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From the Office of the Mayor

May 16, 2018

School District #83
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Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

Attn: Peter Jory, Superintendent

Dear Mr. Jory,

Re: Disposition of the Downtown Activity Centre and Future Facilities Planning

At the Regular Council Meeting of May 14, 2018, Council received and considered several letters from citizens who expressed their concerns regarding the imminent sale of the Downtown Activity Centre (451 Shuswap Street SW) and the gap it will leave in our community.

While we recognize the School District's right to dispose of surplus property and remain firm on our decision not to acquire the property, we believe that this important decision should be postponed until a duly elected Board of Trustees is in place, following the General Municipal Election on October 20, 2018. This would seem to be the democratic approach and may allow time for seriously interested community groups to assemble a bona-fide offer.

In addition, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss the School District's future facilities plans as they relate to the City of Salmon Arm and wish to invite you to meet with us at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

Nancy Cooper
Mayor

Cc: Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Education
Mike McKay, Official Trustee

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April 18, 2018

Local Government Management Association
Suite 710A - 880 Douglas Street
Victoria, BC V8W 2B7

To Whom it May Concern,

Re: Professional Service Award Nomination for Monica Dalziel, CMA, CPA

In accordance with the Local Government Management Association Membership Policy, Section 3.13, it is with great pleasure that I nominate my esteemed colleague and long standing LGMA Regular Member, Monica Dalziel, for the Professional Service Award.

Over the last 20+ years, Monica has exemplified leadership, innovation and community service in her role as Chief Financial Officer for the City of Salmon Arm. Looking back at her many achievements, I believe that several deserve special note.

It is because of Monica's vision and comprehensive understanding of local government finance that the City of Salmon Arm can boast not only a 5 Year Financial Plan but also a Long Term Debt Strategy (see the staff report on pages 135-154 of the July 10, 2017 Agenda at http://www.salmonarm.ca/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_07102017-376) and a financial implementation plan that allows the City to execute its Corporate Strategic Plan. This prudent financial planning will allow the City to undertake important projects such as the proposed Ross Street Underpass, Downtown Parkade, planning for the road network and other important infrastructure, all without associated tax increases.

Monica was instrumental in the creation of the Industrial Revitalization Tax Exemption (see summary at http://www.salmonarm.ca/DocumentCenter/View/991) and has not only presented it to the BC Assessment Authority but also shared this information widely with other municipalities so that they may also benefit.

She also listened closely to the concerns of the business community and worked diligently to provide Council with all of the important information they required to make the decision to move toward the equalization of property tax rates for Light Industry (Class 5) & Business and Other (Class 6) classifications in 2017 (the report is available at http://www.salmonarm.ca/documentcenter/view/1864).

Her dedication to the City and her colleagues is unmatched. During my medical emergency and consequent absence in 2015/2016, Monica, without hesitation, stepped into the role of Interim Chief Administrative Officer and kept the organization moving forward. She continued to fulfill her role as Chief Financial Officer while serving in the capacity of CAO for many months.

In addition, the City has been the recipient of the prestigious Canadian Award for Financial Reporting (CAnFR) for 10 years because of the leadership and direction of Monica. This award, issued by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada, recognizes excellence in governmental accounting and financial reporting and is a significant accomplishment.

Monica's service to local government also extends to her previous time at the District of Lake Country and the City of Armstrong. She is truly a gem of the Okanagan and has also provided expert advice and information to a vast array of organizations including the BC Assessment Authority, Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing and numerous local governments throughout the Province.

I am excited for the next chapter of Monica's life as she approaches retirement this summer. While her departure will leave a significant gap in our organization, her outstanding contribution to local government management in BC is truly a legacy that we all can aspire to.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 250-803-4033 or via e-mail at cbannister@salmonarm.ca, if you have any questions in this regard.

Yours truly,

Carl Bannister

Carl Bannister, MCIP, RPP
Chief Administrative Officer

From: A Smith [mailto:arlenesmith88@gmail.com]
Sent: April-09-18 1:47 PM
To: Nancy Cooper
Subject: Need for shelter, community space

Hello Mayor Nancy Cooper (our First Lady of Salmon Arm B.C.)
Long time no chat with! Hope all is well with you and your family. I am doing very well and looking to get involved with supporting the homeless and those who are in need of assistance getting back "on their feet" as the saying goes.

I was wondering if you would know of a vacant building, house or office space that may be available for people who need a helping hand, a caring person(s) to talk with and a friendly direction to help guide them with changing their lives for the better. An important saying goes "Charity begins in the home". Seeing as Salmon Arm is our home city, I am looking to have some sort of space donated to help the underprivileged including First Nations peoples. I understand that the In Out of the Cold program offered through the Salvation Army has closed or is closing for the season.
This service has helped a number of people survive the winter months but does not address the needs and concerns for helping people in a life enhancing manner for longevity and becoming productive, responsible members of society.

Having had experienced homelessness, alcoholism and drug addiction, I am very aware of the needs some people may be experiencing who may be wanting to turn their lives around, as well as a compassionate resource to even be able to leave their pack sacks/belongings in a corner in order to to be unburdened while looking for a residence and or job.

I am in the process of starting to volunteer with the Living Waters Church in Salmon Arm trying to "brainstorm" ideas to be of service to those who are truly in need of support. Not just monetary support but loving counselling, possibly computer access and a landline for making appointments and following up with advertisements regarding accommodations and or education.

Back in 2003 when I was homeless, I greatly benefited from a place called the "Drop in Centre" which was located in Kelowna where a simple breakfast and a lunch was offered/prepared. It also had laundry and shower facilities. This place was run by a qualified staff person and had community based support with volunteers.
This safe haven literally changed my life from living in darkness to thriving in the "Light".

It is my opinion as a concerned citizen seeing people in need that they are growing in numbers and may not want to be involved with the Mental Health/Interior Health organisations.

I hope you will take this inquiry into serious consideration as summer is fast approaching and I am sure you are aware of the transient population that comes looking for employment along with the need for helping our First Nations families.

Thank you for considering this request.
Sincerely yours; Arlene H. Smith

May 7, 2018

N. R. Fowler

1560 Lakeshore Rd. NE

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Mayor and Council, City of Salmon Arm

Dear Mayor and members of council:

I have been involved in the history and development of the area known as Sinclair Park (1481 16 St. NE) since 1970. This park is indicated on Map 2, Existing and Proposed Greenways, 2012 as an existing (not simply proposed) neighbourhood park. I would like it to be remembered that the name "Sinclair Park" was formally adopted by council of the day on February 4, 2002, and that the City partnered in an application to the Shuswap Community Foundation which resulted in a $500 grant, provided through the Vancouver Foundation, which was matched by $500 from the City to provide modest improvements to the park. The log sign indicating Sinclair Park was created by volunteer labour using donated material, and installed on its concrete base by City staff.

In my opinion the status of Sinclair Park is not sufficiently secure. In discussion of this park at council meeting last year it seemed to me that not all members of council were aware of its long history, since being subdivided from farmland sometime around 1960 and reserved for greenspace at that time.

The house on the lot immediately to the south of the park had an addition made to its north end (to accommodate the construction of the wing of a home-built aircraft) around 1980. This was apparently done without permit or inspection, because that part of the house extends into Sinclair Park. Also, the present occupants of the house have recently fenced off part of the south side of the park so as to make that part accessible to them only, and inaccessible to the general public. I could understand the city accepting the offer of an adjoining property owner to, say, mow the grass on part of the publicly owned park, but not to agree to have that part of a public park be fenced off from public access. Surely any fencing on private property adjoining public land should be confined to the boundary of that private property.

After many years, the city is about to construct a fence along the south side of "Dodds' Trail", which connects Sinclair Park to Lakeshore Rd. I am delighted to see some official recognition of the boundary of the Dodds' Trail, and hope to see similar recognition of the boundaries of Sinclair Park.

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The pathway through Sinclair Park and the Dodds' Trail, connecting 16 St. to Lakeshore Rd, is used year-round. For many years it was cleared of snow as needed. This last winter it was not cleared at all. After the heavy snowfall in February-March I phoned the city to ask if it could be cleared, and was (incorrectly) told "we have never cleared that trail of snow". Does this mean that the long standing practice of snow removal on this trail has now been suspended? Once again I am concerned about the status of the park.

In 1970, when I first became aware of the existence of the greenspace reserve which has become Sinclair Park, our home was not adjacent to the park. In 1974, we moved even closer, but still not adjacent to the park. At the moment I do not own any land which is adjacent to the park or to Dodds' Trail. My interest in the future and status of the park is entirely based on seeing this land continue to be protected for use as a neighbourhood park with full public access, as has been the intent since about 1960. I was thirty when my interest began, and I am pushing eighty now. I wonder if I will see full protection of Sinclair Park happen in my lifetime.

I have kept a reasonably complete file of events connected with the evolution of Sinclair Park, and would be pleased to discuss any of these matters with any elected officials or staff members.

Yours Sincerely,

Reid Fowler

Norman Reid Fowler

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From: Dorothy Rolin [mailto:dkrolin@shaw.ca]
Sent: May-16-18 10:01 PM
To: EDUC.Minister@gov.bc.ca
Cc: greg.kyllo.mla@leg.bc.ca; Nancy Cooper; Louise Wallace-Richmond; Chad Eliason; Kevin Flynn; Alan Harrison; Ken Jamieson; Tim Lavery; kim@youthparners.ca
Subject: School District #83 Proposed Sale of former Salmon Arm Elementary School

Honourable Rob Fleming
Minister of Education
PO Box 9045 Stn. Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Fleming:

Subject: School District #83 Proposed Sale of former Salmon Arm Elementary School

This heritage building that the tax payers of Salmon Arm have contributed to for the last 96 years should be saved as a legacy for the people of Salmon Arm. In addition, the youth after school programs, non-profit clubs, and day care, that presently utilize it to its fullest have few if any options as to where they might relocate on a permanent basis for a reasonable rent.

The Aspiral Youth Group that has leased this building and run the administrative programs since 2003 would like to purchase the land and building but need time to raise money, now that the purchase price is known.

I learned about the pending sale one week prior to the meeting held by Mr. Mike McKay, who is the sole representative for School District #83, and was appalled to learn the "bids" were only going to be open for two months. This certainly doesn't give any local residents any time to arrange strategic plans to be put into place re-grants, fund-raising, etc.

I do not agree that Mr. McKay speaks for the majority of Salmon Arm residents. I listened to the wishes of the people who attended the meeting May 2, 2018 who want the decision postponed until after a new School Board and City Council are elected in October 2018.

Postponement makes good political sense.

I therefore ask you to delay the sale of the former elementary school until after the new Board, and Council, can be approached with a reasonable plan.

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) Dorothy Rolin
President of the Salmon Arm Branch of the Okanagan Historical Society
dkrolin@shaw.ca 250-832-3537

Cc: Greg Kyllo, MLA Columbia/Shuswap
Mayor Nancy Cooper and Council of City of Salmon Arm
Councilor Louise Wallace-Richmond, Chair of City of Salmon Arm Heritage Commission
Kim Sinclair, Aspiral Youth Partners

From: Abbigail May [mailto:abbimay71@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2018 8:41 AM
To: Erin Jackson
Subject: Spring orienteering events in SA

Dear Erin,

The Sage Orienteering club would like to request holding the following spring orienteering series events on city property. I have attached a copy of Sage Orienteering Club's current insurance certificate. The city is named as an additional insured as is SD 83, Okanagan College and NORD. The events will happen on Monday evenings between 5:30 and 8pm.

May 28th – South Canoe
June 4th – Shuswap Middle School + Surrounding Parks
June 11th – Silver Slope (Mount Ida slope above 40th St. SE)
June 18th – Pileated Woods
June 25th – Park Hill

Thanks so much,
Abbigail May
Sage Orienteering Club board member

May 22, 2018

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

I am writing to say thank you to all of you for support of the BC Masters Open Water Championships to be held at Canoe Beach on Aug 12th 2018. With your support we hope to build a reputation of hosting high level open water events each year. Hosting sporting events like this don't only take 100s of volunteer hours, but also financial investment to make them happen successfully.

We would like to apply to council for a hosting grant of $3000 to go towards covering some of the following costs.

- **Insurance for volunteers and athletes**
- **Food and Drinks for all the volunteers.**
- **Rental of timing systems.**
- **Rental of swimming turn Bouys.**
- **PA system.**
- **Marketing and promotions.**
- **Insurance for House boat and Gas.**
- **Hiring of some senior Life Guards.**
- **Boat Rentals.**

This investment will help the committee with keeping to cost of the entries to the athletes lower and affordable. Its will also help cover some of the main cost of hosting the event. Our goal is to break even of make a small profit with these type of events. Our goal is to start to buy our own equipment so that we can host events and not have to rely on other groups supporting our events.

I look forward to hearing your feedback and comments.

Yours Sincerely

John Barry Healey

J. Barry Healey

Head Coach

Waves Masters and CSSSC

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

May 22, 2018

Dear Mayor and Council

Re: Block Party and #thursdaysonthetown kick-off

Aaron Obst of Head Gamez Hair & Company and Cantina Vallarta would like to host a Block Party at Ross Street Plaza, Thursday June 21, 2018, 4-8pm. The Salmon Arm Downtown Improvement Association fully supports this initiative.

Aaron presented his original idea to Downtown Salmon Arm. After some brainstorming, we have combined #thursdaysonthetown kick-off with the Block Party at Ross Street Plaza. There will be live music and DJ music, displays, vendor and info booths.

Head Gamez Hair & Company would like to set up a salon chair and cut hair by donation, with proceeds toward the Shuswap Association of Community Living. We would encourage other salons/businesses to do their own fundraising for charities of their choice.

We feel this ties in nicely with our new summer campaign, #thursdaysonthetown, to try and create an evening culture of shopping, dining, entertainment in the downtown core.

Downtown Salmon Arm will carry the event liability insurance.

Should you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support for downtown events and programming.

Regards

Lindsay Wong
Manager

cc. Aaron Obst

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May 9th, 2018

Dear Mayor and Council

Re: Peace in the Park – Free community Yoga Event, August 25th, 2018

Peace in the Park is a one-day event designed to promote wellness and peace in Salmon Arm through yoga, meditation, and other wellnesses techniques. We first ran the event in 2015 and saw over 80 participants come out with their yoga mats to experience an instructor-led session of yoga, breathing, and meditation, followed by crystal singing bowls. In 2016 the same event was offered and grew in participates and media coverage. Due to volunteer time constraints and resource, the event did not run in 2017.

With a new committee, we are hoping to breathe life back into this special event and request your help. Our vision for 2018's Peace in the Park is to offer the same concept, yoga, meditation, and wellness but add more to the day's events like a family picnic, music, and more activities around the 'peace concept'. We plan to do this through environmental multicultural, and or aboriginal presentations creating peace and kindness between the earth and community. We plan to have the day start at 10 am and run until 2 pm.

We are requesting a waiver of the gazebo and power rental fee, charged by Salmon Arm Recreation. The event is from 10- 2 pm in length and power is only required for the sound system to project the instructor's voice and the playing of supported music. Currently, we are working on the appropriate insurance requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and we hope to see you out with your yoga mat, and packed lunch to enjoy our offering to the community of Salmon Arm.

With kind Regards

Nancy Whitticase

Nancy Whitticase
Committee member, Peace in the Park

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City of Salmon Arm
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May 10, 2018

Dear Mayor and Council

Re: Peace in the Park August 25, 2018

The Salmon Arm Downtown Improvement Association supports the submission by Nancy Whitticase, Committee member of Peace in the Park 2018.

Nancy, along with other community members are keen to bring back 'Peace in the Park' Yoga event on Saturday August 25th at Marine Peace Park. In 2015 and 2016 Downtown Salmon Arm, along with the SA Chamber of Commerce, were co-hosts of the event. This year, several other people have stepped up to be a active committee members to make this event happen and to grow the event for future years.

Please accept this letter as confirmation of our support for Peace in the Park.

We congratulate them on their initiative and passion.

Should you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you

Regards

Lindsay Wong
Manager

cc. Nancy Whitticase

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Barb Puddifant

From: Salmon Arm Chamber [admin=sachamber.bc.ca@mail229.atl121.mcsv.net] on behalf of Salmon Arm Chamber [admin@sachamber.bc.ca]
Sent: May-15-18 11:14 AM
To: Caylee Simmons
Subject: Committee Invitation & 2018 Scholarship Application

2018 Chamber Committee Invitation

2018 Chamber Scholarship

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The Chamber Board is excited to be moving forward with our 2018—2020 Strategic Plan.

Based on feedback received from our February 2018 membership survey, we have created 5 new (and very exciting!) committees which are **in need of Chamber members** to help develop and build upon existing practice and structure.

If you are interested in participating in any of the committees below please contact the Chair directly.

Committee	Mandate	Chair/Contact
Policy	• Review SA Chamber policies • Review BC Chamber policies • Submit policy recommendations to the board	Mark Thio markthio@sascu.com
Marketing & Recruiting	• Face-to-face recruitment of new members • Prepare a recruiting package • Find marketing opportunities for members	Brad DeMille demilles@shaw.ca

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Membership Value	• Review member-to-member discount program and provide list to Recruiting Committee • Address all sectors, including: • Manufacturing and Technology • Retail • Service • Agriculture • Any other sectors identified • Evaluate how the chamber can improve services • Coordinate monthly business after business networking • Annually survey the members to assess how we are doing (using the same questions every year to measure change)	Susan Robinson susan@sunbiz.ca
Online Presence	• Arrange for someone to take pictures at functions and post them online • Review current online presence and make recommendations • Assist Executive Director in maintaining website and social media • Establish a presence on different platforms	Chair: TBA Contact: admin@sachamber.bc.ca
Professional Development	• Find presenters for monthly lunches • Research topics of interest to the members • Track what is and isn't successful for future reference • Look for workshop opportunities • Canvas membership for potential speakers	Susan Robinson susan@sunbiz.ca

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Since 1996, the Salmon Arm & District Chamber of Commerce has granted an annual $500 scholarship to a student beginning or continuing his or her education toward a degree, diploma or certificate.

This scholarship is awarded to a student, who is beginning, continuing or returning to full-time studies (no age restrictions on scholarship applicants), and is:

- A member in good standing of the Chamber of Commerce, or
- A child or spouse of a Chamber member in good standing, or
- An employee of a Chamber member in good standing, or

- A child or spouse of an employee of a Chamber member in good standing, (provided the employment is full-time and permanent), or
- A child or spouse of an employee of the Chamber itself.

To qualify, the student must be accepted to full-time studies at a Canadian college, university, technical or trade school, within the three western provinces. The student must prove high academic standing and financial need.

Application forms are available at the Salmon Arm Chamber of Commerce office or download at www.sachamber.bc.ca

Scholarship deadline is June 15, 2018

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May 18, 2018
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Her Worship Nancy Cooper
Mayor of the City of Salmon Arm
Box 40
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Email: ncooper@salmonarm.ca

Dear Mayor Cooper:

Re: 2018 G7 Leaders Summit RCMP Resource Redeployment

I am writing to provide an update on the anticipated impacts of the G7 Leaders Summit. As you are aware, the Government of Canada will be hosting the G7 Leaders Summit in Charlevoix, Quebec, on June 8-9, 2018. The G7 constitutes a Major Event under the *Provincial Police Service Agreement* (PPSA) and *Municipal Police Unit Agreements* (MPUA), and as such, there is a requirement for the RCMP to temporarily redeploy resources to assist in delivery of Canada's security commitment.

As per Article 8.4 of the MPUA, the Commissioner may, in consultation with the Minister and the CEO (Mayor or designate), temporarily withdraw up to 10 per cent of the Members of your Municipal Police Unit (including any necessary equipment) to perform any duties or functions with respect to a Major Event. All costs of withdrawal and redeployment, including salary, transportation and maintenance, for the duration of the entire event, are to be paid by the Government of Canada at 100 per cent.

BC RCMP Headquarters has been asked to provide 700 Members from across the Province for this event, and has identified a preliminary list of detachments and provincial offices from which resources are to be drawn. Some of these members may be drawn from your Municipal Unit. It is our expectation that Detachment Commanders will communicate with you the requirements and plans of each Municipal Unit.

The RCMP have taken steps to minimize the impact to service delivery; however, we strongly encourage you to work closely with your Detachment Commander to ensure that front-line policing is maintained.

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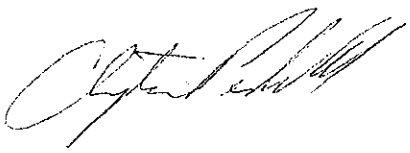
Yours truly,



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Assistant Deputy Minister
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Policing and Security Branch

pc: Ms. Tonia Enger, Associate Director of Police Services
A/Comm. Eric Stubbs, Criminal Operations Officer - Core, E-Division RCMP
Mr. Bruce Hayne, Co-Chair, Local Government Contract Management Committee, c/o UBCM

From: FCM Communiqué [mailto:communique@fcm.ca]
Sent: May-07-18 6:43 AM
To: Nancy Cooper
Subject: FCM Voice May 7: National Housing Strategy | Seizing our moment | CISAL study tour | more

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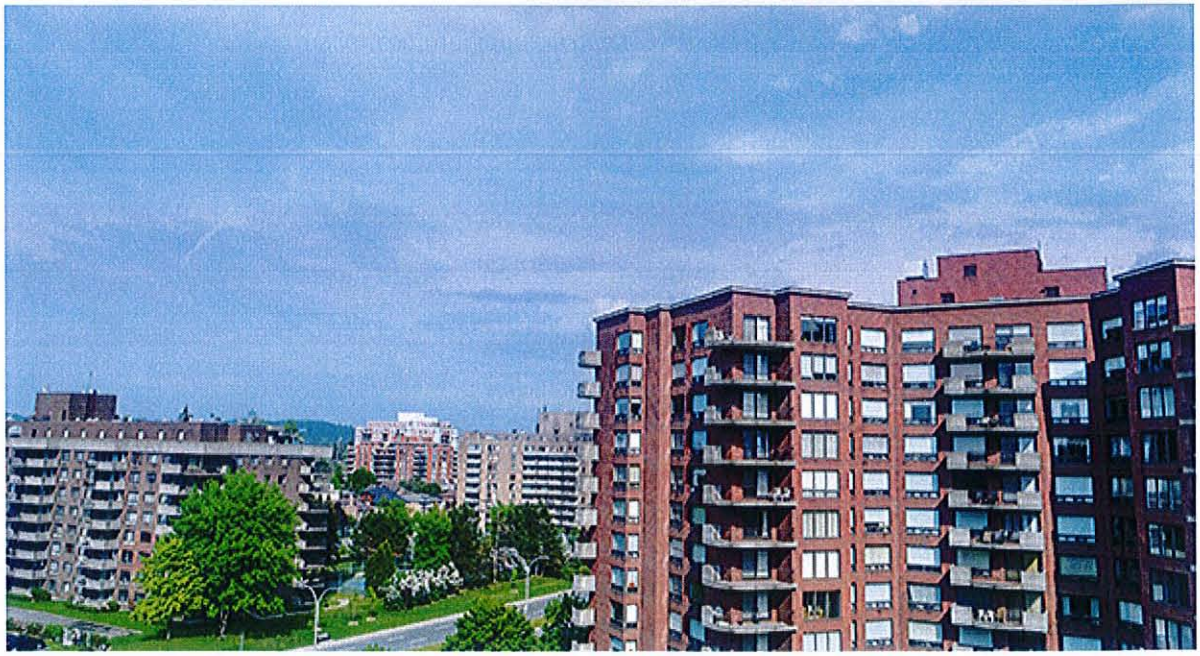

National Housing Strategy: key funding announced

Last week, the federal government launched The National Housing Co-Investment Fund, a key component of the National Housing Strategy. Thanks to FCM's advocacy, this fund will help ensure that 1.7 million Canadians in need will finally find a place to call home. And because it's federally designed and delivered, it puts tools directly in local hands — including local governments and affordable housing providers.

With the right tools, local expertise stands ready to repair, retrofit and grow Canada's affordable housing supply.

To apply, visit the website for the new construction stream and the repair/renewal stream.

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Election 2019: Let's seize our moment together

FCM has delivered unprecedented gains for municipalities — from the $180-billion federal infrastructure plan to Canada's first-ever national housing strategy. Starting with Election 2015, we've driven home the message that local solutions tackle national challenges.

Election 2019 is a vital opportunity to build on these historic gains and propel local governments to new heights. We need to seize it. To help get us there, your FCM Board of Directors has approved a two-year Special Advocacy Fund. The goal is simple: to keep your priorities front-and-centre for years to come.

Keep an eye out in the mail in the coming weeks and check fcm.ca/advocacyfund to see how we can seize our moment together.

Getting federal environmental legislation right

Municipalities are recognized environmental leaders that seek to protect fish habitats. But while protecting the environment, the federal government must ensure that proposed legislative changes do not create unproductive administrative and financial burdens for local infrastructure projects.

That's the message that FCM brought to the House Fisheries and Oceans Committee last Thursday (audio only, FCM's presentation begins at 13:15:30). FCM is calling on the federal government to work with municipalities to meet

environmental goals, while also avoiding unnecessary federal approvals when there is little potential impact on fish habitats.

CISAL study tour of northern British Columbia

Over the next weeks, 20 delegates from FCM's Sustainable and Inclusive Communities in Latin America (CISAL) program will be visiting northern British Columbia to learn how local governments and residents are managing the impacts of resource development. The study tour concludes with a workshop at the University of British Columbia to create dialogue between women and men from Peru, Colombia and B.C. who live near areas of resource development. This workshop is co-facilitated by the Canadian International Resources and Development Institute (CIRDI).

Edmonton municipal expert receives FCM award of excellence

Kent McMullin, Senior Business Strategist with the City of Edmonton, is a long-standing contributor to FCM's international development programs. Over the past several years, he has been a key municipal expert with the Partnership for Local Economic Development and Democratic Governance, sharing his expertise with counterparts in Ukraine. To honour this work, Kent has received an FCM International Award of Excellence, presented by Edmonton councillor Bev Esslinger and Mayor Don Iveson.

Upcoming webinar: Road to Municipal Elections

Join our Diverse Voices for Change initiative's upcoming webinar, the Road to Municipal Elections 2018: Countdown Continues. Taking place on May 11 from 12-1:30 p.m. (EDT), this webinar will feature a panel discussion with elected women and campaign experts. They will share their perspective on the importance of running for office and insight into how to run a successful campaign. Register today.

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- May 2: Interested in gender equity and municipal politics? Want to learn how women across all diversities can change the face of leadership at the local government level? Register for Diverse Voices for Change's upcoming webinar series! http://bit.ly/2raEDzI
- May 1: May is Bike to Work Month, and 14 FCM employees have already signed up to beat the 3,325 km cycled in May of last year! Are you cycling to work in your #CDNmuni?
- Apr 30: Congratulations Kent McMullin, long-time contributor to FCM's intl programs, for your award of excellence, presented by @doniveson

Award-winning inspiration for your next sustainability project

We've released videos and guides showcasing the winners of our 2018 Sustainable Communities Awards. Winners share the strategies they applied to develop their project in TED-style presentation videos. Our guides offer insight into the benefits and successes of each initiative, and include questions municipal staff can use to start a similar project in your community.

Learn more

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Community Recognition

Village of Cache Creek Adopts Age-Friendly Plan

An Age-Friendly Plan is a community-driven and Council supported process that aims to create environments that support seniors as they age in community. As a result of the surveys conducted with seniors 55+ and service providers, the top themes that emerged within Cache Creek were transportation, housing and access to information. A social gathering was hosted to dig deeper into these themes as well as an open house to help inform the final plan. The Age-Friendly plan was adopted by Council in March 2018 and the Village of Cache Creek has been awarded a Stream 2 Funding Grant from UBCM to conduct a housing needs assessment for seniors. Click to review the process and final Age-Friendly Plan.

Resident Attraction & Retention in the Village of New Denver and Area

Resident attraction and retention is an issue in many of our rural communities. A recent survey of the New Denver area shows that the vast majority of residents are satisfied with their quality of life, plan to stay, would recommend the area to others, and see a bright future for the community. Overall, things are good. Take a look at this clear example of an important community development initiative. If you're interested to see their methodology and results, click here

The City of Kamloops' OCP, KAMPLAN, Adopted April 2018.

The adopted Kamloops OCP or KAMPLAN is the result of a comprehensive, four-year community engagement process that included input from residents, stakeholders, First Nations, City staff, Council, and a KAMPLAN Advisory Committee. Healthy Communities staff was involved throughout the engagement process and provided language and references that supported health promoting land use development. The KAMPLAN implementation strategy will include action items, timelines, indicators and targets and will see further collaboration with the Healthy Communities team among other community organizations and City departments. To learn more about their OCP and the review and update process, watch the KAMPLAN video, visit the Our Process section, or review the KAMPLAN document.

City of Trail's Skywalk wins Provincial 2018 Parks Excellence Award

The City of Trail is pleased to announce it has received the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) 2018 Parks Excellence Award for the Columbia River Skywalk project. The award exemplifies the Skywalk's contribution to Trail's high quality of recreation, parks and

physical activity in the community, and its excellence in unique design for walkability and community connectedness. See the media release here

Events and Learning Opportunities

Webinar on Social Connectedness and Health: Understanding the Impacts

This free webinar is open to anyone interested in hearing and learning about social connectedness and community health on **May 23rd** from 10-11:30 PST. Hosted by BC Healthy Communities and Vancouver Coastal Health, the information has been specifically designed for municipal planners and public health policy makers and examines how we design and build our communities in the context of health. To register, click here

2018 Rural Health Services Research Conference: Building Intersections for Vibrant Rural Communities

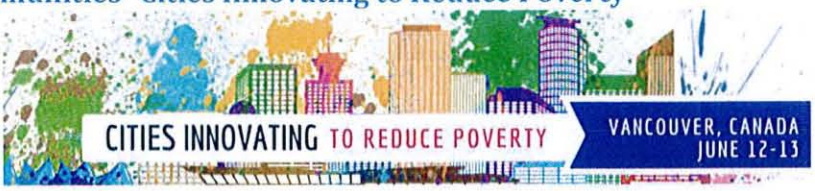
RHSRNbc
Rural Health Services Research Network of BC

This Conference will be held **May 31 - June 1, 2018 in Nelson** and will explore issues of health, wellness, and equity in rural settings, supporting capacity building for innovative methodologies for applied research. Presentations will explore strategies for genuine engagement and create dialogue about the implications of research findings for both rural communities and service organizations. The goal is to spark partnerships for transformative research and knowledge translation. Pre-conference workshops will be held on May 30th to allow for deeper discussion and networking around specific topics. Registration is now open on this page.

Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Workshops: Kamloops, Kelowna, Nelson, Grand Forks, & Cranbrook.

Led by Peter Kenyon during **the week of June 1st**, these workshops are designed for community enthusiasts, community builders and civic leaders who want to discover more about ABCD philosophies and methodologies, their potential for and application to their community, town or city. Above all, it is a great opportunity to learn how to excite and mobilize local residents to map, connect, and celebrate their local assets and discover what they truly care about. For more information and to register, click here

Vibrant Communities- Cities Innovating to Reduce Poverty



Today, more than 175 cities in Canada have, or are developing, community plans that engage governments, business, not for profits, and citizens with lived/living experience of poverty to

work together to implement new approaches. Join Vibrant Communities and the City of Vancouver on **June 12-13, 2018 in Vancouver, BC** for *Cities Innovating to Reduce Poverty* national summit. Register now for this opportunity to learn about innovation in poverty reduction, featuring the unique role of city, provincial and federal strategies. The summit will allow for learning and dialogue across sectors and take our collective understanding of innovation in poverty reduction to the next level.

Kwantlen Polytechnic University- Place- Based Food Systems Conference

PLACE-BASED FOOD SYSTEMS CONFERENCE:
Making the Case, Making it Happen
August 9-10th, 2018

This two-day conference will draw together academics and community leaders to share the latest research and actions on building capacity for and empowering, place - based food systems. The event aims to give participants an empowering vision of the critical role that place-based food systems can and will play in achieving our sustainable economic, ecological, and societal futures, as well as a revitalized dedication to strategic, collaborative, and forceful strategies moving forward. Register now to attend the conference on **August 9-10th, 2018 in Richmond, BC**.

Healthy Public Policy Resources

B.C. Community Road Safety Toolkit

The B.C. Community Road Safety Toolkit is an easily-accessible and electronically-searchable knowledge source about road safety designs and strategies that local governments can implement to improve road safety outcomes. Check it out here

Cutting Through the Complexity: A Roadmap for Effective Collaboration

Most changemakers today acknowledge that to address the complex social and environmental challenges we face we must learn how to collaborate—across organizations, sectors, networks, and differences. Effective collaboration must become a reality, not just an aspiration. This long and well-researched article is full of useful information and helpful links for the development of healthy communities. Read the article from the Stanford Social Innovation Review here

Municipal Guide to Cannabis Legalization

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), in partnership with UBCM, legal experts, and other local governments and local government organizations across Canada, has developed a Municipal Guide to Cannabis Legalization. The Guide offers tools to help local governments meet challenges associated with the legalization of cannabis, including case studies, policy options and sample bylaw language. You can read the whole guide here

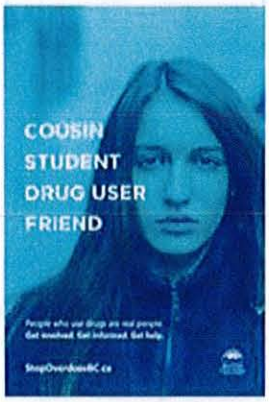
Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation Update

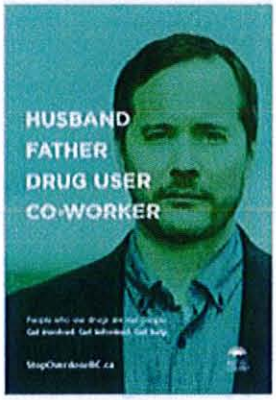
This PowerPoint from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy provides updates about this regulation. Local governments can also regulate open burning for fire protection by local bylaws to help air quality and fire protection. See it here

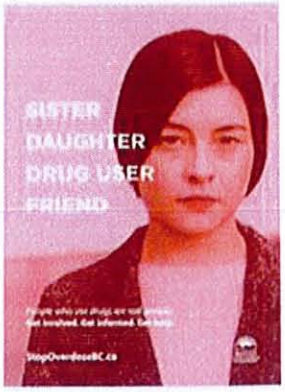
StopOverdose BC Campaign

The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions has recently launched an overdose awareness campaign across BC. The campaign aims to challenge the way people think about people who use drugs, humanize the overdose crisis, and call on all British Columbians to get informed, get help, and get involved by having courageous conversations.

We have attached a StopOverdose Toolkit to this email. The Toolkit contains messages and products to make it easy for your organization and partner-organizations to support the province wide overdose awareness / anti-stigma campaign. **Please take a look and take action!**







The Built Environment: Understanding How Physical Environments Influence the Health and Well-being of First Nations Peoples Living On-Reserve

This paper from the National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health summarizes what is known about how the built environment influences the health and well-being of First Nations reserve communities. Although the built environment is large in scope this paper focuses in five distinct areas including: housing, water & wastewater management, food security, active living, and transportation. Access the paper here

Funding News

Community Poverty Reduction Grants

Local governments interested in poverty reduction are invited to apply to the Community Poverty Reduction Fund. This $7 million program is administered by the Vancouver Foundation and is designed to address the root causes of poverty by supporting socially innovative projects

identified by communities. There are 3 types of grants available under this program. The next funding intake is July 2018. Please see the link for more information.

Sincerely,

Your Healthy Communities Team
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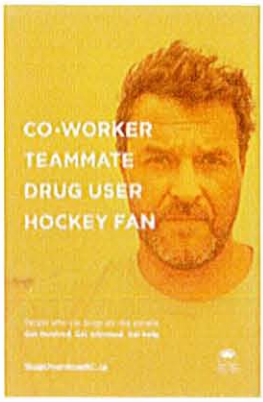

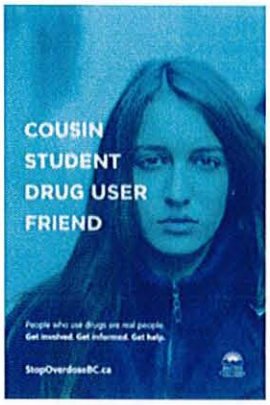

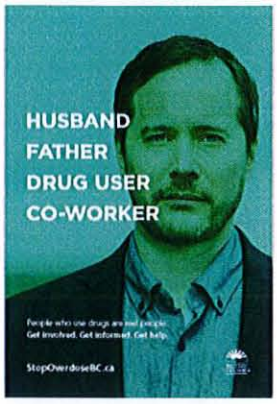

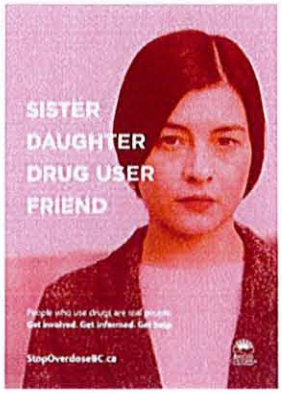

What's in the Toolkit

- Sample email
- Sample social media posts
- Video links
- Facebook-friendly social media images *attached
- Instagram-friendly social media images *attached
- Posters (PDFs) *attached

If you have any questions or would like to request certain products, please contact Leila Mazhari at Leila.Mazhari@gov.bc.ca.

Sample Email

Dear partners:

The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions has recently launched an overdose awareness campaign across B.C. (see StopOverdoseBC.ca).

The campaign aims to challenge the way people think about people who use drugs, humanize the overdose crisis, and call on all British Columbians to get informed, get help, and get involved by having courageous conversations.

We are reaching out to you to ask for your help, so together we can combat stigma and stop overdose in B.C. To that end, please share the attached campaign materials by forwarding this email (and its attachments) to your partners/networks. We also encourage you to post the available material on your website and social media platforms.

If you have any questions, please contact Leila.Mazhari@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you for your support.

Sample Web and Social Media Posts – under 160 characters (i.e. Twitter-compatible)

General

We need everyone's help to #StopOverdose in BC. Get involved, get informed, get help. www.StopOverdoseBC.ca

It's time we dispel false stereotypes around substance use and addiction in B.C. Visit www.StopOverdoseBC.ca to find out how you can get involved. #StopOverdose

"Every single British Columbian has a role to play. It has to be all hands on deck if we're going to turn the corner on this public health emergency that's taking 4 lives a day" @DarcyJudy WATCH: https://tinyurl.com/ydezwtgt #StopOverdose

@BCGovNews & the @Canucks have teamed up to combat the biggest health emergency the province has seen in decades. WATCH: https://tinyurl.com/ydezwtgt We all have a role to play to #StopOverdose.

READ: "3 Myths About Stigma & Addiction" at https://shar.es/1LZ0rt #StopOverdose

The mental, emotional, spiritual and social impacts of the overdose crisis are felt across the province. The Mobile Response Team provides immediate, short-term support to those affected by this public health emergency. Find out more at https://shar.es/1LZXrs #StopOverdose

Every single British Columbian has a role to play to #StopOverdose. READ "How to Get Involved & Help Stop Overdose in B.C." at https://shar.es/1LZXEB

Courageous Conversations

Join @1kirkmclean and be a change-maker by having an honest conversation with a friend, co-worker or loved one about substance use and addiction. WATCH: https://tinyurl.com/y8g6qt7r #StopOverdose

Having a conversation about substance use & #HarmReduction with someone you care about may not be easy. It may be tough to find the right words to say. But having the conversation together can save lives. Learn more at https://tinyurl.com/yd7wqudu #StopOverdose

Having courageous conversations about substance use begins by being a good listener. Learn more about how to reach out to the people you care about at https://tinyurl.com/yd7wqudu #StopOverdose

Learn how to start the conversation at https://tinyurl.com/yd7wqudu Build trust. Save lives. #StopOverdose

Help #StopOverdose by sharing stories about substance use, speaking out against discrimination & having courageous conversations with loved ones who might be silently struggling. Find out how you can get involved at www.StopOverdoseBC.ca

Treating people who use substances with respect improves health outcomes & helps save lives. Let's change the conversation about addiction. READ: "Why Words Matter" at https://shar.es/1LZ0da #StopOverdose

Starting the conversation may not be easy. It may be tough to find the right words to say. But, talking together can save lives. Learn how to talk to someone about substance use & overdose prevention at https://shar.es/1LZ0Pe #StopOverdose

Stigma

We need to get to a place where people living w/ addiction are treated w/ the same dignity and respect as people with any other health problem. \ WATCH how the @Canucks & @BCGovNews are helping #EndStigma https://tinyurl.com/ydezwtgt

"It's only if we break down the stigma that people will seek out care because stigma is a real barrier to people getting care, getting treatment & getting on a pathway to healing & to hope." WATCH: https://tinyurl.com/ydezwtgt #EndStigma #StopOverdose

You can help save lives from overdose by joining the @Canucks in combatting stigma in B.C. Visit https://tinyurl.com/y93nbakb to learn more. #StopOverdose

The overdose crisis has touched individuals and families of all walks of life in B.C. Find out how you can help #EndStigma and #StopOverdose at www.StopOverdoseBC.ca

WATCH how the @Canucks and the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions are working together to #EndStigma around substance use, so that people can feel safe accessing the treatment and supports in B.C.: https://shar.es/1LZXY7 #StopOverdose

Harm Reduction

Did you know that drug checking test strips are now provided in all supervised consumption and overdose prevention sites in B.C.? Visit https://tinyurl.com/y6vsphcw to find one nearby. #StopOverdose

Learn more about harm reduction and how it saves lives at https://tinyurl.com/y6vsphcw #StopOverdose

Do you know the risks and signs of overdose to keep yourself and loved ones safe? Visit www.StopOverdoseBC.ca to get involved, get informed and get help. #StopOverdose

Learn about harm reduction in B.C. and locate an Overdose Prevention Site or Supervised Consumption Services in your community at https://tinyurl.com/y6vsphcw #StopOverdose

Slow or no breathing. Cold, clammy skin. Tiny pupils. These are some of the signs of overdose. Do you know what to do? Visit https://tinyurl.com/yamw6ape to find out how you can help #StopOverdose

Naloxone can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. Find out where to get your kit and training: https://tinyurl.com/ydxg6tg7 #StopOverdose

Recovery and Treatment

Just as each person's life path is unique, each route leading to treatment & recovery is unique. Offering support to people seeking treatment will help in their healing journey. Find out more at https://tinyurl.com/y95eb5oj #StopOverdose

No matter which stage you or your loved ones may be in, recovery is possible with the right supports and services that work for them. Visit https://tinyurl.com/y95eb5oj to learn more. #StopOverdose

Evidence supports opioid substitution therapy as one of the best first steps to opioid recovery. Learn more about recovery and treatment options at https://tinyurl.com/y95eb5oj #StopOverdose

@BCCSU has developed guidelines for the clinical management of opioid use disorder. Learn about pathways to healing & hope at https://tinyurl.com/ya5udur4 #StopOverdose

"Opioid Use & Detox: Does it Work?" Get informed at https://tinyurl.com/y8pbz5yj #StopOverdose

Youth

Honest, courageous conversations can go a long way in keeping your kids safe from overdose. Learn how to start the conversation at https://tinyurl.com/yd7wqudu #StopOverdose

Talking openly, honestly and respectfully about opioids and other drugs can help us bond with our kids, which is a key factor in protecting them from substance-related harm. Find tips for starting courageous conversations with youth at https://tinyurl.com/yd7wqudu #StopOverdose

Video Links

Canucks help #EndStigma (Minister Darcy interview): https://tinyurl.com/ydezwtgt

Former Canucks' goaltender Kirk McLean on substance abuse and the overdose crisis: https://tinyurl.com/y8g6qt7r

Predators @ Canucks - BC Premier John Horgan Interview: https://tinyurl.com/ybupt5a9

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Attention: Mayor and Council

BY FAX ONLY: 250-803-4041

April 27, 2018

Dear Mayor Cooper and Council:

Re: Road Repairs – 2690 13th Avenue SW

I am writing to request your assistance with a safety issue that has plagued our Salmon Arm branch for many years. As you may know, a previous owner of the property placed brickwork along the road frontage. Due to recurrent use, variable weather conditions and the passage of time, the bricks have compacted, shifted and cracked, leaving the road surface in a condition that is very dangerous for our staff and customers, as well as members of the public. There have been previous injuries caused by the condition of the road, and this hazard has been noted in our branch's Occupational Health & Safety minutes.

As the brickwork is placed on both the property of Andrew Sheret Limited and the City of Salmon Arm, I am concerned that we are both vulnerable to liability if we do not take action to correct this dangerous situation. I am also hopeful, however, as I know that the City of Salmon Arm shares with Andrew Sheret Limited a strong commitment to safety, which bodes well for our solving this problem together. To this end, I confirm that Andrew Sheret Limited is prepared to pay for its proportionate share of the cost to upgrade the drainage and repave the damaged road frontage.

Andrew Sheret Limited looks forward to working together with the City of Salmon Arm to correct this longstanding safety issue. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours very truly,

ANDREW SHERET LIMITED

Eric Findlay
President

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May 17, 2018

City of Salmon Arm
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cc: Bylaw staff

RE: Standards of Care Bylaws & Cat-Related Bylaws, Bylaw No. 2398

Dear Mayor Cooper and Council,

I am writing to discuss bylaws related to animals in the City of Salmon Arm. First, thank you for your support during the ongoing cat spay/neuter initiative in the Salmon Arm community. This program is essential for reducing cat overpopulation in the region. The City of Salmon Arm's Corporate Strategic Plan emphasizes the importance of a safe, healthy community that promotes a high quality of life for residents to enjoy. The BC SPCA believes the bylaw amendments proposed in this submission further that vision.

The BC SPCA is supportive of municipal animal bylaws founded in scientific evidence. Pound and Animal Control Bylaw No. 2398 is not current with best practices in animal policy, and is missing requirements for basic standards of care and cats. The BC SPCA provides a Model Animal Responsibility Bylaws package to municipalities, updated regularly to incorporate current animal-related issues. The Bylaws package accompanies this email.

Bylaws requiring standards of care allow municipalities to adopt a proactive approach to animal welfare. Animals raised under inhumane conditions are more likely to carry communicable diseases and exhibit aggressive behaviour, both of which are threats to community health and safety. In 2017, the BC SPCA received 77 calls to our Animal Cruelty Reporting Hotline from the Shuswap region on matters related to standards of care bylaw provisions. While the BC SPCA has the capacity to investigate these calls, without enforcement powers we cannot always obtain compliance. Conversely, compliance is regularly achieved in BC municipalities with standards of care animal bylaws in place. In these sixty-eight communities, the BC SPCA is able to partner with the municipality to issue tickets to offenders, thereby advancing animal welfare and community safety.

Bylaws related to cats include cat permanent identification, registration, and mandatory spay/neuter. Introducing these bylaws to your community improves cat welfare, increases return-to-owner rates, and reduces cat overpopulation. In 2017, the BC SPCA Shuswap Branch cared for 506 cats and kittens. 257 arrived as strays without identification, representing over 50% of all cats at the branch. Further, only 9%

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of cats and kittens cared for at the Shuswap Branch in 2017 were successfully returned to their owners. This poor return-to-owner rate has been consistent over time in the region and is **low relative to other communities in the province**. Comparatively, in the same period, the Shuswap Branch attained a 100% return-to-owner rate for dogs and puppies. Introducing cat-related bylaws to Salmon Arm could improve these statistics, reuniting more owners with their beloved cats. Adopting these bylaws would further positively affect community welfare by improving public awareness, reducing feral cat populations, preventing the spread of disease, and decreasing public nuisance.

The BC SPCA is happy to consult on municipal issues, recognizing that every community is truly unique. For each of the bylaw proposals noted above, please find examples of successful changes undertaken in other BC communities in the appendices below. Our bylaw recommendations are flexible and can be adapted to fit the specific needs of your community.

I look forward to further consultation and will be submitting a delegation request shortly.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix One: Standards of Care

Standards of care bylaws outline essential animal needs, such as clean water and food, adequate shelter, proper exercise, and necessary veterinary care, to ensure owners care for animals in a hospitable environment and do not cause them undue harm. These bylaws also prohibit neglectful activities including indiscriminate tethering and the confinement of animals in cars without ventilation, resulting in heat exhaustion.

Implementing animal standards of care bylaws allows municipalities to address issues of concern in the community prior to an incident occurring. Sixty-eight municipalities in British Columbia have already adopted bylaws requiring basic standards of care. Key examples of standards of care bylaws from the City of Surrey, the City of New Westminster, and the District of Squamish are provided below.

The City of Surrey (2016 census population: 517,887):

In 2017, Surrey's Dog Responsibility Bylaw and Pound Bylaw were replaced with the updated Animal Responsibility Bylaw. This update was the result of a comprehensive review of current policies with the goal of preventing dog bites, mitigating risks associated with aggressive dogs, and encouraging responsible dog ownership. The standards of care in the new bylaw include the following key provisions:

- **No indiscriminate tethering**, preventing owners from leaving an animal tethered unattended for any period of time.
- **No confinement in an enclosed space** (including a motor vehicle) without sufficient ventilation or shade.
- Prohibition of animal abandonment, torment, suffering, or training for the purposes of fighting.

The City of New Westminster (2016 census population: 70,996):

The City of New Westminster introduced its revised Animal Care and Control Bylaw in 2013. Among other updates, this new bylaw modernized animal cruelty provisions. Important tethering considerations include:

- No person may leave an animal unattended while tethered or muzzled for **any period of time**.
- No person may fasten an animal to a fixed object when a choke collar or choke chain forms part of the securing apparatus or where a rope, chain or cord is directly tied around the animal's neck.

Since introducing tethering bylaws, **New Westminster has seen a decline in animal cruelty complaints related to tethering**. Of those received, very few complaints concern unattended tethering on private property, suggesting the bylaw has been effectively complied with.

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The District of Squamish (2016 census population: 19,512):

Since 2009, the District of Squamish has included animal cruelty prohibitions under its Animal Control Bylaw. Key aspects include:

- The necessary provision of clean, potable water and sufficient, quality food in clean receptacles.
- The necessary provision of sufficient opportunities for exercise, clean and dry bedding, and essential veterinary care.
- No person shall keep any animal outside for over 3 hours per day without the provision of a **shelter allowing for free movement and protection from the elements**.

Recommendation:

The BC SPCA recommends Bylaw No. 2398 be amended to adopt standards of care. Principal among these considerations are those which combat **unattended tethering** and **confinement without ventilation**:

(1) No person may cause, permit or allow an animal to be hitched, tied or fastened to a fixed object unattended at any time.

(2) No person shall keep an animal confined in an enclosed space, including a motor vehicle, without sufficient ventilation to prevent the animal from suffering discomfort or heat or cold-related injury. Such enclosed space or vehicle (if stationary) shall be in an area providing sufficient shade to protect the animal from the direct rays of the sun at all times.

We also recommend the bylaw prescribe the provision of basic care, to quickly punish offenders, assist animals in distress, and provide awareness and education to the public:

(3) No person shall keep any animal in the municipality unless the animal is provided with:

a. clean potable drinking water and food in sufficient quantity and of a recognized nutritional quality to allow for the animal's normal growth and the maintenance of the animal's normal body weight;

b. food and water receptacles which are clean;

c. the opportunity for regular exercise sufficient to maintain the animal's good health, including daily opportunities for social contact with people or animals, to be free of an enclosure and exercised under appropriate control; and

d. necessary veterinary care when the animal exhibits signs of pain, injury, illness, suffering, or disease.

(4) No person may keep any animal which normally resides outside or which is kept outside for extended periods of time, unless the animal is provided with outside shelter:

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a. which ensures protection from heat, cold and wet that is appropriate to the animal's weight and type of coat;

b. which provides sufficient space to allow the animal the ability to turn about freely and to easily stand, sit and lie in a normal position; at least one and a half (1.5) times the length of the animal in all directions, and at least as high as the animal's height measured from the floor to the highest point of the animal when standing in a normal position plus 10%;

c. which provides sufficient shade to protect the animal from the direct rays of the sun at all times;

d. which contains dry bedding that will assist with maintaining normal body temperature; and

e. which is regularly cleaned and sanitized and all excreta removed at least once per day.

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Appendix Two: Cat-Related Bylaws

The introduction of bylaws related to cats allows municipalities to improve cat welfare in their communities. Although cats are the number one companion animal in Canada, without adequate regulations for owners they are permitted to roam and remain unfixed, contributing to low return-to-owner rates and overpopulation. This leads to high numbers of feral cat colonies, presenting a major welfare challenge for communities such as Salmon Arm. The BC SPCA is supportive of bylaws that improve the lives of cats, reduce overpopulation, and increase the chances of pet cats being returned to their owners. Two examples of communities similar in size to Salmon Arm that have recently updated their cat bylaws are Dawson Creek and Port Alberni.

The City of Dawson Creek (2016 census population: 12,978):

In 2015, Dawson Creek introduced its Animal Responsibility Bylaw designed to address its owned roaming cat population and cat overpopulation. The bylaw introduced licensing for cats with the same standards applying to cats and dogs, including provisions for **no running at large** and **no in-heat animals permitted off their property**.

The registration process is critical to the success of this bylaw (text taken directly from the bylaw):

> *"Annual registration for a spayed or neutered cat without tattoo or microchip $50.00*
> ***Annual registration for a spayed or neutered cat with tattoo or microchip $5.00***
> *Annual registration fee of an unneutered cat $200.00*
> *Annual registration fee of an unspayed cat $200.00*
>
> *Notes regarding cats:*
> *- **The registration receipt for a spayed or neutered cat without tattoo or microchip may be presented to a partner Veterinarian Clinic as payment to microchip the cat** in respect for which it was issued, as described on the registration application, and not transferable to another cat.*
> *- **The registration receipt for an unneutered or unspayed cat may be presented to a partner Veterinarian Clinic as payment to neuter or spay and tattoo** the cat in respect for which it was issued, as described on the registration application, and not transferable to another cat."*

This model, in addition to a free/discounted spay and neuter program, has resulted in the following outcomes:

- 797 cats licensed in 2017 (this is more than the number of dogs licensed!).
- **40%** reduction in unwanted kittens brought into the BC SPCA.
- Return-to-owner rate for stray cats in 2015 was 10%, **increased to 40%** in 2017.

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The City of Port Alberni (2016 census population 17,678):

The City of Port Alberni was highlighted in the National 'Cats Count in Canada' 2017 report, page 38 for its recent successes. Port Alberni updated their Animal Control and Pound Bylaw in 2013 to include more provisions related to cats. These include:

- A **mandatory spay/neuter** bylaw, with exceptions made for cats used intentionally for breeding.
- **Mandatory identification** for cats.
- **No running at large for intact cats** (spayed and neutered cats are more likely to have smaller roaming areas).

The local BC SPCA Port Alberni Branch implemented a spay/neuter program with funding from the City and a granting agency, and enforced the bylaw through door-to-door education.

Outcomes:

- Average **44%** decrease in unwanted kittens brought to the BC SPCA.
- Increase in return-to-owner rate, from **7%** in 2013 to **24%** in 2017.

Recommendation:

The BC SPCA recommends Bylaw No. 2398 be amended to include the following cat-related bylaws:

(1) Every owner of a cat shall affix, and keep affixed, sufficient identification on the cat by a collar, harness, traceable tattoo, microchip or other suitable device such that a person finding the cat or dog at large in the municipality can identify and contact the owner. The **form of identification used must provide a means of determining the sterilization status** of the cat.

(2) Every owner of a cat apparently over the age of three (3) months, shall provide evidence that the cat has identification that complies with this bylaw upon request by an animal bylaw officer.

(3) No owner shall own, keep, possess or harbor any cat over the age of six (6) months in the City unless:

a. the cat has been spayed or neutered by a veterinarian, or

b. a valid and subsisting breeder's license for the current license year has first been obtained for the unspayed or unneutered cat under this bylaw.

The BC SPCA also encourages Salmon Arm to adopt cat registration bylaws. Registration could be required annually or be valid for a cat's lifetime. Pursuing registration fees is up to the City's discretion, but it is recommended that unspayed or unneutered cats designated for breeding be charged a higher fee. Please see page 21 of the Model Animal Responsibility Bylaws for further detail.

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Appendix Three: Communities with Referenced Bylaws

Tethering restrictions:

Abbotsford, Burnaby, Capital Regional District, Central Okanagan Regional District, Chetwynd, Chilliwack, Cranbrook, Dawson Creek, Delta, Esquimalt, Fraser Valley Regional District, Harrison Hot Springs, Highlands, Kelowna, Lake Country, Langford, Lions Bay, Nanaimo, New Westminster, North Saanich, Northern Rockies Regional Municipality, Oliver, Peachland, Pemberton, Penticton, Port Hardy, Qualicum Beach, Richmond, Sechelt, Sidney, Sooke, Squamish, Surrey, Terrace, Valemont, West Kelowna, Whistler

Ventilation requirements:

Abbotsford, Burnaby, Canal Flats, Capital Regional District, Central Okanagan Regional District, Central Saanich, Chetwynd, Chilliwack, Coquitlam, Cranbrook, Delta, East Kootenay Regional District, Esquimalt, Fraser Valley Regional District, Fruitvale, Golden, Harrison Hot Springs, Highlands, Hope, Kent, Langford, Langley, Lytton, Maple Ridge, Nanaimo, New Westminster, North Saanich, North Vancouver City, North Vancouver District, Northern Rockies Regional Municipality, Pemberton, Port Hardy, Powell River, Prince Rupert, Qualicum Beach, Richmond, Saanich, Sechelt, Sidney, Smithers, Sooke, Squamish, Summerland, Surrey, Terrace, Valemont, Vancouver, Victoria, View Royal, Warfield, West Vancouver, Whistler

Basic care/vet care requirements:

Abbotsford, Alert Bay, Burnaby, Capital Regional District, Central Okanagan Regional District, Central Saanich, Chetwynd, Chilliwack, Coquitlam, Cranbrook, Creston, Dawson Creek, Delta, East Kootenay Regional District, Esquimalt, Fernie, Fort St. James, Fraser Valley Regional District, Fruitvale, Gold River, Golden, Harrison Hot Springs, Highlands, Hope, Kent, Langford, Langley, Lions Bay, Lytton, Maple Ridge, Metchosin, Nanaimo, Nelson, New Westminster, North Saanich, North Vancouver City, North Vancouver District, Northern Rockies Regional Municipality, Oak Bay, Oliver, Pemberton, Penticton, Port Alberni, Port Alice, Port Hardy, Powell River, Prince Rupert, Princeton, Qualicum Beach, Quesnel, Richmond, Saanich, Sechelt, Sidney, Slocan, Smithers, Sooke, Squamish, Summerland, Sun Peaks, Surrey, Valemont, Victoria, View Royal, Warfield, West Vancouver, Whistler, Williams Lake

Shelter requirements:

Abbotsford, Alert Bay, Burnaby, Canal Flats, Capital Regional District, Central Kootenay Regional District, Central Saanich, Chetwynd, Chilliwack, Coquitlam, Cranbrook, Dawson Creek, Delta, East Kootenay Regional District, Esquimalt, Fort St. James, Fraser Valley Regional District, Fruitvale, Golden, Harrison Hot Springs, Highlands, Hope, Kent, Langford, Langley, Lions Bay, Lytton, Maple Ridge, Nakusp, New Westminster, North Saanich, North Vancouver City, North

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Vancouver District, Northern Rockies Regional Municipality, Oak Bay, Oliver, Pemberton, Penticton, Port Alice, Port Hardy, Powell River, Prince Rupert, Qualicum Beach, Richmond, Saanich, Sechelt, Sidney, Slocan, Smithers, Sooke, Squamish, Summerland, Surrey, Valemont, Victoria, View Royal, Warfield, West Vancouver, Whistler

Cat identification required:

Central Saanich, Coquitlam, Delta, Kent, Maple Ridge, Mission, New Westminster, North Vancouver City, Northern Rockies Regional Municipality, Osoyoos, Port Alberni, Port Moody, Richmond, Surrey, Ucluelet, Wells

Cat mandatory spay/neuter:

Central Saanich, Delta, Kent, Lytton, Maple Ridge, North Saanich, North Vancouver City, Northern Rockies Regional Municipality, Port Alberni, Port Moody, Richmond, Surrey, Ucluelet

Cat license/registration:

Clinton, Coquitlam, Creston, Dawson Creek, Kamloops, McBride, Montrose, Port McNeill, Valemont

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Dear Mayors and Councillors,

Last fall Citizens for Safe Technology (CST) sent the attached letter (PDF above) regarding Resolution B100 that called for land use authorities and the public to be consulted when **microcells** are placed within 100 metres of schools, hospitals, and residences. In March 2018 we were informed that this resolution did not make it on to the upcoming FCM Agenda. The FCM Board categorized it as Category E – *Resolutions that have been considered by FCM in the previous three years and that are not in accordance with existing FCM policy*. Those involved with CST are deeply disappointed with the FCM's board decision and are confounded to say the least being as their website states they are committed to being an advocate for local governments on issues that fall under federal jurisdiction, safeguarding municipal interests with respect to Rights of-Way, and making the antenna siting process responsive to community needs.

We think they made this decision because they mistakenly think the resolution's mandate has been dealt with by the creation of the revised Antenna Siting Procedure with CWTA in April 2014. That procedural change doesn't address **microcells** which remain exempt from consultation and are different than the large cell towers the 2014 revision was addressing. Microcells expose citizens, at close proximity, to unsafe levels of radiofrequency radiation. These microcells will allow for broadcasting the untested 5G millimeter waves with phased array antennas. These antennas increase power and distance emitting waves that penetrate skin, eyes and more. (Ref. #1 below) In the last few months two long term studies have been published indicating conclusively that wireless is a carcinogen causing cancer. (Ref. #2 & #3) And just recently the **International Society of Doctors for Environment [ISDE] published and appeal for a moratorium on 5G Networks.** (Ref. #4) To learn more about this new technology please see the attached point by point analysis, by one of our members, to the provincial government's response to Resolution B100. (Word Doc. above)

The telecommunication industry's strides forward have outpaced the government's ability to keep up with appropriate safety regulations and hence the need for the discussions that Resolution B100 would have brought to the table regarding safer installation practices for electromagnetic radiation emitting devices. In April we sent a letter to the mayor and council of Grand Forks to thank them for their visionary

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leadership role in drafting the resolution and in getting it passed at both the AKBLG and the UBCM.

We must find safer ways to provide the convenience consumers desire without compromising public health. Safer technology is possible. Fiber optics connected directly to the premises , with no wireless transmitters involved in the network, offer the safest, fastest connectivity available - faster even than 5G. We could emulate a pilot project done in France which installed low power small cells for cellular communication in non-residential zones only.

It is clear that there is a need to create a more responsive, current, and comprehensive telecommunications policy in Canada so that in 10-15 years time we don't have a public health epidemic caused by the inappropriate siting of microcells. Think how cigarettes were marketed. Big tobacco did its job for its shareholders and the telecoms are doing theirs now. We appreciate the number of issues you deal with on a daily basis and realize it is impossible to keep up with them all. Perhaps you could assign someone on staff or a volunteer from a health and safety committee to research this issue. We hope you will do whatever you can at the municipal level to work toward a safer environment for all! Thank you for the time and energy you spend on improving the lives of your constituents across the province.

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Citizens for Safe Technology

ACTION REQUIRED: Microcell Resolution & Notice of Wireless Harm

Dear Mayors and Councillors,

At last month's UBCM, BC municipalities voted in favour of a Resolution mandating that land use authorities and the public be consulted when microcells are placed within 100 metres of schools, hospitals, and residences. This requested change to existing policy closes a federal loophole that allows microcells to be placed on existing structures with no public consultation whatsoever. Over the next several months, the FCM (*Federation of Canadian Municipalities*) will be discussing the content of the UBCM resolution with the federal government.

Microcell placement and municipal rights is a hot topic. While some individuals perceive microcells as benign or even benevolent transmitters that are essential to improving connectivity and achieving economic prosperity, a growing number of civic leaders are concerned about the many issues arising from installing microcells in the public right of way. (See Section 3: **Why Local Governments are Concerned about Microcells** below.) On October 15th 2017, SB 69 - a bill giving telecoms free rein to install microcells on California rights of way, which 300 Californian cities opposed - was vetoed by state Governor Jerry Brown.

High-speed connectivity is not dependent on microcells. Safe and data-secure technological options are available. (See Section 4: **Tech-Wise-Solutions for Connectivity** below.)

The material below summarizes the concerns about microcells and outlines important actions you may take **now** to insure that as a local government you are as fully engaged as current federal policy allows in the placement of microcells in your community.

Suggested Approach:

1) Put the brief **Notice of Wireless Harm** in Section 2 below on the agenda of your next council meeting.

2) Review all permits, antenna siting policies, and agreements currently in place between your government and telecommunication companies. (See Section 5: **Action Check List** below.)

3) Take a few moments to read the material below so that you may make informed telecommunications decisions. This letter and that material are also attached as a PDF,

With Best Wishes,

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Section 1: Overview

The Resolution that was passed:

> **WHEREAS** public consultation on the placement of cell towers is mandated; and
> **WHEREAS** new technology is moving away from these large towers to micro-transmitters which do not require local government or public consultation;
> THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AKBLG request the UBCM petition relevant provincial and federal governments to mandate consultation with the land use authorities and the public regarding microcell transmitter siting within 100 metres of residences, schools and hospitals.

Why this Resolution Matters

ISED (*Innovation, Science and Economic Development*, formerly *Industry Canada*) allows microcells, or small cell antennas, to be placed on existing structures without any public input or often knowledge. In their 2014 Guide to

Assisting Land-Use Authorities in Developing Antenna Siting Protocols, Industry Canada makes an assumption that: "certain proposals ... have minimal impact on the local surroundings and so are excluded from public and land-use consultations."

The UBCM's support for the microcell placement resolution shows that ISED has underestimated and overlooked the impact microcells have on municipalities and their residents.

Section 2: Microcells - Notice of Wireless Harm

Although there is no scientific research proving microcells are safe, the widespread installation of microcell technology is based on the misconception that wireless transmitters cause no harm. Thousands of independent scientific studies, however, link the RFR (radiofrequency radiation) microcells emit to increased cancer risk, neurological disorders, and infertility. Even low levels of RFR exposure over time have been linked to adverse effects on plants and insects, especially pollinators

- As of October 2017, 235 scientists from 41 countries have signed the International EMF Scientists Appeal urging world leaders to "protect mankind and wildlife from the dangers of EMFs and wireless technology."

ISED says microcells are safe as long as they comply with Health Canada's Safety Code 6. Health Canada, however, continues to ignore the non-thermal effects of artificial electromagnetic frequencies as well as the science which shows that exposure to these frequencies, even at levels lower than those deemed safe by Safety Code 6, cause potential biological harm.

- On September 28, 2014, over 50 Canadian physicians condemned Safety Code 6. On July 9, 2014, fifty-three scientists from eighteen countries called on Health Canada to intervene to "help avoid an emerging health crisis."

Microcells are establishing the infrastructure for "5G" (fifth generation) technology which the telecom industry is poised to install across the nation.

"5G" microwave frequencies have never been independently tested to prove they will not cause adverse biological and/or health effects. By allowing telecoms to install microcells, local governments currently have no recourse over how many transmitters are placed and if these microcells will be used to transmit "5G."

- On Sept. 13, 2017, over 180 scientists from 35 countries sent a declaration to the European Commission calling for a moratorium on the rollout of microcell transmitters and "5G" saying that fifth generation technology "could lead to tragic, irreversible harm"

In 1998, Canada adopted the Wingspread Precautionary Principle, which states: "When an activity raises threats of harm to human health or the environment, precautionary measures should be taken, even if some cause and effect relationships are not fully established scientifically."

Rethinking the indiscriminate installation of microcells in our communities supports this principle and protects local governments from being liable for damage and injury resulting from wireless harm.

Section 3: Why Local Governments are Concerned about Microcells

- **Public and Environmental Health and Safety** - as discussed in the above **Microcells - Notice of Wireless Harm**

- **Liability**

  Once a municipal government has been made aware that microcells may cause personal injury or environmental harm, (the **Notice of Wireless Harm** above informs you of this) permitting microcell transmitters to be installed in your ROWs may be deemed an act of negligence, and you may be held liable for any environmental damage or personal injury resulting from this equipment having been installed. Telecommunication workers ("linemen") are at particular risk.

In 2013, the *CRTC* and the *FCM* established this liability criterion in their **Model Municipal Access Agreement**, which may be downloaded here: http://crtc.gc.ca/cisc/eng/ciscmanu.htm.

- **Local Authority & Urban Planning**

The Antenna Siting Systems Protocol Template developed in 2013 by the FCM and the *Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association* (CWTA) offers municipalities examples of how they may add their input to antenna siting in their communities, specifying design preferences, for instance, or naming preferred and discouraged locations for antenna siting. However, once a land use authority gives its permission for microcells to be installed, telecommunication companies have the final say in where microcells are placed.

This Lack of Local Authority over microcells negatively impacts:

- **Public Health and Safety** Transmitters in the public right of way are affecting pole integrity, creating increased distraction for drivers, and causing sidewalk and roadway crowding.
- **Urban Planning:** There is no limit to the number of small cells allowed per property, and no consideration for competing demands, noise, size, lighting, design, or fiscal impacts.
- **Aesthetics & Property Values**: Universal deployment of microcells degrades intentionally designed neighborhoods and historic buildings, and negatively affects property values.
- **The Public's Use and Enjoyment of the ROW:** Street-side gardening, block parties, neighbours visiting across the fence, children riding their bikes on the road by their homes... So many pastimes that add colour to a community and pleasure to life may be curtailed as citizens experience legitimate concern about lingering under the microcells and being exposed to radio frequencies.

Section 4: Tech-Wise - Solutions for Connectivity

Safe and data-secure technological options are available.

For mobile connectivity we could emulate Paris, France's pilot project and install small cells with signals that are adequate for mobile use but do not penetrate buildings or peoples' homes. For home and business internet access, wired networks of fiber optic and Ethernet cables or of fiber optic, copper wire and Ethernet cables (G-Fast) provide safe, fast, reliable, and cyber-secure connection, and will not blemish or obstruct local rights of way.

Section 5: Microcells - Municipal Rights and Responsibilities

Action Check List

- ☐ Have microcells been installed on existing structures in your municipality?
- ☐ If not, do you want to discuss other connectivity options with telecom providers before giving them access to your ROWs?
- ☐ Do you have an Antenna Siting Protocol in place? If so, does it require that notification is required for all new transmitters? If not, consider writing one that does, even for microcells being installed on existing structures.
- ☐ If microcells are installed in your ROWs:
  - ☐ Has written consent been given to the telecom by local land use authorities for each transmitter installed?
  - ☐ Have you asked the company who installed the microcell network for RF exposure level data?
  - ☐ Have you asked this company what strategies they have employed to keep the ambient RF radiation levels in residential areas as low as possible, and what strategies could still be implemented?

- ☐ Have you negotiated a Municipal Access Agreement with the telecom who has installed these microcells?
- ☐ Has the telecom submitted detailed before and after plans to your municipal engineer for each microcell installation?

The Model Municipal Access Agreement and You

The **Model Municipal Access Agreement** negotiated between the CRTC and the FCM in 2013 (http://crtc.gc.ca/cisc/eng/ciscmanu.htm) defines the parameters of local governments' current rights and responsibilities in relation to microcell placement. Most significantly:

1. **Consent:** Pursuant to section 43 of the Telecom Act a company must have a municipality's written consent prior to constructing equipment within the ROW.

2. **Permits:** Work within the ROWs by the company is subject to the authorization requirements established by the municipality. Municipalities determine if permits are required for each and every microcell.

3. **Plans:** Unless otherwise agreed to by the municipality, prior to installing microcells the company must submit the following to the municipal engineer:

- Construction plans of the proposed work showing the locations of the proposed and existing equipment and other facilities, and specifying the boundaries of the area within the municipality within which the work is proposed to take place;

And

- All other relevant plans, drawings and other information as may be normally required by the municipal engineer from time to time for the purposes of issuing permits.

4. **Refusal to issue Permits.** In case of conflict with any *bona fide* municipal purpose, including reasons of public safety and health and conflicts with existing infrastructure, the municipality may request amendments to the plans provided by the company or may choose to refuse to issue a permit.

5. **Utility co-ordination committee**. The company shall participate in a utility co-ordination committee established by the municipality and contribute to its equitable share of the reasonable costs of the operation and administration of the committee as approved by such committee.

6. **"As-built" drawings.** The municipality may request that, no later than a given number of days after completion of any work, the company shall provide the municipal engineer with accurate "as-built" drawings sufficient to accurately establish the plan, profile, and dimensions of the equipment installed within the ROWs.

7. **Liability.** The municipality is responsible for any damage to the natural environment and any injury to any person arising from the presence of electromagnetic radiation in connection with the company's use of the ROWs if such damage was caused directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by the negligence of the municipality.

A Response to BC's Ministry of Citizens' Services Decision on Resolution B100

2017 Resolution B100 Microcell Transmitter Placement Consultation Endorsed by the UBCM

Whereas public consultation on the placement of cell towers is mandated;

And whereas new technology is moving away from these large towers to microtransmitters which do not require local government or public consultation:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM petition relevant provincial and federal governments to mandate consultation with the land use authorities and the public regarding microcell transmitter siting within 100 meters of residences, schools and hospitals.

Overview

Resolution B100 addresses the placement of **microcells**, which are small cell towers, by residences, homes and schools. Unlike freestanding macro cell antennae, microcells are typically mounted on existing structures like hydro poles and lampposts in the public rights-of-way. Along with the antenna, a microcell installation may also include refrigerator–sized cabinets containing power supply units and noisy cooling equipment.

Microcell Installation in Santa Rosa, California

While microcells are currently being used for 4G cellular service, small cell densification is underway in preparation for the rollout of 5th Generation – or 5G – technologies. 4G transmits microwave frequencies, but 5G employs millimetre waves that travel short distances only and are absorbed by buildings, trees, and bodies. In order for 5G frequencies to penetrate every home, they must be placed close to residences, with each carrier deploying between 2-10 small cell towers per street.

Although the biological effects of 5G communication systems have scarcely been investigated, the rollout of 5G has begun. Initial scientific studies have found exposure to millimeter waves promotes oxidative stress - a condition involved in

cancer onset - acute ocular injuries, and more.[1] **Current Canadian federal policies permit microcells, which will transmit 5G, to be installed on existing structures by homes, schools and hospitals without consultation with land use authorities or the public.**

A Point-by-Point Analysis of the Province's Response to Resolution B100 on Microcell Placement

Point 1:

The Province:

Point 1: Demand for cellular service is growing, and is expected to continue as more and more British Columbians use smartphones and other mobile devices.

Response:

Point 1: Demand for *Mobile* Cellular Service is declining.

While three quarters of Canadians ages 15 and older own smartphones, *mobile* use of smartphones is declining.

Catalyst Canada, a social marketing agency that conducts annual surveys measuring Canadian smartphone adoption and behaviour, reports that while at-home smartphone usage has risen, on-the-go activity has declined.[2] They attribute this decline to data limits imposed by cell phone providers, stating that: "People might be conducting more activities at home in part because they are

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[1] Di Ciaula A, *"Towards 5G communication systems: Are there health implications?", Int J Hyg Environ Health*. 2018 Feb 2. pii: S1438-4639(17)30814-3. doi: 10.1016/j.ijheh.2018.01.011. [Epub ahead of print], https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29402696

[2] *"With Growth comes Change: The Evolving Mobile landscape in 2015"*, http://catalyst.ca/2015-canadian-smartphone-market/

usually connected to Wi-Fi." In their *2017 Canadian Mobile Survey,* [3] Catalyst found that 50% of respondents were likely to list security concerns as a primary reason for shying away from performing monetary tasks or sharing information on their phones.

Point 2:

The Province:

Point 2: To accommodate this demand, more towers will be needed.

Response:

Point 2: Although need is subjective, existing Cell Towers are Sufficient, while wired Fiber Optics Offer the Fastest Data Available.

4G and 5G wireless networks depend upon fiber optic cables to transmit data. Connecting fiber optic directly to each premise instead of using microcells to beam signals wirelessly creates the safest, fastest communications infrastructure in existence. [4]

- Wired fiber optic networks are always faster and more data secure than wired ones: "It is the ideal situation to have a wired link. (It is) more reliable in many ways and far more secure." - Elizabeth May
- Most Canadian smartphone users are choosing to use their phones at home rather than with their data plans, on the go.[5] For greatly increased data speed, security, and reduced exposure to radiofrequency radiation,

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[3] *"Canadian Smartphone Behavior in 2017: Continued Shift to Virtual Spaces"*, http://catalyst.ca/2017-canadian-smartphone-behaviour/

[4] *"Wired vs Wi-Fi speed"*, Verizon Communications, https://www.verizon.com/cs/groups/public/documents/adacct/wires-vs-wifi-speeds.pdf

[5] *"With Growth comes Change: The Evolving Mobile landscape in 2015"*, http://catalyst.ca/2015-canadian-smartphone-market/

smartphones and tablets used at home, work, or school may be connected to wired networks via 'lightning to ethernet' adaptors.[6]

- **Canada excels in both 4G speed and availability.**[7] Existing cell towers *are* enough. In their 2017 report, *State of Mobile Networks: Canada,* OpenSignal, a company that specializes in global wireless coverage mapping, stated, "With nearly 80% LTE availability and speeds pushing 30 Mbps, Canada...is in the top tier of global 4G performance."

What is *really* Behind the Push for Microcells?

The wireless industry claims densification of small cells is needed to enable innovations such as smart cities and the Internet of Things (IoT), but we can achieve most IoT and smart city functions without microcells. [8]

Mobile industry giant Ericcson reports that by 2021, 95% of mobile data traffic will consist of people using their smartphones to watch videos. Small cell densification is more about paid consumer and commercial video than it is about smart cities.[9]

Industry analyst Bruce Kushnick states that telecom providers are installing microcells to "'shut off' the retail wires and force-march customers onto more

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[6] *"Air Gap Technology: Hardwiring your iPhone or iPad"*, https://www.wirelesseducation.org/hardwiring-your-iphone-or-ipad/

[7] Open Signal, "*State of Mobile Networks: Canada*", January 2017, https://opensignal.com/reports/2017/01/canada/state-of-the-mobile-network

[8] Timothy Schoechle, PhD, "*Re-inventing Wires: The Future of Landlines and Networks*", (National Institute for Science, Law and Public Policy, Washington, DC, 2018) http://electromagnetichealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/ReInventing-Wires-1-25-18.pdf

[9] Ken Schmidt, *"Top 10 Things the Wireless Industry Doesn't Tell You About Small Cells"*, April 11, 2017, Steel in The Air, http://www.steelintheair.com/Blog/2017/04/top-10-things-the-wireless-industry-doesnt-tell-you-about-small-cells.html

expensive wireless."[10] Despite the ultrafast data speeds promised by 5G, he states that current cell phone pricing and data allotments are inadequate to watch HD movies using a smartphone, especially if the phone is tethered to a large screen. While telecom providers can make more from selling us cell phone data plans than they can from selling wired television, phone, and internet subscriptions, it is unlikely 4G or 5G wireless networks will adequately meet consumers' evolving needs.

Point 3:

The Province:

Point 3: The Government of Canada regulates tower siting decisions, settles disputes, and sets health and safety standards. The federal department of Industry, *(sic)* Science and Economic Development *(sic)* (ISED) Antenna Siting Procedures *(sic)* have recently been updated and require cellular providers to work even more closely with local communities.

Response:

Point 3: It is Time to Close the Microcell Loophole.

- The federal department of **Innovation** (not Industry), Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) regulates towering siting in Canada.
- In April 2014 - 4 years ago, which in the fast-paced world of tech development does not qualify as "recent" – changes in relation to tower height were made to the federal government's *Antenna Siting Procedures*, but antennas placed on existing structures, like microcells, were not addressed, and were left exempt from public consultation. In a statement made on the day the changes to Canada's *Antenna Siting Procedures* were

[10] Bruce Kushnick, "*Wireless Smartphones with Only 10Mbps Down, 1Mbps Up, are Not a Substitute for a Wired Broadband Connection*", HuffPost, October 19, 2019, https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/59e8ecbce4b0542ce4290c1c

announced, [11] Claude Dauphin, then President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) said:

"(The) FCM has been calling on the federal government to close a major loophole that permitted wireless companies to build antenna towers under 15 metres without notifying or consulting affected communities. The changes announced today respond directly to our call.

We commend the government on its decision to update Canada's Antenna Tower Siting Policy, and for expanding the role of municipalities and the public in providing meaningful input on the siting of antenna towers in our cities and communities. This provides further proof of what we can accomplish when all orders of government and the private sector work together as partners to meet the needs of our communities."

- Resolution B100 asks the provincial and federal government to now work together to close the existing microcell placement loophole, giving communities the same meaningful input that has been granted for antenna towers that are under 15 metres in height.

- In 2012, the UBCM membership endorsed Resolution B141, which made this same request in more general terms. This Resolution called on the federal government to institute a requirement for consultation with local governments prior to approval and installation of telecommunications towers or antennae.

Point 4:

<u>The Province:</u>

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[11] *"Statement by FCM President on Changes to Canada's Antenna Siting Policy"* (05/02/2014), https://fcm.ca/home/media/news-and-commentary/2014/statement-by-fcm-president-on-changes-to-canadas-antenna-siting-policy.htm

Point 4: Cellular providers must share towers where possible, consult with local governments and the public regardless of tower height and type, and adhere to Antenna Siting Procedures. More information can be found at this link: http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/sf10840.html

Response:

Point 4: Cellular Providers do not need to consult with the public about Microcells.

- Because microcells are deemed Excluded Antenna Structures by ISED, local governments are not permitted to include a public consultation requirement for them in the Antenna Siting Procedures they create. The ISED document the Ministry of Citizens' Services has linked to above [12] confirms this:

  48. **The following proposals are excluded from land-use authority and public consultation requirements**:

    - *Non-Tower Structures:* antennas on buildings, water towers, lamp posts, etc. may be excluded from consultation provided that the height above ground of the non-tower structure, exclusive of appurtenances, is not increased by more than 25%

  62. **Proponents must always contact the applicable land-use authorities** to determine the local consultation requirements and to discuss local preferences regarding antenna system siting and/or design, **unless their proposal falls within the exclusion criteria outlined in Section 6.**

[12] "*DGSO-002-14 — Decision on Amendments to Industry Canada's Antenna Tower Siting Procedures*", Posted on Industry Canada website: June 26, 2014, http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/sf10840.html

- Section 3.2 of the *Guide to Assist Land-use Authorities in Developing Antenna System Siting Protocols*,[13] published by Industry Canada in August 2014, affirms that Canadian land use authorities do not have the right to override the exclusions to public consultation established by ISED. The quote below, taken from this document also reveals that in 2014, **the federal government did not comprehend, or did not want to acknowledge, the significant impact the densification of small cells and emerging 5G technologies would have on communities, on residents, and on society.** (Do a web-search on 5G, SB 649, or small cells and local authority, and it is clear this issue is *not* one of "minimal impact."):

  Section 3.2: Excluded Antenna Structures

  "Under Industry Canada's process, **certain proposals are considered to have minimal impact on the local surroundings and so are excluded from public and land-use consultations. Industry Canada believes that consultation requirements should be proportional to the potential impact of the proposal**... It should be noted that any exclusion criteria established by the LUA can only augment, as appropriate, those established under Industry Canada's Exclusion List (CPC-2-0-03, Section 6)."

Point 5:

The Province:

Point 5: Communities and local governments are best positioned to work with cellular providers to ensure effective delivery of services, while also ensuring respect for local land-use considerations.

Response:

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[13] Industry Canada, *"Guide to Assist Land-use Authorities in Developing Antenna System Siting Protocols"*, issue 2, August 2014, https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/vwapj/LUA-e.pdf/$file/LUA-e.pdf

Point 5: Communities and local governments have little, to no, leverage with cellular providers when it comes to deciding if microcells will be installed.

- Local governments may use the *Antenna System Siting Protocol Template* created by the FCM and the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association (CWTA)[14] as a model for creating their own antenna siting protocols. Local protocols may request that municipalities be notified when exempt antenna structures are to be installed, and may also state design and siting preferences for microcells, but once a land use authority (LUA) gives its permission for microcells to be installed, cellular providers have the final say in where they are placed.
- Cellular providers are not required to be responsive to residents who do not want small cell towers placed in front of their homes. Residents' concerns may include public and environmental health, data safety, national security, infringement upon their use and enjoyment of the public rights-of-way, or decreased property values.
- Local governments may not issue a statement of non-concurrence based on the community's response to having microcells installed on their streets.

The Province:

Point 6: ISED Staff are available to assist municipalities in understanding their role and to provide advice.

Response:

Point 6: Seeking Assistance from ISED - The Bigger Picture

[14] FCM & CWTA Joint Protocol,*"Antenna System Siting Protocol Template"*, Revised December 2014,https://fcm.ca/Documents/reports/FCM/Antenna_System_Siting_Protocol_Template_EN.pdf

In the **Exclusions** section of their 2014 *Decision on Amendments to Industry Canada's Antenna Tower Siting Procedures*[15] , ISED admits to regulatory challenges when it comes to excluded antenna structures. Point 43 of this document says: "Although CWTA members have agreed to consult on "excluded" antenna system proposals where required by the municipalities, Industry Canada notes that not all commercial operators are members of the CWTA."

- Telus and Shaw, two of the largest wireless providers in BC are not CWTA members.
- CWTA is, however, the administrator of the 5G Canada Council,[16] a group whose mandate is to "encourage a supportive and dynamic 5G ecosystem in Canada, including the efficient rollout of related technologies. "
- The chair of the 5G Council is Scott Bradley, VP Corporate Affairs of Huawei, Canada, the multinational leading the global 5G charge. Telus and Huawei have created a "living lab" in Vancouver [17] where they are testing their planned rollout of 5G in Vancouver and Telus is already using 4G microcells manufactured by Huawei across BC to gather and transmit our data.
- In March 2018, six top US security chiefs, including directors of the CIA, FBI, and the NSA, warned that Huawei has shared sensitive information with China,[18] and that Huawei's equipment and the new 5G technology provide China with the capacity to conduct remote spying and maliciously modify or steal information or even shut down systems. They do not recommend private citizens use products made by Huawei. Three former directors of Canada's key national security agencies are urging the federal government

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[15] *"DGSO-002-14 — Decision on Amendments to Industry Canada's Antenna Tower Siting Procedures"*, Posted on Industry Canada website: June 26, 2014, http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/sf10840.html

[16] Learn more about the 5G Canada Council on CWTA's website: https://www.cwta.ca/5gcc/

[17] *"Huawei announces 5G trial in Vancouver"*, ZDNet, February 13, 2018 http://www.zdnet.com/article/huawei-announces-5g-trial-in-vancouver/#ftag=RSSbaffb68

[18] Sara Salinas, *"Six top US intelligence chiefs caution against buying Huawei phones"*, CNBC, February 13, 2018, https://www.cnbc.com/2018/02/13/chinas-hauwei-top-us-intelligence-chiefs-caution-americans-away.html

to heed the warnings of U.S. intelligence services and cut Canadian ties with Huawei. [19] Ward Elcock, a former CSIS director, deputy minister of National Defence, and Security and Intelligence Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council, said, "I would not want to see Huawei equipment being incorporated into a 5G network in Canada."

In Closing

The race for 5G is on, and the speedy densification of microcells is essential to it. On March 19, 2018, Innovation Minister Navdeep Bains announced the federal government is giving millions of dollars to an industry cohort headed by mobile tech giant Ericcson to help fund the rollout of 5G in Canada. He also addressed concerns raised by wireless carriers about barriers to installing the hundreds of thousands more small-cell sites needed for 5G.

"We have been very clear that we want to have a robust [approval] process, a process that defends the public interest, but at the same time encourages more innovation and more investment," Mr. Bains said. **"We're willing to work with the carriers to look at where we can reduce and eliminate any process or timelines that exist that prevent those investments from happening."**[20]

While it is clear the tech and telecommunications sectors plan to profit from the masses of 5G transmitters and devices they will make, sell, install, and operate, the benefits of 5G to the rest of us are dubious, at best.[21] (When key industry players attending the 2018 Mobile World Congress discussed whether 5G will

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[19] Robert Fife and Steven Chase, *"Former top Canadian security officials warn Ottawa to sever links with China's Huawei,"* The Globe and Mail, March 19, 2018, https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-former-top-canadian-security-officials-join-call-for-ottawa-to-nix/

[20] Christine Dobby, *"Feds, Ontario and Quebec to invest $200-million in linked network of 5G research labs,"* The Globe and Mail, March 19, 2018, https://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/ottawa-ontario-and-quebec-to-invest-200-million-in-linked-network-of-5g-research-labs/article38299191/

[21] Ryan Daws, *"Delivering on 5G's Promises,"* Telecoms, March 2, 2018, https://www.telecomstechnews.com/news/2018/mar/02/editorial-delivering-5g-promises/

deliver on its promises, Samsung's Head of Research Dan Warren said, "You need to have small cells everywhere. You need to have cells where they do not go now."[22])

Meanwhile, scientists worldwide warn of the potential serious health implications of 5G. [23] Although Health Canada is the body officially responsible for protecting Canadians from the health effects of microwave and millimeter wave radiations, the standards developed by Health Canada and their neutrality in reaching these guidelines have long been called into question. [24]

Municipal and provincial officials, along with federations of municipalities like the UBCM and the FCM, have a mandate to preserve and protect, and to advocate on behalf of citizens by bringing issues that have a direct impact on local communities to Ottawa. Sidestepping this responsibility by deferring to a safety code that many reputable scientists say is inadequate places the well-being of their constituents in peril. [25]

In 1998, Canada adopted the *Wingspread Precautionary Principle*, which states:

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[22] *"5G Technology Reality Check: Can We Deliver On Our Promises?,"* Mobile World Congress, February 27, 2018, https://www.mobileworldcongress.com/session/5g-technology-reality-check-can-we-deliver-on-our-promises/

[23] Rainer Nyberg and Lennart Hardell, *"Scientists and Doctors Warn of Potential Serious Health Impacts of Fifth Generation 5G Wireless Technology"*, Global Research, September 2017, https://www.globalresearch.ca/scientists-and-doctors-warn-of-potential-serious-health-impacts-of-fifth-generation-5g-wireless-technology/5609503

[24] Paul Christopher Webster, *"Scientists decry Canada's outdated Wi-Fi safety rules"*, Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ) , May 11, 2015 ,http://www.cmaj.ca/content/cmaj/early/2015/05/11/cmaj.109-5061.full.pdf

[25] *Declaration: Scientists call for Protection from Radiofrequency Radiation Exposure* http://www.c4st.org/images/documents/hc-resolutions/scientific-declaration-to-health-canada-english.pdf

> "When an activity raises threats of harm to human health or the environment, precautionary measures should be taken, even if some cause and effect relationships are not fully established scientifically." [26]

Rethinking the indiscriminate installation of microcells in our communities supports this principle, and preserves and protects the well-being of all.

[26] This statement arose from the *Wingspread Conference on the Precautionary Principle*, which took place in Wisconsin in January 1998.

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Dear Accessibility Committee:

RE: Access Awareness Day – June 2, 2018

June 2, 2018 is Access Awareness Day! Access Awareness Day provides each of us with an opportunity to look at our communities and to think about what we can do to make them more accessible and inclusive for everyone! Access Awareness Day is part of National AccessAbility Week which takes place from May 27 to June 2, 2018.

As part of National AccessAbility Week, the goal is to recognize the efforts of individuals and communities who are actively removing barriers to give Canadians of all abilities a better chance to succeed! The theme for this year's Access Awareness Day is "*Building Community & Accessibility Together.*" As part of this year's planning, our goal is to draw attention to the different ways that communities come together to promote greater accessibility and inclusion.

Each year, as part of our annual Access Awareness Day campaign we reach out to local community partners to learn more about the work that they are doing to ensure that all citizens are able to share their talents, experiences and abilities and are fully included in all aspects of community life. Please find enclosed posters and materials that have been developed to help build increased public awareness and support around accessibility and to recognize the importance of working together to ensure that everyone is included.

I am also pleased to announce that this year, the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction has made $500 in funding available to municipalities and community-based disability groups who are holding local accessibility events. If you are planning an event, please do not hesitate to reach out to share your ideas and to request this funding. We know that by building accessibility we are creating stronger and healthier communities.

We are creating a leadership page on our website that shows promising accessibility initiatives and practices from across B.C. Please take a few minutes to share your stories with us about the different ways that your community has had success in promoting greater accessibility! If you have any questions, or would like to request additional materials or posters, please do not hesitate to reach out to Alfiya Battalova, our Acting Manager of Accessibility Initiatives (email: abattalova@sparc.bc.ca).

Thank you for the part you play in helping to make our communities more accessible and inclusive!

Sincerely

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May 17, 2018

BC Municipalities

VIA Email

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Provincial Employer Health Tax

At its May 14, 2018 Regular Council meeting, the Council for the City of Langley considered a report from the City's Director of Corporate Services regarding the Province's announcement that it will be implementing, commencing January 1, 2019, an employer health tax to replace the Medical Services Plan premiums that individuals currently pay. The report is enclosed for reference.

Council subsequently passed the following resolution:

> **WHEREAS** the Province of BC has introduced an Employer Health Tax (EHT) in the form of a new 1.95% payroll tax starting January 1, 2019 in order to replace the Medical Service Plan (MSP) premiums which will not be fully phased out until January 1, 2020;
>
> **WHEREAS** in 2019, the City of Langley will be required to pay approximately $236,000 for the EHT in addition to the $55,000 for the MSP which will require a 1.0% property tax increase to fund the additional costs;
>
> **WHEREAS** the EHT will transfer the tax burden from individuals to businesses causing unintended consequences on the local taxpayers as the primary source of revenue for local governments is through property taxation;
>
> **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Province of BC exempt local governments, regional districts and school boards from the imposition of the EHT to lessen the financial burden on local taxpayers, especially those that are on fixed incomes.

Council further resolved:

> **THAT** correspondence be sent to all BC municipalities urging each municipality to write to the provincial government requesting the elimination or reduction of the newly implemented Employer Health Tax.

Yours truly,
CITY OF LANGLEY

Kelly Kenney
Corporate Officer

Enclosure

CITY OF LANGLEY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor Schaffer and Councillors**

Subject **Provincial Employer Health Tax**

Report #: 18-29
File #: 1610.00
Doc #: 156637

From: Darrin Leite, CPA, CA

Date: May 7, 2018

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council endorse the following motion to be sent to the Provincial government to amend the implementation of the Employer Health Tax:

WHEREAS the Province of BC has introduced an Employer Health Tax (EHT) in the form of a new 1.95% payroll tax starting January 1, 2019 in order to replace the Medical Service Plan (MSP) premiums which will not be fully phased out until January 1, 2020;

WHEREAS in 2019, the City of Langley will be required to pay approximately $236,000 for the EHT in addition to the $55,000 for the MSP which will require a 1.0% property tax increase to fund the additional costs;

WHEREAS the EHT will transfer the tax burden from individuals to businesses causing unintended consequences on the local taxpayers as the primary source of revenue for local governments is through property taxation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of BC exempt local governments, regional districts and school boards from the imposition of the EHT to lessen the financial burden on local taxpayers, especially those that are on fixed incomes.

PURPOSE:

The City of Langley is expressing concern on behalf of the local property taxpayers about the implementation of a new payroll tax being introduced by the Province of British Columbia.

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POLICY:

None.

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

The Provincial government announced that they will be implementing, starting January 1, 2019, an employer health tax to replace the Medical Services Plan premiums that individual's currently pay. The UBCM surveyed local governments in British Columbia to determine what the impact of the new 1.95% payroll tax would have. The City of Langley is significantly impacted.

In 2017, the City paid $110,000 for MSP premiums and the payment reduced in half to $55,000 in 2018. However, in 2019, the EHT will cost the City approximately $236,000 in addition to the $55,000 MSP premiums that will not be fully eliminated until January 1, 2020. The City will have to pass on this new financial burden to the taxpayers in the City resulting in a 1% property tax increase in order to fund the additional cost.

The City of Langley believes it is unfair to be required to pay both the EHT and MSP premiums in 2019, the transition year, until the MSP premiums are fully eliminated in 2020. In addition, it is a concern when an increase in property taxes is being required to fund provincial healthcare services.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The City's expenses will increase to $291,000 in 2019 from the $55,000 spent in 2018 on MSP premiums. This $236,000 will require a 1% property tax increase to balance the budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

Forgo the opportunity to write a letter to the Province to express the concern over the implementation of the new EHT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darrin Leite, CPA, CA
Director of Corporate Services

Attachment(s): UBCM Employer Health Tax Impact on Local Government Survey Results and Analysis

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.

Francis Cheung, P. Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer

UBCM

Employer Health Tax Impact on Local Governments

Survey Results and Analysis

Union of BC Municipalities

May 2018

Introduction

The Province of British Columbia's 2018/19 – 2020/21 Budget and Fiscal Plan includes a commitment to eliminate Medical Services Plan (MSP) premiums and fund this change through the implementation of an employer health tax (EHT). Since local governments are subject to this proposed tax, the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), with support from the British Columbia Government Finance Officers Association, surveyed local government financial officers in April of 2018 to better understand the impact of the EHT on local government finance. The data from the survey provided the basis for this report.

Local Government Finance

Local governments have a limited revenue base that relies heavily on property taxation[1]. While the property tax provides revenue stability and predictability, it does not fairly distribute costs across income levels, placing an undue share on lower and middle income British Columbians. Local governments are also subject to significant external cost drivers due to decisions made by other orders of government. In recognition of both current and projected stresses, BC local governments have called for a joint review of the local government finance system.[2] One of the objectives of such a review is to prevent the property tax becoming unaffordable for a greater number of British Columbians.

UBCM Employer Health Tax Survey

77 respondents participated in the UBCM survey, representing just over 40% of local governments in British Columbia. Respondents varied in population from 107 (Village of Zeballos) to 631,406 (City of Vancouver). The survey solicited information on local government costs for employee MSP premiums and estimated EHT costs for the period 2017-2020. This data is provided in the Appendix to this report.

Employer Health Tax and Local Government

In 2017, all but one of the 77 survey respondents paid some portion of employee MSP premiums. For unionized employees, employer-paid MSP contributions are a negotiated benefit and vary from contract to contract. Local governments may

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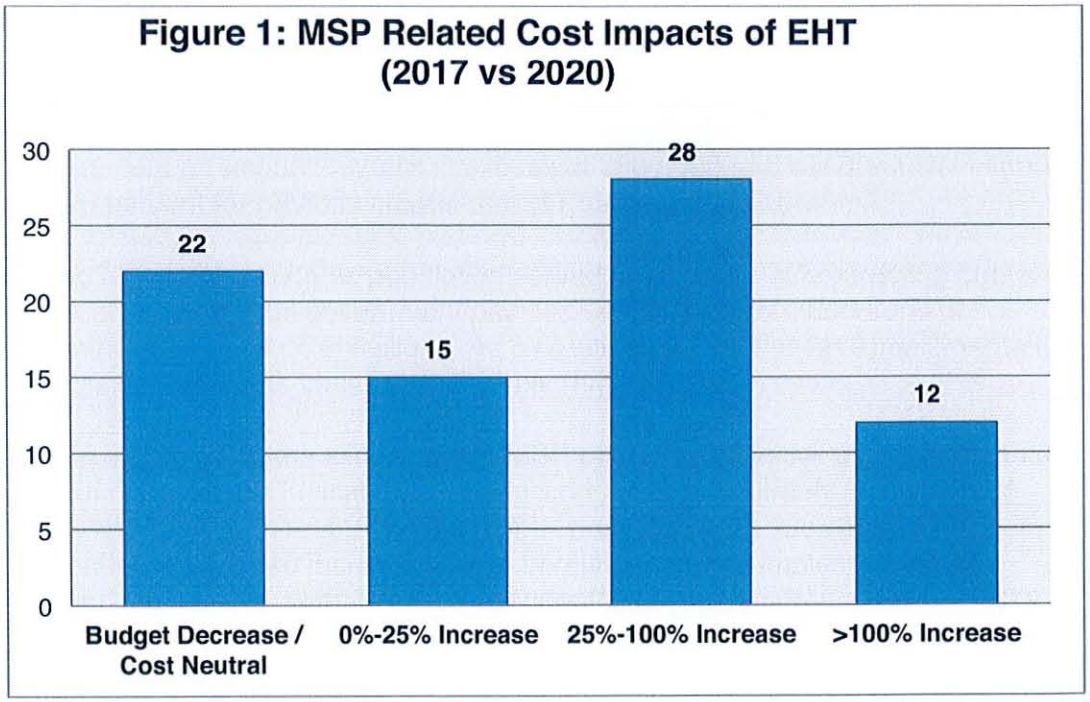
[1] Union of BC Municipalities, *Strong Fiscal Futures: A Blueprint for Strengthening BC Local Governments' Finance System* (2013), 18.
[2] Union of BC Municipalities, *Local Government Finance Policy Paper* (2013).

also pay a portion of MSP premiums for exempt staff, although this too is a matter of local determination.

The employer health tax will be imposed upon businesses and organizations in accordance with the size of their payroll. Businesses and organizations with payrolls less than $500,000 will be exempt from the EHT. The tax rate will start at 0.98 percent for annual payrolls in excess of $500,000 and will gradually increase to 1.95 percent for payrolls greater than $1,500,000 per year.

Due to differences such as population served, the degree of contracting out, and levels of service, local government payrolls vary in size from hundreds of thousands to hundreds of millions. As a result, the impact of EHT implementation on local governments varies considerably (Figure 1).

Taking into account the elimination of MSP premiums effective January 1, 2020, 29% of respondents indicated cost reductions or cost neutrality as a result of EHT implementation relative to 2017 MSP premium costs. Correspondingly, 71% respondents indicated increased costs in relation to EHT implementation in comparison to 2017, with 36% of respondents indicating increases of 25-100% and 15% indicating increases greater than 100%.



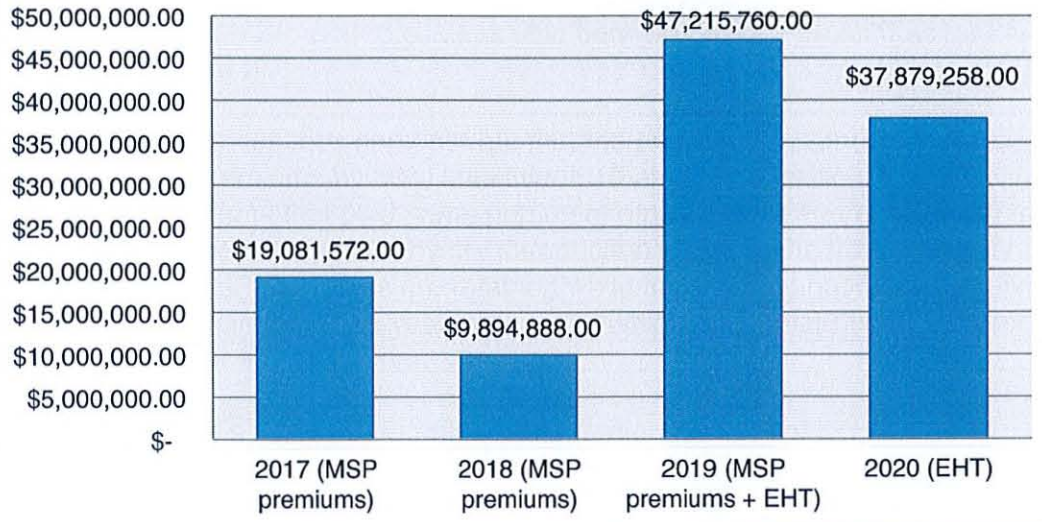
Source: UBCM survey (77 of 189 local governments)

Another way of analyzing the survey data is to consider the impact on local government as a sector. As a group, the 77 communities that contributed to the survey will see its MSP related costs double between 2017 and 2020 as a result of the EHT (Figure 2).

The survey responses also demonstrate that the provincial government decision to reduce MSP premiums by 50% effective 2018 provided significant cost savings for local governments that paid some portion of employee MSP premiums. This relief was effectively eliminated by the introduction of EHT. The transition year of 2019, in which MSP premiums are retained while the EHT is phased in, will also create an extraordinary single year increase in which MSP related costs will more than quadruple for the respondents.

Given that UBCM's survey data reflects information for 40% of BC local governments, the actual increase in for the entire local government sector in 2019 and beyond resulting from EHT implementation are greater than indicated by our survey.

Figure 2: MSP Related Costs by Year (2017-2020)



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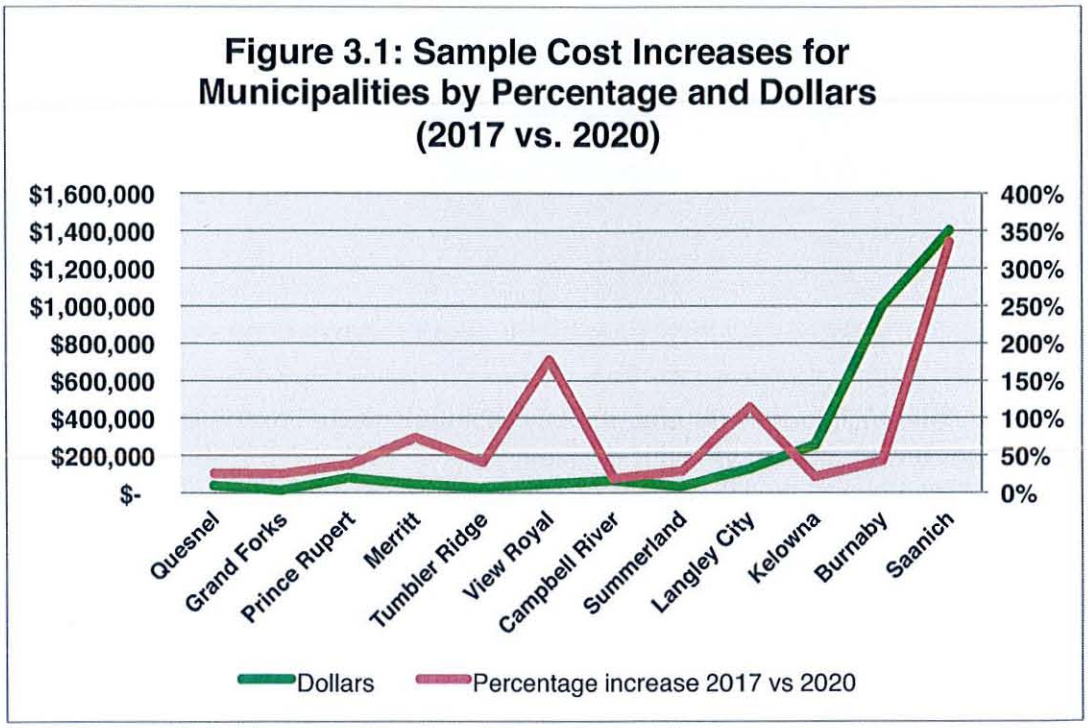
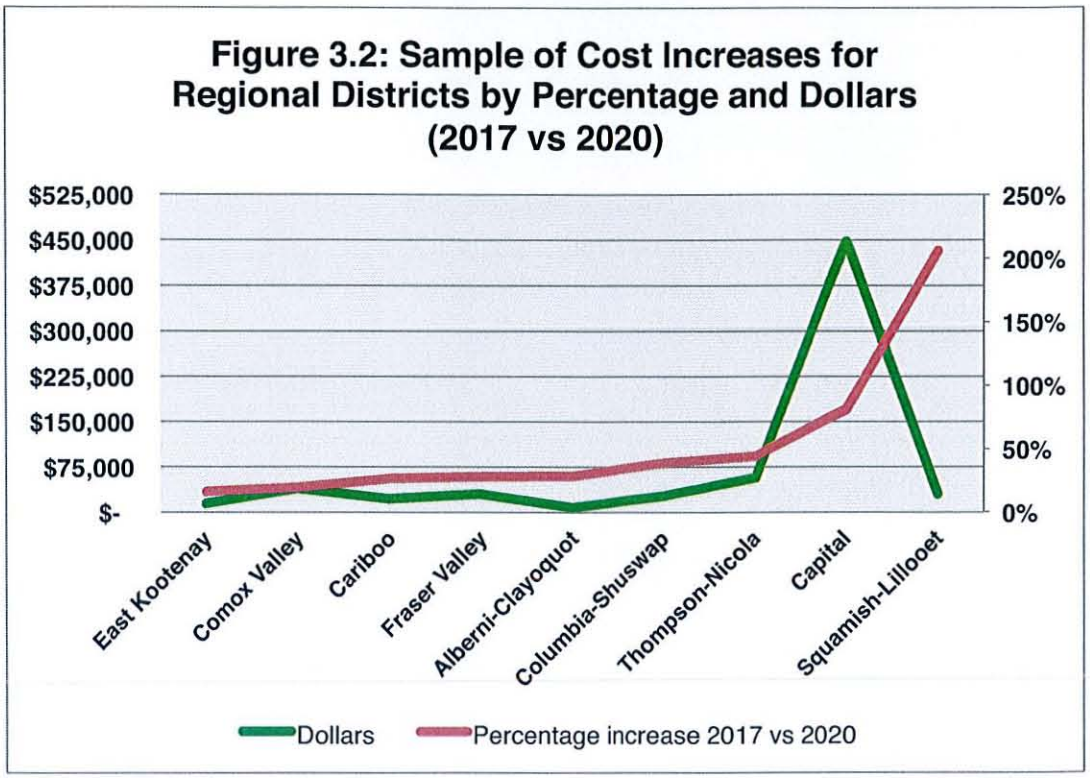
While 21 respondents will see a net cost savings by 2020 through the implementation of EHT, the savings will be modest for most of this group. Conversely, for communities facing cost increases due to EHT implementation, the increases are dramatic. Increased employee MSP related costs for

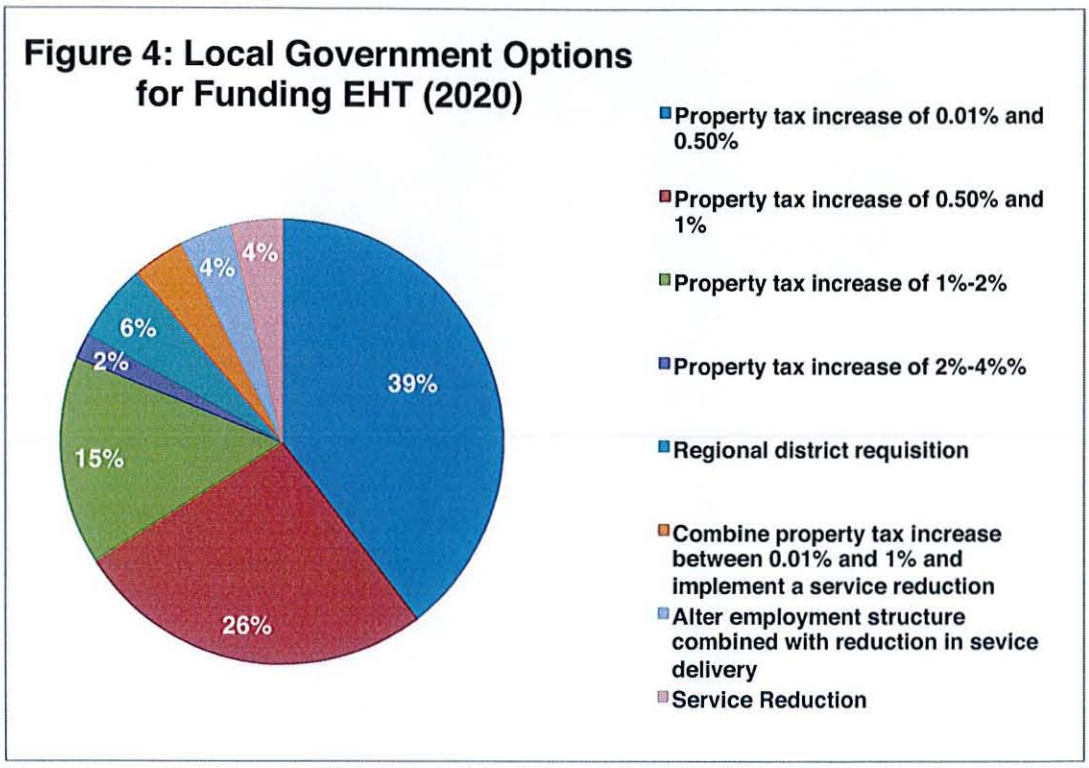
communities like Vancouver, Saanich, Victoria, and Burnaby will run into the millions. Excluding these four communities, the majority of local governments with populations greater than 50,000 will also see significant impacts, with an average MSP related cost increase of $631,500, or a budget increase of 92% from 2017 to 2020. Figure 3.1 demonstrates the range of cost increases due to the EHT for a sample of municipalities based on a comparison of 2017 and 2020 MSP related costs.



Local government costs will be further increased when the effect of regional districts is factored in (Figure 3.2). Regional districts cannot collect taxes directly from residents, and instead rely on a requisition that is submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and direct billing of municipalities. Regional districts that see a net increase in costs as a result of EHT implementation may choose to fund this increase through its requisition, thus further increasing the impact of the EHT on taxpayers in municipalities and electoral areas within the regional district.



Local governments that have a MSP related cost increase due to the EHT will need to consider how best to fund the change. As indicated in Figure 4, these Councils and Boards will face a choice of reducing services, increasing property taxation, or a mixture of both. The majority of respondents have indicated that these options involve some form of property tax increase, with 15% indicating that such increases are likely in the range of 1-2%.



Case Study: District of Saanich

The proposed employer health tax will have significant budget implications for the District of Saanich. The estimated cost for Saanich in 2019 during the transitional year of EHT implementation is $1.78 million for the new tax plus $209,000 for employee MSP premiums. These costs will be distributed between the general fund (property taxation) and the sewer and water utilities (user fees). The general fund portion equates to a 1.3% property tax increase. In subsequent years, the tax will rise in step with collective agreement settlements that are currently 2% to 2.5%. Saanich Council will be faced with a choice of increasing taxes, reducing services, or a combination of the two. Budget reductions implemented after the 2008 economic downturn have left few options remaining.

If the assumption is that the increase should be managed through operating budget reductions, the impact translates into a reduction of at least 15 positions and therefore impactful reductions in service levels. Alternately, capital funding could be reduced moving backwards on a decade of Council commitment to achieve sustainable funding levels for infrastructure replacement.

"Saanich cannot manage a 1.3% property tax increase from this additional expense through simple 'belt tightening'. We would have to amputate a limb."
Paul Thorkelsson, CAO

The impact on Saanich property owners could be compounded with increased levies for the Capital Regional District and Hospital District, BC Assessment, and BC Transit who would also be subject to the employer health tax and facing the same challenges to fund it.

The impact on Saanich's medium to large business property owners is twofold as they face paying the EHT directly on top of any property taxation increases that may be implemented. An option is to put the burden solely on residential properties, but this is likely to meet strong resistance as 92% of Saanich's assessment base is residential and due to low non-market revenue in recent years, annual tax increases are trending over 3%.

Employer-paid MSP premiums are a negotiated benefit. Implementation of this tax applied will remove the ability for Saanich to negotiate this benefit as part of collective bargaining. Where property tax currently funds only a small portion of the premiums for some staff, a shift to the health tax confers a considerable benefit without any bargaining and passes the cost on to Saanich property owners.

Conclusion

The introduction of the employer health tax will lead to increased Medical Services Plan related costs for a considerable portion of the local government sector. While a small portion of local governments will see reduced MSP related costs once the EHT is implemented, the savings for most of these communities are negligible. Conversely, the cost impacts for some larger communities are considerable. Based on the survey information provided to UBCM, Medical Services Plan related costs for respondents would double between 2017 and 2020. On a one-time basis, due to implementation of the EHT while MSP

premiums are still in place, MSP related costs for respondents would quadruple between 2018 and 2019.

Given that the communities most impacted tend to be larger population centres, it is safe to conclude that the implementation of the EHT will lead to property tax increases for the majority of British Columbia's population. This will have a particular impact on the private sector, since businesses that are already paying the EHT directly will likely face increased property taxes as well.

Due to the extent of these impacts, many local governments are questioning a tax policy that results in the funding of a provincial service (healthcare) through property taxation.

Appendix A – Survey Results: Medical Services Plan (MSP) Related Costs by Year

Local Government	2017 (MSP Premiums)	2018 (MSP Premiums)	2019 (MSP Premiums + Employer Health Tax)	2020 (Employer Health Tax)
Alberni-Clayoquot RD	$26,625.00	$19,000.00	$52,600.00	$34,300.00
Anmore	$16,050.00	$8,100.00	$17,500.00	$9,400.00
Ashcroft	$19,912.00	$10,000.00	$20,000.00	$10,000.00
Belcarra	$10,502.00	$5,252.00	$11,421.00	$6,169.00
Burnaby	$2,302,000.00	$1,086,000.00	$4,400,000.00	$3,300,000.00
Campbell River	$336,211.00	$340,000.00	$562,300.00	$400,800.00
Capital RD	$552,000.00	$271,000.00	$1,271,000.00	$1,000,000.00
Cariboo RD	$83,000.00	$41,500.00	$141,500.00	$105,000.00
Chase	$14,550.00	$8,550.00	$24,462.00	$15,912.00
Columbia-Shuswap RD	$69,746.00	$35,000.00	$130,000.00	$96,900.00
Colwood	$78,225.00	$39,113.00	$170,000.00	$130,000.00
Comox Valley RD	$202,282.00	$220,000.00	$337,900.00	$241,500.00
Courtenay	$188,000.00	$92,250.00	$317,250.00	$225,000.00
Creston	$45,000.00	$22,500.00	$75,500.00	$54,000.00
Dawson Creek	$195,825.00	$100,850.00	$352,315.00	$259,009.00
Duncan	$45,600.00	$22,500.00	$75,577.00	$54,000.00
East Kootenay RD	$84,038.00	$42,018.00	$139,919.00	$97,901.00
Elkford	$40,472.00	$20,250.00	$79,868.00	$60,810.00
Enderby	$15,075.00	$7,500.00	$22,575.00	$15,075.00
Fort St. John	$265,266.00	$127,800.00	$524,366.00	$406,480.00
Fraser Valley	$106,500.00	$53,000.00	$189,500.00	$136,500.00
Gold River	$24,500.00	$14,000.00	$45,200.00	$31,200.00
Grand Forks	$52,000.00	$26,000.00	$64,000.00	$65,500.00
Harrison Hot Springs	$20,775.00	$12,060.00	$25,000.00	$12,500.00
Invermere	$34,875.00	$17,100.00	$53,560.00	$36,460.00
Kaslo	$12,150.00	$6,300.00	$12,500.00	$6,301.00
Kelowna	$1,151,000.00	$575,520.00	$1,955,520.00	$1,407,600.00
Kent	$33,750.00	$16,875.00	$88,407.00	$71,532.00
Keremeos	$14,400.00	$7,200.00	$18,600.00	$11,600.00
Ladysmith	$85,397.00	$42,683.00	$150,331.00	$107,648.00
Lake Country	$97,875.00	$55,350.00	$163,400.00	$107,648.00
Langley District	$630,500.00	$386,000.00	$1,666,000.00	$1,300,000.00
Langley City	$110,000.00	$55,000.00	$291,000.00	$236,000.00
Lantzville	$21,150.00	$11,250.00	$31,996.00	$21,161.00
Logan Lake	$24,300.00	$12,150.00	$42,650.00	$31,000.00
Lytton	$8,100.00	$4,050.00	$9,048.00	$4,998.00

Maple Ridge	$350,000.00	$175,000.00	$875,000.00	$700,000.00
McBride	$6,390.00	$6,300.00	$6,300.00	-
Merritt	$62,452.00	$31,225.00	$138,027.00	$108,938.00
Metchosin	$13,320.00	$6,660.00	$21,012.00	$14,636.00
Mission	$268,000.00	$134,000.00	$499,650.00	$365,650.00
Nakusp	$25,200.00	$12,600.00	$27,600.00	$15,225.00
New Denver	$3,600.00	$1,800.00	$7,427.00	$5,739.00
New Hazelton	$9,000.00	$4,500.00	$10,311.00	$6,012.00
New Westminster	$706,200.00	$363,150.00	$1,817,450.00	$1,483,400.00
North Cowichan	$222,500.00	$112,500.00	$405,000.00	$298,350.00
Oak Bay	$167,099.00	$83,550.00	$451,004.00	$367,454.00
Okanagan-Similkameen RD	$125,000.00	$65,000.00	$180,000.00	$120,000.00
Oliver	$42,000.00	$22,000.00	$61,000.00	$41,000.00
Peace River RD	$52,885.00	$30,000.00	$74,709.00	$48,165.00
Penticton	$380,704.00	$190,352.00	$594,853.00	$404,501.00
Port Alice	$13,538.00	$6,770.00	$13,026.00	$6,381.00
Port Coquitlam	$340,000.00	$170,000.00	$785,000.00	$630,000.00
Port McNeill	$9,900.00	$4,950.00	$15,453.00	$10,503.00
Port Moody	$254,480.00	$130,000.00	$715,000.00	$600,000.00
Prince George	$667,358.00	$333,679.00	$1,678,291.00	$1,371,504.00
Prince Rupert	$213,000.00	$107,000.00	$394,000.00	$293,000.00
Quesnel	$152,000.00	$76,000.00	$268,660.00	$192,660.00
Radium Hot Springs	$12,600.00	$6,300.00	$13,300.00	$7,000.00
Saanich	$417,420.00	$208,710.00	$1,989,410.00	$1,820,000.00
Sidney	$90,990.00	$47,970.00	$142,970.00	$97,000.00
Sooke	$54,975.00	$36,000.00	$114,000.00	$78,000.00
Squamish	$237,033.00	$121,000.00	$440,828.00	$326,548.00
Squamish-Lillooet RD	$14,659.00	$7,500.00	$51,293.00	$44,888.00
Summerland	$111,450.00	$55,700.00	$197,200.00	$144,300.00
Sunshine Coast RD	$334,000.00	$160,096.00	$415,856.00	$255,760.00
Thompson-Nicola RD	$129,150.00	$65,000.00	$251,405.00	$186,405.00
Trail	$87,600.00	$43,800.00	$76,200.00	$32,450.00
Tumbler Ridge	$63,923.00	$44,775.00	$133,509.00	$90,198.00
Ucluelet	$38,301.00	$21,600.00	$57,395.00	$36,511.00
Vancouver	$5,000,000.00	$2,500,000.00	$17,500,000.00	$15,000,000.00
Vernon	$436,635.00	$220,000.00	$668,500.00	$448,500.00
Victoria	$800,000.00	$400,000.00	$2,300,000.00	$1,900,000.00
View Royal	$25,200.00	$13,000.00	$81,000.00	$70,000.00
Warfield	$6,900.00	$3,450.00	$8,950.00	$5,500.00
Williams Lake	$113,059.00	$56,530.00	$199,706.00	$143,176.00
Zeballos	$5,400.00	$2,700.00	$2,700.00	-

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Dear Premier Horgan and Minister Popham

Re: Cannabis Production Facilities on Agricultural Land Reserve Lands

At its Regular Meeting held May 7th, 2018, Council received an email from Nancy Chapman of Citizens Protecting Agricultural Land dated March 28th, 2018, requesting that Council consider the District of Central Saanich's resolution for a "Moratorium to reduce immediate pressures on Agricultural Land Reserve lands by cannabis production facilities." (copy attached.)

As a rural agricultural community, we see benefit from having an opportunity to provide valuable input into ensuring that the location of legal cannabis production facilities considers local interests as well as a consistent provincial approval process.

Council will be supporting the resolution at the 2018 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention in September, as we concur that valuable farm land should not be consumed by Cannabis Production Facilities.

Respectfully,

Janice Brown

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Subject:	Moratorium to reduce immediate pressures on ALR lands by cannabis production facilities

Dear Chairman Lum and Board of Directors of the Fraser Valley Regional District,

We are a citizens' group (Citizens Protecting Agricultural Land) based on the Saanich Peninsula on southern Vancouver Island who are witnessing sudden and unprecedented pressures on prime ALR lands by cannabis production facility proposals and speculation.

We would like to bring your attention to a motion that was unanimously passed by the Central Saanich Municipal Council earlier this year to help address these pressures. The motion requests that the BC Premier and Agriculture Minister establish a minimum six month moratorium on further use of ALR lands to grow cannabis, to allow for consultation, discussion and a review of the use of ALR lands for the growth and production of marijuana. This timeout would give municipalities, residents, farmers, industry and the public an opportunity to share information, express concerns and discuss the challenges and special requirements demanded by marijuana production. The pause would provide decision makers with the time to consciously address where marijuana production facilities are best suited to be built and help to ensure that ALR lands are protected and preserved. The moratorium would also reduce the potential loss of productive ALR lands in the short-term, as it will be some time before the Agriculture Minister's Advisory Committee's recommendations for revitalizing the Agricultural Land Reserve and Agricultural Land Commission are released and acted upon.

We strongly encourage you and your Council to take action to protect your ALR lands for their best possible use.
We hope that you will consider issuing a motion similar to Central Saanich, addressed to the BC Premier and Agriculture Minister.

Regular Council Minutes, February 19, 2018, Page 11 of 13.
13.3 Notice of Motion Submitted by Mayor Windsor, January 19, 2018
Re: Request to Premier of British Columbia and Minister of Agriculture re: moratorium
https://centralsaanich.civicweb.net/filepro/document/63246/Regular%20Council%20-%2019%20Feb%202018%20-%20Minutes%20-%20Pdf.pdf

Be it resolved that the District request that Premier of British Columbia and Minister of Agriculture place a moratorium on further use of Agricultural Land Reserve lands to grow cannabis while it performs a minimum of six month review and broad consultation with farmers, municipalities, industry and the public on the use of Agricultural Land Reserve lands for the growth and production of marijuana.

Best regards,
Nancy Chapman, on behalf of Citizens Protecting Agricultural Land (CPAL) cprotectingal.com

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Dear Premier Horgan and Minister Farnworth:

RE: Human Trafficking Task Force

At a regular meeting of the Village of Belcarra Council held May 7, 2018, Council passed the following motion:

> "That a letter be sent to Honorable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia and Honorable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, in support of the establishment of a Human Trafficking Task Force."

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Lorna Dysart
Chief Administrative Officer

cc Shane Brienen, Mayor, District of Houston
Cathy Peters, BC's Anti-Human Trafficking Educator, Speaker and Advocate
UBCM member Municipalities

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