

INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - JANUARY 24, 2022

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| 1.  | W. Piccini - COVID-19  | N |
| 2.  | B. Weicker, President, Shuswap Lifeboat Society - Letter of Support for the Construction of a Station 106 Shuswap Boathouse and Media Release dated January 17, 2022   | N |
| 3.  | PR Committee, Shuswap Lifeboat Society - email dated January 19, 2022 - Annual Summary   | N |
| 4.  | A. Morris, Salmon Arm Ecumenical KAIROS Committee - email dated January 19, 2022   |   |
| 5.  | I. Lee, BC Public Relations and Communications Advisor, BC Council, Girl Guides of Canada - email dated January 6, 2022 - Guiding Lights Across BC - Feb 22, 2022  | A |
| 6.  | C. Robichaud, Legislative Clerk, Columbia Shuswap Regional District - letter dated December 21, 2021 - Shuswap Regional Airport Commission   | N |
| 7.  | V. Isnardy, WildSafeBC Program Manager - email dated January 6, 2022 - WildSafeBC Community Program Application is now OPEN for 2022   | A |
| 8.  | E. Vieira, Program Manager, Shuswap Watershed Council - email dated January 14, 2022 - Shuswap Watershed Council seeking volunteers to join Council as Community Representatives   | A |
| 9.  | SILGA - 2022 January Newsletter  | N |
| 10. | Interior Health - Media Release dated January 13, 2022 - Interior Health expanding clinic availability for booster program   | N |
| 11. | M. Corfield, Chief Executive Officer, Corfield and Associates - email dated January 14, 2022 - Engagement on updates to British Columbia's Geographical Naming Principles, Policy and Procedures   | N |
| 12. | C. Lloyd, Senior Policy Analyst, Clean Communities/Environmental Standards Branch, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy - email dated January 18, 2022 - Local Government Guide for Bylaws Regulating Single-Use Plastics | N |

N = No Action Required  
A = Action Requested

S = Staff has Responded  
R = Response Required

Salmon Arm, BC

Dear

As a retired RN I am writing to you regarding your coverage of the Covid 19 - Delta Variant. This variant is over 2X more contagious. The public needs to hear of the more aggressive symptoms it causes. The symptoms appear 2-14 days after exposure. It consists of body aches & pains, fevers, chills, extreme fatigue, extreme sore throat (resembling streptococcus), head ache resembling migraines, loss of taste & smell, nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, diarrhea & shooting pain in limbs.

If it advances to pale grey or blue coloured skin, lips, or nail beds, trouble breathing, or pressure in chest, confusion, & inability to awaken or stay awake leads to hospitalization.

Complications include pneumonia or trouble breathing, organ failure in several organs, heart problems, acute respiratory distress syndrome (a severe lung condition that causes a low amount of oxygen to go through your bloodstream to your organ blood clots, acute kidney injury, viral or bacterial infections or death. This is not the influenza. Also, it would be helpful

if the public had access to the statistics of the age breakdowns of the hospitalizations & deaths.

The public would possibly take Covid 19 more seriously.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Wendy Piccini  
retired RN  
Salmon Arm, BC

PS. The symptoms, etc of the Omicron Variant should be published also when facts re: it are received.

Dear Supporter,

Letter of Support for the Construction of a Station 106 Shuswap Boathouse

Our Shuswap Lifeboat Society and Station 106 Shuswap membership are very appreciative of the Letter of Support you provided us last summer relative to our initiative to establish a floating rescue base -

- a purpose-built boathouse to safeguard two rescue vessels and associated operational equipment plus materials relevant to our public awareness programming and efforts.

As an update, we would like to advise that the Society has been successful in gaining the last part of our funding plan to construct the boathouse. An approved construction loan with Salmon Arm Savings and Credit Union, debt serviced by the Columbia Shuswap Regional Districts' "Search and Rescue Grant in Aid Service Bylaw No. 5193" over a 10-year period, will be combined with the Society's Restricted Funding held on account and a BC Community Gaming – Capital Projects grant completes our funding package.

A suitable site, viable for at least the next 10 years, was selected and secured with a Memorandum of Agreement.

We believe it was your letters of support that greatly enhanced our application. Again, on behalf of our Society and RCMSAR Station 106 (Shuswap), thank you for your support.

Yours truly,

*Bruce*

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



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*I acknowledge my place of work is on the traditional, unceded territory of the Secwepemc people.*

MEDIA RELEASE  
2022-01-17

## Shuswap Lifeboat Society obtains \$250,000 Grant for RCMSAR Station 106 Shuswap

In 2017, with arrival of the Fast Response Craft, Tolonen, the Society began discussing the necessity to safeguard the increasing assets of Station 106 and formed a committee to explore, plan, and recommend -

- a purpose-built boathouse to safeguard the two rescue vessels and associated operational equipment plus materials relevant to our boating safety awareness efforts and programming.

**BC Community Gaming Capital Projects Program** today announced a \$250,000 funding grant towards establishing a boathouse facility – a Rescue Base – the culmination of a five year campaign of design, promotion, and fundraising.

This Grant is really appreciated and is the final component required for us to realize the construction of our facility.



Earlier this year, Salmon Arm Savings and Credit Union approved a construction loan for the Society, which will be debt serviced through funding provided by the Columbia Shuswap Regional District, furnished by the “Search and Rescue Grant-in-aid Service Amendment Bylaw No. 5827, 2021” over a 10 year period. The third aspect of the combined package are additional funds already held by the Society within a Restricted Account.

“This is a most exciting time for the Shuswap Lifeboat Society,” says **President Bruce Weicker**. “Since we began ten years ago, we have had many achievements, but by far, realizing this modern Rescue Base is our greatest. It is so gratifying to acknowledge how the communities we serve have rallied behind this project, so greatly needed to enhance the level of service we perform and deliver across the Shuswap Lake system. Over the past five years, individuals, businesses, service clubs, and local governments have greatly contributed to our operations, and specifically the fundraising for our boathouse. We can’t say “Thank You’ enough, to all those who’ve contributed in so many ways to make this initiative a reality and help us at **Saving Lives on the Water.**”

“Very excited we can centralize and finally protect our assets”, adds **Rob Sutherland, the Station Leader** of #106 Shuswap, “amassed over 10 years, and now worth almost a million dollars. This facility will save thousands of dollars in maintenance costs and eliminate many hours of volunteers shovelling snow and ice to ensure our vessels can be activated at a moments notice. Training in winter will also benefit as crews will be able to complete static training inside. We have come such a long way since Station 106 was *Stood Up* in 2012.”

A suitable site, viable for our next 10 years of service, has been secured with a Memorandum of Agreement with the Shuswap Lifeboat Society anticipating boathouse construction to commence in the summer of 2022.

For Further Details and Information, contact:

Bruce Weicker, Society President – Email: [slspresident2020@gmail.com](mailto:slspresident2020@gmail.com) or Cell: 250.833.8971



### NO LIFEJACKET?

You can borrow one for a child free-of-charge from a **Kids Don't Float PFD loaner station**, provided by the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue, Station 106 Shuswap.

There are **18 PFD loaner stations** located around the Shuswap!

- 1 Sicamous Boat Launch.....Sicamous
- 2 Old Town Bay Boat Launch.....Sicamous
- 3 Canoe Beach Park.....Canoe
- 4 Downtown Salmon Arm Boat Launch.....Salmon Arm
- 5 Sunnybrae Community Park.....Sunnybrae
- 6 Herald Provincial Park.....Sunnybrae
- 7 Harbour Road Boat Launch.....Blind Bay
- 8 Sandy Beach Community Park.....Blind Bay
- 9 Markwart Road Boat Launch.....Sorrento
- 10 Shuswap Lake Provincial Park.....Scotch Creek
- 11 Magna Bay Wharf Road Park.....Magna Bay
- 12 Memorial Park Boat Launch.....Chase
- 13 Oxford Road Lake Access.....Swansea Point
- 14 Beswick Road Community Park.....Seymour Arm
- 15 Bristow Road Boat Launch.....Celista
- 16 *Coming in 2021:* Belvidere Park.....Enderby
- 17 *Coming in 2021:* Tuey Park.....Enderby
- 18 *Coming in 2021:* Shannon Beach.....Eagle Bay



**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY  
DIAL 911  
ASK FOR AMBULANCE**

**CALL EARLY IN AN EMERGENCY**

***“THE SOONER THE CALL IS MADE,  
THE SOONER THE HELP ARRIVES”***

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

**Be a Volunteer - learn more on our website**

[www.rcmsar106.ca/volunteer](http://www.rcmsar106.ca/volunteer) with us

You can also support through a donation to help keep our crews trained, equipped, and response ready on a 24 hours per day, 365 days per year basis.

RCMSAR Station 106 Shuswap operates on funding assembled and administered by the Shuswap Lifeboat Society, which is a CRA registered charitable organization.



**Search - Shuswap Lifeboat Society Donate**

**Or you could also mail your donation to –**

**Shuswap Lifeboat Society,  
Box 661,  
Sicamous, BC V0E 2V0**

**For more information:**

Visit: [www.rcmsar106.ca](http://www.rcmsar106.ca)  
Email: [station106@rcmsar.com](mailto:station106@rcmsar.com)

**“SAVING LIVES ON THE WATER”**



**ROYAL CANADIAN MARINE  
SEARCH & RESCUE**

**STATION 106 – SHUSWAP  
Shuswap Lifeboat Society  
Serving the Shuswap Region since 2012**



**“SAVING LIVES ON THE WATER”**

## WHO WE ARE

A volunteer based Search and Rescue (SAR) service for both Shuswap Lake and Mara Lake, operating 24 hrs per day, 7 days a week, with two vessels dedicated to *"Saving Lives on the Water"*. Formed in 2012, Station 106 was the first, and still is, only RCMSAR base established on inland waters in BC.



## WHAT WE DO

Our Search and Rescue skills and resources make our Station a crucial and vital component of the "emergency response toolkit" in the Shuswap, essential for medical calls to incidents on water, and for residents of lake access only properties.



Our SAR taskings include boats in distress or overdue, persons missing off a vessel on water, and vehicles off road into the lake. Our vessels have assisted structural and wildland firefighters with transport of equipment and personnel to fires in remote areas. In large scale emergencies, vessels and crews are able to deliver Evacuation Notices to citizens for the Local Government Authorities.

## ABOUT OUR TRAINING

Our crew are trained to Standards established by the Canadian Coast Guard for SAR operations and adopted by RCMSAR for the Province of BC. Training includes boat handling in close quarters, basic seamanship, emergency procedures, radar, gps navigation, chartwork and buoyage, first aid, cold water survival, and search and rescue skills.



Coxswains (vessel captains) also receive training in resource management, leadership concepts, delegation, and risk analysis. Restricted visibility navigation and advanced electronic charting are taught and assessed at the provincial RCMSAR Training Centre's Fast Response Craft simulator.

## HOW ELSE WE HELP

Augmenting the Search and Rescue mandate, our members readily promote water and boating safety awareness to all ages across the Shuswap.



Volunteers will setup and staff a display on safety in and around the water with advice to ensure a safe day while recreating in the Shuswap. All we need is an invitation - [email us](#).

## THE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Bobby the Safety Boat visits Grade 2 & 3 students at schools, explaining what our boats do to keep people safe, and emphasize 6 water safety rules.



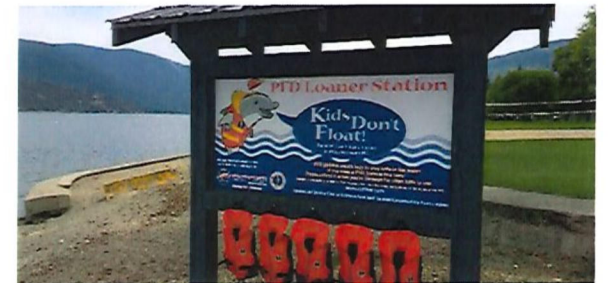
## LIFE RING STATIONS



A Life Ring or Life Buoy is a life saving device intended to be thrown out to a person in the water, providing buoyancy to prevent drowning. Station 106 installs sponsored Life Rings at selected beaches and docks.

## KIDS DON'T FLOAT KIOSKS

Our Station maintains approximately 20 Kiosks containing Personal Flotation Devices for children to borrow while swimming or boating. Kiosks are across the Shuswap, check out the map overleaf.



January 19, 2022

Hello Everybody -

On behalf of -

**Bruce Weicker**, President of the Shuswap Lifeboat Society, and

**Rob Sutherland**, Station Leader for Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue #106 Shuswap

Please find attached our annual summary of 2021 noteworthy accomplishments by both entities.

The Station responsible for operations - missions, training, boating safety efforts - listed on the left, and Society, the business entity that funds and supports the Station's mandate, on the right side.

Embedded you will note links which will enable you to reach our Website for more information.

Thank You very much for your support during this past year, and we wish you all the best in 2022.

PR Committee  
Shuswap Lifeboat Society





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*Business Entity of Station 106*

## Our Accomplishments During 2021

Another extraordinary year for our volunteers, with ever changing Covid Guidelines, that once again challenged us to provide many proactive Boating Safety programs.

### **RCM-SAR Station 106 Shuswap** (the operations)

**40 missions** this year, and the **2<sup>nd</sup> busiest RCMSAR station in B.C.** Our first mission on January 10<sup>th</sup> saw Tolonen **breaking 1" thick ice** to access the wharf. Mission #40 was on November 24<sup>th</sup> – both medical emergencies up in Seymour Arm. Our **21 volunteers contributed 4779 volunteer hours** in 2021, while **saving 4 lives** and **assisting 29 others in need of aid.**

We completed **98 on-water training exercises** and **48 classroom (online virtual) sessions** to maintain our operational proficiency. Our crew also attended four In Person courses to either attain or maintain certification, i.e. SVOP, F.A./CPR with TE, ROC (M). As well, three additional Coxswains successfully completed Bridge Resource Management Training to enhance their crew and mission supervisory skills. Navigators undertook advanced Radar, FLIR, and Search Patterns with an in-house designed course.



A new **Water Safety initiative** during 2021 saw 10 Life Ring stations established - **RCMSAR Life Ring Stations Improve Safety** Soon after the Sicamous Sands Beach install, a citizen used a Life Ring to save a tired swimmer from the current.

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary National "Operational Merit Medal" was awarded to six members of our crew for exemplary life saving efforts on a mission in 2020. A perfect example of Joint Incident Command, where our crew were instrumental for the patient making the **Golden Hour**



**442 Transport and Rescue Squadron** and Station staged a 1<sup>st</sup> "exercise" together. A **Buffalo** from CFB Comox dropped survival kits with amazing accuracy, then SAR Technicians parachuted down into the lake, to provide emergency care on our mock casualties.

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, is our **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** serving the Shuswap; **> 30,700 Volunteer Hours** to end of 2021.

Rob Sutherland, Station Leader, Station #106

### **Shuswap Lifeboat Society** (the financial support)

Writing or saying **Thank You to OUR SUPPORTERS** at times just **does not feel adequate or enough.** But, this generosity, whether from government, citizens, community associations, service clubs or businesses enables the Station and crews to perform the needed life saving emergency responses. **Our volunteers are so grateful for this ongoing support over last 10 years.**

Our Society received terrific news over the holidays – the **BC Community Gaming Capital Projects Program** approved a **\$250,000 grant** towards our Rescue Base. Our five years of fundraising has been set aside in a **Restricted Account**, waiting for the project to begin. **Columbia Shuswap Regional District** have supported this initiative with the debt servicing costs of our loan with the **Salmon Arm Savings and Credit Union.** Our Funding Package is now complete. Construction is anticipated to start in summer of 2022. [Learn More](#)

Three new Kids Don't Float kiosks were funded in 2021, a total now of 18 kiosks. City of Enderby sponsored two along the Shuswap River, and Eagle Bay community groups sponsored one for Shannon Beach, which our volunteers installed. [Where are those 18 kiosks?](#)

**BC Community Gaming** funded new **navigation stations for Rescue One** to match Tolonen. The federal **Boating Safety Contribution Program** funded the **construction of 10 Life Ring stations**, along with the **City of Salmon**, through the Covid Restart program, funding **additional PPE, sanitizer, and 2 years of Zoom.**

Our Social Media presence has increased with **958 followers on our Facebook Page** now. On average, our posts reach 2,000 to 5,000 persons. **One post** about the vessels creating safety zones for B.C. Wildfire aircraft to obtain fire fighting water **reached 190,000 persons.**

For more information on how our Society supports Station #106, check out our Website. [Learn More](#)

Bruce Weicker, President, Shuswap Lifeboat Society

**SAVING LIVES ON THE WATER**

**From:** Anne Morris <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** January 19, 2022 4:45 PM  
**To:** Alan Harrison <[aharrison@salmonarm.ca](mailto:aharrison@salmonarm.ca)>  
**Subject:** The Open Letter to the States Parties to the Non-Proliferation Treaty

His Worship Alan Harrison  
City Hall  
Salmon Arm

Good afternoon, Alan,

I am writing further to my letter of January 7 to Council concerning the **Open Letter to the States Parties to the Non-Proliferation Treaty, titled, 'Fulfill the NPT: From Nuclear Threats to Human Security'**. The Open Letter is currently being circulated globally for endorsement by individuals and organizations.

I understand that Council felt unprepared to take action at the January 10th Council meeting on our request for your endorsement of the Open Letter on behalf of Salmon Arm City Council. I am thus writing now to provide some context, and to encourage your personal endorsement of the Open Letter.

The nuclear weapons Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) of 1970 is the bedrock of the international effort to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons. Under the NPT, the original five nuclear-weapon countries agreed to eliminate their nuclear weapons "at the earliest possible moment," while those that do not possess nuclear weapons pledged *not to acquire them*.

At five-year intervals, there is a Review Conference by the United Nations to determine what progress has been made. The 2020 Review Conference, postponed several times because of COVID-19, is scheduled to take place in August at the United Nations in New York.

Since the NPT went into effect, four more countries have acquired nuclear weapons. The nuclear weapon States Parties to the NPT continue to threaten each other and the world with nuclear weapons, maintain options to launch a nuclear war (i.e., first-use of nuclear weapons), while spending billions of dollars modernizing and deploying their nuclear weapons.

As a result, the NPT is in danger of being abandoned by the growing number of non-nuclear-weapon States that question whether the nuclear-weapon States will ever forgo their nuclear weapons. Without some progress towards the NPT goal of nuclear weapons elimination, certain Middle East non-nuclear nations will inevitably conclude that they have no choice but to seek nuclear weapons for themselves.

It is thus extremely important that progress be made at the NPT Review Conference in August towards the goal of eliminating nuclear weapons. The Open Letter to the NPT States Parties is a global citizens initiative towards ensuring progress and the survival of this crucially important Treaty. Specifically, the Open Letter *seeks to persuade the NPT nuclear-weapon States Parties to adopt a 'No-First-Use' policy*, which would reduce the risk of nuclear war by accident or

miscalculation, as well as signalling to the world that progress is being made towards the NPT goal.

Salmon Arm City Council acknowledged the importance of the NPT in 2020 when it adopted a motion to write to the Prime Minister urging *"that Canada make nuclear arms control and disarmament a national priority, and work towards achieving an international consensus that will save the Non-Proliferation Treaty when it comes up for Review at the United Nations in the coming months"*.

I strongly encourage you to add your name to the 700+ persons who have already endorsed the Open Letter. The **deadline for endorsements is Friday, January 21st**. Here is the link to the Open Letter and the Endorsement form:

<https://nofirstuse.global/fulfil-the-npt-from-nuclear-threats-to-human-security/>

Respectfully yours,

Anne Morris  
Salmon Arm Ecumenical KAIROS Committee



## Barb Puddifant

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**From:** BC PR & Communications Adviser <bc-prcomm@girlguides.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 6, 2022 9:14 PM  
**To:** Barb Puddifant  
**Subject:** Guiding Lights Across BC - Feb 22 2022

Hi Mayor and Council,

On behalf of Girl Guides of Canada's British Columbia Council, I am writing to **ask for your support for girl empowerment in BC this February 22, by lighting up your building(s) with exterior lighting or interior window lights in the colour blue.** Blue is the well-known colour of Girl Guides and girls/women in BC have worn their blue Girl Guide uniforms with pride for many generations. Last year we had 85+ landmarks across the Province light up blue!

Every year on February 22, Girl Guides celebrate World Thinking Day, a day of international friendship. It is an opportunity to speak out on issues that affect girls and young women, celebrate the founding of Girl Guides, and be connected to the 10 million members around the world who are part of the Guiding movement.

Here in British Columbia, we have thousands of girls and women who are members of Girl Guides of Canada. We have Girl Guide programs in nearly every community in BC, and our girls/volunteers light up their communities year-round through leadership, community service, and efforts to create *a better world, by girls*. Girls typically participate in annual Thinking Day activities held on/around February 22. Due to the continuing effects of COVID-19, our usual large gatherings, campfire singalongs, community events, special camps, and other activities are impacted, and so this year will again look different than usual.

For Thinking Day 2022, we will be celebrating in a way that is COVID-friendly, keeps our communities safe, and brings a smile to the faces of girls, families, volunteers, and the public: **[Guiding Lights Across British Columbia](#)**. This community initiative will light up outdoor landmarks, bridges, buildings, stadiums, and other illuminated locations, with blue lights, in celebration of the sisterhood of Guiding across BC and beyond, on February 22. A map of previous participating locations can be found at [www.girlguides.ca/guidinglightsacrossbc](http://www.girlguides.ca/guidinglightsacrossbc)

We will be mobilizing our members to admire these lit-up sites in ways that comply with COVID-19 rules (both from public health authorities and Girl Guides' own member safety protocols) in effect at that time, posting photos on social media, emailing our members with info about how to participate, and more. We are excited for this open-air opportunity that will enable everyone to safely celebrate.

Our Girl Guide members and broader network of supporters would be thrilled to have your landmarks lit up as part of Guiding Lights Across British Columbia, and to highlight your participation as part of this province-wide event. Please contact us at [bc-prcomm@girlguides.ca](mailto:bc-prcomm@girlguides.ca) to confirm your ability to participate in this February 22, 2022, activity.

Thank you for your support for Guiding in BC!

**Isabella Lee (she/her) | BC Public Relations and Communications Adviser**  
BC Council, Girl Guides of Canada

bc-prcomm@girlguides.ca/ (cell) 778-677-6452

*I respectfully acknowledge that I live and work within the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territory of the Songhees, Esquimalt, and WSÁNEĆ Nations.*



**Everything she wants to be.**



# COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT

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December 21, 2021

File No: 0230 20

Sent by Email: [ejackson@salmonarm.ca](mailto:ejackson@salmonarm.ca)

Erin Jackson, Director of Corporate Services  
City of Salmon Arm

## Re: Shuswap Regional Airport Commission – CSR D 2022 Appointments

At the December 9, 2021 Regular Board meeting the Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSR D) Board appointed the following Directors to represent the CSR D on the Shuswap Regional Airport Commission for 2022.

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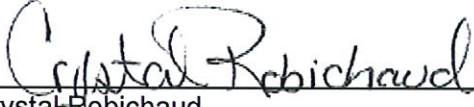
Email: [trysz@csr.d.bc.ca](mailto:trysz@csr.d.bc.ca)

Please copy any correspondence sent to the above mentioned appointees to the Columbia Shuswap Regional District by email [CorpAdmin@csr.d.bc.ca](mailto:CorpAdmin@csr.d.bc.ca).

Yours truly,

**COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT**

Per:

  
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Crystal Robichaud  
Legislative Clerk

cc: Paul Demenok, Electoral Area C Director  
Rene Talbot, Electoral Area D Director  
Rhona Martin, Electoral Area E Director  
Terry Rysz, District of Sicamous Director

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**ELECTORAL AREAS**

A GOLDEN-COLUMBIA

B REVELSTOKE-COLUMBIA

C SOUTH SHUSWAP

D FALKLAND-SALMON VALLEY

E SICAMOUS-MALAKWA

F NORTH SHUSWAP-SEYMOUR ARM

**MUNICIPALITIES**

GOLDEN

REVELSTOKE

SALMON ARM

SICAMOUS

## Barb Puddifant

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**From:** Vanessa Isnardy <visnardy@bccf.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 6, 2022 11:42 AM  
**Subject:** WildSafeBC Community Program Application is now OPEN for 2022

Hello from the BC Conservation Foundation team,

The BC Conservation Foundation (BCCF) is inviting communities interested in a [WildSafeBC Community Program](#) to apply by February 1, 2022. If you had a program in 2021, you may have already received an email earlier this week.

### About the WildSafeBC Community Program

WildSafeBC is the provincial leader in preventing conflict with wildlife through collaboration, education and community solutions. It has evolved out of the highly successful Bear Aware program and is managed and delivered by the British Columbia Conservation Foundation (BCCF), a registered charity and not-for-profit.

In 2021, the WildSafeBC Program was delivered through 28 community programs to over 150 communities, First Nations and regional districts throughout BC. These local programs are led by a part-time community coordinator that is hired, trained and supervised by BCCF. These annual contracts typically run from April/May to November and include a minimum of 420 contract hours. Local coordinators are responsible for delivering the WildSafeBC Community Program by working closely with their community liaison(s) and local Conservation Officers. An annual report, summarizing the program's activities, is made available each year on our [website](#).

### How the Program is Funded

The WildSafeBC Program currently applies for funding from the Provincial Government, Columbia Basin Trust and support by BCCF. The amount BCCF receives annually varies and is not guaranteed. Communities that apply for a WildSafeBC Community Program will automatically be considered for additional funding support if available and the amounts depend on a variety of criteria. Combined with community funds, the total program budget is used to pay for local program delivery including: coordinator salary and benefits, mileage and office expenses, toolkit education materials and program administration, coordinator training and supervision.

The WildSafeBC Community Program application process is competitive as BCCF receives more requests than funds available. Applicants can strengthen their application in a number of ways:

- Provide support to the local coordinator with local in-kind resources (office space/phone)
- Complete [Bear Smart Community](#) program criteria.
- Apply with increased funds either directly or with other partners.

### Application Process

Communities apply in the month of January of every year with a minimum of \$4,000 in community funds in order to have a local coordinator deliver the WildSafeBC Community Program. If their application is successful, and primary funding is secured, their contribution will be augmented by a funding grant to deliver a minimum 420 hour Program.

**To apply for this program**, and potential funding grant, please complete the application form found [here](#) and email it to [bc@wildsafebc.com](mailto:bc@wildsafebc.com) by **February 1<sup>st</sup> at noon**. Please complete and submit the form, even if you are not relying on a grant (fully self-funded). If you have questions regarding the form, need guidance on levels of required funding, or would like to determine a WildSafeBC Community Program budget, please contact us by email to set up a time.

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Key Dates in 2022	Description
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<b>January 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Application intake is open
<b>February 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Applications are due at noon PST – email to <a href="mailto:bc@wildsafebc.com">bc@wildsafebc.com</a>
<b>March 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Community Program Applicants are notified
<b>April 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Typical start date for returning WildSafeBC Community Coordinators
<b>April 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Community Program funding payments are due for the community's portion of their contribution
<b>May 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup></b>	WildSafeBC New Community Coordinator Training
<b>May 16<sup>th</sup></b>	New coordinators begin working in their communities
<b>November 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Typical Program End Date

Thank you for your interest and support of WildSafeBC and our mission to keep wildlife wild and communities safe.

**Vanessa Isnardy, BSc**

WildSafeBC Program Manager

*"Keeping Wildlife Wild and Communities Safe"*

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## Barb Puddifant

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**From:** Erin Vieira <EVieira@fraserbasin.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 14, 2022 11:36 AM  
**Subject:** Shuswap Watershed Council seeking volunteers to join Council as Community Representatives  
**Attachments:** SWC\_MediaRelease\_CommunityRepresentatives\_7Jan2022\_SF\_ERT.pdf

Hello,

Happy new year to all! The Shuswap Watershed Council is seeking up to four Shuswap residents to join the SWC membership as Community Representatives. The terms for these positions are for up to three years, beginning on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Those interested are invited to visit the SWC website ([www.shuswapwater.ca](http://www.shuswapwater.ca)) to learn more. To apply, fill out the 'Expression of Interest' form that is posted online and submit it to SWC staff by email or mail by February 18<sup>th</sup>.

This is a volunteer opportunity (no remuneration) although compensation is provided for travel expenses related to attending SWC meetings. (Note: the SWC has been meeting virtually for a year and a half, it will resume meeting in person when it is safe to do so). Becoming a Community Representative is a great way to provide input and direction to the SWC's work. Community Representatives are expected to attend meetings on a quarterly basis (4x per year). A full description of the positions is on our website, along with supporting documents about our work that we encourage prospective applicants to review.

Short-listed applicants will be invited to the next SWC meeting, on March 9<sup>th</sup>, so that the SWC can meet with them individually prior to final selection of Community Representatives.

Please feel free to share this opportunity with your network or membership, and let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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## MEDIA RELEASE

15 January 2022 - for immediate release

### Shuswap Watershed Council seeking Community Representatives

The Shuswap Watershed Council (SWC) is inviting residents of the Shuswap to join the SWC membership as a Community Representative. Up to four positions are available, for up to three-year terms, beginning in April 2022.

Currently, the SWC membership consists of representatives from the Columbia Shuswap Regional District, Thompson-Nicola Regional District, Adams Lake Indian Band, City of Salmon Arm, District of Sicamous, Regional District of North Okanagan, BC Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy, and BC Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Fisheries. There are also three community representatives whose terms will be complete at the end of March. The diverse membership of the SWC enables input, perspectives, and collaboration of various organizations across the Shuswap watershed.

The role of SWC members is to provide direction and oversight for the delivery of the SWC's programs for water quality, safe boating and recreation, aquatic invasive species prevention, engagement and communications, and advocacy. Along with other SWC members, Community Representatives are required to attend SWC meetings on a quarterly basis (four times per year).

“Community Representatives should live or work in the Shuswap, and have a keen interest in protecting and maintaining the water quality in the Shuswap,” says Erin Vieira, program manager for the SWC.

The positions are volunteer, but expenses associated with attending meetings in-person would be compensated. However, Vieira says the Council has been meeting virtually since 2020 and it isn't yet known when they will resume meeting in person.

A full description of the Community Representative positions is available on the SWC's website, [www.shuswapwater.ca](http://www.shuswapwater.ca).

The positions will be filled through a process of application and evaluation. Anyone interested in applying is invited to fill out and submit an Expression of Interest form (available on the SWC's website). The deadline for submitting an application is February 18<sup>th</sup> 2022.



About: The Shuswap Watershed Council is a watershed-based partnership organization that works on water quality and safe recreation in the Shuswap.

Contact: For more information, please contact Erin Vieira or Mike Simpson c/o the Fraser Basin Council in Kamloops at 250 314-9660 and visit [www.shuswapwater.ca](http://www.shuswapwater.ca).

# SILGA

2022 January  
Newsletter



Winter in Gold Bridge

## 2022 SILGA AGM and Convention, Salmon Arm BC April 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Prestige Harbourfront Resort, Salmon Arm, BC

Exciting news! We're still on target for an in-person AGM and Convention. While it may be run a little differently this year, we've got a fantastic line up of speakers and panels to educate and bring awareness to topics key to local governments. We will wait to open up registration until later in February, pending any new PHOs. Vaccination passports and masks will be mandatory at this event.



Our Keynote Speaker is CBC personality Jesse Wenthe. Mr. Wenthe has appeared on CBC Radio's Metro Morning as film and pop culture critic for 20 years. He's currently Chair of the Canada Council for the Arts and he previously served as Director of Film Programmes at TIFF Bell Lightbox, where he oversaw theatrical, Cinematheque and Film Circuit programming. A self-described 'Ojibwe dude' with a national and international lens, he encourages audiences to consider diversity and inclusion into the future view of their organization, industry and country.

**Tours:** Innovation Centre/Food Hub, Art Gallery and Robotic Dairy Farm  
**Panels:** Movie Industry, Attainable Housing, Integrated Project Management  
**Speaker Topics:** Wildfire Communications, Airport Service Development, Organization Resilience, Liability and Evacuations (legal), Flood and/or Fire Mitigation, Cultural Mapping.

### SILGA Deadlines/AGM information

February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Community Excellence Awards
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Nominations for SILGA Board
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Resolutions for AGM
April 26 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	SILGA AGM and Convention, Salmon Arm

**Late Resolutions:** Please note that at the 2022 SILGA AGM only emergent resolutions of a regional nature as determined by the Resolutions Committee will be accepted for debate and that a rationale must be included in the submission as to why the resolution is emergent.



BC Achievement  
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The 2022 Community Award is open for nominations! Now, more than ever, we are grateful for those who lead the way, showing us the importance of strong, engaged communities.

Communities where we care for each other. Deadline is January 31st and for more information on how to nominate [click here](#).

### Seeking candidates for the SILGA Board of Directors

Are you interested in joining a regional local government board that focusses on advocacy and education for mayors, councillors and directors?

Contact the SILGA office @ [yoursilga@gmail.com](mailto:yoursilga@gmail.com) for more information and how to apply.

### Hell or High Water Benefit Concert for Flood [March 13th](#)

This online concert will raise money for the people of the fire and flood ravaged communities in BC, including the most devastated areas of Merritt, Lytton, Princeton and Abbotsford.

## Proposed Internet Infrastructure for the Coq

Shaw and Rogers are working together to build a new high-capacity fibre optic line from Hope to Kamloops following Highway 5 (Coquihalla). The new fibre will improve access to broadband services, including high speed internet service, cellular service along the highway and public WiFi at rest stops. The new high-capacity fibre optic cable is being designed as an Open Access Network, where local governments, First Nation communities and local service providers will have the opportunity to access the fibre to deliver new services to residents and businesses.



This new fibre will provide underserved communities like Lac Lejeune, Nicola, Brookmere, Kingsvale and Coquihalla Summit Recreation Centre the ability to access to the fibre optic cable to help provide

high speed internet and other broadband services, like video streaming, phone and access to new business products. It will also promote safety and improve access to emergency services along the corridor.

## SILGA Student thoughts from the 2021 UBCM Convention

In his report to the SILGA Board, Jacob Wilson, a Grade 11 student from Sahali Secondary in Kamloops, thanked SILGA for allowing him to attend the virtual convention. A computer nut, he was very interested in the cyber security presentation and the best practices to prevent an attack from happening. He now has a greater appreciation for the role of local governments and how they can improve the lives of their citizens, along with the interconnectivity of different levels of government.

If your community has a deserving student that wants to attend the 2022 UBCM convention, the nominations will open in April. All the information on how to nominate a student and the criteria for selection can be [found here](#).

## Pathways to Action on a BC Watershed Security Fund

The need for major investments in B.C.'s watershed security has never been more urgent. Catastrophic flooding following a summer of historic drought and forest fires has brought to light the serious challenges we are collectively facing. Local governments, Indigenous nations, and stewardship groups have long called for increased provincial government support to conserve, protect and restore our shared watersheds.

With its current mandate, the B.C. government is committed to creating a B.C. Watershed Security Fund. Broader public consultations about the Fund are about to be launched.

The webinar, hosted by Climate Caucus, will share proposed directions for the Fund from a new paper released by the Sustainable Funding Working Group, an independent group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous experts. It will provide an opportunity for interactive discussion between participants and members of this Working Group on the importance of the Fund and its potential to be a game-changer for watersheds and community health and security into the future. Webinar is on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 3.00 pm.

[Link to the Invitation to the Webinar](#)



### Some Convention fun to look forward to!

1. 9 holes of golf -Executive course Salmon Arm Golf Club
2. Tours of Cideries
3. Pub night

AND Reach for the Top – LG vs LG

Get your team together to see who is the smartest!

## Community Excellence Awards

Are you proud of your community or regional area's accomplishments? Would you like it to be recognized at our convention and more broadly through social media and the news?

To promote the environmental, social, and economic well being of our member communities and to share ideas and best practices throughout the SILGA area, we have created awards to showcase a community in each of these categories.

To nominate your local government, please provide a letter describing a fantastic project, event, or activity that you are proud of. A winner will be chosen in each category and presented an award during our AGM. Submissions from previous years may be used again. Deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>.



For Immediate Release | January 13, 2022

## Interior Health expanding clinic availability for booster program

IH WIDE – Interior Health is expanding COVID-19 immunization clinic capacity throughout the region to make it easier for more people to get their booster dose as soon as they are eligible.

This month, larger immunization clinics are opening in Williams Lake, Kelowna, Nelson, Castlegar, Trail and Cranbrook, while clinics in several other communities are extending hours and adding more appointments at their current locations. Pharmacies across Interior Health are also adding more appointments.

“Interior Health is grateful to our community partners who are once again stepping up to provide clinic space,” said Susan Brown, president and CEO of Interior Health. “With pharmacies also offering appointments, people across our region have more options to book their booster appointments as soon as they are able.”

Everyone aged 18+ will receive an invitation to book their appointment for a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine approximately six months after the date of their second dose.

Pregnant people 18+ can get a booster dose eight weeks after their second dose. To book an appointment, they can call the call centre at 1-833-838-2323 and self-identify as pregnant. COVID-19 vaccines are safe to receive at any point in pregnancy.

“Receiving a COVID-19 booster dose is a safe and effective way to protect yourself and your community from COVID-19,” said Dr. Sue Pollock, interim chief medical health officer for Interior Health. “With increased COVID-19 activity across the Interior, getting your booster dose is a critical step you can take to reduce your risk of hospitalization and to preserve capacity in the health care system.”

Booster doses are by appointment only. Once you receive your invite by email or text you will be able to book your appointment. People who still need their first or second dose can drop in or also make an appointment.

For a full list of Interior Health clinics and more information on getting booster doses, first and second doses, and children age five to 11 vaccines visit: <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/health-and-wellness/disease-outbreaks/covid-19/immunization-clinics>

For information on how to book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment, visit [www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca](http://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca) or call 1-833-838-2323.

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**From:** Corfield & Associates <[corfieldandassociates@gmail.com](mailto:corfieldandassociates@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, January 14, 2022 8:43 AM

**Subject:** Engagement on updates to British Columbia's Geographical Naming Principles, Policy and Procedures

Dear Elected Officials and CEO,

I am sharing an invitation from the BC Geographical Naming Office of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to attend an upcoming virtual engagement session. Corfield and Associates have been contracted to facilitate the sessions.

Please register an individual from your organization (Mayor, Elected Councillors, CEO, Lands Manager) to participate at [corfieldandassociates@gmail.com](mailto:corfieldandassociates@gmail.com) for the engagement session of your choice.

Our team will confirm your registration, send you the log-in details, and send the reading materials for the event.

Thank you in advance for your participation,

Michelle Corfield, DM, MA, BA  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Corfield and Associates



January 13, 2022

Ref: 269202

Mayors and Regional District Chairs of British Columbia

Attendees of the December 2021 Regional Meetings with Minister Josie Osborne and Minister Murray Rankin

Dear Mayors and Chairs:

Happy New Year 2022!

Thank you for taking the time to join Minister Josie Osborne and Minister Murray Rankin for the December 2021 regional meetings. As Minister Osborne and Minister Rankin said, these meetings continue to be a great opportunity to hear from you about key issues and initiatives in your communities.

The December meetings were focused on Indigenous relations and reconciliation. We very much appreciated the opportunity to hear from local governments about all the great work that is taking place to advance reconciliation and build meaningful and lasting partnerships with Indigenous communities.

Many local governments shared examples of collaboration including working together on cultural, arts and heritage projects, developing service agreements and MOUs, and incorporating Indigenous languages into signage and public spaces, to name a few. The Province acknowledges and supports the work local governments are doing to build relationships with Indigenous peoples and looks forward to hearing about future initiatives in this regard.

### **Inclusive Regional Governance**

In the province's Draft Action Plan on the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs has committed to supporting inclusive regional governance by advancing Indigenous participation in regional district boards. Interest on this has been building for some time and several regional districts and First Nations are keen to see this advance. We are looking forward to engaging on this in the near future.



### **Other actions to support reconciliation**

Given the feedback on the draft plan, government is considering other possible actions to add, to support reconciliation at the local level. The idea of working on new approaches and practices to local government name changes, in those circumstances of negative colonial context, is one of many ideas under consideration.

Finally, we heard clearly that local governments have questions on their role in supporting the implementation of the articles of the UN Declaration and the TRC calls to action, on their responsibilities with respect to DRIPA, and what that means for their evolving relationships with First Nations and Indigenous people. We are working on new guidance and encouraging the sharing of best practices you are already undertaking. We will continue to collaborate with UBCM.

Please share examples of recent initiatives or resources in your community for building relations with First Nations and Indigenous people by emailing [relations@civicinfo.bc.ca](mailto:relations@civicinfo.bc.ca) to have the resources or news releases of them added to the Joint Indigenous and Local Government Initiatives and Relations library to inspire and support other local governments.

### **Provincial State of Emergency – catastrophic flooding**

The Provincial State of Emergency with respect to catastrophic flooding has been extended until end of day **January 18, 2022** due to the continued need for public safety measures under the *Emergency Program Act* and ongoing repairs to critical infrastructure.

Travel restrictions are currently still in place, including on Highway 1, Highway 5 (Coquihalla), and Highway 99. Note that the [DriveBC](#) home page is the most current source of highway conditions.

### **COVID 19 – Update**

#### **PHO Gatherings and Events Order – application to local governments**

The December 22, 2021 Provincial Health Officer (PHO) [Gatherings and Events Order](#) exempts local governments (including meetings and public hearings) from the Order. It is our understanding that there is no intention for any additional restrictions for local government meetings, including restricting in-person attendance at open meetings. Accordingly, local governments can decide whether to hold electronic meetings if it is authorized in their procedure bylaw.

Local governments' decisions around electronic or in-person public attendance will depend on the unique circumstances in each community. Based on individual community needs, this could include a hybrid of virtual and in-person attendance at meetings. Local governments are encouraged to review their meeting rules and update them accordingly.

With the end of the Provincial State of Emergency, and expiration of the previous exceptional orders made under *Emergency Program Act*, no legislative authority exists to allow the Minister to issue a Ministerial Order (or any other legislative tool) to override public presence at open meetings (including providing a place for the public when electronic meetings are held). Local governments that choose to

have electronic meetings as authorized in their procedure bylaw are therefore required to provide a place for the public to attend to hear or watch meetings.

I would encourage local governments to consider enhanced safety measures where in-person attendance is required to support the health and safety of staff and the public.

### **COVID-19 Safety Plans**

On January 7, 2022 Dr. Bonnie Henry announced an order requiring employers to re-activate their COVID-19 Safety Plans to reduce the spread of the highly transmissible Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus. WorkSafe BC has provided guidance on reactivation or development of these plans and further information can be found [here](#).

The Provincial Health Office has confirmed that a new written Workplace Safety Order will be available shortly and I will provide you with an update as soon as the new order is posted. Vaccination continues to be our primary protective measure. [Masks](#) continue to be mandatory for all indoor public spaces.

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses**

Starting in January 2022, people 18 years and older will get a booking invitation 6 months after the date of their second dose for a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Please encourage your residents to get a booster dose as this is helping to protect your communities from COVID-19.

Keep watching [BC's Response to COVID-19](#) website for updates, and please encourage your residents to do the same.

### **Infrastructure Funding**

As a reminder, the intake for the ICIP Environmental Quality Program closes on **January 26, 2022**. Program information can be found at: [www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program](http://www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program)

The Environmental Quality Program is focused on infrastructure that will support quality and management improvements for drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater. It will also support projects that remediate contaminated sites and divert solid waste from landfill.

Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that add value around environmental protection, resource recovery and reuse, climate change adaptation and mitigation and energy efficiency, generation, and recovery. A water conservation plan is a requirement for any drinking water and wastewater projects.

Please email [infra@gov.bc.ca](mailto:infra@gov.bc.ca) to get connected to a program team member who can respond to your questions.

**MO 84/2020 – Local Authorities and Essential Goods and Supplies (COVID-19) Order**

On December 15, 2021 [MO 84/2020](#) under the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (CRMA) was amended to repeal certain sections that are no longer necessary for current pandemic response actions and change the repeal date for the remaining sections from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022. Note that the sunset date for CRMA also has been extended to December 31, 2022. These changes reflect the ongoing and evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic.

See the following summary table for the current status of sections under the Order:

Section	Application	Status
<b>Section 1</b>	Definitions	<b>Extended to Dec 2022</b>
<b>Section 2</b>	Application of Order	<b>Extended to Dec 2022</b>
<b>Section 3</b>	Local emergency plans	Repealed in July 2020
<b>Section 4</b>	Declarations of SOLE and orders set aside	Repealed in July 2020
<b>Section 5</b>	<i>Emergency powers of Local Authorities (LAs)</i> Requires LAs to obtain ministerial approval to declare a SOLE under section 12 (1) of the Emergency Program Act (EPA) or to use a power under the EPA in respect of the COVID-19 pandemic.	<b>Extended to Dec 2022</b>
<b>Section 6</b>	<i>LA resources and plans</i> LAs are no longer obligated to identify resources and facilities for COVID response or identify critical supplies and services.	Repealed in Dec 2021
<b>Section 7</b>	<i>Continuity of LA services</i> LAs are no longer required to ensure that certain services are maintained.	Repealed in Dec 2021
<b>Section 8</b>	<i>Critical services and essential goods and supplies</i> LAs are no longer required to provide assistance to ensure delivery of supplies to services and facilities that serve vulnerable populations.	Repealed in Dec 2021
<b>Section 9</b>	<i>Secondary selling prohibited</i> The minister may no longer direct limits on quantities of certain goods and services that may be purchased, and secondary selling of essential goods and supplies is no longer prohibited.	Repealed in Dec 2021
<b>Section 10</b>	<i>BC Ferry Services</i>	Repealed in July 2020 and July 2021
<b>Section 11</b>	<i>Delivery of essential goods and supplies</i> The Minister is no longer authorized to coordinate measures to ensure delivery of essential goods and supplies.	Repealed in Dec 2021

I appreciate you communicating back information from the province to your councils and boards, to your local government staff and to your communities.

The next regional meetings with Municipal Affairs will be in early February 2022. Minister of Citizens' Services Lisa Beare will join Minister Osborne to give an update on connectivity. Minister Osborne's office will be in touch with you in the upcoming week about the February date, time, and meeting information. If you are unable to attend a minister's meeting, please feel free to send an alternate elected official or a staff member to attend on your behalf.

I hope you were able to take some time for yourself and to celebrate with your families during the holiday season. I continue to be humbled and impressed by the flexibility and resilience of you and your staff during these difficult times. The new year will hold its own challenges, however, I know that by working together, we will be able to tackle whatever comes.

Sincerely,

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Tara Faganello  
Assistant Deputy Minister

pc: Chief Administrative Officers  
Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, President, UBCM  
Gary Maclsaac, Executive Director, UBCM  
Candace Witkowskyj, Executive Director, LGMA  
Todd Pugh, Executive Director, CivicInfo BC



January 12, 2022

**Re: Engagement on updates to British Columbia's Geographical Naming Principles, Policy and Procedures**

**VIA EMAIL**

To whom it may concern,

Geographical place names are essential for communication and navigation, but also influence how we view, understand and remember places and their stories. Embracing our diversity through place names gives all British Columbians an opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the history and significance of the land and its features.

The Government of British Columbia has committed to reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples in BC and to the adoption and implementation of the United Nations *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP) through the *Declaration Act* (2019). In support of these commitments, the BC Geographical Names Office, part of the Heritage Branch of the Ministry of Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, wishes to engage with you and your community on proposed updates to British Columbia's Geographical Naming Principles, Policy and Procedures, which outline how decisions about geographical place names are made. The last major revision to the policy took place in the 1990s.

The proposed changes include:

1. Establish guiding principles for decisions and procedures for geographical naming in BC.
2. Acknowledge the importance of documenting and restoring Indigenous place names as an act of reconciliation.
3. Outline procedures for recording information in the BC Geographical Names Information System (the database that contains authoritative information on place names), including unofficial place names.
4. Provide for the recognition of multiple official place names for a geographical feature in different languages.
5. Reconsider the practice of commemorative place naming, where geographical features are named after individual persons to honour or memorialize them.
6. Allow the BCGNO to initiate the rescinding of a place name that is derogatory or discriminatory.
7. General update to modernize policy and address gaps.

We would like to engage with you to understand how changes to British Columbia's Geographical Naming Principles, Policy and Procedures might affect or support your community's interests and values. To this end, we have contracted Corfield & Associates to

assist with the facilitation and engagement of Indigenous and municipal governments and key stakeholders.

Heritage Branch and Corfield and Associates have identified the following dates for virtual engagement sessions with municipal government representatives:

Tuesday, February 1 – Local Governments - 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM PT

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**From:** Lloyd, Clair ENV:EX <Clair.Lloyd@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022 1:26 PM  
**Cc:** Gottfried, Avery ENV:EX  
**Subject:** NEW: Local Government Guide for Bylaws Regulating Single-Use Plastics

Hello,

I'm pleased to be able to share the [Local Government Guide for Bylaws Regulating Single-Use Plastics](#), produced by The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. The purpose of the Guide is to support municipalities with interpretation of Part 3 of the Spheres of Concurrent Jurisdiction – Environment and Wildlife Regulation, and to provide direction and assistance on developing bylaws regulating single-use plastics.

The Spheres of Concurrent Jurisdiction – Environment and Wildlife Regulation (the Regulation), was amended on July 26, 2021 to include a [new part \(Part 3\)](#) that enables local governments in B.C. to take action on plastics by authorizing municipalities to implement bylaws that ban certain single-use items. The intention of Part 3 of the Regulation is to authorize municipal bylaws that reduce the use of single-use items, encourage greater use of sustainable reusables and contribute to a more circular economy for plastics. For more information visit - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/waste-management/zero-waste/municipal-plastics-bylaws>

We hope that you find the Guide informative and we look forward to continuing to work with you as you advance your actions on plastics.

If you have questions, please contact myself ([Clair.Lloyd@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Clair.Lloyd@gov.bc.ca)) or Avery Gottfried, Senior Policy Specialist at [Avery.Gottfried@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Avery.Gottfried@gov.bc.ca).

Best,  
Clair



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