

INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - MARCH 22, 2021

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| 19. | K. Barchard, Corporate Officer, City of Pitt Meadows - letter dated March 11, 2021 - Fair Taxation from Railway Operations & Industrial Parks | N |
| 20. | K. Kenney, Corporate Officer, City of Langley - letter dated March 11, 2021 - Raise Disability and Income Assistance to a Livable Rate | N |
| 21. | L. Helps, Mayor, City of Victoria - letter dated March 10, 2021 - Help Cities Lead Campaign | A |

N = No Action Required
A = Action Requested

S = Staff has Responded
R = Response Required

From the Office of the Mayor

March 15, 2021

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
PO Box 9360 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9M2


Re: Ban the Use of Anticoagulant Rodenticides

At the March 8, 2021 Regular Meeting, Council unanimously supported a policy to ban the use of anticoagulant rodenticides on City owned properties and to incorporate humane pest control practices when necessary.

The City of Salmon Arm encourages a Provincial Ban on the use of anticoagulant rodenticides to increase protection for wildlife species.

The use of anticoagulant rodenticides are harmful to the eco system and the City of Salmon Arm is taking steps as a local government to reduce our negative environmental impact. In addition, we are educating our citizens in rodent-proofing private property and humane alternatives to eliminate rodents.

Sincerely,



Alan Harrison
Mayor

Item 12.1.1

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March 3, 2021

CITY OF
SALMON ARM

To City of Salmon Arm , Mayor and Council ,

As a taxpayer and resident of Salmon Arm , I am once again writing , to request that action be taken to reduce the amount of speeding , within city limits .

Please find enclosed a copy of my letter to the Salmon Arm RCMP Detachment .

The amount of drivers who blatantly ignore the speed limit signs is staggering. It is ridiculous that this is allowed to go on , especially in a city that prides itself in having walking trails in city limits . I would like to see Salmon Arm be a safe place for all traffic participants and it would be good for the city , to go with the times in this regard . One only has to look at smaller and larger cities , to see how many options there are to reduce speeding and implement “ traffic calming measures “ . In my last letter , of 2019 , I made several suggestions , that work well elsewhere .

There seems to be a reluctance and complacency , by Salmon Arm City Council , to take any action on this issue . The negativity that I encountered by a City of Salmon Arm employee was shocking - the reasoning was “ that everybody speeds in Salmon Arm “ !

I have witnessed , on several occasions , that even the City of Salmon Arm Works Department , exceeds the speed limit , in a school zone . Without having flashing lights or emergency lights on .

I have addressed the Traffic Safety Committee before , but to no avail . There was a suggestion to join the Citizen Traffic Patrol , but that does not make a difference , as everyone ignores that .

The only way that people will slow down , is to enforce the speed limit and write out tickets for speeding , on a consistent basis . The road rage in Salmon Arm is getting out of control.

Just think of the amount of revenue , that writing out speeding tickets would generate !

I would welcome to discuss the above at any time , in any manner.

As a concerned citizen of Salmon Arm , I hereby make an urgent request to enforce adherence to speed limit , and improve compliance with same.

Looking forward to a reply , respectfully ,

 (D. ROELL)

Cc : Salmon Arm RCMP Detachment
- : Desiree Roell

Desiree Roell



March 3 , 2021 .

To Salmon Arm RCMP Detachment ,

Once again , as a taxpayer in Salmon Arm , I am writing to bring to your attention , the amount of speeding within the city limits .

The blatant disregard for the speed limit is shocking , there are , in my opinion only about 5 - 10 % of the drivers that obey the speed limit . The word road rage comes to mind , as vehicles come charging into the city . Commercial vehicles absolutely ignore any speed limit signs.

My urgent request is for more and frequent enforcement of speed limits . I feel issuing speeding tickets and fines , are the only way that drivers will start to comply with the rules .

From this rises my question : Where does the revenue from issuing traffic tickets go to? I would hope that most of that would be returned locally. Can you please advise?

I will also write a letter to the City of Salmon Arm - Mayor and Council , as I have done previously , without much result . The argument from an employee of City Hall was " that everybody does it " . That , to me , is a non argument and frankly was shocked by that reply!

Thank you so much for looking into this . I would like Salmon Arm to be a safe city for everybody . I welcome any contact in this matter . Please also see my similar request in 2019 .

Specific areas are , 20 Avenue NE , 30 th Street NE , 30 th Street SE , Auto Road SE , just to name a few , but it happens all over the city.

Looking forward to a reply , respectfully ,

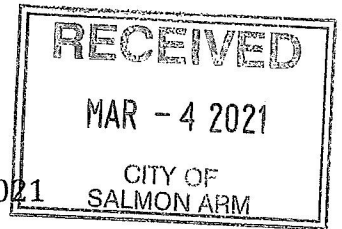


C.c : City of Salmon Arm - Mayor and Council.

- : Desiree Roell.

Desiree Roell





March 3, 2021

Mayor Allan Harrison and Council
City of Salmon Arm

I am writing on behalf of the Salmon Arm Royal Purple organization. May 16 to 22nd is Royal Purple week across Canada. As such, we are asking for a proclamation for that week.

As part of this not for profit organization, we are a group of 28 ladies, and in May, will be celebrating 59 years of service in Salmon Arm. We will also be presenting donations of (approximately) \$13,000.00 to local charities in May. Our total annual donations are from \$15 to \$20,000.00.

To raise these funds we have catered (banquets, memorial teas), made & sold meat pies, held craft fairs etc. and money from BC Gaming funds. Pre-covid, due to our aging members, we discontinued catering to banquets. We will resume pie making and memorial teas when it is safe to do so. We will also resume monthly visits to a local care facility, bearing baked goodies and making a social visit.

A proclamation may not be practical, however, we are asking. As much as our contributions may be minimal in comparison to other organizations, they are needed now more than ever. As a matter of interest, 5 of our newest members are former Vernon Royal Purple members. Vernon, Kelowna and Merritt lodges have all recently closed.

We are in need of new members and hope to be of service to needy groups for many years to come. Thank you for your consideration.

Please reply to Nancy Kurta: e-mail nancylen3@gmail.com.
phone 778-824-0744. Or to Salmon Arm Royal Purple #279, 3690 30 Street NE,
Salmon Arm BC V1E 3L1.

Committee: Ellen Hammer and Nancy Kurta.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Kurta".

Nancy Kurta

Encl: Copy of sample proclamation and directive from National Royal Purple.

Sample proclamation

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR/REEVE

Proclamation of Canadian Royal Purple Week – May 16-22, 2021

WHEREAS, this Canadian Society of fun-loving, dynamic, dedicated volunteers help children and their communities.

WHEREAS, this Nationally Incorporated not-for profit organization provides a forum for like-minded individuals to come together to make a difference in their communities.

WHEREAS, local decision making and the opportunity to learn builds sustainability.

WHEREAS, the Principles of Canadian Royal Purple, Justice, Charity, Love and Service provide a strong foundation to learn and prosper.

WHEREAS, the impact of the volunteer work of Canadian Royal Purple members serves each lodge's community.

WHEREAS, membership is open to a resident of Canada who has reached 14 years of age, who supports democratic and lawful government and the purposes and objectives of the Canadian Royal Purple Society.

WHEREAS, Royal Purple is a valuable asset to our community _____ Lodge # _____ has existed since _____.

WHEREAS, Royal Purple has existed in Canada since 1914.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as the Mayor/Reeve of _____.

I do proclaim our City/Town will recognize May 16-22, 2021 as "Canadian Royal Purple Week."

We hereby recognize Canadian Royal Purple for the significant impact it has made and continues to make in our Community.

For more information on joining this organization call _____ or _____.

Canadianroyalpurplesociety.org

Edited: January, 2021

Directions from National Royal Purple

Proclamation Steps to make this happen in your city/town/village.

A proclamation is a formal way of making a public announcement.

In this proclamation we honor the members dedication, educate the public on what Canadian Royal Purple does in general terms and invites people to join the local Lodge.

1. First, use the sample proclamation, add your local information. The proclamation can be edited for local use.
2. Second, identify the best person/office to approach with the proclamation. Discuss the local impact and encourage this person to put forward the proclamation to Council. You may need to educate your local Council – take the history and contributions YOU’VE made to your community.
3. Third, make an appointment with the official for the signing of the proclamation, if possible. Take a photograph with the Mayor/Reeve signing the proclamation. Obtain permission to use the photo to promote Canadian Royal Purple Week.
4. Forward the photo to Provincial and National webmasters and local newspapers for sharing.

March 15, 2021

Salmon Arm Royal Purple
#279, 3690 30 Street NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 3L1

Dear Nancy Kurta,

Re: Proclamation for Royal Purple Week

We are in receipt of your letter dated March 3, 2021, requesting a proclamation for Royal Purple Week from May 16 - 22, 2021.

Your email will be included in the Informational Correspondence section of the March 22, 2021 Regular Council Agenda. Salmon Arm Council, at their Regular Meeting of June 23, 1998, resolved to discontinue issuance of proclamations.

On behalf of Council of the City of Salmon Arm, we thank the Salmon Arm Royal Purple for their involvement and donations in Salmon Arm.

Regards,



Erin Jackson
Director of Corporate Services

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Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 12:38 PM
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council

First Name Valerie

Last Name McKay

Address:

[REDACTED]

Return email address:

[REDACTED]

Subject: Business Permit

Body You have got to be kidding!
Has this City literally gone to Pot? You are allowing a cannabis store to open in the Picadilly Mall?????????????????Really?

Would you like a response: Yes

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Erin and The City of Salmon Arm
Wellness Warriors,

Thank you, Erin, for creating a team on behalf of our beautiful city and fundraising for our Society! It is truly appreciated to know that we have support from our leadership and we hope we can work together to create a healthy, resilient & positive community with abundance for all. We are all so fortunate to be here and we look forward to the work ahead! Sincerely, Melanie Bennett
on behalf of SFAS

For Immediate Release

The Salmon Arm Arts Centre brings you ... *The Wharf Sessions*: a live album for WOW 2021

Here at the Arts Centre, spring is when we usually plan and prepare for Wednesday on the Wharf (WOW), the outdoor summer concert series that has run for more than 27 years. For twelve consecutive Wednesday evenings starting in June, Marine Peace Park comes alive with the sounds of toe tappin' live music, as friends gather over picnics and children jump, dance, and twirl to the ever-present beat.

Like so many live music events, however, limits on public gatherings mean that WOW won't be offered in its usual format in 2021. Instead, the Salmon Arm Arts Centre has used our collective imagination, and we're excited to bring the joy of live music to the community in an accessible new way.

In place of WOW concerts at Marine Peace Park, the Arts Centre is pleased to announce *The Wharf Sessions*, a live recorded digital WOW album to be released on streaming platforms in June 2021. Just like WOW, the album will feature a range of musical styles, new and familiar faces, and fantastic music created here in the Shuswap. As all the music will be recorded live at the gazebo, and listeners can expect to hear the ambient sounds of the park, including birds, trains, and passers-by.

The Wharf Sessions is a collaboration between the Salmon Arm Arts Centre and the new Song Sparrow Hall, with production and audio engineering by Craig Newnes and Clea Roddick. The album will stream digitally and be available for download all summer long.

Got a favorite local band? Want them to have a track on the album? The Arts Centre is holding a contest from March 9th to 31st called *The Wharf Sessions People's Choice Contest* in which the public can vote for their favourite local band to be included on the album. Folks can vote in person at the Salmon Arm Art Gallery's Front Desk, by phone at 250 832 1170, or by email at wow@salmonarmartscentre.ca through to March 31, 2021.

Watch our social media feeds this spring when we release the full album lineup, including the People's Choice winner! Follow us on Instagram, facebook and youtube: @salmonarmartscentre.

For more info
Astrid Varnes, Program Manager
Salmon Arm Arts Centre
250 832 1170
wow@salmonarmartscentre.ca

The Wharf Sessions

PEOPLE'S CHOICE CONTEST

VOTE March 9 - 31, 2021

Vote for your
favourite
local band!



Salmon Arm Arts Centre and Song Sparrow Hall are pleased to announce **The Wharf Sessions**, a live recorded digital album celebrating the best of Wednesday on the Wharf. Recorded live under the gazebo at Marine Peace Park, the album will feature everything you love about WOW.

**Have a favourite local band
you'd like to hear on the album?**

Cast your **People's Choice** vote before March 31st!

HOW TO **VOTE**

In person Tues-Sat, 11 am-4pm at the Salmon Arm Art Gallery
Via email to wow@salmonarmartscentre.ca
By phone (250) 832-1170





SALMON ARM MUSEUM & HERITAGE ASSOCIATION AT

R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum

751 Hwy. 97B NE

P.O. Box 1642

Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4P7

Mayor and Council

March 8, 2021

City of Salmon Arm
PO Box 40
Salmon Arm, BC
V1E4N2

Re: Liquor License for the Sprig of Heather Restaurant

Dear Mayor and Council

This letter is to advise you that the Salmon Arm Museum Association is applying for a Primary Food License to serve liquor in the Sprig of Heather restaurant. Currently, we use Special Occasion Licenses for events, including our Dinner Theatre program. This Licence will give us more flexibility, enhance the visitor experience and save us money. Our General Manager has been in touch with the Provincial Licencing body and the local Liquor Inspector and it appears we would qualify and will be able to meet the requirements.

Yours truly
Salmon Arm Museum & Heritage Association

Norma Harisch, President

Real History - Hands-On Activities

♦ Ph: (250) 832-5243 ♦ info@salmonarmmuseum.org ♦ facebook.com/Haneyheritage ♦ www.salmonarmmuseum.org

Item 12.1.7

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

March 12, 2021

To Mayor and Council

Re: Alexander Plaza

The Salmon Arm Downtown Improvement Association at its regular board meeting of March 10, 2021 approved the following:

Motion to approve Alexander Plaza, an open-air pedestrian mall along Alexander Street, from Hudson Avenue to Lakeshore Drive. Times of operation to be Friday evenings from 5pm – 7:30pm, and Saturdays from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm; beginning June 18, and ending September 25, 2021.

The 2020 pilot season of the Alexander Plaza was deemed successful in creating a safe, socially distanced place to take in arts, shopping, outdoor dining, and live music in response to COVID-19 safety protocol. In February 2021, DSA conducted a survey of both downtown members and area residents to determine the desire to continue this program. From 210 participants, 96% were in favour of Alexander Plaza on Saturdays and 84% were in favour of the Friday evening addition.

In efforts to expand on the new reality of safely moving throughout places of commerce, and to continuing creative thinking on how to utilize downtown Salmon Arm as a place of attraction to both residents and visitors, Downtown Salmon Arm is seeking support for this proposal to:

- Open Alexander Street from Hudson to Lakeshore as an open-air mall to accommodate more people by redirecting vehicle traffic from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm Fridays, and 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Saturdays, from June 18 to September 25.
- Create a safe, inclusive, and engaging space for participants of all ages, abilities, and identifications.
- Program activities on the street during this time that celebrate Shuswap life, such as live music, plein air art, artisan booths, food and beverage providers, outdoor cinemas, community awareness, and others based on available funding.
- Create a way-finding route from the Downtown Farmer's Market to Alexander Street with the assistance of PLAY Shuswap that encourages creative movement.
- Create wayfinding from Alexander Plaza to downtown businesses and attractions that are located throughout downtown.
- Continue support for businesses who wish to set up 'sidewalk' sales, outdoor benches, or dining areas.

DOWNTOWN SALMON ARM
250 SHUSWAP STREET NE, PO BOX 1928
SALMON ARM, BRITISH COLUMBIA V1E 4P9

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SALMON ARM

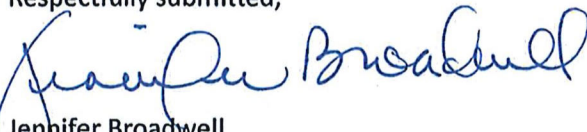
- Continue evaluation of the program's success throughout and after operational dates.
- Request city staff to provide assistance with the street closure at 4pm Fridays and 7am Saturdays.

In our growing community, the demographics are changing and flourishing. Downtown Salmon Arm wishes to move with this refashioning by welcoming our long-term and newly landed residents to its epicenter through thoughtful timing and activation.

Should you require further information, please contact me.

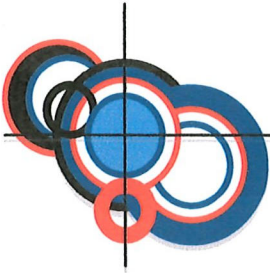
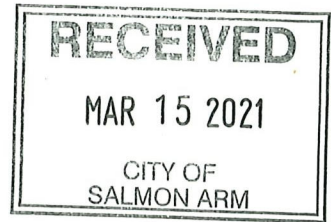
Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broadwell
Manager

DOWNTOWN SALMON ARM
250 SHUSWAP STREET NE, PO BOX 1928
SALMON ARM, BRITISH COLUMBIA V1E 4P9



Salmon Arm CURLING CLUB

691 - 28th St NE, Salmon Arm, BC, V1E2S7

March 12, 2021

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

Dear Mayor Harrison and Council Members:

Subject: 2021 Operational Funding - \$40,000.00

On behalf of the Salmon Arm Curling Club, thank you for the operational funding provided to the Club through the City's 2021 Budget and its COVID Recovery Fund. The money provided will assist the SACC in managing the substantial losses experienced due to the pandemic.

As Council is aware, the last two curling seasons have been extremely challenging for the Club and the provincial health orders to cancel all adult sports effective March 16, 2020 and then again on December 8, 2020 resulted in the immediate closures of our facility and all its activities - although the monies required to maintain the facility remained.

The operational funding provided by Council will go a long way to ensure that curling remains a viable sport within the community.

Thank you so very much from all the curlers in the community.

Sincerely,

Donna Shultz,
President



Community Recognition

Sicamous Now Has Licensed Childcare

The District of Sicamous council took a leap of faith purchasing a building in advance of knowing how to ultimately pay for it. That building has now turned into their new beautiful licensed childcare center for the community, run by the community. Watch the ribbon cutting and take a virtual tour of the Little Bear's Childcare Centre [here](#). Early childhood development is an important building block of a healthy community!

Osoyoos and the Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD) Complete Housing Needs Reports

Municipalities throughout the province of BC are developing Housing Needs Reports in order to meet the 2019 provincial requirements. These reports strengthen the ability of local governments to understand what kinds of housing are most needed in their communities, and to help inform local plans, policies, and development decisions which will lead to creating healthier communities. Recently completed reports in the Interior region include the [Town of Osoyoos](#) and the [TNRD](#) (along with many of its member municipalities).

The TNRD's engagement process was a key component of the assessment and included the following objectives:

- 1) Collect data,
- 2) Ground truth data findings,
- 3) Promote equity through the engagement process, and
- 4) Identify community strengths to inform asset-based recommendations.

Find the TNRD's engagement summary [here](#). You can read about Osoyoos' growth based on findings from their housing needs report [here](#).

New Seniors' Housing Facility Takes Shape in Clinton

The development of a supportive living facility in Clinton began more than 10 years ago to meet a growing need in the village. The Clinton and District Assisted Living Society has been a critical component to making the facility happen and they acknowledge the ongoing support of the Village of Clinton, the Thompson Nicola Regional District, multiple levels of government, local organizations, churches, and surrounding First Nation communities. Read [this article](#) and [this article](#) to learn how the facility came to be.

Local Government Role in Vaccine Rollout

Thank
you!!

Thank you to all municipalities who worked with IH to establish the very important [community vaccination clinics](#)! Partnerships have been crucial as we tackle the pandemic together.

Events & Learning Opportunities

Physical Activity Policy and Surveillance: The Relevance of a Sustained National & Provincial/Territorial Monitoring System - Webinar

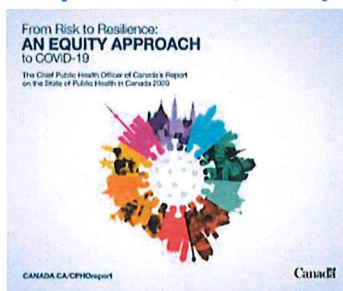
The Canadian Fitness and Lifestyle Research Institute is [hosting a webinar](#) on **March 25th at 11:30am (PST)** to explore effective monitoring and surveillance of physical activity and sport. This data can be used to plan, implement, and evaluate policies, programs and practice. It also helps identify trends, gaps, challenges, and promising practices. Policy-makers, decision-makers, and leaders in physical activity, sport, and recreation are invited to attend to learn more about:

- How Canadian data influences national and provincial/territorial strategies and action plans;
- Best practices in physical activity surveillance from around the world, including new research on global physical activity and policy surveillance (e.g. WHO policies, Sustainable Development Goals, and the Global Action Plan for Physical Activity);
- The development of new research tools and indicators nationally and globally.



Canadian Fitness
and Lifestyle
Research Institute

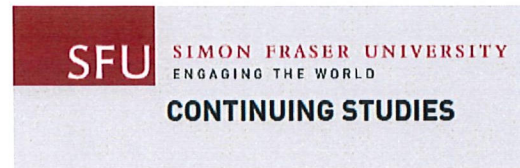
From Risk to Resilience: A Health Equity Approach to Pandemic Preparedness, Response and Recovery - Webinar Series



This 5-part conversation series is an opportunity for public health professionals, community health leaders, researchers and decision-makers to build our collective capacity to use a health equity approach in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from COVID-19 and future pandemics. The series is anchored in the 2020 Annual Report from Canada's Chief Public Health Officer. Listen to the past recorded conversations from the series and register for future ones [here](#).

Planning and Designing Healthy Communities

This two-day intensive workshop (**April 23 & 24**) will introduce participants to key principles and strategies for the planning and designing of healthy communities.



Building on recent work and new research on the relationship between urban design and public health, the instructors will introduce participants to the Healthy Built Environment Linkages Toolkit and provide guidance on how to develop a health impact assessment.

Featuring guest speakers from the Metro Vancouver public health community, this interactive course will be grounded in the practical demands of local government policy development, design and implementation. [Click here for more information and registration.](#)

The End of Poverty: Tamarack Institute's Virtual Event



We are at a unique moment in history in which cities, provinces/territories and our federal government are all converging with independent, yet interrelated, poverty reduction strategies.

On **May 5-6th 2021**, join Tamarack's Cities Reducing Poverty Network to explore

Ending Poverty pathways and co-create a vision to end poverty for all Canadians. This virtual gathering is open to everyone. Elected officials from all levels of government, city staff, business leaders, funders, poverty reduction collaborative leaders, community organizations, and experts with lived/living experience of poverty will teach and learn together.

The End of Poverty will include inspiring keynotes, engaging panels and workshops, and daily small group discussions, each serving to help us collectively advance ideas for ending poverty. Registrants will also have the opportunity to deepen their learning through one of four courses that will be offered at 50% off Tamarack's regular rate. Check out the [event webpage](#) to learn more and register.

Advancing Healthy Public Policy

Updated B.C. Provincial Injury Data Online Tool

Injury data is helpful when planning for active transportation or road safety initiatives. The iDOT© is an easy-to-use, menu-driven system that makes injury data available to injury prevention practitioners and professionals, as well as the public. It is an effective and efficient way for users to access injury data including mortality, morbidity, traffic accidents, and sports. The iDOT Tools and Visualizations has been updated to include 2018 data in the [Mortality Tool](#) and 2019 data in the [Traffic Accident System Tool](#).

100% Renewable Energy in Your Community Playbook & Toolkit

This Playbook, brought to us by the West Kootenay EcoSociety, provides a play-by-play guide to developing bottom-up support in your community for climate action. The Toolkit is a list of example resources for you to cut, copy, paste and customize for your use. We offer resources like this because climate change is a major public health threat. Together this playbook & toolkit are a template to get your community to a commitment and a plan to adopt 100% renewable energy. [Access them both here.](#)

**100% RENEWABLE ENERGY
IN YOUR COMMUNITY:
PLAYBOOK & TOOLKIT**

Let's Talk: Health Equity Resources from the NCCDH

We recommend the [Let's Talk Series](#) from the National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health. Check out [Let's Talk: Community Engagement for Health Equity](#) that explains how equitable engagement involves hearing from all different voices and inviting those who face inequities to be involved in the decision-making process. Also, [Let's Talk: Whiteness and Health Equity](#), demonstrates how Whiteness is not only detrimental to Black, Indigenous and other racialized peoples; Whiteness also affects the health and well-being of white people.

BC Food Security Gateway



The BC Food Security Gateway (The Gateway) is an online resource that provides BC communities with up-to-date food security information. [The Gateway](#) is meant to inform and link readers to projects, initiatives, and organizations in British Columbia as well as publications, tools, guides, and news – so that everyone can contribute to building food

security in BC. Most recently, The Gateway has been featuring resources and blog posts about how to take an anti-racist approach in food system work.

One-stop Shop for Green Infrastructure Resources

The [Municipal Hub: Green Infrastructure Resources for Municipalities](#) from the Green Infrastructure Ontario Coalition is a one-stop-shop for resources that support municipalities and other practitioners in overcoming barriers and implementing more green infrastructure.



Closer to home, we have the [BC Climate Action Toolkit](#), which offers similar resources targeted to BC local governments working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and, at the same time, strengthen their communities.

Funding News

Strengthening Communities' Services Program

Building on the Province's commitment to help people and communities through the pandemic, local governments and Treaty First Nations may now apply for \$100 million in grants to address

the impacts of homelessness, support people and strengthen communities' health and safety. Check out this [press release](#) from the province. This new program will provide grants to temporarily support communities to meet emerging health and safety needs on the ground. The program is application based and open to all local governments, including municipalities, regional districts and Treaty First Nations. Application deadline is **April 16, 2021**; visit this [website](#) for more information.

Local Government Development Approvals Grant

The province has announced a new program to support local governments in improving their development approval processes while meeting local government planning and policy goals when it comes to fulfilling the housing needs in our communities. The intent of this grant program is to aid the implementation of established best practices and innovative methods to support non-profit housing organizations, developers, and community stakeholders to deliver diverse housing types across the housing continuum. Application deadline is **May 7, 2021**. To apply, please visit this [website](#).

Plan H Funding

Be sure to watch the [PlanH](#) funding website for the 2021 funding streams to open! The next round of funding will be available this spring for local governments. If you require any assistance with your grant application, please reach out to your local IH-Healthy Communities contact!



Sincerely,

Your Healthy Communities Team

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Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2021

Paul Demenok, CSRD Director for Area 'C', South Shuswap, was acclaimed as Chair, and Jay Simpson, CSRD Director for Area 'F', North Shuswap, was acclaimed as Vice Chair.

Update from Program Managers

Erin Vieira provided an update on program operations since the last meeting:

- The 2021 Water Quality Grant Program launched in late February. Proponents can find information about eligibility and an application package online at www.shuswapwater.ca. The application period closes April 30th.
- Staff reviewed a recommendation from the Shuswap Water Monitoring Group that the SWC lead the development of a collaborative regional algal response plan with several water quality monitoring partners, including the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Interior Health Authority
- Staff are preparing media campaigns for the prevention of Zebra and Quagga Mussels to the Shuswap. Campaign messaging focuses on Clean-Drain-Dry practices and watercraft inspection.
- Staff reviewed the results of a series of presentations to community groups through late Fall and Winter 2020
- Staff have submitted two grant applications for funding to support the SWC's work; both applications are to federal granting programs

Expenses to the end of the third quarter (April 1st - December 30th 2020) total \$215,802 against the annual operating budget of \$323,450.

Budget and workplan for 2021-22 approved

Staff presented the proposed workplan and budget for 2021-22. The operational expenses total \$390,250 with a projected operative reserve of \$113,645. The budget reflects two unconfirmed grant applications to federal funding programs. The budget will be adjusted according to the outcomes of the applications. The workplan and budget were approved, and take effect April 1st 2021.

Guest presentation on Upper Adams River Salmon Restoration project

Mr. Don Holmes, R.P. Bio, Lakeshore Environmental, gave a presentation about a three-year salmon restoration project taking place in the Adams Lake watershed, led by Adams Lake Indian Band and the Secwepemc Fisheries Commission. The project proposes to fertilize parts of Adams Lake to boost the plankton communities and improve juvenile salmon growth and survival; the project also includes a comprehensive monitoring program.

A full meeting summary is available on the SWC website.

SWC MEMBERS:

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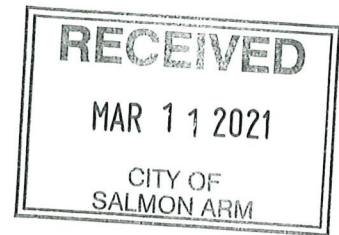
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Mayor Alan Harrison
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Dear Mr. Harrison:

Thank you for your principled objection to introducing new municipal bylaws for regulating legal handgun ownership. [Bill C-21](#) offers municipalities a poisoned chalice. I agree with you. Bill C-21 is misdirected. Criminal code enforcement belong to higher levels of government.

Under Bill C-21, municipal bylaws would be enforced by Ottawa by introducing conditions on legally registered handguns and, therefore, Bill C-21 ignores illegal handguns. If a municipality were to ban handguns, the RCMP would simply revoke the registrations of all legal handguns in that municipality.

Because Bill C-21 ignores unregistered handguns, a municipal bylaw activated under [Bill C-21](#) could not stop anyone from using an illegal handgun.

Thank you for recognizing that Bill C-21 is aimed at the wrong target. Legal handgun owners are not the problem. According to [Statistics Canada data](#), they are extremely law abiding.

As I'm sure you know, handguns are already [strictly regulated](#) by the federal government. Anyone who legally owns a handgun must be vetted by the RCMP, pass a safety test to acquire a firearm licence, and, of course, register their handgun. Legal owners are subject to a nightly check for any possible legal infraction as well as adhering to strict regulations on the use and storage of their firearms.

Why is Ottawa focusing on sport shooters who own legally registered handguns?
Why isn't Ottawa taking violent crime seriously?

These are questions that you may wish to see address through the Union of BC Municipalities.

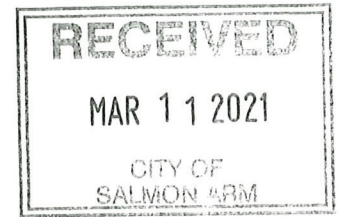
Thank you again for your principled stand.

Respectfully yours,

Gary Mauser
Chair, BCWF Firearms Committee
And
Professor Emeritus

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Alan Harrison
Mayor, City of Salmon Arm
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Dear Mayor Harrison & Council,

We would like to share with you the exciting results of the 2020 BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program in Salmon Arm. BC Association of Farmers Markets (BCAFM) delivers this provincial program and is extremely proud of its deep impact on both people and farmers across BC, particularly at this time during the COVID pandemic.

Over the last year, this valued program connected with 75 communities making fresh, healthy, local foods more accessible to 15,890 British Columbians and directly benefited 940 farmers across British Columbia.

In 2020, a total of **\$10,230** was invested directly in **Salmon Arm** through the Program.

Our partner in your community, the **Shuswap Family Centre** provided lower-income pregnant women, families and seniors with coupons to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, cheese, eggs, nuts, fish, meat and herbs direct from farmers at your local farmers' market.

As a result, program participants from Salmon Arm ate more local foods, learned about healthy eating, and felt connected to their community. At the same time, the local food system was strengthened with farmers in your community benefitting from additional revenue to sustain their farms.

Our Request To You

Our community partners, participants and farmers are grateful for this Program in your community. If you agree, we kindly ask you to send a thank you letter to the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. Your encouragement and feedback can strengthen support for ongoing funding for the Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program and ensure we continue to build healthier BC communities together.

Opportunity to Meet?

If you were like to learn more about the Program, the work of your local farmers market and community partners, we would be pleased to organize an online meeting. Please contact the program manager, Peter Leblanc at peter@bcfarmersmarket.org set this up.

We look forward to working with your community again in 2021!

With gratitude,

Heather O'Hara
Executive Director
BC Association of Farmers' Markets

Vickey Brown
President, Board of Directors
BC Association of Farmers' Markets

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From: Dani Nadeau <dnadeau@cupw-sttp.org>
Sent: March-15-21 11:01 AM
To: Caylee Simmons <csimmons@salmonarm.ca>
Subject: SUPPORT DELIVERING COMMUNITY POWER

Dear Municipal leaders,

Attached is a letter from our National President, Jan Simpson, as well as a resolution that may be adopted by your council.

Our "[Delivering Community Power](#)" campaign fits perfectly into a just and inclusive post-COVID, post-carbon recovery that will benefit all communities. Canada Post and its network of 6,400 post offices need to offer more.

On behalf of over 55,000 postal workers from coast to coast to coast, I urge you to adopt this resolution. Your support will be invaluable to ensure the federal government's commitment to necessary change.

If you need more information or have any questions about our campaign, please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to help.

Please accept my best regards.

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Kate Holowatiuk

Delivering Community Power

Campaign Coordinator- Pacific Region

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March, 2021

Subject: Request for Support for Delivering Community Power

Dear Municipal Leaders,

In 2016, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, with a coalition of allies, launched [Delivering Community Power](#) – a visionary program for Canada Post to confront climate change, promote better access to expanded services, bring financial inclusion to unbanked and underbanked communities, and address other social inequalities – all by making the most of our existing public postal service network.

Today, while progress has been made on many of the initiatives in the vision, the situation has become more urgent. Effects of climate change are deadly and are affecting nearly every part of society all around the world. The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed the need for a more equal, more resilient society that prioritizes the health of our most vulnerable neighbours and loved ones, *before* profit. We are relying more than ever on the internet to connect people and to do our business, but rural residents are getting second-class service.

The continuing decline of letters combined with a dramatic rise in parcels from e-commerce makes it plain to see: the postal service has to adapt to a new reality. This is a great opportunity to address multiple problems at once, with a valued public infrastructure that connects everyone in their own community.

Please consider proposing the attached resolution to have your municipality endorse the campaign for expanded services, financial viability, climate action, and – all through leveraging our public postal system. The time is now!

Thank you for your support!



Jan Simpson
National President
Canadian Union of Postal Workers

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MAILING INFORMATION

Please send your resolution to: Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, Rm 18A1, 11 Laurier Street Phase III, Place du Portage, Gatineau, QC, K1A 0S5

Please send copies of your resolution to:

Jan Simpson, President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, 377 Bank Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1Y3

Your Member of Parliament. You can get your MP's name, phone number and address by calling 1-800 463-6868 (at no charge) or going to the Parliament of Canada website: <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Members/en>

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SUPPORT DELIVERING COMMUNITY POWER

Whereas there is an urgent need for banking services among the unbanked or underbanked, given that thousands of villages and rural municipalities do not have a bank branch and more than 900 municipalities have expressed their support for postal banking;

Whereas thousands of Canadians do not have access to affordable high-speed Internet, and the federal government has long promised to bridge the rural broadband gap;

Whereas urgent action is needed to establish a robust network of electric vehicle charging stations;

Whereas to achieve carbon-neutral targets by 2050, Canada Post must greatly accelerate the electrification of its fleet;

Whereas the extensive network of post offices in our communities can provide a wide range of services as community hubs;

Whereas Canada Post's letter carriers and RSMCs can check-in on vulnerable residents to help keep us in our homes longer as we age;

Whereas Canada Post must play its part for a more equitable post-pandemic recovery;

Whereas "The Way Forward for Canada Post," the report of the 2016 federal public review of the postal service, recommended that Canada Post expand services and adapt its services to the changing needs of the public;

Whereas the Canadian Union of Postal Workers has advanced *Delivering Community Power*, a vision of the post-carbon digital-age postal service that address the above needs and more;

Be it resolved that _____ endorse *Delivering Community Power*, and write to the Honourable Anita Anand, Minister for Public Services and Procurement, with its rationale and a copy of this resolution.



Reference: 260847

Feb. 2, 2021

The Provincial Tree Planting Program and COVID-19 Protocols

Dear Mayor / Chief and Council

It was my intent to reach out to the municipalities, indigenous communities, forest licensees and the planting contract community prior to the start of the 2021 planting season. The past year has been filled with new and challenging business processes focused on keeping workers and communities safe as the COVID-19 pandemic spread across the province. As you'll remember, last spring's planting season began as our knowledge of the pandemic started to unfold, and through an unprecedented season of collaboration by all sectors, we successfully planted over 300 million trees with close to 6000 tree planters and without a single confirmed case of the COVID-19 virus in our workforce.

The combination of Public Health Office orders and operating guidelines, along with the forest sector working collaboratively with government and local communities, was paramount in helping make the 2020 planting season successful. The forestry sector is currently preparing for the 2021 tree planting season again, to ensure community and worker safety with respect to COVID-19. Forest activities, including tree planting, continue to be designated an essential service during the COVID-19 pandemic. As an important part of the provincial economy and for environmental sustainability, every year the forest sector in BC engages in Canada's largest tree planting program to ensure that areas harvested or destroyed by insects and wildfire are replanted. The 2021 planting season will be equally significant to last year, with about 300 million seedlings scheduled to be planted.

The 2021 planting program will begin on BC's coast at the end of February and in the interior in about mid-April. Learning from our experiences last year, the forest sector response and safe delivery of the 2020 tree planting program, preparations began last fall and will continue through the tree planting season to ensure that the safety of our workers and the surrounding communities are our highest priority.

For the 2021 tree planting season our goals are once again to:

- Prevent the transmission of any potential infection from the silviculture workers to communities around the province; and
- Ensure that the planters are kept safe and healthy so they can complete another planting season successfully.

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- Keep municipalities and indigenous community leaders informed of the planting as it moves with the spring openings.

To ensure that we can achieve our goals, as we did in 2020, please be aware of the following:

- Those working in the silviculture industry in the north of the province must follow the requirements of the new Provincial Health Officer (PHO) order, *Resource Sector Worksites and Industrial Camps in the Region of the Northern Health Authority* published as of January 12, 2021, <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-industrial-camps-northern-health.pdf> while the rest of the province is required to follow the pre-existing order *Industrial Camps – July2, 2020*. https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/archived-docs/pho_order_industrial_camps_april_23_2020.pdf All workers will be required to follow the PHO orders as they are amended to address changing conditions.
- Along with PHO orders, there are a number of guidance documents available to the planting contractors, both from the Ministry of Health and the Western Forestry Contractors Association (WFCA).
- A key success factor in 2020, which will continue for 2021, is the commitment for government and industry to align and collaborate on delivery of the planting program. A critical piece of that commitment includes frequent and clear communication.

An essential part of that commitment to communication is to identify and resolve issues both within the planting programs and also, most importantly, to provide information to communities about what is happening as the tree planting season progresses. As with all good communication, it will also provide you with an opportunity to ask questions and provide details about local issues.

Outreach and communication will begin over the next few weeks as we approach the planting season in your area.

I have asked the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development District Managers to be the point of contact for tree planting information for communities following on the success and effectiveness of the role they played in 2020.

In the interim, if you have specific questions please direct them to Shane Berg, Deputy Chief Forester at Shane.Berg@gov.bc.ca. With your assistance, I am confident we will accomplish similar successes in 2021.

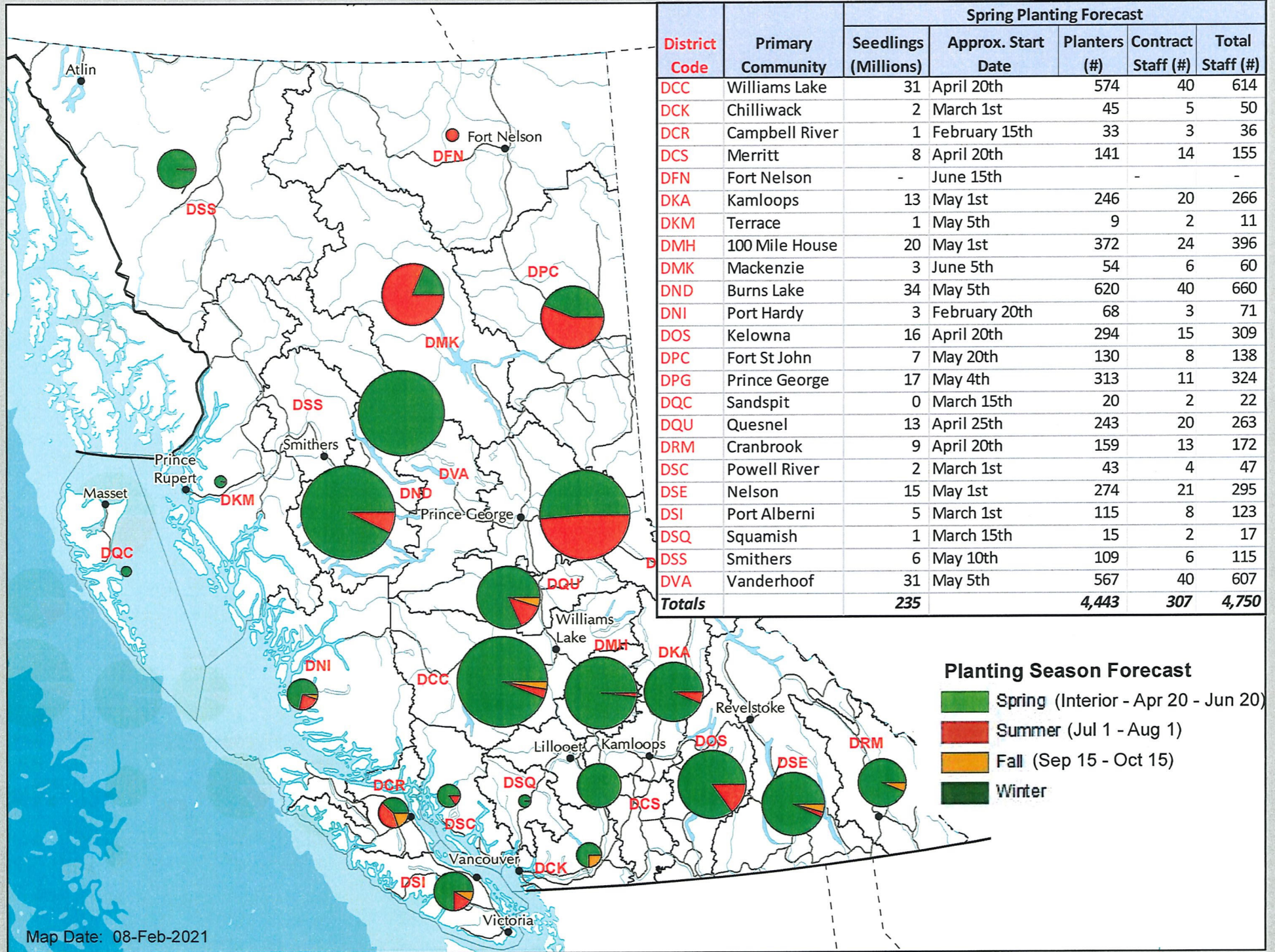
Yours truly,



Diane Nicholls, RPF
ADM, Chief Forester
Office of the Chief Forester

pc: The Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister
Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer

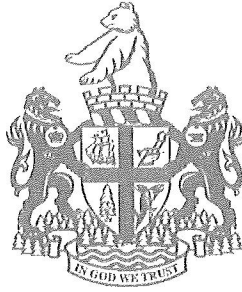
2021 Spring Planting Forecast by Natural Resource District



District Code	Primary Community	Spring Planting Forecast				
		Seedlings (Millions)	Approx. Start Date	Planters (#)	Contract Staff (#)	Total Staff (#)
DCC	Williams Lake	31	April 20th	574	40	614
DCK	Chilliwack	2	March 1st	45	5	50
DCR	Campbell River	1	February 15th	33	3	36
DCS	Merritt	8	April 20th	141	14	155
DFN	Fort Nelson	-	June 15th	-	-	-
DKA	Kamloops	13	May 1st	246	20	266
DKM	Terrace	1	May 5th	9	2	11
DMH	100 Mile House	20	May 1st	372	24	396
DMK	Mackenzie	3	June 5th	54	6	60
DND	Burns Lake	34	May 5th	620	40	660
DNI	Port Hardy	3	February 20th	68	3	71
DOS	Kelowna	16	April 20th	294	15	309
DPC	Fort St John	7	May 20th	130	8	138
DPG	Prince George	17	May 4th	313	11	324
DQC	Sandspit	0	March 15th	20	2	22
DQU	Quesnel	13	April 25th	243	20	263
DRM	Cranbrook	9	April 20th	159	13	172
DSC	Powell River	2	March 1st	43	4	47
DSE	Nelson	15	May 1st	274	21	295
DSI	Port Alberni	5	March 1st	115	8	123
DSQ	Squamish	1	March 15th	15	2	17
DSS	Smithers	6	May 10th	109	6	115
DVA	Vanderhoof	31	May 5th	567	40	607
Totals		235		4,443	307	4,750

Planting Season Forecast

- Spring (Interior - Apr 20 - Jun 20)
- Summer (Jul 1 - Aug 1)
- Fall (Sep 15 - Oct 15)
- Winter



Jonathan X. Coté
Mayor

March 5, 2021

The Honourable Melanie Mark
Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport
PO Box 9082, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Mark:

Re: Support for Laid-off Hotel and Tourism Industry Workers

I am writing to ask that the BC government protect the livelihoods of laid-off hotel and tourism industry workers and their rights to return to their jobs when the pandemic eases. These rights are at risk as there are reports of hotels refusing to commit to bringing workers back to their jobs when business returns. To this end, on March 1, 2021, the New Westminster City Council passed the following resolution:

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AND WHEREAS the duration of the pandemic means that recall rights require extension;

AND WHEREAS there are reports of hotels in British Columbia refusing to commit to bringing workers back to their jobs when business returns;

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AND WHEREAS the City of New Westminster is committed to a COVID recovery plan that takes better care of people, the environment, and the community than the systems we had before the pandemic;

AND WHEREAS the City of New Westminster recognizes hotel workers and people who work in the tourism industry as valued and valuable members of our community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of New Westminster affirms that people should not lose their livelihoods due to the pandemic; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this letter be forwarded to all BC municipalities asking to write their support; and

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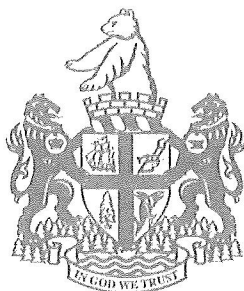
We appreciate your consideration of this important matter.

Yours truly,



Jonathan X. Cote
Mayor

Cc: Hon. Harry Bains, Minister of Labour
All BC municipalities



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Mayor

March 5, 2021

The Honourable Harry Bains
Minister of Labour
PO Box 9064, Stn Prov Govt
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Jonathan X. Cote
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Cc: Hon. Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport
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March 5, 2021

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File: 0320-20-01

The Honourable Patty Hajdu

sent via email

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Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca

Re: Support for 988 Crisis Line

Please be advised that at the Monday, March 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, the Township of Spallumcheen Council passed the following resolution:

“THAT the Township of Spallumcheen Council pass the following motion and direct a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MPP, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities as outlined in the letter from Member of Parliament Mel Arnold, North Okanagan - Shuswap for support for a National Suicide Prevention Hotline:

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 percent;

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 Township of Spallumcheen Council 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 Township of Spallumcheen Council endorses this 988 crisis line initiative.”

Council understands, now more than ever, that Canadians may need access to additional resources amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. It is imperative, we as elected officials, do everything that we can to help everyone come out stronger on the other side of this unprecedented and challenging time.

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

Respectfully,

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Christine Fraser
Mayor

cc. Member Municipalities
MP Todd Doherty
MP Mel Arnold
Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)



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March 10, 2021

Honourable Nelly Shin
Member of Parliament
Port Moody – Coquitlam
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Via email: nelly.shin@parl.gc.ca

Dear Honourable Nelly Shin,

Re: Belcarra Council Motion – Endorsement of 9-8-8 Crisis Line Initiative

Please be advised that at a Regular meeting of Belcarra Council held on March 8, 2021, the following motion was passed:

“That the Village of Belcarra endorse the 9-8-8 crisis line initiative; and
That staff be directed to send a letter indicating support to the local MP, MPP, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and UBCM municipalities to indicate the support of Belcarra.”

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of Belcarra Council. 2021 has been an unprecedented challenge. There have been considerable impacts from the COVID-19 Pandemic on the mental health of Canadians. Through unanimous consent, Belcarra supports the creation of a National 3-Digit Suicide Prevention Hotline in Canada.

Sincerely,

Jamie Ross
Mayor

cc Hon. Adrian Dix, Minister of Health
Rick Glumac, MLA
CRTC
UBCM Member Municipalities



March 11, 2021

File: 01-0390-20/21

UBCM Member Municipalities

Sent via email

Dear UBCM Members:

Re: Fair Taxation from Railway Operations & Industrial Parks

At its March 2, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, Pitt Meadows City Council endorsed two resolutions related to fair taxation from railway operations and industrial parks for inclusion and discussion at the upcoming LMLGA Convention, in advance of the UBCM Convention this fall. Certified copies of both resolutions and background information regarding same have been enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,
City of Pitt Meadows

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Kate Barchard
Corporate Officer

Enclosure

CERTIFICATION

I, TANYA BARR, Deputy Corporate Officer for the City of Pitt Meadows, HEREBY CERTIFY that the following is a true and exact extract of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Pitt Meadows City Council held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 regarding the Proposed Lower Mainland Local Government Association Resolution - Golden Ears Business Park:

"It was MOVED and SECONDED THAT Council approve the following resolution and submit it to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) for consideration:

- A. *WHEREAS section 5 (f) of the Assessment Act - Prescribed Classes of Property Regulation B.C. Reg. 438/81 mandates that land or improvements used for transporting of products or used for the storage of products are classified as Class 5 Light Industry, but specifically excludes land or improvements being used principally as an outlet for the sale of a finished product to a purchaser for purposes of his or her own consumption;*
- B. *AND WHEREAS this legislation creates unfair taxation from industrial parks which are a heavy burden on City infrastructure through heavy trucking activity in movement of product;*
- C. *THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UBCM urge the Provincial Government to repeal section 5 (f) of the Assessment Act - Prescribed Classes of Property Regulation B.C. Reg. 438/81 to create fair taxation from industrial parks.*

CARRIED."



Tanya Barr
Deputy Corporate Officer
City of Pitt Meadows



Date Signed

Fair Taxation from Industrial Parks

Backgrounder

At the March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting, Council passed a resolution seeking endorsement by the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) regarding ending unfair taxation benefitting Industrial Parks.

Industrial parks are an area zoned and planned for the purpose of industrial development. Also, an industrial park is a more 'heavyweight' version of a business park or office park. The Golden Ears Business Park is a large-scale industrial park in Pitt Meadows. The concentration of industry in an industrial park raises environmental concerns from the heavy transportation volumes as well as the burden on road infrastructure with the constant movement of cargo on semitrailers.

The Assessment Act categorizes property held for transporting products as Class 5 Light Industry.

However, the Assessment Act – Prescribed Classes of Property Regulation B.C. Reg. 438/81 section 5 (f) specifically excludes property being used as an outlet for the sale of a finished product to a purchaser for purposes of his or her own consumption. The existence of this section results in creating unfair taxation by moving Industrial Park operations to Class 6 Business.

Recognizing the burden on city services in the provision of road infrastructure, removal of section 5 (f) would result in Industrial Park operations being more appropriately included within the Class 5 Light Industry classification. This action would create fairer taxation by including industrial park activities within the property class more relative to the nature of the operations.

Additional background information may be found in the January 19, 2021 Council Agenda package:

https://pittmeadows.ca.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=1208&meta_id=143659

March 11, 2021

UBCM member local governments

VIA Email

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Raise Disability and Income Assistance to a Livable Rate

At its March 8, 2021 Regular Council meeting, the Council for the City of Langley endorsed the following resolution and resolved that it be forwarded to UBCM member local governments, local MLAs and MPs, as well as the Provincial ministers responsible for Social Development, Poverty Reduction, Finance, and Housing, requesting favourable consideration:

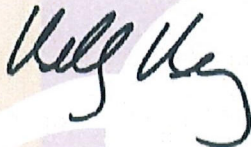
WHEREAS after many years of frozen income assistance rates and only minimal increases to disability benefits the current Provincial Government increased rates, for single people, by \$150 between 2017 and 2019 but most people who receive disability benefits or income assistance continue to live well below the poverty line; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government added a \$300/month COVID benefit for those receiving disability and income assistance, which temporarily reduced people's risk of losing their housing and increased their access to necessities including food and medical supplies, but as of January 2021 the benefit has been reduced to \$150/month and there is no commitment to provide additional support past March 2021;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia permanently reinstate the automatic, \$300/month benefit for people receiving disability benefits and income assistance and move to raise disability and income assistance to a livable rate that is above the market basket measure (MBM).

Background information on this resolution is enclosed for reference.

Yours truly,
CITY OF LANGLEY



Kelly Kenney
Corporate Officer

Enclosure



CITY OF LANGLEY

COUNCIL MEMBER MOTION

RAISE DISABILITY AND INCOME ASSISTANCE TO A LIVABLE RATE – Mayor van den Broek

BACKGROUND:

For decades B.C. has had one of the highest rates of poverty in the country. As part of a broader Poverty Reduction Strategy, the current Provincial government increased disability and income assistance rates, for single people, by \$150 between 2017 and 2019. Even with these increases most people who receive this assistance continue to live below the poverty line.

In response to the economic hardships of the pandemic, the Federal Government determined that \$2000/month was required to meet a minimum standard of living in Canada. This is significantly higher than what people on disability or income assistance receive per month. In April of 2020 the Province of British Columbia provided an automatic, monthly, \$300 COVID benefit for those receiving disability and income assistance. This significantly reduced people's risk of losing their housing and increased their access to necessities including food and medical supplies but did not raise disability or income assistance rates to or above the poverty line.

A single person on income assistance receives \$760/month and \$1060 with the COVID top-up. Someone on disability benefits is eligible for \$1183.42/month or \$1483 with the top-up. These rates do not reflect the cost of living in BC. The current average rent for a one bedroom in Langley is \$1200, forcing people who access assistance to give up basic necessities in order to pay rent. These gaps send an impact across our whole community, creating or worsening other social crises, including homelessness and mental health issues, and lock community members into poverty. As of January 2021, the \$300 monthly top-up has been reduced by half and there is no guarantee of an extension of this top-up past March 2021.

Access to one-time, temporary measures to address gaps in funding, like the Recovery Benefit, are subject to an application process. The application process will be a barrier for those who require additional support to apply. The Provincial government has signaled towards a permanent increase for disability and income assistance. This is welcomed news but reinstating the \$300 top-up, even permanently, would not raise disability or income assistance rates to the poverty line. Ultimately, to eliminate poverty, disability and income assistance must be raised to livable rates that are above the market basket measure (MBM). Community members have shared their significant challenges, poverty and disability groups, locally and across BC, have strongly advocated for this change, Victoria and New Westminster City Council recently passed a similar motion, and Vancouver City

Council passed a motion to raise rates in 2019. We recommend advancing this issue to the Province through the Union of BC Municipalities.

MOTION:

THAT Council endorses the following resolution and directs staff to forward copies to UBCM member local governments, local MLA's and MP's, as well as the Provincial ministers responsible for Social Development, Poverty Reduction, Finance, and Housing, requesting favourable consideration:

WHEREAS after many years of frozen income assistance rates and only minimal increases to disability benefits the current Provincial Government increased rates, for single people, by \$150 between 2017 and 2019 but most people who receive disability benefits or income assistance continue to live well below the poverty line; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government added a \$300/month COVID benefit for those receiving disability and income assistance, which temporarily reduced people's risk of losing their housing and increased their access to necessities including food and medical supplies, but as of January 2021 the benefit has been reduced to \$150/month and there is no commitment to provide additional support past March 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia permanently reinstate the automatic, \$300/month benefit for people receiving disability benefits and income assistance and move to raise disability and income assistance to a livable rate that is above the market basket measure (MBM).



March 10, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Victoria City Council, I am writing today to inform you that Council has voted to endorse the Help Cities Lead campaign and to request that your city consider doing the same. Emissions from buildings account for about 11% of the province's GHG emissions. This is the third highest source of GHG emissions in BC after road transportation (27.1%) and the oil and gas sector (17.6%). For municipalities, GHG emissions from existing buildings account for 40-60% of community emissions. In Victoria, this number is around 50% of our community GHG inventory.

In British Columbia, the regulation of buildings typically occurs at the provincial level. For the past two decades British Columbia has been at the forefront of action and policies taken in Canada to reduce energy use and GHG emissions from buildings. The 2018 CleanBC Plan moved the province further in this direction with key commitments for the building sector such as a net-zero energy building standard by 2032, a building upgrade standard by 2024, and exploring building energy labelling options.

A number of local governments, including Victoria, are keen to take even bolder action, and have set ambitious targets of our own to significantly reduce GHG emissions from buildings over the next 10 years in alignment with climate emergency declarations. The success of the Province in achieving deep emissions reductions from the building sector are directly connected to the success of local governments to achieve their own targets because most buildings are situated within these communities. However, tools currently available to local governments to pursue these ambitious reduction targets are largely limited to information campaigns and incentives. Although helpful, on their own these tools are insufficient to achieve broad and deep energy and GHG reductions given limited budgets.

Help Cities Lead (helpcitieslead.ca) is an education and awareness campaign working to build support for more focused collaboration between the Province of British Columbia and local governments on building climate policy.

The campaign project team identifies five regulatory measures where additional authority would be instrumental for municipalities in accelerating climate action:

1. Regulating GHG emissions for new buildings – the BC Energy Step Code only regulates energy efficiency in new buildings. Leading local governments would also like the ability to regulate GHG emissions from new buildings.
2. Mandatory home energy labelling - In Canada and British Columbia, legislation requires energy labelling for a broad range of consumer products including motor vehicles, furnaces, windows, lightbulbs, and kitchen appliances. However, there are no labeling requirements for the single largest purchase a given Canadian is likely to make—their home.

3. Property assessed clean energy (PACE) financing - programs allow property owners to finance the up-front cost of building energy efficiency upgrades—such as more efficient heating systems, or windows—by paying the costs back over time via a voluntary property tax assessment. The assessment is attached to the property, not an individual; if, and when, the property is sold, the financing carries on with the new owner.

4. Regulating GHG emissions for existing buildings – this would include the development of a new regulation that would set greenhouse gas emissions targets from existing buildings.

5. Mandatory building energy benchmarking and reporting - Energy benchmarking is the process of collecting and monitoring energy data from a large number of buildings over time so that governments and the private sector can compare the performance of any one participating building against similar properties.

Direction to implement the first three of these measures – enabling local governments to regulate GHG emissions for new buildings, home energy labelling, and PACE financing – were included in the ministerial mandate letters issued in November 2020. Help Cities Lead encourages the Province to move as quickly as possible and in close consultation with local governments to develop and implement these measures.

Help Cities Lead would also like the Province to enable local governments to choose, when ready, to opt into the remaining two measures not addressed by the mandate letters – namely, regulating GHG emissions for existing buildings and building energy benchmarking and reporting.

The suite of initiatives is intended to compliment what the provincial government and utilities are already doing in this area and help to lay the groundwork for eventual province-wide adoption of these measures.

These actions would let municipalities, ready to take bolder action on climate, lead the way in regulating emissions in buildings. This would provide a template for action for other jurisdictions and even for provincial regulation in the future.

As such, we are requesting that your city consider endorsing the Help Cities Lead campaign and that you communicate this support directly to the Province by writing to the below Ministers:

- Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca
- Minister of Municipal Affairs, MAH.Minister@gov.bc.ca
- Minister of Energy, Mines, and Low-Carbon Innovation, EMPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca
- Minister of Finance, FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca
- Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing, AG.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor