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Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 2:53:05 PM

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council

First Name Carmen

Last Name Massey

Address:

Return email address:

Subject: Copy of letter sent to SD83 Trustees and Sr Staff regarding potential changes to high school configuration in Salmon Arm.

Body Dear School District 83 Board and Senior Staff,

I have two sons in the current SD83 system, one in Grade 12 and one in Grade 10. We live in the White Lake area and both boys have attended Carlin, Jackson, and now Sullivan schools.

It has come to my attention that you are considering implementing two high school graduating classes in Salmon Arm (<https://www.saobserver.net/news/school-trustees-lean-towards-two-grade-9-12-campus-in-salmon-arm/>). I understand you may be voting soon (potentially this spring) on whether to create two high schools in Salmon Arm, one at Jackson and one at Sullivan. I feel strongly that a robust conversation deserves to be held about such a significant change in our community, and it needs to involve kids, parents, community leaders, and Indigenous communities. A decision like this can affect the social fabric of our community and we all deserve to be formally part of this discussion prior to you making a decision. Creating two graduating classes in our town could be seen as a social engineering project as much as a building engineering project. People's lives and

social constructs are at stake and you need to move carefully and transparently with any changes in this regard. I urge you to allow a fulsome, public debate about what this could mean for our community.

The discussion of whether there should be two high schools in Salmon Arm must include the critical piece about who you envision attending which school. One of my main concerns about having two high schools in Salmon Arm is that in creating two graduating classes we also create two social classes. The "haves" and the "have nots". If you should decide to move forward, as a board, with creating two "classes of people" in Salmon Arm, you must clearly state who will be in the "have" (fancy new Sullivan school) vs "have not" (it's still the old Jackson school, no matter how much lipstick you put on it), before you vote.

I suggest you put it on the table that all the rural kids will attend Sullivan and all the in-town kids will attend Jackson, along with all the French immersion kids attending Jackson. I think we will then have a fair and interesting conversation. I am deeply concerned that the kids from the "less fortunate" postal codes (i.e. rural and downtown) will be relegated to the old Jackson school. Please consider the needs of those with less opportunity and less privilege (eg. rural, lower-income, Indigenous) at least as high as you would consider the needs of the more fortunate. And please be clear and up-front about who you plan to send to which school when making this decision.

We will have new leadership in our SD83 Senior Staff within a few months. A conversation regarding two high schools being set up in the community should wait for the new leadership. Such a decision will shape the future of our district and our community and should be made by those who will be responsible to implement the plans and live with the implications. Decisions like this affect people, not just budgets, and they definitely affect the future of our community.

The SD83 School Board, because of its history, and perhaps more than any other school board in our province needs to be careful and thoughtful about how to proceed with decisions.

Please don't rush into this decision to set up two high school graduating classes in Salmon Arm.

I look forward to attending the next board meeting and will be happy to bring these comments forward publicly. I am willing to discuss my thoughts personally with any of you. You can reach me at [REDACTED].

Thank you for your service and contribution to our public school system. I appreciate that your job is challenging. Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Sincerely,

Carmen Massey,
Mother of [REDACTED] (Grade 12) and [REDACTED]
(Grade 10). (Real students, with real lives who are affected by your decisions. They love school, by the way, and are having excellent high school experiences in Salmon Arm, Grades 9/10 at Jackson and Grades 11/12 at Sullivan.)
[REDACTED] Sorrento, BC

Would you like a response: No

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From: Kari @ Toliver Design Inc.
Sent: April 9, 2021 12:41 PM
Subject: Salmon Arm High School Configuration Changes

Dear SD83 Board and Senior Leadership,

I am writing in response to a story published April 5, 2021, **School Trustees leaning towards to Grade 9 - 12 campuses in Salmon Arm**

I read with alarm that E5 is the option the majority of the trustees are leaning towards. I don't recall an E5 option being presented in the Long Range Facilities Plan. I reread the plan that is posted in your website in its entirety. E5 is not included. Where has E5 come from and where is the data to support it? I do note an online session was held Nov. 12/20 at 6PM. My entire business life has transitioned to online meetings - and I regret that I missed this one opportunity. I did participate in your survey.

I am very concerned about the comments from Trustee VanBuskirk that "the hardworking staff and students make the school and create the culture." I disagree. More importantly, my Grade 10 daughter attending JL Jackson disagrees. JL Jackson is an old school period - no matter how much new paint you apply. Sullivan is the pinnacle of high schools in Salmon Arm and [REDACTED] is really looking forward to finally arriving there for her final years - because of the amenities - not the staff. In addition - ALL of her friends/grad class are advancing from Jackson to Sullivan. They are truly excited for Grade 11. They've enjoyed Jackson - despite the pandemic - but SULLIVAN is finally on the horizon!!!

The same was true for our son who graduated from SASS Sullivan in 2002. He laughed at the two high school idea this past weekend - and commented that Jackson was where all the kids that got expelled from Sullivan had to go and called it "Jail Jackson". Sorry - but that's the reality and perception from my family.

At the end of the day you have to make some decisions about capacity issues in Salmon Arm. Shuffling kids around our schools is not just a numbers or shell game. Keep in mind the numbers represent young human beings with feelings about how they are valued within their school system. Creating two Grade 9 - 12 high schools in Salmon Arm with existing infrastructure will create a SHINY "HAVE" school and a DULL "HAVE NOT" school. I'd like my daughter to go to the shiny school with all the bells and whistles please. **Consider this my formal request.**

Bottom line, our region is growing and we need more schools. We need another elementary school and another high school - but I don't think the new high school needs to be in Salmon Arm. I think it needs to be in the South Shuswap.

Some other important points / and questions to consider:

1. The Long Term Facilities report prepared by the Cascade Group uses census and population growth data from 2016. Pre-pandemic. You don't need me to point out that

COVID-19 has dramatically changed the landscape and it was not even a blip on the radar screen in 2019 when this report was generated. I would guess that all population growth trends have been upended with families relocating to the Shuswap for smaller, rural living. Working from home is now an option for many - and if the real estate trend is any indication - families have relocated here in droves.

2. The 2020 CSRD Annual Report - attached; shows a 29% increase in the number of land-use permits and a 66% increase in building permits over 2019. The bulk of the building permits were in Area C (South Shuswap). A high school opened in the South Shuswap would likely have more students than Enderby or Sicamous if opened tomorrow.

3. Opening a high school in the South Shuswap would also truly put students first and solve the issue of bussing students from the North Shuswap for 3 hours a day over 4 years of their lives into Salmon Arm. It would also allow much needed space in SASS-Sullivan for SA area growth. I understand - the capital for this doesn't happen overnight. But for the longterm planning for this region is likely the best option and the quicker we get started, the better.

4. In previous Strategic Planning meetings I participated in as the former DPAC Chair, it was communicated that a "one size fits all model for grade structure" doesn't work for the varying Shuswap communities. This message was clear from all partner groups. People from outside of our region who don't have a vested interest in the long-term health of our communities wouldn't necessarily understand the thought process behind this.

5. FROM THE SD83 STRAT PLAN:

The **Students First** goal includes the following relevant strategies: •

Develop meaningful, varied, inclusive, and differential learning experiences ... : •

Increase project-based and inquiry learning opportunities... •

Expand opportunities for students to have input and choice of learning experiences;

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Provide diverse learning opportunities inclusive of responsible technology-supported environment;

Have you held a **focus group with students to ask them** what they think about the two separate SA high school plan?

6. How will you decide which students get the privilege of going to the Sullivan Campus - and which ones will have to go the Jackson campus? Jackson has some great classrooms and a nice wood shop. Sullivan has a large athletics area, automotive shop, metal shop, culinary arts, theatre arts, dance academy and more. You cannot offer **equitable opportunities** for students at both schools without A LOT more money (Millions??) put into Jackson. Will the rural kids automatically be slated for Jackson? Will the SA catchment area get to go to Sullivan? I'd like answers to how the district intends to decide the catchment areas for the two proposed high schools - **prior to your decision.**

7. How would you handle the HR issue - and ensure **equitable course selection at each school**?

8. The cost to continually change grade configurations and renovate schools is astronomical and here we are again. My husband likens it to the military when a new General arrives, and he wants to change the colour of everything.

9. Why does this decision about DRAMATICALLY changing the social fabric of our community need to happen in May 2021 - after a year of unprecedented change with COVID? Your Senior Leadership team is also changing with the exit of the Superintendent and Treasurer. You will have a new Superintendent and Treasurer walking into a hornets' nest (I guarantee the two high separate high school idea will be one!).

10. The previous Board made decisions in an enrolment downturn selling off properties to collect \$\$ to pay for the new SD admin office and Works Complex addition. No - I haven't forgotten about this yet!

Silver Creek and Armstrong Elem were saved from the sales block at the 11th hour by irate parents. Trustee Lacmuth will remember this well as she was passionate about saving Armstrong Elementary. Aren't we thankful we still have these spaces to place students today! Ashton Creek Elementary was sold off - MV Beattie was beyond capacity on opening day. This whole situation serves to reinforce that decision making has to include far-reaching swings in population change and how quick that can happen - without following any projection models.

Schools are the fabric of our communities. A decision to create two separate Grade 9 - 12 high schools to Salmon Arm will not unite our communities. Please don't rush this decision, before having a fully transparent talk about the implications - with ALL of the stakeholders - including our youth!

I thank you all for the time you are providing to our school district. If you would like to discuss any of the points or questions I have raised, please contact me at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,
Kari and Gary Wilkinson

https://www.saobserver.net/news/school-trustees-lean-towards-two-grade-9-12-campuses-in-salmon-arm/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter&fbclid=IwAR1czHyDHYQkPb7dS8OKtMgM7J4rJilvi1kjTaB8GhJFbh22NpSPkN750FU

<https://sd83.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Cascade-Report-SD-83-LRFP-2019-final-draft.pdf>

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 6:06 AM
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council

First Name	Dan
Last Name	Carter
Address:	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Return email address:	<div></div>
Subject:	Hemp plastics research project - salmon arm FD
Body	<p>Hi,</p> <p>My name is dan carter, CEO of the Canadian hemp farmers alliance.</p> <p>My mission is to help advance the sustainable development goals by making functional hemp based products that reduce the need for further investing into environmentally unfriendly projects like:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) fracking for fossil fuels2) mining3) deforestation <p>I have recently been approved for funding by the Canadian federal and provincial government to help me complete my hemp biodegradable plastic research project.</p> <p>To complete this research project, I will be working with Canadian academia professors and master graduate students who will help me create Canadas first ever patented hemp biodegradable plastic pellet which can be molded into various products like:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) single use plastics2) auto mobile/fire truck parts3) housing materials <p>I am currently raising the additional 50% of the project costs of the funds through Kickstarter, which is a crowdfunding platform.</p>

Any donations help!

Please share with those, who you think may be interested to donate and be apart of Canadas first ever hemp bio plastic research project.

Below is the Kickstarter link to my page:

https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/dancarterhempplastic/hemp-bio-degradable-plastic-food-cutlery?ref=user_menu

CEO - Dan Carter
Canadian Hemp Farmers Alliance

<https://www.canadianhempfarmersalliance.com>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/dan-carter-24801476/>

Would you like a response:

Yes

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From: Charlie Burt

Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:47 PM

To: Darin Gerow

Subject: SAPC Box

To Salmon Arm Mayor and Council.

I am writing you as the newly appointed City Liaison for the Salmon Pickleball Club.

The Pickleball Ball Club has obtained a defibrillator that we would like to have available for members safety at Klahani Park. Vandalism is a serious concern. With that in mind we are seeking your permission to be allowed to put our lock box back at the courts so we can safely store the defibrillator inside it. The box is 73" high, 48" wide and 18" deep. I have attached a photo. It would also be used to store a squeegee, extra balls and Covid protocol paraphernalia once we are allowed to play as a club again.

All club members would have the combination to access it. This would greatly benefit our approximately 175 members and also other users at Klahani Park as any club member on site could access it for anyone in cardiac distress.

We would work closely with Darin Gerow for placement and any possible issues that may arise with the understanding that if there are unresolved issues, Darin would have the authority to request we remove it.

Thank you for considering our request.

Charlie Burt
SAPC City Liaison



Mayor Alan Harrison and Councillors
City of Salmon Arm BC

Dear Mayor Harrison,

The Rotary Club of Salmon Arm is proud to celebrate its 75th year of Charter this year and on behalf of my club I would like to request the assistance of the City of Salmon Arm in marking this occasion. As you are undoubtedly aware, Rotary is committed to significant community support, both locally and internationally, and that is only possible with the numerous volunteers who step forward to make projects possible.

We have worked with the City on many projects over the years since 1946 and one of the latest is the excellent, and well utilized, Picnic Shelter, located in Blackburn Park. This shelter is an excellent example of the cooperative efforts of the city and Rotary and we would like to create an event which will not only celebrate our 75th anniversary but to also dedicate this structure, which has not yet been done.

Our intention is that we would schedule a non-public event at the Picnic Shelter on May 8th 2021 at which some community leaders, if possible including Mayor Harrison, our MLA and our MP, would be asked to speak a few words of their support of Rotary. This event would be contained to the immediate area of the shelter and would be video recorded for distribution via social media.

During this time of necessary caution because of COVID health restrictions we would ensure that only a very minimal number of individuals would attend, likely less than 10 persons, that they would maintain proper social distancing and would wear a face mask at all times when not speaking in front of the group for video recording. The public would not be invited to attend but would be cognizant of this event only through local media and social media. Rotary is very aware and supportive of the importance of following health guidelines and would certainly follow all direction of city staff and/or health regulations.

In order to create a significant visual impact for this dual celebration we include in this request permission to erect a large number of Canadian flags, likely 75 in total, in the area around the picnic shelter. These flags are part of our ongoing Canadian Flag Campaign and would be installed in the morning of the 8th and removed in the later afternoon. Our members would work with and follow the guidelines of city staff to ensure proper and non damaging installation. The only physical effect of these flags is a small stake for each one inserted into and later removed from the ground.

If there are any questions or need for further information please contact me at (250) 253 2134 or email at fenlwebb@gmail.com

Thank you for your consideration,

Patrick WEBB
President Elect,
Rotary Club of Salmon Arm



April 8, 2021

Mayor Alan Harrison
City of Salmon Arm
Box 40, 500 – 2 Avenue NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

Dear Mayor Harrison,

Forgive the electronic self-introduction. It is important to me in the early days of my term as the new president of Okanagan College to say hello and to communicate my commitment to ensuring continuation of the strong relationship that my predecessor and his colleagues helped establish with you for the benefit of Okanagan College and the citizens of your community.

Having recently arrived from Alberta and the presidency at Athabasca University, I appreciate the importance of a pick-up-the-phone-and-call relationship to deal with emerging opportunities or issues. To that end, I hope that you will feel free to call me when need arises (250.862.5403).

I am confident that we will have an opportunity to connect at some point soon as I immerse myself in learning about Okanagan College, your municipality, and the region. I realize the important role that Okanagan College has to play for the citizens of your community and the value our campus has for your city's cultural, economic and social fabric.

One of my first major undertakings will be to guide development of a fresh strategic plan for the College and our regional political representatives are clearly among the stakeholder groups that I have identified as key to that task.

Thanks for your interest in Okanagan College. I hope to continue to build on the success that Jim contributed to over the past 16 years and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "NF", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dr. Neil Fassina
President, Okanagan College

From: Sue Zhang
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:50 PM
To: Caylee Simmons
Subject: Re: Request of Proclamation/Greeting letter/ Flag Raising for Falun Dafa Day 2021

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Dear Mayor Alan Harrison,

We respectfully request a Proclamation or Greeting letter and a Flag-Raising ceremony in the City of Salmon Arm in recognition of Falun Dafa Day for this year (May 13, 2021). This is an annual celebration of the Falun Dafa community's contributions in Canada and to honour the Universal values of truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance.

[Falun Dafa](#) (also known as Falun Gong) is a self-improvement system, or cultivation practice for mind and body, rooted in the ancient Chinese culture. It consists of meditative exercises, and a moral philosophy aimed at the promotion of virtue. At the core of Falun Dafa's teachings are the tenets of "Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance."

Falun Dafa transcends cultural boundaries and contributes to a healthier and a more harmonious society. Tens of millions of people from diverse cultures in over 100 countries, including Canada, benefit from practicing Falun Gong, where the [free teachings](#) help people improve their [mental, moral, and physical wellbeing](#).

During this pandemic, everyone has experienced so much pressure and stress, and the Falun Gong community is happy to help during these difficult times. [Scientific studies](#) & [survey results](#) have confirmed that meditation can help strengthen immunity and combat illness and stress. Thousands of Canadians have registered for our free online meditation exercise classes and the feedback has been wonderful! Please feel free to give it a try and to spread the word. For more info visit: www.LearnFalunGong.com

Over the years, worldwide recognition of Falun Dafa includes thousands of proclamations and greetings from government officials, including Canadian Mayors, Premiers, MPs, Senators and Prime Ministers, for its cross-cultural promotion of universal principles and contribution to a more healthy, peaceful, harmonious, tolerant, and compassionate society.

We would be honoured to receive a proclamation or greetings and to raise a Flag at the city of Salmon Arm on May 13, or any day during that week.

We look forward to your approval. Should you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Sue Zhang

on behalf of Falun Dafa Association of Vancouver

Enclosures:

1. A short video of 'An Introduction to Falun Gong' (6:35 min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJ-A6xY47jc>

2. Greetings, proclamations for Falun Dafa Month Celebration 2020 (excerpt, 102 greetings):

This wonderful celebration is an opportunity to recognize the enduring teachings of Falun Dafa. Through the promotion of the universal principles of truthfulness, compassion and tolerance, this traditional Chinese practice has attracted a loyal following around the world. On behalf of Canada's Official Opposition, I am proud to salute the Falun Dafa Association of Canada for their diligent efforts to share this beneficial practice with Canadians. **—Hon. Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Official Opposition, Greetings for Falun Dafa Celebration 2020**

As peaceful practitioners in more than 100 nations mark the occasion, I am honoured to add my endorsement to your efforts, as you strive to help advance the values of openness, tolerance and freedom of conscience and religion here in Canada and globally. Today as we raise our voices in a united call..., please know there are those of us within the Liberal Party, who stand with you as friends **—Hon. Judy Sgro, MP, Co-Chair of Parl Friends for Falun Gong, Greetings for Falun Dafa Celebration 2020**

Regret we can't celebrate World Falun Dafa Day/Month on the Hill or Toronto City Hall this year...but millions around world reflecting on founding principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, Tolerance. I along the millions of Canadians dream a day...after all, when the tenet of Falun Dafa can be spoken out aloud in TianAnMen Square, Zhen, Shan, Ren. **—Hon. Peter Kent, MP, Co-Chair of Parl Friends for Falun Gong, twitter and video on May 13th Falun Dafa Day celebration, 2020**

The history of the world would have been profoundly in different in a more positive way had more people practiced Falun Gong. Knowing that and believing in the good will and leaders of the current members I am encouraged in how members of Falun Dafa will contribute to our communities into the future.

—Kevin Lamoureux, MP, greetings for Falun Dafa Month 2020

It is my sincere pleasure to extend greetings on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada,..., the world is facing the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic,... The beautiful tenants of your practice – truthfulness, compassion and forbearance – are more relevant than ever. Thank you for promoting peace and harmony in the world.

–Hon. W. Russell Mirasty, Lieutenant Governor, Saskatchewan, Greetings for 2020

As Parliamentary Leader of the Green Party of Canada and Member of Parliament for Saanich-Gulf Islands, I am pleased to extend my warmest congratulations to the Falun Dafa community as you gather to celebrate Falun Dafa Day. I have great respect for the principles of Truth, Benevolence and Forbearance.

–Elizabeth May, MP, Parliamentary Leader of the Green Party, greetings for 2020

Due to the unprecedented and exceptional circumstances brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic this year, we are unable to come together to mark this occasion on the Hill. Nevertheless, I would like to convey my continued and wholehearted support for the Falun Dafa Association of Canada and their positive contributions to our society. ***–Thanh Hai Ngo, Senator, greetings for Falun Dafa Month 2020***

As you celebrate another amazing year of work dedicated to promoting harmony and goodwill in society. Thank you for your continued commitment to peace around the world. This has been exemplified through your efforts in improving individual spiritual, mental and physical wellbeing.

–Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, MP, greetings for Falun Dafa Month 2020

The Falun Dafa community promotes the practice of Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance. I stand with you in emphasizing the importance of these universal human values and their benefit to individual practitioners and to the world. ***–Garnett Genuis, MP, greetings for Falun Dafa Month 2020***

To celebrate what you stand for, for peace, for justice, for freedom and human rights.....To all those celebrating the 28th year of #FalunDafa I wish you a joyous anniversary! On this auspicious day, I reiterate my commitment to stand with you in your struggle against violence, tyranny, oppression, and dictatorship.

–James Bezan, MP, Twitter and Video for Falun Dafa Month 2020

We also received greetings from: MP Jenica Atwin, MP Rachael Harder, MP Kyle Seebach, MP John Brassard, MP Eric Duncan, MP Ted Falk, MP Brad Vis, MP Tamara Jansen, MP Marc Dalton, MP David Sweet, MP Michael Barrett, MP Scott Reit, MP Colin Carrie, MP Stephanie Kusie, MP Pat Kelly, MP Tom Kmiec, MP Len Webber, MP Jag Sahota, MP Heather McPherson, MP Kerry Diotte, MP Mike Lake, MP Kelly McCauley, MP Ziad Aboultaif, MP Dane Lloyd, MP Michael Cooper, MP Chris Warkentin, MP Shannon Stubbs, Former Senator Con Di Nino, MP Hon. Pierre Poilievre

Hon. Leela Aheer, MLA, AB, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP Mike Schreiner, MPP Lucille Collard, MPP France Gelin, MPP Daisy Wai, MPP Chris Glover, MPP Sheref Sabawy, MPP Stephen Crawford, MPP Lindsey Park, MPP Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Bhutla Karpoche, MPP Rudy Cuzzetto, MPP Suze Morrison, MPP Amarjot Sandhu, MPP Kaleed Rasheed, MPP Christine Hogarth, MPP Amy Fee, MPP Robin Martin, Sarah Stoodley MHA

2020Municipal Proclamation of Falun Dafa Day	2020Greetings from Mayors
Mayor Mike Savage, Halifax, NS	Mayor Brian Bowman, Winnipeg, MB
Mayor Lisa Helps, Victoria, BC	Mayor Darren Ellis, George's Brook-Milton, NL
Mayor Charlie Clark, Saskatoon, SK	Mayor Daniel Conway, St. George's, NL
Mayor Michael Fougere, Regina, SK	Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, Vaughan, ON
Mayor Gordon Krantz, Milton, ON	Mayor Ed Holder, London, ON
Mayor Steve Clarke, Orillia, ON	Mayor Dan Carter, Oshawa, ON
Mayor Aldo Dicarlo, Amherstburg, ON	Mayor Walter Sendzik, St. Catharines, ON
Mayor Craig Copeland, Cold Lake, AB	Mayor Jeff Lehman, Barrie, ON
Mayor Maja Tait, Sooke, BC	Mayor Mike Bradley, Sarnia, ON
Mayor Leonard Krog, Nanaimo, BC	Mayor Gary McNamara, Tecumseh, ON
2020 Greetings from Mayors	Mayor Jamie McGarvey, Parry Sound, ON
Mayor Ray Ralph, Devon, AB	Mayor Jonathan X. Côté, New Westminster, BC
Mayor Bill Given, Grand Prairie, AB	Mayor Brad West, Port Coquitlam, BC
Mayor Stuart Houston, Spruce Grove, AB	Mayor Jack Froese, Langley, BC
Mayor John Stewart, Beaumont, AB	Mayor Rob Vagramov, Port Moody, BC
Mayor Maja Tait, Sooke, BC	Mayor Don Scott, Wood Buffalo, AB

Richmond Hill Deputy Mayor Joe DiPaola, Richmond Hill Councillor Tom Muench, Toronto Councillor James Pasternak, London Councillor Arielle Kayabaga, Toronto Councillor Josh Matlow, Toronto Councillor Brad Bradford, Markham Councillor Andrew Keyes, Hamilton Councillor Jason Farr, Niagara Falls Councillor Wayne Campbell, New Market Councillor Bob Kwapis, Kingsville Councillor Laura Lucier, Calgary Councillor Jeromy Farkas, Calgary Councillor Gian-Carlo Carra, Richmond Hill Councillor Karen Cilevitz,

From: Sue Zhang

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:12 AM

To: Caylee Simmons

Subject: Re: Request of Proclamation/Greeting letter/ Flag Raising for Falun Dafa Day 2021

Good Morning Caylee,

Thank you for your prompt reply, glad to know the request is in the Correspondence portion of the Agenda.

We understand the current situation of pandemic, if the flag raising ceremony is not feasible, we would also be grateful if can be just raise the flag and take a picture or video for us.

I am attaching the design of the flag here for your info.

Thank you and

Have a nice day!

Sue



Healthy Communities

Monthly Newsletter



April 2021

BC COVID-19 SPEAK Survey: Round 2

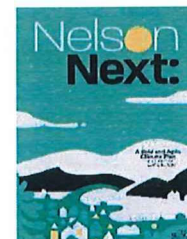
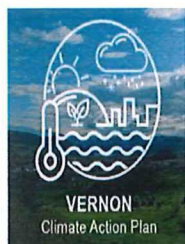
We invite you to participate in the [BC COVID-19 SPEAK Round 2 Survey](#). In May 2020, over 400,000 British Columbians participated in the first survey known as [BC COVID-19 SPEAK: Your story, Our future](#). Now one year into the pandemic, this new survey will help us to examine how British Columbians have been affected and how these experiences may inform recovery and re-opening. Please take some time to participate in this important survey and share it widely with your networks including friends, families, and colleagues. **See the bulletin attached to this email with more information.**



Community Recognition

Vernon and Nelson Councils Approve Climate Action Plans

Kudos to the City of Vernon and the City of Nelson Councils for endorsing their respective Climate Action Plans as they commit to actionable steps towards a resilient future. Both plans outline strategies for how both communities will reduce greenhouse gas emissions (mitigation) and how they will prepare for climate change impacts (adaptation). For more information, visit the City of Vernon's [website](#) and the City of Nelson's [website](#).



Village of Fruitvale Commits to 100% Renewable Energy by 2050

In celebrating more climate change good news - In March, the Village of Fruitvale council voted unanimously to commit to transition to 100% renewable energy by 2050. This makes Fruitvale the 10th community in the West Kootenay to commit to this goal and to make a plan for a healthier, safer, and cleaner community. To learn more, visit this [website](#).



Oliver Council Endorses Age Friendly Plan

During the April 12, 2021 council meeting, Council had accepted the [Age Friendly Assessment and Action Plan](#). This action plan includes 6 action areas including: updating the Town policy and programs, improving communication and connections, creating an age friendly public realm with physical infrastructure, supporting active opportunities for older adults, supporting community led initiatives and partnerships, and COVID-19 and future resilience. Check out their [website](#) for additional details!

Events & Learning Opportunities

Video Series: Climate Resilience and Asset Management

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities has a new video series exploring how municipalities across Canada are making climate action part of their asset management practices. The health impacts of climate change are enormous, so healthy communities are seriously considering this issue. [The four-minute videos](#) cover: climate impacts on service delivery, responding to climate change with asset management, and leadership in climate & asset management.

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.

Registrants will also have the opportunity to deepen their learning through one of four courses offered at 50% off Tamarack's regular rate. Here is the [event webpage](#) to learn more & register.

Canadian Rural and Remote Housing and Homelessness Symposium

The Canadian Rural and Remote Housing and Homelessness Symposium, hosted by the Rural Development Network (RDN) is going virtual for its second year on **June 1-3, 2021!** Learn and interact with others from the comfort of your home! Every registration ticket includes access to all conference sessions, the virtual exhibition hall, the welcoming and closing ceremonies, and networking sessions. [Registration](#) is now open.



UBCM FireSmart BC Symposium

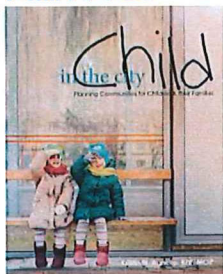
Registration is now open for the inaugural FireSmart BC Symposium: Our Shared Responsibility. Join in to learn about the future of FireSmart in BC and across the country, hear a live panel share FireSmart community success stories and much more. The virtual symposium is Wednesday, **May 26, 2021** from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm PT. [Find all the information here.](#)

Advancing Healthy Public Policy

What is Healthy Public Policy About?

[Healthy public policy](#) is one of the five building blocks of the Healthy Communities Approach. These policies can take many forms across a community to improve population health and quality of life, but are not necessarily developed by the health sector, as they focus on broader structural and social determinants of health rather than downstream healthcare services. Healthy public policy improves housing, living conditions (education, food security, childcare, transportation), livelihoods, and social and health services. You can find an array of **Policy Areas and Resources** on [UBCM's webpage](#) that support local governments in building healthy public policy and thus, healthier communities.

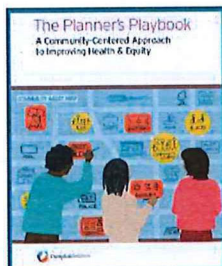
Child in the City: Planning Communities for Children and Their Families



Child and family-friendly communities acknowledge that an environment that addresses the needs of children – who have limited independent mobility, experience, and autonomy – is one that is friendlier and more accessible to people of all ages and abilities. This [toolkit](#) was developed collaboratively, with voluntary input from local governments, non-profit housing organizations, architects, urban designers, urban planners, developers, real estate specialists, researchers, and educators from BC.

How Age-friendly Communities Impact Social Connectedness

The goal of Age-Friendly planning is to create an environment in which older adults are able to age healthily in place (at home and/or within their community) and participate fully in their community, eliciting a sense of belonging and fostering social connectedness. Read the entire article [here](#) by Sarah Dyer, Community Well-being & Age friendly Specialist with BCHC.



The Planner's Playbook: A Community-Centered Approach to Improving Health & Equity

From ChangeLab Solutions in the US: [The Planner's Playbook: A Community-Centered Approach to Improving Health & Equity](#) offers guidance, resources, concrete steps, and examples for planners who wish to centre equity in their planning practice and disrupt patterns of structural disadvantage.

Funding News

PlanH Grants

Support is coming for Indigenous and local governments in B.C. who are striving to create equitable policies and processes. The PlanH Healthy Communities Grant Program is offering 30 grants for 2021 across two funding streams: [Community Connectedness](#) (20 grants of



\$5,000) and [Healthy Public Policy](#) (10 grants of \$15,000). Both grants also include customized supports from BC Healthy Communities staff. **Applications close June 1, 2021.** Learn more and apply at planh.ca/grants.

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.**

Community Food Action Initiative (CFAI)

The Interior Health Community Food Action Initiative (CFAI) single year funding is now available to support communities within the Interior Health region to improve community food security. For 2021-22, only communities who have not received CFAI funding in the past 10 years (2010-2020) are eligible to apply. **Please see the Funding Guide attached to this email** for the list of eligible communities that have not received funding and for information on how to apply.

Grant applications are due May 17 by 4:00pm PST. Applications, as well as any questions, can be submitted to FoodSecurity@interiorhealth.ca.

First Nations Well Being Grant

As part of TogetherBC: B.C.'s Poverty Reduction Strategy, the First Nations Well Being Fund is now open to help promote well-being, quality of life, and reduce poverty at the community and/or Nation level. Here is the [press release](#) from the province. Stream 1 focuses on [Community Projects](#) and Stream 2 is for [Planning Projects](#). Please see this [website](#) for more information as well as some examples of topic areas. **Applications due before May 30, 2021.**

Active Transportation Planning Program

Local governments with a population up to 25,000 that meet the grant criteria are eligible for up to \$20,000 toward their active transportation planning costs. The intent of the [Active Transportation Planning program](#) is to support local governments to incorporate or enhance active transportation components of formal planning documents, including research, consultation, and policy development. Funding is provided by the Province of BC. Learn more about the [program here](#). **The application deadline is May 21, 2021.**

Sincerely,

Your Healthy Communities Team

healthycommunities@interiorhealth.ca

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BC COVID-19 SPEAK: Your Story, Our Future – Round 2



We would like to invite you to participate in the BC COVID-19 SPEAK **Round 2** Survey.

<http://www.bccdc.ca/covid19survey>

In May 2020 over 400,000 British Columbians participated in the first survey known as *BC COVID-19 SPEAK: Your story, Our future*

This new survey will help us examine one year into the pandemic how British Columbians have been affected and how their experiences may inform recovery and re-opening.

Some of the key highlights from the first round of the SPEAK survey included:

- Families with children were struggling the most and had significant concerns about their child's overall well-being with school closures and significantly reduced social connections.
- Young adults were disproportionately affected by the pandemic in relation to employment, financial insecurity and disruption to significant development and life goals.
- Societal impacts have not been distributed equitably during the pandemic and are compounded for those already experiencing the most stress and with the least resources.

We hope you will lend your voice to this important survey to help further our understanding on the priorities for British Columbians as we seek to recover from the pandemic.

And finally, thank you for your continued efforts to help protect yourself and all British Columbians during COVID-19.



BC Centre for Disease Control



BCCDC Foundation
for Public Health

Purpose of Funding

The purpose of the Community Food Action Initiative (CFAI) funding is to support community-led activities that increase food security, food sovereignty and support local, healthy food systems.

CFAI funding has been given out by Interior Health since 2005. Over the past 15 years many communities have benefited from the funding. There are also many communities that have not received CFAI funding. Interior Health wants to make sure that all communities have a chance to apply for, and receive the funding.

For 2021-22, all CFAI funding is reserved for communities that have not received CFAI funding in the past 10 years (2010-2020). Please see the list of First Nations, Métis Nations, Urban Aboriginal Organizations, Incorporated Communities and Regions that are eligible for funding at the end of this document.

There is a total of \$30,000 of funding available. There are **five grants** available for **\$6,000** each.

Eligibility

Located in the IH Region:

- First Nations
- Métis Nations
- Aboriginal¹ communities or organizations
- Local governments
- Schools, school districts, academic institutions
- Non-profit organizations
- Community coalitions or councils

We recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has had consequences on both food insecurity and our food system. We will not fund projects related to short-term pandemic relief. The goal of CFAI funding is to support communities to build resiliency and reduce the impact of emergencies in the future.

Please contact us at FoodSecurity@interiorhealth.ca if you have questions about your community's eligibility.

Funding Objectives

Many activities have the potential to increase food security and support a healthy food system, and are eligible for CFAI funding. Some examples of previously funded projects can be found [here](#).

Emergency food programs (e.g. buying food for hampers, hot meals), healthy eating/nutrition workshops and core operational expenses of current activities are not eligible for funding. Operational expense for pilot projects, and to expand current activities as part your CFAI project are eligible.

Please contact IH at FoodSecurity@interiorhealth.ca if you have questions about the eligibility of your idea or project.

Application

If you have an application for this project that you prepared for another Funder, you can submit this in lieu of our application requirements listed below. Please contact us if you have any questions.

If you require assistance completing your application, please contact us at FoodSecurity@interiorhealth.ca

Please respond to all these points:

Brief background information (not scored, please be brief):

1. Name and contact information of the organization applying.
2. Description of the organization making the application.

¹ For the purposes of this grant, 'Aboriginal' is used to describe First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples.

3. Describe any important or unique information about your community/region such as location and demographics.

Project Information – the project will be evaluated on the following information:

1. Summary of project – Is this a new project, or are you looking to grow a current project? What is the goal of your project? What activities will you do to reach the goal? What is your timeline?
2. Project need – What is the need for this in your community? How was the need for this project determined? What processes were used to identify the need?
3. Partnerships – Who is working with you on this project? How do you plan to build partnerships? What will the partners' role be?
4. Impact -What will the impact on the community be? How many people will benefit?
5. Evaluation - How do you plan to capture learnings from the project?
6. Budget – See template below, or submit your own budget format.

Proposals must be submitted in PDF format and have standard page borders, size eleven font and not exceed **two-pages**. The budget is not included in two-page limit.

Application deadline & Submission details

The deadline for applications is **Monday, May 17, 2021 at 4:00pm PST**. Applications can be submitted to Interior Health by email to FoodSecurity@interiorhealth.ca.

The earliest date successful applicants will be notified of a decision is June 11, 2021.

Budget Template

Expense Description	Cost	Amount Requested from CFAI	Amount from other funding source or in-kind
Totals			



March 31, 2021

The Honourable Harry Bains
Minister of Labour
PO Box 9064, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Bains,

On behalf of Victoria City Council, I am writing today to request favourable consideration for the below motion passed at the March 11, 2021 Council meeting:

WHEREAS the covid pandemic has exacerbated existing inequalities and its social, health, and economic impacts are particularly devastating for women and racialized communities; and

WHEREAS the tourism and hospitality industries have been drastically impacted; and

WHEREAS of the 50 000 hotel workers that were laid off in March 2020, the majority are women and people of colour; 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; and

WHEREAS the City of City of Victoria 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 City of Victoria 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 City of Victoria affirms that people should not lose their livelihoods due to the pandemic; and

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THAT the City of Victoria write to the Ministers of Labour and Tourism expressing our support for the right for laid off workers to return to their jobs when the pandemic eases; and

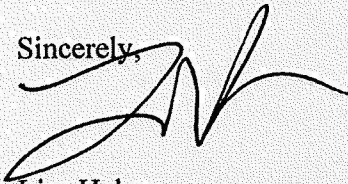
THAT this letter be forwarded to all BC municipalities asking to write their support; and

THAT the City of Victoria writes to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities.

Though not expressly in the resolution, the intention of this motion was to write to both the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities, encouraging them to host future conferences and events in venues that respect worker rights and pay at least a living wage. A copy has been sent to both organizations.

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

Cc: Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport
The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC)
The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)



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April 13, 2021

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

Re: B.C. Government's Use of Provincial Paramountcy to Undermine Local Government Bylaws

Dear President Frenkel:

On behalf of Penticton City Council, I am requesting the Union of British Columbia Municipalities write a letter to Premier John Horgan requesting the reconsideration of invoking Provincial Paramountcy as it relates to the violation of Penticton City Council's authority and the City of Penticton's Zoning Bylaws at 352 Winnipeg Street, Penticton, BC.

The following is a timeline of events:

- When COVID-19 struck in March, 2020 many facilities that provided showers, laundry services, and meals to our most vulnerable in our community had to close and/or adapt. The City via its Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), Emergency Management BC and BC Housing worked together to find a temporary "hygiene station" and isolation shelter for anyone that was needing to isolate during COVID.
 - 352 Winnipeg Street was not an ideal site for a hygiene station as it was adjacent to two seniors' homes. However, as the site contained a vacant and free standing building that could quickly be fitted for a hygiene station, the EOC supported and worked with BC Housing to quickly stand-up the hygiene station.
- In September, 2020 BC Housing approached the City to turn the isolation shelter into a 42 bed Temporary Emergency Winter Shelter. This use was contrary to City Zoning Bylaws and although met with trepidation from the neighbourhood, Council ultimately approved a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) for the isolation shelter to be converted and operate as Temporary Winter Shelter until April 1, 2021.
 - Video of the lengthy Council debates from our October 6th and 20th, 2020 meetings can be found on our website to better understand how clear individual Council members were that this was not an appropriate location, but that in the midst of the pandemic, they would grant a TUP on this one occasion.

- In March 2021, BC Housing sought an extension to this TUP until March 31, 2022 in effect changing the use from a temporary, emergency winter shelter to a year round shelter. Council denied this request based on zoning bylaws and the previous clearly communicated unsuitability of this location.
 - Via resolution, Council further directed Penticton's Safety and Security Advisory Committee to develop location selection criteria for a new, permanent winter shelter for Penticton.
 - Council initially learned of the Province's interests in exploring the use of paramountcy via an interview on Global news with Minister David Eby, who had met with Council twice early in the year to discuss a supportive housing project at 3240 Skaha Lake Rd., Penticton, BC.
- Again in March, BC Housing stated their intention to continue operations of the facility "on a balance of convenience" and asked Council to reconsider. Having been presented no alternate location as requested or new information; based on zoning bylaws and the previously communicated unsuitability of this location Council did reconsider the request and again denied the request.
 - Via resolution, Council further directed staff to work with BC Housing to find alternate solutions.
- At the writing of this letter, 352 Winnipeg now operates in contravention of the City of Penticton bylaws as a newly established year round shelter following the threat of Provincial Paramountcy.

While the issue at hand is a matter of land use and planning, it is important to note according to data provided directly from the current Minister responsible for Housing to City Council, Penticton has the highest number of supportive housing beds per capita in the Interior region. Each of these beds was developed with Penticton City Council's input and with respect for their role in the local decision making process.

In closing, Penticton City Council is hoping Minister David Eby, whom has invoked paramountcy on behalf of the Province, or Premier John Horgan as the head of a Government that promised to work collaboratively with Local Governments, reconsiders their position and adheres to our City's bylaws. As this could happen to any one of the other 188 local governments in B.C., we ask that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, on behalf of its membership, request Premier John Horgan reconsider the use of Provincial Paramountcy with respect to 352 Winnipeg Street, Penticton, BC.

Yours truly,



John Vassilaki

Mayor

cc. Penticton City Council
 Donny van Dyk, Chief Administrative Officer
 Dan Ashton, Member of Legislative Assembly
 BC Local Government Elected Officials



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Council seeks support from UBCM to help challenge Provincial Paramountcy

(Penticton, BC – April 13, 2021) – On behalf of City Council, Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki, has sent a letter to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) President, Brian Frenkel, requesting UBCM prepare a letter to BC Premier, John Horgan, supporting Council's position that the Province's recent use of Paramountcy is a violation of two Council decisions and the City's zoning Bylaws.

"My letter to Mr. Frenkel made it very clear that the issue at hand is a matter of land use and cooperative planning between two levels of government," said Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki. "The Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, David Eby, would have British Columbians believe that the City of Penticton is not doing its part to support the housing crisis. This is simply not the case and information provided directly from the Minister shows that Penticton has the highest number of supportive housing beds per capita in the interior region. All of these beds were developed with Penticton Council's input and with respect for Council's role in the decision making process.

"Today our previous working relationship of bilateral cooperation has been replaced by a unilateral hammer that puts our residents at risk of having the Provincial Government plan our community. As such, Council has reached out to Mr. Frenkel and the UBCM membership at large to seek their support in reversing the Province's conduct towards Penticton, or any other community they disagree with."

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Contact:

Philip Cooper
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City of Penticton
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From: Do Not Reply / Ne Pas Répondre (statcan/statcan) <statcan.DoNotReply-NePasRepondre.statcan@canada.ca>

Sent: April 22, 2021 1:04 PM

To: Alan Harrison <aharrison@salmonarm.ca>

Subject: The 2021 Census is almost here, and we need your support / Le Recensement de 2021 arrive à grands pas, et nous avons besoin de votre soutien

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Dear Mayor:

The 2021 Census is almost here! As you know, census data are critical to decision makers and Canadians from coast to coast to coast. In addition to informing public policy, census data are vital for planning schools, hospitals, daycare centres, family services, public transportation, and skills training for employment. In addition, census data support numerous municipal programs related to infrastructure and public transportation and are used to measure Canada's sustainable development and environmental goals. Information from the 2021 Census will be even more crucial because it will help your community evaluate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and to better plan for the future.

Census collection will begin on May 3, 2021. Statistics Canada has adapted the collection process to ensure that all Canadians and our employees remain safe while participating in this vital national exercise. Data collected in the 2021 Census will inform many of the economic and health-related policy decisions that must be made by all levels of government in the coming months and years, as the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect the lives of Canadians.

Statistics Canada will do everything it can to get Canadians to respond to the census without an in-person visit from a census employee. Completing the census questionnaire online is the best and fastest way to fulfill the census obligation. We anticipate that the great majority of Canadians will complete the questionnaire through our efficient, secure and user-friendly online application. Respondents without reliable access to the Internet can also call the Census Help Line to complete their census questionnaire over the phone or request a paper questionnaire.

In cases where a Statistics Canada census employee is sent to a dwelling for non-response follow-up, a new no-contact protocol will be followed. Under this protocol, no interviews will be conducted inside the respondent's dwelling. These interviews will instead be physically-distanced and the census employee will be required to wear a mask, and follow all public health guidelines.

I would appreciate your active support in helping us make the 2021 Census a success. We have developed the [Community Supporter Toolkit](#) and brought together products and resources to help you spread the word about the benefits and positive impact of the census for your community.

If you would like to express your municipality's support for the census, please share the municipal council resolution text below with your residents:

Be it resolved:

The "Council of (NAME OF CITY/TOWN/MUNICIPALITY)" supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.

I would like to thank you and your municipality for your input to the census to date, and for your continued support and collaboration. I invite you to learn more about the 2021 Census on our [census website](#) and to follow our official [social media accounts](#).

In the coming weeks, a member of our communications team may contact you to discuss ways in which we can work together. Should you have any questions, please contact us at statcan.censusoutreach.west-rayonnementdurec.ouest.statcan@canada.ca.

Sincerely,
Anil Arora
Chief Statistician of Canada
Statistics Canada / Government of Canada
anil.arora@canada.ca
