height)." (p.14)

"A grey zone exists with respect to pre-emptive pole replacements by utilities. If a utility were to replace a pole with a much taller one, and then add antennas to it, it would likely fall outside the consultation requirements." (p.16)

### **Liability Concerns**

"... a number of municipalities, even those with comprehensive MAAs in place, are reporting the installation of 5G small cell antennas without their knowledge. Even if they are affixed to someone else's asset—like a power pole—if the antenna is located within the ROW space, it could raise issues of interest to the municipality such as safety concerns for the public and municipal workers." (p.14)

## **Municipal Rights in Jeopardy**

### **Current Rights**

"If a carrier has identified municipal assets (light poles, traffic lights, transit shelters, etc.) as one of its preferred options to install small cell antennas, it has to negotiate with the municipality and come to an agreement. As asset owners, municipalities have the right to refuse access." (p.24)

"Municipalities can refuse antennas on their property, but they cannot refuse the installation of equipment required to connect antennas located on other assets. Municipalities cannot charge occupancy fees for the connecting cables and other equipment installed within the ROW, but they can charge market value for an antenna located on their assets." (p.25)

"Some municipalities have been misinformed by carriers into believing that small cells deployment is already covered in MAA's and that, as a result, carriers enjoy the same conditional right of access for antennas as they do for their cables, etc. This is not the case." (p.25)

### **Potential Loss of Rights**

**Telecommunications in Canada is currently under two review processes:**

**1. The Report of the Broadcasting and Telecommunications Legislative Review Panel**

In its January 2020 report, the Panel reviewed the governance framework for antennas and the issue of access to municipal infrastructure for network deployment.

## **2. The CRTC Telecom Notice 2019-57 – Review of Wireless Services**

In this national consultation regarding the future of wireless services in Canada, access to municipal infrastructure is an important theme.

### **How These Two Review Processes May Affect Municipal Governments in Canada:**

#### **1) If Recommendations 22, and 34-37 of the Legislative Review Panel’s Report are passed:**

- Jurisdiction over antenna siting—including small cells for 5G—will be transferred from ISED to the CRTC. (p.11)
- The right of access that carriers currently enjoy within the right-of-way will be extended to encompass all potential support structures. These structures are referred to as “passive infrastructure” in the report, terminology that inaccurately portrays the functionality of a municipality’s assets. (p.11)
- Local governments’ current ability to refuse telecoms access to municipal assets and property would be lost. (p.11)

#### **2) If the recommendations made by telecommunication carriers to the CRTC Wireless Review are adopted:**

- The CRTC will have absolute authority over siting small cells antennas (p.26)
- The CRTC will impose time limits for municipalities to process 5G applications, as well as fee caps, and more. (p.26)

#### **Note on Cost Recovery:**

“To date, municipalities have been identifying direct costs (related to the deployment of 5G) such as engineering studies, electricity supply and workforce time, and billing them back to carriers. This seems to be the accepted best practice in Canada for the moment, a practice based in the sound public policy principle that **taxpayers should not be subsidizing the for-profit ventures of the carriers**”. (p.23)



**From:** 28th Annual ROOTSandBLUES Festival on behalf of 28th Annual ROOTSandBLUES Festival

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 11:13 AM

**To:** Debbie Cannon

**Subject:** ROOTSandBLUES Online Festival Experience

Where Musicians Go to Play!

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MUSICIANS GO TO PLAY!



**ROOTSandBLUES Presents a Free Online Festival Experience, August 14-16, 2020**

*Pass it along, pass it along*

*May it land in careful hands when we're gone*

*You carry it for a moment*

*But time won't loan it to you for long*

*You don't own it, pass it along*

*- Scott Cook*

**Finally some good news... You don't have to wait until 2021 for more ROOTSandBLUES!**

The cancellation of the traditional 2020 Salmon Arm ROOTSandBLUES music festival, has generated the opportunity for an online festival experience to be hosted across Black Press Media website platforms, August 14th - 16th, 2020. The online festival experience will present programming utilizing new material shot specifically for the online festival broadcast, new to our ROOTSandBLUES audience, alongside previous year's archival footage and highlights.

While nothing is going to replace one's physical presence at a festival and the interaction that drives such an event, organizers at ROOTSandBLUES felt an online presence would shine a light on some of the artistic highlights of the last nearly three decades, and capture the unique identity that ROOTSandBLUES has created and is known for. This online programming will hopefully act as a reminder to long time ROOTSandBLUES patrons that they've experienced many memorable musical moments in a terrific, safe and family friendly environment.

ROOTSandBLUES organizers were once again excited about the line-up of talent slated to perform on multiple stages around the Salmon Arm Fairgrounds the weekend of August 14-16. When the pandemic dictated that there would be no festivals in Canada this summer, a number of artists who had been booked at ROOTSandBLUES were asked if they'd like to submit new material for the broadcast. Artists were excited about the opportunity to showcase in this manner and audiences will be treated to recently captured performances from across Canada and abroad.


Peter North, the long time Artistic Director of ROOTSandBLUES, will produce the show, utilizing footage of headliners documented over years from multiple camera shoots that have previously captured the essence of sets that were fueled by the amazing interaction between the artists and audiences. The patrons and musicians just feed off each other and we've got an abundance of material to choose from, ranging from your favourite Canadian roots, blues and world musicians to those from south of the border and around the globe.



A preliminary list of artists pulling together new material for this special edition of ROOTSandBLUES includes; Bill Henderson, the guitar player and vocalist of the legendary Canadian band, Chilliwack; Tom and Kalissa Landa of The Paperboys; Locarno and the B.C. World Music Collective; Steve Marriner of Monkeyjunk; Irish Mythen; Nashville singer-songwriter Sam Lewis; American harmonica ace Mark Hummel; and Bill Bourne of Tri-Continental. Organizers are expecting many more acts to be announced in the coming months including those booked for this year's festival, as well as headliners from years past.

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For more information regarding how you can be a part of this inaugural online festival experience, look for updates at [www.rootsandblues.com](http://www.rootsandblues.com) in the coming weeks.

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Rob Niewenhuizen  
City of Salmon Arm  
Box 40  
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

June 17, 2020

**Re: Revised Plan for the Multicultural Festival**

Dear Rob:

Shuswap Immigrant Services Society in partnership with Downtown Salmon Arm is planning on hosting a revised version (due to Covid 19) of our third annual Multicultural Festival on Saturday August 22, 2020, from 11:00 am to 4:00pm.

We are once again working in partnership with Downtown Salmon Arm to offer a scaled down version of the festival. We would like to "piggy back" off of the Farmer's Market and the street closure of Alexander Street.

Our plan includes the following:

1. A Cultural Film Presentation at the Salmar Classic ( maximum 50 people at a showing)
2. The appropriate number of display booths on Alexander Street
3. An entertainment schedule of buskers
4. Local cultural restaurants offering a take-out food option on a table on the sidewalk in front of their restaurant.

We would like to request the following approval from the city.

1. Downtown restaurants have a table in the front of their restaurant on the sidewalk to be able to sell a cultural food offering.
2. In addition to the closure of Alexander, we would like to request the closure of Hudson Ave, from Ross St. to Mcleod St SE. to local traffic from 10am to 4:00pm. This would allow for people to walk the downtown area in a safe and socially distant manner.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at 250-833-8975 or email at [maryhregier@gmail.com](mailto:maryhregier@gmail.com).

Regards,

Mary Regier  
Festival Co-ordinator  
Shuswap Immigrant Services Society

**From:** Sandra Seale

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 17, 2020, 7:05 AM

**To:** Darin Gerow

**Cc:** Ed & Marlene McDonald; CSISS; Jen Bellhouse;

**Subject:** Shuswap Naturalist Club Project -- Removing Burdock Plants from Peter Jannink Park

Dear Sirs and Mesdames,

I'm writing on behalf of the Shuswap Naturalist Club to ask for City Council's permission to undertake a project to try to remove the invasive burdock plants from Peter Jannink Park, to make the park more user friendly for people walking there.

The park isn't yet overrun with bur plants, so this would be a good time to get on top of the problem. It is envisioned that -- depending on the success of this year's effort and our ability to fund-raise -- this would be a multi-year project, as burdock plants tend to live for about four years.

The proposed methodology to be used would be that devised with input from Robyn Hooper of the Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society and Jen Bellhouse of the Shuswap Trail Alliance -- by using tree planting shovels to dig up the tap root of the plants at a depth of at least 4". The plants would then be bagged and taken to the landfill. No weed killers would be used.

The Shuswap Trail Alliance has agreed to supply the workers for this project, and subject to Council approval, the work could begin in July, 2020.

Thank you for considering our request for approval of this project.

Shuswap Naturalist Club

Per: Sandra Seale



# Healthy Communities

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## Community Recognition

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### City of Nelson City-Wide Bike Financing Program

Earlier this month, the City of Nelson Council approved a [city-wide electric bike financing program](#) expected to begin in late July. The program will give Nelson homeowners low-interest financing to purchase a commuter bike including electric bikes, do-it-yourself conversion kits and non-electric bikes. A good step to help the transition to active transportation in a city known for steep streets and hills! You can also read about the program in the [Nelson Star](#).



### District of Peachland Completes Rainbow Sidewalk

Just in time for Pride Month, the District of Peachland completed a new rainbow sidewalk on Beach Avenue. Data has long demonstrated a link between marginalized populations and poorer health outcomes, because oppression is hard on our mental and physical health. We celebrate all efforts towards inclusion and diversity in our communities. See [the story here](#).

### City of Kamloops Economic Recovery Includes Food Security

Mayor Ken Christian recently launched a task force on economic recovery, leading the Kamloops Food Policy Council to submit a list of recommendations aimed at creating business opportunities and providing better food-growing infrastructure. More locally grown food is good for business and good for healthy communities! [Read the story here](#).

## Events & Learning Opportunities

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### COVID, Climate Change & Equity Webinar

COVID-19 has been called the 'great revealer,' illuminating the ways in which the systems we have in place have not been/are not supporting equity or wellbeing. As communities and society respond to this pandemic, we are being called to address this current health crisis and a pending economic crisis, all within a climate crisis. Now, more than ever, a multi-solving lens is critical to ensure that we can create future pathways that acknowledge the interconnections between the climate, health, equity, and social and economic systems.

Tuesday, June 23, 10 - 11:30am pacific time [Register here](#)

## Adapting B.C. Sport, Parks & Recreation During COVID-19 & Beyond

From the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, B.C. residents have been encouraged to stay as active as possible while remaining physically distant. The sport, parks and recreation sectors have done their part by closing facilities and programs. Now, it's time to re-open safely and responsibly. But how should we be adapting? And what can we learn from others around the province at this uncertain time?

Attend this free webinar from PlanH on **Tuesday, June 23 from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm pacific time**. [Register here](#)

### Spotlight on Anti- Racism Resources

#### Anti-Racism Virtual Townhall

In recent months we've seen a rise in racism and hate-related incidents in BC, Canada and beyond our borders. This virtual townhall focused on ways people, organizations, and communities can fight racism and make sure BC is a safe and welcoming place for everyone. We're placing a special focus on ways to take action and address systemic racism. [Watch it here](#).

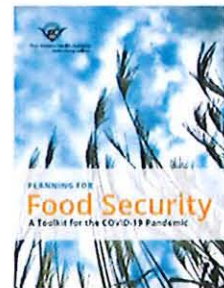
#### Let's Talk: Racism and Health Equity

This [handy resource](#) discusses racism as a critical factor that impacts health and wellbeing. It describes the concepts of race, racism and racialization and emphasizes settler colonialism and structural racism as the root causes of health and social inequities experienced by Indigenous and racialized peoples in Canada.

## Advancing Healthy Public Policy Resources

### Food Security and COVID-19

Recognizing the challenges that communities are facing during the global COVID-19 pandemic, First Nations Health Authority has created a toolkit to support communities to take more control over the community-level food system. [This toolkit](#) helps to make short-, medium- and long-term plans for food security using a food systems approach. This toolkit includes ideas, templates, tools and information to support planning.



Additionally, check out the advocacy work [Food Secure Canada](#) is doing at the federal level for a food policy action plan in the context of COVID-19.



## Integrating Health in Urban and Territorial Planning

The World Health Organization (WHO) has released a [new sourcebook](#) for planners, city managers, health professionals and others interested in how an integrated approach to health and city planning can influence decisions on sectors such as housing, transport, energy, and water and sanitation.



## Community Engagement & Physical Distancing: A List of Resources

Like we mentioned last month, as communities across our province weather these times of physical distancing, it's never been more important to ensure that community members are involved in the decisions we make as to what we want to see in a post-COVID future, including—vitally—those who are seldom-heard-from, or who face barriers to participation. Luckily, many organizations are working to make physically-distant community engagement a reality. Here is [a list](#) of some free resources from BC Healthy Communities to get you started.



## Overdose Prevention: Lifeguard App

The overdose crisis is an unprecedented public health emergency that has touched the lives of everyone in British Columbia. Stigma around addiction results in many people who use drugs to use alone and that's a reality we must address.

Lifeguard Digital Health has partnered with the BC Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions and the Provincial Health Services Authority to launch the opioid overdose prevention app Lifeguard. Check out the [press release](#), [app website](#) and [instructional video](#).

## Funding News

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### Community Housing Fund - Program and Proposal Process

The Government of BC is inviting non-profit and Indigenous housing societies, First Nations, housing co-operatives and municipalities to propose new affordable housing projects for the second intake of the Building BC: Community Housing Fund.

Organizations are invited to submit project proposals to BC Housing beginning on May 27, 2020. The RFP will remain open until mid-January 2021; however, organizations are encouraged to apply early as an initial round of projects will be approved in fall 2020. Read the [media release here](#) and check out all the [information on their website](#)

## PlanH Healthy Community Grants- Last Call!

BC Healthy Communities has made adjustments to the [2020 PlanH Healthy Communities Grant](#) program in response to COVID-19 and is currently accepting applications. If you are planning to apply for a PlanH grant, here's what you need to know:



- Application due dates are extended until July 15 for both streams.
- In response to the ongoing situation, the existing Social Connectedness stream has been retitled the [Community Connectedness](#) stream. The objective of this stream remains to enhance a sense of belonging within local communities. BC Healthy Communities now welcomes project proposals which support people to be connected even if they are physically distanced, and project proposals in which local governments start developing strategies and plans to address the [mental health](#) implications of the COVID-19 pandemic.

To find more information, check out the [updated FAQs](#) or email [grants@planh.ca](mailto:grants@planh.ca)

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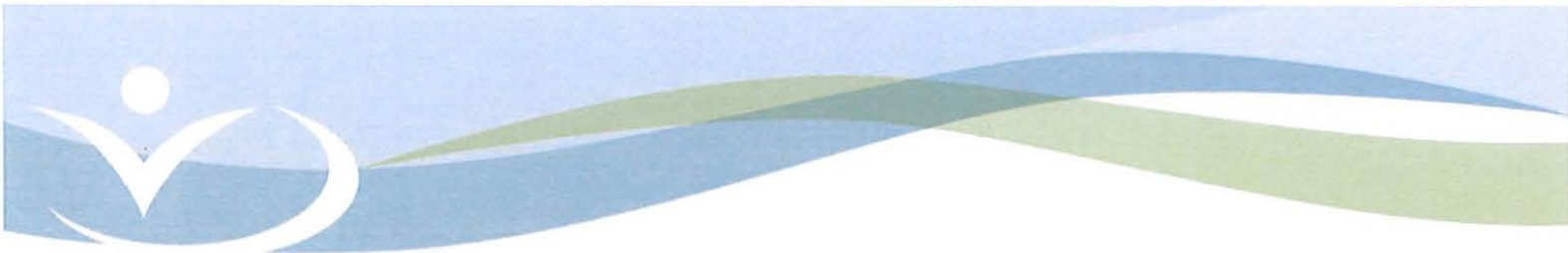
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June 17, 2020

## Op/Ed Submission

### IH progress update in renewing surgeries

Submitted by: Doug Cochrane, Board Chair, Interior Health

The patients in Interior Health who had their surgeries postponed due to COVID-19 have not been forgotten and through the surgery renewal commitment announced by the Minister of Health on May 7<sup>th</sup>, scheduled surgeries are once again being delivered.

Across Interior Health, 16 facilities are delivering scheduled surgeries in addition to emergency and urgent procedures. Interior Health has a contract with one private facility to deliver surgeries, and that site is also now running at full contracted capacity.

We started to call patients on the wait list in early May to see if they wished to proceed with their surgery, and since then, we have reached out to 7,303 patients. Scheduled surgeries resumed on May 18<sup>th</sup>, and by June 7<sup>th</sup> we completed 2,018 scheduled surgeries and 777 unscheduled surgeries, for a total of 2,795 surgeries. We performed 149 more surgeries than the previous week, an increase of 15.3 percent. In Interior Health, surgery renewal is well underway.

The first phase of the surgery renewal is focused on patients needing urgent surgeries: patients whose operations must occur in fewer than four weeks; patients who have had their surgery postponed; and patients who have waited longer than twice their accepted clinical wait time benchmarks. Surgeries that can be safely conducted as day procedures or outside of the main operating room, such as cataract surgeries, are also part of this first phase.

Although we are moving forward with renewal, the impact of pausing scheduled surgeries this spring is ongoing. We know there were already patients waiting for the dental, hip, knee and other surgeries that we had hoped to provide. We also know that COVID-19 has further extended their wait which is difficult news for patients and their surgeons.

At this time, we will be addressing patient needs based on urgency, prior postponement and time waiting for surgery. As we move forward, we are committed to restoring timely access to all surgeries.

Part of our surgery renewal commitment to patients means that over the summer we'll be identifying and implementing strategies to increase operating room hours with the goal to support more procedures. This will take creativity and new thinking. With these efforts, we believe we can keep up with ongoing and new demands for surgery and, over the next 17 to 24 months, complete the surgeries that were postponed due to COVID-19 in March, April and May.



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It's a demanding timeline, and we need to recognize that surgery renewal is highly vulnerable to external forces, such as the second wave of COVID-19 this fall that Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry and health officials around the world have indicated could happen. Subsequent waves or surges in new COVID-19 cases may impact our hospitals and the number of surgeries that can be safely performed. Even as we are resuming surgeries now, we are also preparing for the potential challenges ahead.

Each one of us must continue to use the skills that Dr. Henry and Interior Health public health leaders have taught us to stop the spread of COVID-19. By working together we have flattened our curve and brought our province to the point where we were able to resume scheduled surgeries. Our sustained commitment will enable the doctors, nurses and all healthcare workers to continue to provide surgeries for patients in need.

Everyone across Interior Health is 100 per cent all-in on surgery renewal. And to help them, at home and in our communities, we all need to stay 100 per cent committed to stopping the spread.

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Dear Citizen,

Please approach your own Mayor and Councillors in an important effort to increase the health and fitness of your community and make Canada the fittest nation on earth.

National Health & Fitness Day is designed as a cohesive response to our alarming rates of childhood obesity and the resultant diabetes, heart and other chronic diseases. The initiative encourages local governments, non-government organizations, the private sector, and all Canadians to recognize **the first Saturday in June as National Health and Fitness Day**. It calls upon participants to **mark the day** with local events celebrating and promoting the use of local recreational, sports and fitness facilities, in order to boost participation in healthy physical activity.

To enable you to get directly involved, I attach these documents:

- a draft letter to local governments for your use.
- a draft resolution for adoption by local governments.

Bill S-211: *An Act to establish a national day to promote health and fitness for all Canadians* was recently passed by the House of Parliament and proclaimed as law. It is expected to act as a catalyst to increase the number of proclaiming cities and towns from the current 240 to the goal of 500.

Please call the Mayor in your town or city today to invite them to endorse National Health & Fitness Day!

Best regards,

*Nancy Raine*

Senator Nancy Greene Raine

Draft resolution to proclaim:

NATIONAL HEALTH AND FITNESS DAY

WHEREAS:

- the Parliament of Canada wishes to increase awareness among Canadians of the significant benefits of physical activity and to encourage Canadians to increase their level of physical activity and their participation in recreational sports and fitness activities;
- it is in Canada's interest to improve the health of all Canadians and to reduce the burden of illness on Canadian families and on the Canadian health care system;
- many local governments in Canada have public facilities to promote the health and fitness of their citizens;
- the Government of Canada wishes to encourage local governments to facilitate Canadian's participation in healthy physical activities;
- the Government of Canada wishes to encourage the country's local governments, non-government organizations, the private sector and all Canadians to recognize the first Saturday in June as National Health and Fitness Day and to mark the day with local events and initiatives celebrating and promoting the importance and use of local health, recreational, sports and fitness facilities;
- Canada's mountains, oceans, lakes, forest, parks and wilderness also offer recreational and fitness opportunities;
- Canadian Environment Week is observed throughout the country in early June, and walking and cycling are great ways to reduce vehicle pollution and improve physical fitness;
- declaring the first Saturday in June to be National Health and Fitness Day will further encourage Canadians to participate in physical activities and contribute to their own health and well-being;

THEREFORE:

We proclaim National Health & Fitness Day in our municipality/district /regional district as the first Saturday in June;

(Optional) As a step to increase participation and enhance the health of all Canadians, we commit to mark the day with local events and initiatives celebrating and promoting the importance and use of local health, recreational, sports, and fitness facilities on National Health and Fitness Day.



Sample Letter to Municipalities for Citizen's use

His/Her Worship\_\_\_\_\_

DATE\_\_\_\_\_2015

Mayor, City of \_\_\_\_\_

Insert address

Dear Mayor \_\_\_\_\_:

Re: National Health & Fitness Day

I write to ask that your Council pass a resolution in support of this new national day to enhance the health and fitness of your constituents and all Canadians. I enclose a draft resolution that can be adapted or used by Council to commit to a national program that unites you with other local governments in the promotion of increased participation in physical activities in communities across Canada.

Councils that have endorsed the concept have taken different approaches. Some have simply proclaimed the day (the first Saturday in June) to raise awareness of the importance of increasing physical activity; others have marked the day with local events and initiatives celebrating and promoting the importance and use of local health, recreational, sports and fitness facilities, in order to boost participation in healthy physical activity. Endorsement of the concept should ultimately drive up participation rates and help promote our common interest in encouraging Canadians to live healthier lifestyles.

If you support National Health and Fitness Day, please send a copy of your resolution to the office of Senator Nancy Greene Raine via [nancy.raine@sen.parl.gc.ca](mailto:nancy.raine@sen.parl.gc.ca) to facilitate monitoring of the progress of this initiative.

Thank you in anticipation of your Council helping to promote health and fitness in Canada.

With best regards,

YOUR NAME

Enclosures: Draft resolution

From: euroPRODUCTIONS <[info@voxboxstudios.com](mailto:info@voxboxstudios.com)>

Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 12:44 PM

To: [info@europroductions.ca](mailto:info@europroductions.ca)

Subject: Event support for your community...

Importance: High

**To Whom This May Concern, (please confirm you received this email...thank you)**

I have attached information that outlines an event concept of safely and virtually, pulling the community together at this time, when they probably need it the most. Even if things are starting to open up, there are many people who would prefer an event opportunity such as this. We have polled many people who said they still aren't going to be able to afford or even want to go outside for a while so this may be the perfect way to bring those community members together in their own homes now and even into the future.

I am willing to offer my time, energy, expertise and services for **FREE**, if we can't find companies to sponsor the event, and if I can get some cooperation from the Community Counsel, to help promote the event to the community and assist me in finding influential businesses in the area who will also help us promote and engage in this, which in turn, will help them promote themselves as a caring community partner and a business people should consider supporting and purchasing from.

Please take a quick look/read and let me know what you think.

Thanks

David Gale

PS - The EXAMPLE Proposal.pdf is for an event we did in Calgary. It gives you an idea of what is being sent to potential partners / sponsors. It was never meant to speak directly to an event we would potentially be doing for your community. It's just an example.

Important Golden Rule: Never Forget: Please treat others as you wish others to treat you.

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# FREE VIRTUAL COMMUNITY DANCE PARTY

CLICK ON EACH TOWN TO SEE THE EVENTS  
WE HOSTED

NANTON  
HIGH RIVER  
CLARESHOLM

***CONTACT US TO BOOK YOUR  
COMMUNITY NOW!***

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# ARE YOU NEXT?!



Households in 9 communities engaged by sharing photos and experiences on the Facebook event



Contests during each event for participants to engage and win!



Families need a pick-me up during this time and, along with having a safe space to have fun, were able to win fabulous prize packages

**9**  
EVENTS

**1200**  
HOUSEHOLDS

**30**  
SPONSORS

**200**  
PRIZES

**145**  
LOCAL  
BUSINESSES  
SUPPORTED

**\$14,000**  
VALUE IN  
PRIZES  
GIVEN AWAY

**500**  
REQUESTS  
MADE



Virtual Dance Parties in the comfort of your home with audio (only) stream of music and fun



Sponsors including businesses that help us organize or donate



Prizes were collected in each community to support their local businesses



Participants downloaded our free APP and requested the songs they wanted to hear and made dedications to friends tuned in

## Connecting Canada – McKenzie Towne vs. Mahogany - Prize and Sponsorship Proposal

We are asking for your help at a time when we all need it the most.

On Friday May 22nd, 2020, we will be producing...



This is a family friendly virtual dance party, in support of local businesses in your area.

Produced by:

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(Click the company name to learn more about and the company)

Three ways to participate...

### **Cost - \$0.00 (zero dollars)**

- *Donate a prize for us to give away during the dance party to a lucky winner.*

### **Cost - \$25.00**

- *Sponsor a Contest - We will name a contest after your company and, with your help, design the contest so that it is relevant to your specific industry.*

### **Cost - \$200.00**

- *Become the title sponsor of the show. 9 mentions throughout the show. "Tonight's Dance Party Is Brought To You By (your company name here). (your one line message here)"*

Deadline for confirmation is Wednesday May 20th, 2020 @ 6:00 PM.

Contact: Dave @ 403-589-8269 (via text or voice); [info@europroductions.ca](mailto:info@europroductions.ca) to donate or reserve your mentions.