

CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
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A-9 (c) - Facilities Inspection Policy – General

Preamble: An inspection policy will help to identify and prescribe corrective or mitigative measures, thus reducing, the potential of injury to staff, volunteers and the public at CCRD facilities.

Policy: Due to limited manpower and financial constraints, the inspection policy for CCRD facilities shall be solely complaint driven with the exception of facilities covered by a separate inspection policy. Complaint driven inspection reports are initiated either in response to a complaint by a member of the public or CCRD staff. Once a complaint is received, staff shall, within two working days, inspect the site and determine what maintenance or mitigative measures are required to ensure public and worker safety. Complaints, inspections and corrective maintenance shall be recorded for the purpose of informing the asset management plan, budgeting and in the event of a legal claim.

Date: September 13, 1994

Proposed amendment – September 10, 2015

Rationale: The rationale for changing the CCRD’s parks and recreation inspection policy to a complaint driven policy is primarily due to a lack of staffing and financial capacity to carry out routine inspections. If an inspection policy states that inspections are to occur twice annually, and they do not take place, or are not documented, then a liability issue is created. In contrast, a complaint driven system better reflects how inspections are currently carried out and does not create a liability issue for the CCRD as long as complaints, inspections and corrective maintenance are recorded.

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A-9 (c) - Facilities Inspection Policy – ~~General Recreation/Parks – Skating Arena, Walker Is. Park, Snootli Creek Park~~

Preamble: An inspection policy will help serve to identify ~~any potential hazards~~ and prescribe corrective or mitigative measures, thus ~~reducing unsafe conditions, as well as routine maintenance issues requiring attention. Regular inspections will help reduce~~ the potential of injuries to staff, volunteers and the public at CCRD facilities. ~~Information collected can be used by Parks and Recreation Commissioners to help assess life expectancy of a given facility, prepare potential options for site development and maintenance, and make informed budgeting decisions.~~

Policy: Due to limited manpower and financial constraints, the inspection policy for CCRD facilities shall be solely complaint driven with the exception of facilities covered by a separate inspection policy. Complaint driven inspection reports are initiated either in response to a complaint by a member of the public or CCRD staff. Once a complaint is received, staff shall, within two working days, inspect the site and determine what maintenance or mitigative measures are required to ensure public and worker safety. Complaints, inspections and corrective maintenance shall be recorded for the purpose of informing the asset management plan, budgeting and in the event of a legal claim.

~~An inspection of the sites will be conducted twice annually by a designated member of the Parks/Recreation Commission or CCRD employee. The inspection will document potential hazards and unsafe conditions, as well as routine maintenance issues requiring attention. The status of any works in progress will be recorded and corrective actions determined for any issues.~~

~~It is the responsibility of the Parks/Recreation Commission to inform and respond to the CCRD Board of Directors with respect to progress made in undertaking corrective actions resulting from these inspections. The report format will be consistent with CCRD Policy E – Commission Reporting Requirements and may be in the form of monthly meeting minutes.~~

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A-12(d) - Centennial Pool – Children Six Years and Under

Policy: Centennial Pool Policy – Children 6 Years and Under

1. Children 6 years and under must be accompanied by a responsible guardian,
 - The lifeguards may determine who is an appropriate guardian.
 - Children must be kept within arm’s reach of the guardian.
2. A lifejacket is NOT a replacement for a responsible guardian.
3. Staff have the right and authority to ask anyone to leave the pool facility.

Implementation:

1. It is recommended that a guardian should not bring in more than two children 6 and under.
 2. After first pull-out, a warning will be given to both the child and the caregiver. After second pull-out, the caregiver and all children he/she is looking after will be asked to leave.
 3. Children who cannot swim without a lifejacket will not be allowed in the deep end without an able guardian.
- The policy will be posted in a prominent location at the pool.
 - The policy and means of implementation will be made clear to all staff.

Adopted: September 13, 2000
Reviewed: October 10, 2013
Reviewed: September 2015

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A-20 - Disposal of Assets

Preamble:

An asset disposal policy ensures that assets representing expended tax dollars are disposed of in a fair and transparent fashion, taking into account best practices, and in accordance with *Part 5, Division 5, Disposing of Land and Improvements (sections 186-188)* of the *Local Government Act, RSBC, 1996*.

Definitions: "Assets" means any type of tangible, physical property, either singularly or as a component or part of another item of tangible physical property.

"Interest in land and improvements" means the multi-year lease agreements the CCRD has with various lease holders at the Bella Coola Airport or other CCRD facilities.

"Immediate Family Member" means father, mother, sister, brother, stepfather, stepmother, stepsister, stepbrother, father/mother/sister/brother-in-law, spouses/common law spouses, and/or children.

"Value" means replacement value for an item of similar age and condition

Policy: Assets held by the Regional District that are no longer needed shall be disposed of as follows:

1. Any item having an estimated value of less than \$1000 may be posted on the Regional District's website and public notice boards located at postal outlets within the Regional District.
2. Any item having an estimated value of \$1000 or more must be published on the Regional District's website, in the local newspaper and simultaneously posted on public notice boards at postal outlets within the Regional District.
3. The Chief Administrative Officer and/or designate be authorized to receive any and all offers and to accept one offer that would provide the most benefit to the Regional District, up to an amount of \$10,000. The sale of assets with a value greater than \$10,000 must be approved by the Board of Directors.
4. No assets shall be sold to CCRD staff, Directors or immediate family members prior to assets being offered for sale to the public. Additionally, no preferential treatment in acquisition shall be given to CCRD staff, Directors or immediate family members.
5. The CCRD shall notify the public of any disposition of an interest in land and improvements. Notice must be published on the Regional District's website and in the local newspaper.

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Adopted: June 14, 2007
Amended: September 13, 2012
Proposed Amendment: September 10, 2015

Rationale: Changes were made to this policy to better reflect the requirements of the Local Government Act.

The monetary benchmark associated with a requirement for publication in the local newspaper has been raised from \$800 to \$1000 to reflect inflation and to match the CCRD's capitalization policy. The existing policy could benefit from increased clarity with respect to disposal of assets with estimated values of greater than \$10,000. The proposed policy changes clearly identify that the Board of Directors approve the sale of assets valued above \$10,000.

The policy on "not selling assets to CCRD staff, Directors or immediate family prior to assets being offered for sale to the public" was added to support the Regional District's commitment to fair and transparent governance in accordance with the Local Government Act. Research on similar policies has shown that it is best practice to include such a statement for the purpose of clearly laying out expectations.

Interest in land and improvements at the Bella Coola Airport has been included in this policy for the purpose of notifying the public when new lease agreements are signed with the CCRD.

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A-20 - Disposal of Assets

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~~Whereas the Board of Directors wishes to ensure that all sales of redundant assets held by the Regional District are carried out in an unbiased and fair manner; and~~

~~Whereas the Board of Directors recognizes the authority contained in Part 5, Division 5, Disposing of Land and Improvements (sections 186-190) of the Local Government Act, RSBC, 1996;~~

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Policy: ~~Therefore articles~~ Assets held by the Regional District that are no longer needed and ~~deemed redundant are to~~ shall be disposed of as follows:

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A-31 – Bylaw Development and Reviews

Preamble:

In March 2015, the Central Coast Regional District board of directors approved and endorsed the CCRD Integrated Strategic Plan 2015-2019. Goal 3 – Governance, focuses on the enhancement and strengthening of the region and Goal 3.4.3 is specific to the maintenance and update of CCRD policies and bylaws.

CCRD has a policy addressing the development and review of policies, but it does not currently have a policy for developing or reviewing bylaws.

This policy is to establish a process for the development and review of bylaws for the Central Coast Regional District, that provides a guideline to Administration in the process, and to ensure effectiveness and relevance.

Policy:

1. **Introduction**

A bylaw is a regulation made by a local government and formalized in a document. Bylaws typically contain a number of component parts such as a number, title, authority, definitions, enactment and penalties for non-compliance.

The Regional District Board of Directors makes the bylaws required for the Regional District to provide services to electoral areas. They also establish bylaws to regulate user fees for those services.

Local government does not have power to do anything except that which provincial legislation provides it with the authority to do. The effect of a local government bylaw is parallel to the effect of provincial legislation.

Powers given by a statute may be limited by another Provincial or Federal statute. Where there is a conflict between a Provincial statute and a local bylaw, the statute prevails. Local bylaws cannot regulate the use of Provincial or Federal lands (or Native Reserves).

2. **Bylaw development Procedure**

Provincial legislation stipulates when a local government board may act only by bylaw. Section 122(1) of the *Community Charter* states that if an enactment provides that a council is required or empowered to exercise a power by bylaw, that power may only be exercised by bylaw.

When drafting a bylaw it is necessary to be aware of the substantive grounds, as opposed to the procedural defects, that may result in a court setting aside a bylaw. These grounds include unlawful delegation, reference to council/board, repeating the statutory power, the absence of statutory authority, uncertainty and unreasonableness.

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For a bylaw to be valid, it must satisfy the following requirements:

- (a) the local government corporation must be validly established;
- (b) the Board must be qualified to act;
- (c) the bylaw must be enacted by the board at a validly constituted meeting;
- (d) there must be a quorum
- (e) statutory conditions precedent must be satisfied (ie does it require approve from a minister, electors; or Lieutenant Governor in Council)
- (f) the bylaw must be enacted within the jurisdiction and authority of the local government;
- (g) the bylaw must not render compliance with a federal or provincial enactment impossible, or prohibited by provincial enactment;
- (h) the bylaw must be enacted in good faith;
- (i) the bylaw must not be unreasonable;
- (j) the bylaw must not be so nebulous as to permit of no definite meaning;
- (k) the bylaw must be published to the extent required;
- (l) the bylaw must be enacted in a meeting open to the public.

3. Bylaw Review Procedure

Only the Board may amend or revoke bylaw according to Section 137 of the *Community Charter*.

Review of bylaws and their evaluation should be done on an on-going process. Bylaws will be brought forward to the board of directors for review and relevance on a rotating schedule that will cover all bylaws within the Bylaw Manual, every three (3) years. Bylaws requiring earlier amendments or revocation will be put forward for board consideration, on an as needed basis.

Bylaw Manual updates will be circulated to all directors and personnel or affiliates following adoption by the board of directors.

Proposed Adoption: September 2015

Reviewed:

Amended:

Rationale for policy:

Administration wishes to have a policy for the development and scheduled review of bylaws, similar to A-24 Policy Development and Review, for policies; both of which will meet the Integrated Strategic Plan 2015-2019 Goal 3.4.3 to maintain and update our policy/bylaw process.. The intent of the policy is to ensure there are regular reviews and updates, to keep bylaws reflective of current legislation and changes to meet community needs, as requested.

A-32 – CCRD Website Privacy Policy

Preamble:

The Central Coast Regional District website is one of the region’s key tools for communicating with the public about who we are and what we do. In today’s world of social media and electronic communications, a big concern for those visiting any website is, “*what will the host organization do with my personal information*”?

This policy is being established to address any privacy concerns that may arise by creating a transparent environment which explains how CCRD handles personal information.

Policy:

1. Introduction

The Central Coast Regional District is strongly committed to protecting the privacy of its user community. The intent of this privacy policy is to clarify what information may be obtained about users of the Central Coast Regional District website, how this information is used and our disclosure practices. Please note that this information may be updated at any time in order to address new issues and reflect changes on our website. We will post those changes on our website as they occur, keeping information current. This privacy policy applies only to the Central Coast Regional District website and not to other community, company or organization sites to which we provide links.

2. Site usage information

Every computer connected to the Internet is given a domain name and an IP (Internet Protocol) address, containing a set of numbers. This information reveals nothing personal about the visitor.

When a visitor requests a page from within the Central Coast Regional District website, our web servers automatically recognize that computers' IP address and domain name. Such data is used in the aggregate to help determine general usage patterns and fine-tune layout patterns to ensure our site is as user friendly as possible. This information is not collected or evaluated for individuals and our web servers do not automatically record e-mail addresses.

3. Cookie technology

From time to time, the Central Coast Regional District may send a “cookie” to a visitor user’s computer. A cookie is a small piece of data that is sent to their browser from a web server and stored on their computer's hard drive. A cookie cannot:

- Read data off your hard disk;
- Read cookie files created by other web sites;
- Damage your system.

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The Central Coast Regional District website may utilize cookie technology to aid visitors in filling out forms or ensuring that requested information is not sent to the visitor more than once.

Our website visitors can choose whether to accept cookies by changing the settings of their browser. They can reset their browser to refuse all cookies, or allow their browser to show them when a cookie is being sent. If they choose not to accept these cookies, their experience at our site and other Web sites may be diminished and some features may not work as intended.

4. What else should be known about online privacy?

The Central Coast Regional District website contains many links to many external websites. The Central Coast Regional District is not responsible for the privacy practices or the content of such websites. Website visitors will be encouraged to check contained links on our site, to determine other website privacy policies.

Users will be asked to keep in mind that whenever they voluntarily disclose personal information online—for example through e-mail, discussion lists or elsewhere—that information can be collected and used by others. In short, if they post personal information online that is accessible to the public, they may receive unsolicited messages from other parties in return. Ultimately, they are solely responsible for maintaining the secrecy of their personal information. It is therefore important for any user to be careful and responsible whenever they are online.

5. Security

The Central Coast Regional District exercises care and due diligence in managing, transmitting and securing personal information once we receive it. We will take careful measures to secure both a visitor's information and our physical premises. This may include access to an on-site office, secure access levels to databases or the use of passwords and encryption. However, it is important to know that data transmission over the Internet is not 100 percent secure. Despite our efforts, we cannot guarantee the security of any information transmitted to us – it is done at an individuals', own risk.

6. Disclosure policy

The Central Coast Regional District does not share any of the individually identifiable information provided to us with the sites to which the Central Coast Regional District links. We may, however, share aggregate data with such websites (such as how many people use our site).

Our website visitor's personal information may be disclosed without their consent if the Central Coast Regional District has reason to believe that doing so is necessary to identify, contact or bring legal action against anyone damaging, injuring or interfering with our rights, property, users or anyone else who may be harmed by such activities. We will also disclose their information without their consent where we are required by law.

7. Links to other websites

Our privacy policy only applies to the Central Coast Regional District website. It does not apply to external sites that others may connect to from our site.

We recommend that users of our website or any website read the privacy policy before divulging individually identifiable information, and to understand how personal information will be managed. We are not responsible for the content or practices of websites operated by third parties that are linked to our sites. These links are provided as a service to our visitors. Unless otherwise stated, they do not constitute our endorsement, sponsorship or approval of their content, policies or practices.

8. Acceptance

By accessing any of the pages within the Central Coast Regional District website, users signify their acceptance of our privacy policy. If they do not agree to this policy, they are advised to not use our website. Continued use of the Central Coast Regional District website following the posting of changes to these terms will mean that they accept those changes.

Where the information provided to us is sensitive, their consent must be expressed. The following are examples of expressed consent:

- Clicking on the submit button on a form that includes individually identifiable information;
- Sending an e-mail requesting a product or service.

The manner in which your consent is granted may vary depending on the sensitivity of the information that you are providing to us. Where the information is less sensitive, implied consent will be considered appropriate.

For more information please visit the Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia at, www.oipc.bc.ca

Rationale for policy:

Administration is in the process of updating the CCRD website. We wish to have a privacy policy specifically for CCRD website that outlines in a transparent manner how we will manage the personal information of users of our website.

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E-1 - Committee/Commission Reporting Requirements

Preamble: As the CCRD Board of Directors is ultimately responsible to the taxpayers, and to senior governments through legislation, Under the Local Government Act the board of directors has the authority to delegate responsibilities to board appointed committees and commissions. Delegated authorities can assist the regional district to undertake things to administer and operate a service. Accountabilities for delegations require regular reporting requirements by any Committees and Commissions of the regional district, and these should be clearly defined.

Policy: ~~That, in~~In order to ensure that the board of directors is kept **informed** ~~regarding~~informed regarding the activities of various Committees and Commissions, reporting requirements are hereby established ~~as being once every two (2) months.~~

Committees and commissions of the regional district are expected to report back all planning, budgeting recommendations and expenditures based on board approved budgets and operational decisions.

Committees and commissions are responsible for putting forward recommendations and action plans to the board of directors of the regional district for approval.

Committee and commission meeting minutes will be submitted to the CCRD board at the next regular meeting for approval.

The minutes of all proceedings of any meeting of a committee or commission of the regional district shall be legibly recorded and certified and signed as correct by the committee/commission secretary and Chair (or other presiding member) of the committee/commission; and then submitted to the Central Coast Regional District for filing.

To ensure reporting requirements are met by committees and commissions of the regional district, details of this policy will be included in all Terms of Reference for a regional district appointed committees or commissions.

~~Reporting should be in writing for ease of distribution and to allow for minimum misinterpretation. Reports need not be detailed or lengthy. Copies of the minutes of monthly meetings are recommended and will meet all requirements of reporting to the board.~~

In the event that the Committee/Commission is temporarily inactive, or that no business has taken place since the previous reporting period, the CCRD Director responsible to represent the function, or the Committee/Commission Chair (if present), may provide verbal update to the CAO for inclusion in the next regular Board of Directors meeting package.

Private organizations or societies that may have representation by a member of the CCRD Board of Directors are exempted from this policy, however, the director

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representing the CCRD to such organization or society shall provide updates to the remainder of the Board of Directors in accordance with this policy.

Date: May 20, 1994
Amended: March 3, 2004
Amended: September 13, 2012
Amended: September 10, 2015

Rationale for changes:

To modernize the policy and ensure all committee and commissions of the regional district are clear on responsibilities for reporting back to the Board of Directors, ensuring accountabilities for delegated authorities.

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Policy: In order to ensure that the board of directors is kept informed regarding the activities of various Committees and Commissions, reporting requirements are hereby established

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Date: May 20, 1994
Amended: March 3, 2004
Amended: September 13, 2012
Amended: September 10, 2015

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P-1 - Delegation of Public Hearing

Preamble: Section 891 of the *Local Government Act* provides that the Board may delegate the holding of a public hearing.

Policy: That for purposes of Part 26 of the *Local Government Act* the Board delegates the holding of a public hearing

- a) to the director of the electoral area in which the land concerned is located
- b) with the consent of the director referred to in paragraph (a);

- 1. to the alternate director of that electoral area, or

- 2. to any other director or directors, and

- 3. the person to whom the hearing has been delegated must report back to the Board before the bylaw is adopted

Date: June 16, 1993

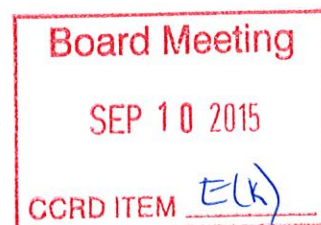
Amended: April 07, 2004

Adopted: June 02, 2004

Reviewed: June 14, 2012

Proposed Amendment: September 10, 2015

Rationale: To provide extra clarity to Section 891 & 890(7) of the LGA



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P-2 - Application/Approval Process for Land Use Bylaws

Preamble: Certain portions of the application process for amendments to the zoning and OCP bylaws are at the discretion of the board of directors. It is advisable and expedient to define the process that is best suited to accommodate the public and reduce unnecessary time spent at the board table.

Policy: That upon receipt of an application to amend the zoning bylaw or Official Community Plan bylaw, and on receipt of the required application fee, staff are authorized to proceed with obtaining the responses from various agencies prior to first reading of a potential bylaw. Agencies include, but are not limited to:

Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure
Agricultural Land Commission (where applicable)
Vancouver Coastal Health Authority
~~Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development~~
Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations - Archaeology
School District No. 49
Nuxalk Nation Chief and Council
Heiltsuk Tribal Council (Electoral Areas A&B only)
Wuikinuxv First Nation (Formerly Oweekeno – Electoral Areas A&B only)

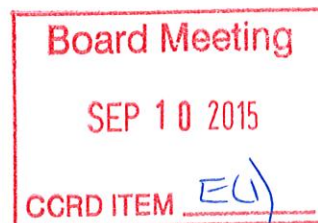
After the applicant has been informed of the responses from outside agencies and upon his or her recommendation to proceed, the information will be compiled and submitted to the board in the form of a staff report. This report will form the basis for first and subsequent readings of the amending bylaw.

If the applicant does not wish to proceed to first reading, 50% of the application fee as specified by regional district bylaws, will be refunded to the proponent and the rest retained by the regional district to cover the costs associated with the initial inquiries and bylaw preparation.

Adopted: August 9, 1994
Amended: November 01, 1994
Amended: June 02, 2004
Amended: June 14, 2012

Proposed Amendment: September 10, 2015

Rationale: Per Bill 17, ministerial approval is not required



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**P-3 - Administration of Agricultural Land Commission and Soil Conservation Act
Application Fees**

Preamble: The *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and the *Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation* sets the legislative framework for the establishment, ~~and~~ administration and procedures of BC's of the agricultural land preservation program. The *Agricultural Land Reserve (should this say Agricultural Land Commission Act?)* takes precedence over, but does not replace other legislation and bylaws that may apply to the land. Local governments are expected to plan in accordance with the provincial policy of preserving agricultural land.

It is the responsibility of the local government under section 21 of the *Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation Act*, to forward applications to the Commission.

Policy: Section 33(1) of the *Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation* specifies that the prescribed application fees are as follows:

- (a) for permission under section 20 or 21 of the *Act* for a use or subdivision of agricultural land to which section 4 does not apply, \$600;
- (b) for permission under section 29 or 30 of the *Act* for the exclusion of land from the reserve, \$600;
- (c) for permission under section 34(6) of the *Act* for applications filed directly with the commission, \$400.

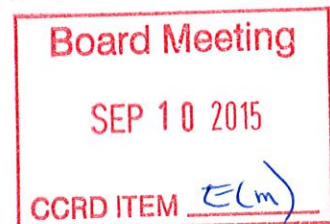
Pursuant to section 33(2) of the *Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation* specifies that the prescribed portion of the application fee that the Central Coast Regional District will retain for the purposes of section 35(1) of the *Act* is \$300 for an application

- (a) for exclusion under section 29 or 30 of the *Act*, or
- (b) for use or subdivision under section 20 or 21 of the *Act*.

Pursuant to section 33(3) of the *Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation* specifies that the prescribed times for the purposes of section 35(1)(b) of the *Act* are at a time that occurs on or before March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 of each year.

Section 33(4) of the *Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation* states that the prescribed portion of an application fee that may be remitted by the commission to a local government for the purposes of section 35(5) of the *Act* is \$200.

Adopted: April 11, 1995
Amended: June 02, 2004
Reviewed: June 14, 2012
Proposed Amendment: September 10, 2015



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Mr. Reginald Moody-Humchitt and Board Members
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Central Coast Regional District

Dear Chair Moody-Humchitt and Board Members

On behalf of the joint Provincial-Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Green Communities Committee (GCC), we would like to extend our congratulations for your efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in your corporate operations and community over the 2014 reporting year.

As a signatory to the Climate Action Charter (Charter) you have demonstrated your commitment to work with the Province and UBCM to take action on climate change and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in your community and corporate operations.

The work that local governments are undertaking to reduce their corporate emissions demonstrates significant climate leadership and sets the stage for broader climate action in the community. As British Columbia begins developing a new climate action plan, your leadership and commitment continues to be essential to ensuring the achievement of our collective climate action goals. For more information about BC's Climate Leadership Plan, go to:

<http://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/2015/05/bc-names-climate-leadership-team.html>

The GCC was established under the Charter to support local governments in achieving their climate goals. In acknowledgement of the efforts of local leaders, the GCC is again recognizing the progress and achievements of local governments such as yours through the multi-level Climate Action Recognition Program. A description of this program is enclosed for your reference.

As a Charter signatory who has demonstrated progress on the fulfillment of one of more of your commitments, we are pleased to acknowledge your achievement of Level 1 recognition – 'Progress on Charter Commitments.'

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Congratulations again on your progress. We wish you continued success in your ongoing commitment to the goal of corporate carbon neutrality and your efforts to reduce emissions in the broader community.

Sincerely,



Gary Paget
Acting Assistant Deputy Minister
Local Government Division
Ministry of Community, Sport and
Cultural Development



Gary MacIsaac
Executive Director
Union of British Columbia Municipalities

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GCC Communiqué on the Climate Action Recognition Program

In acknowledgment of the ongoing efforts of local leaders, the joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee (GCC) is pleased to be continuing the **Climate Action Recognition Program** for BC local governments for the 2014 reporting year. This is a multi-level program that provides the GCC with an opportunity to review and publicly recognize the progress and achievements of each Climate Action Charter (*Charter*) signatory.

Recognition is provided on an annual basis to local governments who demonstrate progress on their *Charter* commitments, according to the following:

Level 1: Progress on Charter Commitments

All local governments who demonstrate progress on fulfilling one or more of their *Charter* commitments will receive a letter from the GCC acknowledging their accomplishments.

Level 2: Measurement

Local governments who have completed a corporate carbon inventory for the reporting year and demonstrate that they are familiar with the Community Energy and Emissions Inventory (CEEI) will receive a 'Climate Action Community 2014' logo, for use on websites, letter head and similar.

Level 3: Achievement of Carbon Neutrality

Local governments who achieve carbon neutrality in the reporting year will receive a 'Climate Action Community – Carbon Neutral 2014' logo, for use on websites, letter head and similar.

To be eligible for this program, local governments will need to complete a Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP)/ Carbon Neutral Progress Survey and submit it online to the Province in accordance with the program guidelines. Determination of the level of recognition that each community will receive will be based on the information included in each community's annual CARIP report. Additional information on CARIP reporting is available online at: www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/greencommunities/carip.htm .

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July 16, 2015

Ref: 158889

To: Mayors and Councillors
Chairs and Directors of Regional District Boards
Chairs and Directors of Greater Boards

As the Acting Auditor General for Local Government I am pleased to advise you of the release of the annual report of the Office of the Auditor General for Local Government, covering the period from April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015. Although I was not appointed until after the end of this reporting period, this annual report fulfills the requirements of Section 25 of the *AGLG Act* to report on the office's activities and the progress made in relation to the goals, objectives and measures set out in last year's service plan. As per the *Act*, the audited financial statements for 2014/15 are included in this report.

The annual report is a valuable tool to reflect on the office's accomplishments and challenges over the last year, and the plans the office is now developing to address those challenges and move the office forward to carry out its important mandate.

It is clear the office did not achieve its main objective of delivering on its planned release of audit reports. This has impacted the office's credibility and it is extremely important that this be corrected going forward. As stated in our recently released service plan, there is much work to do, but at the same time there is also much promise if the planned reports can be released on a much more timely basis. The office is committed to improving its performance and will be working closely with the Audit Council to implement the necessary changes.

The 2014/15 Annual Report will be released on our website www.aglg.ca at 11:00 am on July 17, 2015.

I hope you will take the opportunity to read our 2014/15 Annual Report and share your feedback and comments with us. Please send your comments to info@aglg.ca or call the office at 604-930-7100.

Sincerely,

Arn van Iersel, CPA, FCGA
A/Auditor General for Local Government

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To: Mayors and Councillors
Chairs and Directors of Regional District Boards
Chairs and Directors of Greater Boards

I am pleased to inform you of the release of our Performance Audit Guide for Local Governments. This guide is a resource to help elected representatives and staff – as well as other interested British Columbians – understand the process we follow in undertaking performance audits. In addition to the guide, we have developed an introductory brochure that provides a brief overview of how the AGLG does its work.

We intend to review the audit guide from time to time as procedures change and standards evolve and I welcome your suggestions for making this guide a more useful tool for local governments.

You can find the Performance Audit Guide for Local Governments and introductory brochure on our website www.aglg.ca.

Sincerely,

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July 20, 2015

Mr. Reg Moody-Humchitt
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Central Coast Regional District

Dear Mr. Moody-Humchitt:

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of our 2014-2015 Annual Report on behalf of former Ombudsperson Kim Carter. I trust that you will find it to be an informative overview of the work of the Office of the Ombudsperson.

This year, over 7,800 inquiries and complaints were responded to and nearly 1,900 early resolutions and investigative files were completed. Complainants who come to us help us fix problems in the public sector before they become any more complicated. They allow us to fulfil our mandate to oversee administrative fairness in public administration and promote the values of fairness, transparency and accountability. Not only do our resolutions help those who come to us – they help public authorities too. Ministries, Crown corporations, boards and commissions, local governments, health and educational authorities were, because of our involvement, able to find reasonable and equitable solutions that are fair for everyone.

In addition to the individual case summaries found in the Annual Report, our office published a systemic investigation report. *In the Public Interest: Protecting Students through Effective Oversight of Private Career Training Institutions* contains 31 findings and 36 recommendations directed to the Ministry of Advanced Education. The full report and an update on the implementation of recommendations from other reports can be found on our website.

If you would like additional copies of the annual report, please contact us at (250) 387-5855, toll-free at 1-800-567-3247, or complete the "report request" form on the contact section of our newly updated and user-friendly website, www.bcombudsperson.ca. You may also subscribe to e-News for email notification of reports, newsletters and updates on the status of recommendations from the Office of the Ombudsperson.

Yours sincerely,



Jay Chalke
Ombudsperson
Province of British Columbia

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Selina Robinson, MLA
(Coquitlam-Maillardville)



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Central Coast Regional District

August 24, 2015

Electoral Area Directors
Central Coast Regional District
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Dear Directors,

I hope that you've enjoyed the summer and you had an opportunity to take a break. I am writing to remind you that my caucus colleagues in the Official Opposition are available and eager to meet with you at the upcoming Union of BC Municipalities annual conference in Vancouver, September 22-25.

As the Opposition Spokesperson for Local Government, former City Councilor for Coquitlam, and past Executive member of the Lower Mainland Local Government Association, I continue to be passionate about strengthening our communities through local leadership. I believe that local government is closest to our constituents and has the knowledge and flexibility to be most responsive to community needs.

I have been paying close attention to your successes and your challenges. This past spring I travelled to all five area association meetings to hear directly from you about the issues facing your communities. I heard concerns related to aging infrastructure, offloads to local governments, and the sometimes difficult relationship between local and other orders of government. At every area association meeting, I saw the passion and commitment you all have for your communities. Thank you for bringing that to your role. It really does make a difference.

I would love the opportunity to meet with you at the UBCM. If you would like to set up a meeting with me or any of my colleagues, please contact Elena Banfield at 250-952-7647 or elena.banfield@leg.bc.ca. Enclosed is a list of all Opposition MLAs and their Spokesperson areas, so you know who works on issues important to your community. Also, please join us for the Official Opposition UBCM Breakfast for all delegates on Friday, September 25, at 6:45 AM at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel. We look forward to seeing you there.

All the best,

Selina Robinson, MLA
Opposition Spokesperson for Local Government

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John Horgan and the New Democrat Opposition Team



John Horgan, Leader
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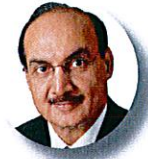
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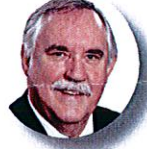
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August 21, 2015

Dear Chair Electoral Area Reginald Moody-Humchitt,

Central Coast Regional District

Re: Geoscience BC's 10th Anniversary Dinner, Thursday, October 8th, 2015—Invitation

On behalf of the Geoscience BC Board, it is my sincere pleasure to invite you to join us at Geoscience BC's 10th Anniversary Dinner on Thursday, October 8, 2015. The Dinner will be hosted in the Pan Pacific Hotel Oceanview Suites in Vancouver.

The 10th Anniversary Dinner will be a relaxed celebratory event that will integrate light historical anecdotes and highlight Geoscience BC's incredible successes over our first decade of operations. Since 2005, we have established ourselves as a respected, independent organization delivering relevant and timely earth science in British Columbia. We expect 200 guests will join us for this important event, including First Nations leaders, MLAs, ministers and representatives from the mineral, mining and energy (natural gas) sectors. An invitation has also been extended to the Premier to attend this event as our guest of honour.

The creation of Geoscience BC 10 years ago was a milestone for the province. Our respected, independent work supports a strong economy, attracts investment and plays an important role in guiding land use decisions. We have relied heavily over the past decade on the strategic advice and support from municipal councils across British Columbia. We appreciate the importance of your ongoing support and look forward to your participation in the celebration of this milestone.

- Date:** Thursday, October 8th, 2015
- Time:** 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- Guests:** ~200 First Nation, Government & resource sector leaders
- Location:** Oceanview Suites, Pan Pacific Hotel, Vancouver
999 Canada Place, Vancouver, B.C.
- Dress:** Business Casual

As a non-profit organization, we are unfortunately not able to offer complimentary tickets to this event. We appreciate your understanding of this limitation and hope you will consider joining us for the celebration. To confirm your participation, please visit and register through the event webpage at <http://www.geosciencebc.com/s/GeoscienceBCDay.asp>.

Sincerely,

Robin Archdekin
President and CEO
Geoscience BC

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- cc: Hon. Rich Coleman, Minister of Natural Gas Development, Minister Responsible for Housing, and Deputy Premier
- Hon. Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy and Mines and Minister Responsible for Core Review
- Hon. Steve Thomson, Minister, Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
- Geoscience BC Board

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Darla Blake

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Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 11:11 AM
To: 'cao@ccrd-bc.ca'
Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Pimm.MLA, Pat LASS:EX; Bernier.MLA, Mike LASS:EX; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX
Subject: Order in Council No. 148 regarding the Agricultural Land Reserve

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Ms. Darla Blake
Chief Administrative Officer
Central Coast Regional District

Central Coast Regional District

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Dear Ms. Blake:

Thank you for your July 21, 2015 letter regarding BC Hydro's Site C Clean Energy Project (Site C), and Order in Council (OIC) No. 148 regarding the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

I appreciate you informing me of the recent resolution by the Central Coast Regional District that requested the Government "rescind Order in Council No. 148 until there has been adequate public input and respect shown for the legal requirements to apply for removal of lands from the ALR."

On December 16, 2014, Premier Christy Clark announced the Final Investment Decision for Site C, concluding it will provide British Columbia with the most affordable, reliable clean power, and support continued investment and a growing economy.

Under Section 7 of the *Environment and Land Use Act* (ELUA), Cabinet has the authority to exclude lands from the ALR on the recommendation of the Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC). Under Section 3(c), the ELUC may make any recommendations to Cabinet respecting any matter relating to the environment and the development and use of land and other natural resources. The exclusion of the Site C lands from the ALR by OIC proceeded legally on this basis.

The Panel conducted public hearings on Site C and, as part of its report, considered the views of participants in making recommendations to Government. Regarding agriculture, the Panel concluded that permanent loss of the agricultural production in the Peace River Valley bottomlands impacted by the Site C project is not significant in the context of British Columbia or western Canadian agricultural production. More than 99 percent of Class 1 to 5 agricultural lands (land capable of crop production) in the Peace Agricultural Region will not be affected by Site C. As a result, the Panel agreed with BC Hydro that Site C would not cause cumulative effects on agriculture.

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The British Columbia Environmental Assessment Certificate, issued for Site C in October 2014, included as conditions BC Hydro's proposed mitigation measures for agriculture, including the implementation of a \$20 million agricultural compensation fund. The conditions outline a consultation process to be followed regarding the fund, and BC Hydro will work with the Ministry of Agriculture to undertake the consultation. Individual farm mitigation plans will be implemented to manage for project effects and to support the continued farm operations of the majority of farms near the project.

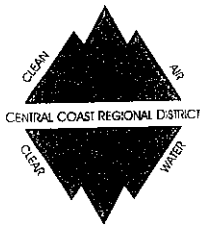
The decision to proceed with Site C is a major public policy decision, and this decision rests with the Government, not the BCUC. Since the *Clean Energy Act* exempts BC Hydro from the requirement to obtain prior approval from the BCUC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, BC Hydro did not apply for such a Certificate.

BC Hydro intends to begin construction of Site C this summer. On July 7, 2015, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations issued permits authorizing construction of Site C after a thorough review of the potential effects on the environment. Twenty-four authorizations were issued with conditions under the *Land Act*, *Forest Act*, *Water Act* and *Wildlife Act*. As the project proceeds, additional permits will be issued.

Thank you, again, for writing.

Sincerely,

Bill Bennett
Minister of Energy and Mines



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21 July 2015

The Honourable Minister Bill Bennett
Minister of Energy and Mines
Minister Responsible for Core Review
Room 301, Parliament Buildings
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via email: MEM.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Bennett

Order in Council No. 148

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District, I have been asked to write to you, in response to a copy of the letter sent 12 June 2015 from the Peace River Regional District, to you, regarding the Order in Council No. 148.

The CCRD like many regional districts and their communities have expressed concerns not only for the loss of valuable food producing lands, which are meant to be subject to comprehensive environmental and regulatory processes before removing land from the ALR; but more so it is the politically driven interference by the Province into a process that should be an objective assessment of the potential environment impacts of projects like the Site C Dam.

The lack of appropriate public hearing processes marginalizes public and First Nations from meaningful opportunities to engage in a genuine public participation process, which can only result in costly precedent legal challenges.

The BC government established the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR); a provincially regulated zone in which agriculture is the "priority use", with farming encouraged and non-farming restricted. The preservation of the ALR is overseen by the BC government established, yet independent, Agricultural Land Commission.

It is the key role of the Agricultural Land Commission to independently evaluate agricultural area plans, ensuring they are truly in the public's best interest and regulating any processes within a framework that is open to public participation. Section 26 of the Agricultural Land Commission Act also clearly states that "*exclusion and inclusion decisions can **only be made by the Commission.***"

The loss of valuable farm land in the Peace Valley for the Site C dam, in an area capable of producing high-yield fresh fruits and vegetables, is estimated to be able to feed "over a million people", according to Wendy Holm (former President of the BC Institute of Agrologists with 40 years' experience in the field). This is a critical issue, raising serious food security challenges for the growing BC population, now and into the future. More particularly, in a time when severe drought plagues California which produces much of the fruits and vegetables we eat.

Of grave concern, is just how easy it appears to be for the Province to dismiss and ignore its own regulatory principles.

The public deserves a voice and to be properly consulted. The public interest would be better served through sustainable agriculture in this region rather than more hydropower dams, where other energy alternatives exist. It can never be overstated, that the loss of valuable food producing lands once gone are gone forever - there are no other sustainable options.

The Province has the opportunity to do what is right, that is - put aside politics and do what's best for British Columbians. We understand the Peace Valley Landowner Association requested a 2 year moratorium on the Site C Dam, in an open letter to the Premier. We ask that this request is given serious consideration and, in good faith, ask the Province to rescind Order in Council No. 148. This would allow time to rectify the issues being disputed and open the door for public participation on a precedent setting decision made by the Province.

The CCRD Board of Directors have an expectation that the Province will do the right thing, follow protocol and its own regulatory legal requirements regarding public input with respect to removal of lands from the ALR; and that the Province will show respectful leadership, by engaging the public and First Nations in genuine meaningful public participation into the consultation process on the proposed loss of class 1 agricultural land in the Peace Valley.

Accordingly, it was resolved:

" 15-07-10 THAT the Province of BC be requested to rescind Order in Council No. 148 until there has been adequate public input and respect shown for the legal requirements necessary to apply for removal of lands from the ALR. CARRIED"

Yours sincerely
CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD



Darla Blake
Chief Administrative Officer

- cc. Lieutenant Governor Judy Guichon
- Premier Clark
- Minister Steve Thompson
- Minister Norm Letnick
- MLA Pat Pimm
- MLA Mike Bernier
- UBCM
- Frank Leonard, Chair, ALC
- Peace River Regional District

Darla Blake

From: Darla Blake <cao@ccrd-bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 2:57 PM
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Subject: RE: Central Coast Regional District (CCRD) response to Islands Trust Council request for 25% reduction in minor route ferry fares.

Thank you Chair Luckham

The CCRD Board wanted your Council to know we fully support Islands Trust Council's intentions on the reduction of ferry fares. It wasn't until I did some research on BC Ferries "minor" routes that it became evident Route 10S "the Connector" is not considered a minor route, which was confirmed when I contacted BC Ferries and asked about minor routes.

We appreciate you taking this matter to your next executive committee meeting and I would appreciate being advised of the outcome, on this matter, so I can keep my board fully informed.

Yours sincerely

Darla Blake
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From: Peter Luckham [<mailto:pluckham@islandstrust.bc.ca>]
 Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 2:13 PM

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Darla Blake

From: Peter Luckham <pluckham@islandstrust.bc.ca>
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Subject: Re: Central Coast Regional District (CCRD) response to Islands Trust Council request for 25% reduction in minor route ferry fares.

Thank you Darla, by way of this email I am forwarding your response to our staff to include in the next conversation at the executive committee to determine what next steps we will consider.

Thank you, to you and your council for consideration of our request.

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On 7/20/2015 1:58 PM, Darla Blake wrote:

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- > Good Afternoon
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- > Attached please find a letter addressed to Chair Peter Luckham of
- > Islands Trust Council (cc: others in this email) with the Central
- > Coast Regional District's response to the Islands Trust Council
- > request for the Province to invest additional money for the next four
- > years to reduce minor route ferry fares by 25%.

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> The attached letter explains why the central coast ferry service
 > provided by MV Nimpkish ("the Connector) Route 10S, to our coastal
 > ferry dependent communities would not be eligible for any reduction in
 > fares, as it is not considered to be a minor route, by BC Ferries.
 > CCRD are therefore asking for reconsideration to the wording of the
 > request and further should there be any resolution put forward to
 > AVICC or UBCM, that an amendment be made to the Islands Trust Council
 > request, to incorporate the Route 10S service, in addition to all
 > minor routes.

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> Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not
 > hesitate to contact me directly.

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> Yours sincerely

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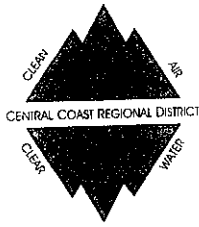
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Encompassing the Coastal Communities of Ocean Falls, Bella Bella, Denny Island, Oweekeno and the Bella Coola Valley

Your ref: 0230-20;3020-20

17 July 2015

Islands Trust Council
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Attention: Chair Peter Luckham

Dear Mr Luckham

Central Coast Regional District (CCRD) response to Islands Trust Council request for 25% reduction in minor route ferry fares

At its board meeting of 9 July 2015, directors received and considered the Islands Trust Council letter requesting the Province of British Columbia invest additional money for the next four years to reduce ferry fares on all BC Ferries' "minor" routes.

As you may be aware, the CCRD is a member of the Coast Communities Chairs/Mayors and CAOs group lobbying the Province to reduce ferry fares for ferry-dependent communities and to include ferries as part of a marine highway transportation link.

There is no doubt; all coastal communities have been seriously impacted by the continued increases in ferry fares. However, for our central coast ferry dependent communities, beyond increased ferry fares is also the loss of service provided by the Queen of Chilliwack (a 115 vehicle vessel) out of Port Hardy and serving coastal communities of Bella Bella, Ocean Falls, Denny Island and Bella Coola. The Province replaced the Queen of Chilliwack with a 16 vehicle vessel – MV Nimpkish, known as "the Connector" Route 10S, sailing from Bella Bella to our coastal communities. The impacts of this decision on these communities culminated with the increased ferry fares have ranged from increased hardship to coastal families and businesses, destabilization of our fledgling tourist industry, widespread loss of tourism dollars extending across the Chilcotin, to lengthy delays in goods arriving from suppliers because of goods vehicles are being "bumped" in favour of tourists vehicles, despite standing reservations with BC Ferries.

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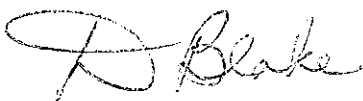
While CCRD fully supports your council's request to the Province, we wish it noted by Islands Trust Council, AVICC members, UBCM and all Coastal Communities Chairs/Mayors and CAOs lobbying the Province on the BC Ferries issues, that the replacement vessel **MV Nimpkish on Route 10S** (the "Connector" route from Bella Bella to the coastal communities of Ocean Falls, Denny Island and Bella Coola) **according to BC Ferries is not considered to be on a minor route**. That being the case, should the Province agree to the 25% reduction or any reduction for minor routes as proposed, therefore be it noted that the CCRD coastal communities served by "the Connector" (Route 10S) will not be eligible for any possible reduction in fares.

We therefore ask, that Islands Trust Council consider rephrasing its request to the Province of British Columbia for a 25% reduction in all minor route ferry fares, to also include the "Connector" (Route 10S), which serves ferry dependent communities out of Bella Bella on route to Bella Coola.

And, that should the Islands Trust Council's request for a 25% reduction in minor route ferry fares come to AVICC and/or UBCM as a resolution, that an amendment to the request be made to include the "Connector" (Route 10S), currently provided by the MV Nimpkish and serving ferry dependent communities out of Bella Bella on route to Bella Coola via Ocean Falls and Denny Island.

Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated, in respect of a continued united push for equitable fares for **all** ferry dependent communities, not just the minor routes.

Yours sincerely
CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT



Darla Blake
Chief Administrative Officer

cc:

- AVICC members
- Director Colin Palmer, Chair of Coastal Communities Chairs/Mayors and CAOs on BC Ferries issue
- Coastal Communities Chairs/Mayors and CAOs on BC Ferries issue
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August 21, 2015

Central Coast Regional District

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Dear Ms. Blake:

Thank you for your letter of July 21, 2015 addressed to the Honourable Suzanne Anton, Attorney General and Minister of Justice, written in support of the recommendations made by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN) in response to the *BC Earthquake Preparedness: Consultation Report* (the Report) by Mr. Henry Renteria. In concert with the RDBN you recommend new provincial funding to Emergency Management BC (EMBC) such that the Province need not rely on local governments for emergency preparedness service delivery. Much as your letter was similar to the June 25, 2015 letter from the RDBN, this letter will closely echo the earlier response.

A key finding and conclusion of the Report is that emergency management is a responsibility shared by all levels of government, the private sector, non-government organizations and the public. Mr. Renteria added that not one agency or level of government can prepare BC for an overwhelming event. What is required is a holistic approach with all parties recognizing that they have a role to play in creating a culture of preparedness in BC and ensuring that the emergency management system empowers all parties both inside and outside of government.

Responding to all of the Report's recommendations will require a long-term approach. It will require time and resources from all levels of government. As of today, the Province has already implemented the following:

- Six new Provincial Duty Managers to support 24/7 operational decision making in the Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre;

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- A new logistics team within EMBC;
- A new British Columbia Earthquake Immediate Response Plan;
- An upgrade to the Provincial Emergency Notification System, that transmits emergency notifications more quickly to emergency managers, media and to BC's coastal communities; and
- Development of public education resources for enhanced community resilience with input from local authorities, First Nations and private sector entities. Local authorities will be able to use the materials for their own public education programs.

The Province remains committed to ongoing efforts in support of the implementation of the following:

- Development and implementation of an integrated and comprehensive training and exercise program to test/validate operational plans and support continuous improvement;
- Participation in development and implementation of the Alert Ready national public alerting system that will allow authorized users, such as EMBC, to formulate and post alerts for communities in British Columbia; and
- The development and implementation of a Provincial Coordination Team (PCT) concept designed to provide support during significant emergency events. The PCT is a multifunctional cross-government asset consisting of experienced emergency managers and technical specialists with varied skills designed to be available on short notice to provide enhanced provincial coordination support.

While the Province also remains committed to working with local authorities and providing support, such as eligible reimbursements to Regional Districts for emergency event costs, it cannot be solely responsible for emergency preparedness service delivery. The Province will continue working with all partners as we move forward in emergency management.

Sincerely,



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July 21, 2015

The Honourable Suzanne Anton
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VIA Email: JAG.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Anton

British Columbia Earthquake Preparedness Consultation Report

At the July 9th regular meeting of the board of directors of the Central Coast Regional District the following resolution was passed: *'That administration write a letter similar to the June 25, 2015 letter from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako with regards to disaster preparedness to state that any increase in funding needs to be directed to Emergency Management BC and not to regional districts as regional districts do not have the resources or expertise to fully deliver emergency services.'*

The release of the British Columbia Earthquake Preparedness Consultation Report in December, 2014 contained recommendations specific to funding and accountability within local government. Recommendation #2 states that the provincial and federal governments must implement a funding program to support local authority preparedness efforts and leverage emergency management funding to increase emphasis on planning and mitigation and increase local authority accountability.

Expectations of emergency management at the local government level have been on the increase since the provincial transfer of duties ten years ago. For smaller communities and regional districts, local authorities have limited resources and capacities to draw upon to undertake emergency management activities, including planning and mitigation. This is not specific to seismic hazard but to all forms of natural disasters.

In an office such as ours, with a staffing roster of fewer than six individuals, all regular operations must cease during an emergency event as personnel transform into their respective disaster response roles. Similarly, planning and exercising those plans creates interruption to important day to day business. This loss of valuable productivity is not recoverable.

The Central Coast Regional District (CCRD) echoes the concerns cited by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako in a letter sent to you dated June 25, 2015. Additional funding provided to local government for emergency preparedness may not be the best use of monies considering the reality of limited capacity and resources.

The consensus of the CCRD board is that the provincial and federal governments are downloading responsibilities to local government in order to cut budgets to emergency management at the provincial level. Regional Districts are not in a financial position or a human resource position to take on further responsibility for emergency management and the Central Coast Regional District would like to register an objection that the government is not living up to its mandate.

Should the key actions in support of Recommendation #2 be endorsed and implemented, the CCRD would like to see additional funding redirected to EMBC as the appropriate agency to take the essential and vital lead on emergency preparedness, response and recovery. As an example, such funding could go towards boosting the capacity of the integrated response model (Temporary Emergency Assignment Management System-TEAMS) which is an existing resource pool of trained and experienced staff ready to deploy anywhere in the province. Our regional district could benefit from the support of the TEAMS during a large-scale emergency event.

The Central Coast Regional District submits this correspondence in the spirit of cooperation within its limitations with regards to emergency management. We look forward to your response, specific to an update on Recommendation #2 of the BC Earthquake Preparedness Consultation Report.

Yours sincerely
CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT



Darla Blake
Chief Administrative Officer

Cc: **Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, Chair**

- Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
- Capital Regional District
- Cariboo Regional District
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Dear Minister Anton

Attached please find a letter being sent on behalf of the Central Coast Regional District Board of Directors, regarding the British Columbia Earthquake Preparedness Consultation Report. The Board has echoed the concerns cited by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako in a letter sent to you dated June 25, 2015, regarding funding to local government for emergency preparedness.

We respectfully ask that you also respond to the CCRD board of directors' concerns.

Yours sincerely

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6 August, 2015

Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Order/BMTAs/Conservancy
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Re: Proposed Land Use Objectives and Potential Biodiversity, Mining and Tourism Areas / Conservancy - Great Bear Rainforest Order

Since 2006, Central Coast Regional District communities have been working to recover the economic vitality of the region. The EBM working groups of 2006 and 2009 identified the following opportunities for development: tourism enhancement initiatives, commercial fishing, and Community Forest Agreements. Combined, they were projected to create economic stability and diversity in the region. Unfortunately, recent cutbacks to BC Ferry operations in the Central Coast Regional District and uncertainty surrounding the commercial fishing industry have had severe negative impacts on the viability of tourism and fishing as diversification opportunities. Therefore, it is imperative that the Community Forests remain viable and policies and regulations are designed to support their continued operations.

The Community Forest Agreements in the region are a lifeline for residents to achieve and maintain an acceptable standard of living. The Central Coast Regional District is calling on government to continue collaborating with local residents in the impacted areas to ensure that all of our development options are not diminished by external policies and interests. To achieve this the Central Coast Regional District deems it critical that short-comings within the existing EBM framework be addressed, specifically surrounding human well-being. We are asking that:

- Community Forest Agreements K3K and K3H remain excluded from EBM operating standards;
- The Provincial government reverse the recent cuts to ferry services throughout the Central Coast and re-establish direct ferry service between Bella Coola and Port Hardy;
- A self-perpetuating trust be established which delivers benefits, support programs and initiatives that focus on fostering quality of life and addressing the fact that primary concerns here differ from the primary concerns of the province as a whole;
- Amending the log export fee-in-lieu-of-manufacturing *Order in Council* so that the Central Coast is consistent with the North Coast fee.

These requests are structured to compensate the Central Coast Regional District for the loss of future economic gains due to the establishment of Biodiversity, Mining and Tourism Areas in the region. The impacts of the 2015 Great Bear Rainforest land use order will be primarily felt within the Central Coast Regional District, especially the Bella Coola Valley. Local residents and businesses, including First Nation communities and businesses, rely on the forest sector for economic security and diversification. The interconnected nature of our forestry practices and tourism cannot be denied and must be addressed for EBM to achieve its human well-being mandate, fair share of benefits, and sustained communities, cultures, and economies objectives.

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Re: Detailed Comments from the Central Coast Regional District on the Proposed Land Use Objectives and Potential Biodiversity, Mining and Tourism Areas / Conservancy – 2015 Great Bear Rainforest Order

We submit the following response to the potential new Biodiversity, Mining and Tourism and Conservancy Areas as proposed in the 2015 Great Bear Rainforest land use order.

Executive Summary:

- The Central Coast Regional District commends the proponents of the 2015 Great Bear Rainforest proposed land use order for:
 - ✓ Excluding the Community Forest Agreements K3H (Nuxalk Community Forest) and K3K (Bella Coola Community Forest) from the Order;
 - ✓ Involving local First Nations in all deliberations;
 - ✓ Stressing the importance of ALL seven EBM principles:
 1. Aboriginal rights and title are recognized and accommodated;
 2. Ecological integrity is maintained;
 3. Human well-being is promoted;
 4. Cultures, communities and economies are sustained within the context of healthy ecosystems;
 5. The precautionary principle is applied;
 6. EBM is collaborative;
 7. People have a fair share of the benefits from the ecosystem in which they live.
- Central Coast Regional District communities have suffered a declining economic base. The National Household Survey indicates that employment in forestry, agriculture, and other resource based industries has shrunk from 14.7% in 2006 to 6% in 2011.
- The human well-being of Central Coast Regional District residents and the potential for a viable tourism industry has been adversely impacted by the drastic changes to the ferry service, lack of a modern communications network, and barriers to non-First Nations accessing the Coast Opportunity Funds.
- The creation of new Biodiversity, Mining and Tourism conservation areas (BMTA) (e.g. King Island and Kimsquit) takes large areas out of the timber harvesting land base, reducing the potential for future economic gains.
- The ten year review process has demonstrated that there has not been sufficient time to adequately realize, analyze and assess the impacts of EBM on regional communities, specifically around the 'human well-being' component.

Background:

The Central Coast Regional District (CCRD) is nestled in the Great Bear Rainforest in the heart of the mid-coast and is home to some of British Columbia's most spectacular scenery and natural beauty. The two Community Forest Agreements in the region create new opportunities for recreation, wildlife preservation, and sustainable economic development. Local management of harvesting operations is not only providing direct local employment opportunities, but also positive economic spinoff effects through the social enterprises' supply chain in the local economy.

The communities within the Central Coast Regional District are isolated from major population centers by geography and distance. Government services and small-scale, interconnected, community-based tourism, forestry and fisheries support the Central Coast economies.

2006 Great Bear Rainforest Agreement

The 2006 Great Bear Rainforest Agreement has resulted in a majority of Central Coast Regional District community members agreeing that:

- The Great Bear Rainforest ecosystem is ecologically significant in a local, regional, national and global context;
- The social and economic impacts of any proposed change must be equitably addressed and must respect the interests of the resident population;
- New approaches to investment and economic opportunities for conservation and sustainable management of coastal forests must be explored and can help create benefits for everyone involved;
- Everyone who benefits from the forests in the region, whether from use or preservation, needs to collaborate and contribute to solutions.

We believe the 2006 Agreement has produced positive results regarding rainforest protection, improved logging practices, and involving and collaborating with First Nations; however, the Central Coast Regional District believes the “human well-being” component has failed the local residents of the region dramatically. The promised economic diversification and support for development of a tourism industry has not been realized and in fact has been drastically reduced (i.e. reduction of BC Ferry service throughout the Central Coast Regional District).

2015 Great Bear Rainforest land use order

The proposed order has the potential to further erode what little economic diversification there is in the Central Coast Regional District. Additionally, the proposed order may create serious negative impacts on the well-being of regional residents. The forestry sector is part of the local identity, and in addition to allowing people to gain a livelihood in British Columbia, the community forest licenses and their shareholders provide resources to many necessary local social programs. The creation of new BMTA conservation areas (e.g. King Island and Kimsquit) takes large areas out of the already negligible timber harvesting land base. This has the effect of reducing the annual allowable cut in the region and therefore reduces the potential for future viable, regionally-based, locally-owned forestry sector. The loss of future economic gains must be acknowledged and compensated.

Ecosystem Based Management (EBM) Impact on Community Forest

When EBM was originally developed for the Great Bear Rainforest, it settled the ‘war in the woods’. In return for increased environmental protection, commitments were also made to enhance ‘human well-being’ in local communities. This in part led to the formation of the Community Forests as an economic lifeline for the Bella Coola Valley.

The current review process has produced external pressure on the BC government to have EBM applied to the Bella Coola and Nuxalk Community Forest Agreements. In 2006 it was understood that if EBM was applied to community forests, the operations would not be economically viable. This fact has not changed. Imposing

EBM on the Bella Coola and Nuxalk Community Forests will have a drastic effect on the well-being of the Central Coast community and the residents who are invested in the community forests.

Successes:

The Central Coast Regional District commends the proponents of the proposed 2015 Great Bear Rainforest land use order for excluding the Community Forest Agreements K3H (Nuxalk Community Forest) and K3K (Bella Coola Community Forest) from the Order. This is important to retain the viability of small area-based tenures where the licensees do not have an option to move operations to unconstrained locales. Both local CFA holders are proud of their performance to responsibly plan and implement forest harvest activities that fairly balance ecosystem requirements with human well-being requirements.

As the community forests licenses are fixed land bases, the incentive to manage the associated forestry practice in a sustainable manner is tied to the fact that the operators are vested in the long-term well-being of the economic base. This creates the economic incentive to manage the land in a manner that is best for the ecosystem in the area of the community forest operations. The Bella Coola and Nuxalk CFA's have been very proactive with involving Central Coast Regional District and First Nations community members in operational planning. The CFA's have also been proactive in designing (in collaboration with MFLNRO) and implementing strategies to protect wildlife (e.g. tailed frogs, mountain goats and northern-goshawks), visual landscapes in high VQO settings, and community and fisheries sensitive watersheds. Both community forest operators have avoided locating harvest operations in areas known to be ecologically and culturally sensitive.

EBM Incorporates Human Wellbeing

EBM is defined as "an adaptive approach to managing human activities that seeks to ensure the coexistence of healthy fully functioning ecosystems and human communities". Unlike other styles of EBM, the version developed for the Great Bear Rainforest, entrenched human well-being as an important component of the environment. This was further explained through the seven principles of EBM:

1. Aboriginal rights and title are recognized and accommodated
2. Ecological integrity is maintained
3. Human wellbeing is promoted
4. Cultures, communities and economies are sustained within the context of healthy ecosystems
5. The precautionary principle is applied
6. EBM is collaborative
7. People have a fair share of the benefits from the ecosystem in which they live.

These principles were supported by goals and objectives designed to collectively achieve environmental integrity and elevate human well-being.

Pressure to implement EBM is not driven by the local population (those living in the impacted area), but rather by the 'Joint Solutions Project'. They advocate for the merits of EBM from an environmental and global market perspective at the expense of other EBM principles. EBM was developed to be a complete vision. However, since its implementation it appears that decisions are focusing on select principles and practices at the expense of others. Specifically, EBM has failed to demonstrate how it can create and generate human well-being, fair share of benefits, sustained local cultures, communities, and economies.

Bella Coola Valley is Unique

Bella Coola and its immediate surroundings are unique in the Great Bear Rainforest. It is the only area accessible by a Provincial highway and it is one of the largest communities in Great Bear Rainforest. There has been over 100 years of farming and logging development. Locals and visiting tourists alike use the extensive forest road network for recreation, exercise, food gathering, and collecting firewood. The roads provide access to naturally growing food sources such as berries, mushrooms, and medicinal plants, which in turn connects local residents to the regional forestry practices. The local tourism industry heavily depends on a maintained forest road network to provide access to the spectacular mountain scenery, hiking & trekking trails, points of interest, camping, fishing, canoeing & kayaking, mountain climbing and wildlife viewing. Bella Coola Valley residents, First Nations and non-First Nations alike, depend on forest roads to provide basic necessities. It is vital that forest roads and bridges are active and maintained as they are a core component of the community and economic diversification opportunities.

Additionally, Bella Coola has a primary and secondary forest product manufacturing sector that is larger than in other Great Bear Rainforest communities. Inspired by the establishment of the community forests and the settlement of the 'war-in-the-woods', First Nations and other local residents invested in the community forest enterprise and contractors invested in equipment and facilities. This small industry is dependent on the community forests for logs. Acquiring logs locally is essential as the operations are not large enough to achieve true economies of scale. If these operations are required to pay a higher premium for local product or seek forest products outside of the local region, their operations would become economically unviable. It would be an injustice to these investors to impose restrictions that threaten the viability of their interconnected business network.

As EBM was developed for the broad Great Bear Rainforest region, the unique interconnected factors that define the Bella Coola Valley were not adequately incorporated into EBM considerations and consequently, the level of impact on human well-being will be disproportionately higher for the Bella Coola Valley. It is imperative that a viable forestry business be maintained and positively promoted as a key component of 'human well-being' within the Great Bear Rainforest.

Area Affected by Community Forest Activity

The total area of the Great Bear Rainforest encompasses 6.4 million hectares in the Central Coast. The Bella Coola and Nuxalk Community Forest Agreement areas cover 175,550 ha, of which only 20,145 ha is operable and affected by forestry during the course of a 70 to 120 year rotation. Therefore, by excluding the two community forest licenses only 0.3% of the Great Bear Rainforest does not fall under EBM regime. When viewed on an annual operational basis, approximately 1% of the community forest timber harvesting land base is harvested, which equates to only 0.003% of the Great Bear Rainforest. This minute portion of the Great Bear Rainforest is still managed to the high standards required by the Forest and Range Practices Act, and operated in a manner that considers the long-term viability of the ecosystem.

With such a small area affected by the Community Forests, combined with the economic incentive to maintain and manage the ecosystem in a responsible manner, not imposing EBM has negligible environmental consequences to the Great Bear Rainforest. Especially in comparison to the large negative 'human well-being' consequences that would be realized in the Bella Coola Valley from the loss of viable Community Forest activities.

Conclusion

The Bella Coola and Nuxalk Community Forest Agreements are economic lifelines to the Central Coast Regional District. It is imperative that the 2015 Great Bear Rainforest Order considers the interests of Central Coast residents to ensure the 'human well-being' component of EBM is realized.

To successfully diversify the economy of the Central Coast Regional District the local community forest practices must remain operational and viable, this cannot be achieved if EBM is applied to the area-based Community Forest Agreements K3H and K3K. In 2006, efforts were made by the Province to mitigate the economic hardships. Funding was provided to support a tourism industry, however, those benefits have not been realized within the Central Coast Regional District. The Provincial government has cut the ferry service to the region having a direct and immediate impact to the well-being of local residents and businesses. Additionally, tourism in the region is highly dependent on the access created, in part, through regularly maintained forestry roads.

For EBM to be heralded as a success, the human well-being of local people residing in the impacted areas must be improved. The exclusion of Community Forest Agreements K3H and K3K from the 2015 Great Bear Rainforest Order is commended as a step towards improving human well-being. Additionally, economic diversification opportunities in lieu of the lost forestry practices experienced from the 2006 GBR and in future from the 2015 GBR Order must be acknowledged and compensated. As tourism was identified as an economic opportunity it must be made viable via funding that can be accessed and used to develop the community infrastructure essential to a tourism destination and transportation infrastructure that is conducive to moving goods and people throughout the Central Coast Regional District.

Sincerely Yours
On behalf of the Central Coast Regional District Board of Directors



Darla Blake
Chief Administrative Officer