

CCRD Regional Emergency Program Service
Update: Reg Moody, CCRD Regional Disaster
Resilience Coordinator – Verbal Report

Board Meeting
FEB 10 2021
CCRD ITEM B) K)



To: Courtney Kirk, CAO
CC: Board of Directors, CCRD
From: Evangeline Hanuse, Planning Coordinator
Meeting Date: February 10-11, 2021
Subject: Highway 20 Hazardous Areas

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District signs the support letter to the Nuxalk Nation regarding hazardous areas of Highway 20.

Issue/Background Summary:

The Nuxalk Nation is seeking a support letter surrounding the efforts to advance investigative studies to define risks on Highway 20. The stretch of Highway 20 between Tonquin Road and Tatsquan Creek is the only access road for vital services such as the hospital. There has been an increase in hazards along this stretch, including steep slope areas, trees falling onto the highway, which can impact downed powerlines.

Policy, Bylaw or Legislation:

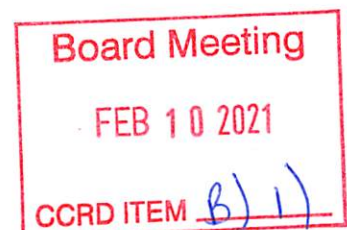
N/A

Financial/Budgetary Implications: None.

Time Requirements – Staff and Elected Officials: None.

Submitted by: _____
Evangeline Hanuse, Planning Coordinator

Reviewed by: 
Courtney Kirk, Chief Administrative Officer





February 11, 2021

To whom it may concern,

The Central Coast Regional District (CCRD) acknowledges the slope stability and danger tree concerns raised by Nuxalk Nation and local residents associated with a stretch of Highway 20 in the between the area of "Four-mile" and the Bella Coola Townsite. These concerns are shared by the CCRD. It is further acknowledged that recent storm events and associated impacts to the Highway and BC Hydro infrastructure have heightened community concerns.

Therefore, the CCRD supports Nuxalk Nation's efforts and commitment to advanced investigative studies over the coming months to better define the risks to shared infrastructure and community safety. Through the completion of the proposed investigations, a risk mitigation program can be defined and advanced to minimize hazardous areas of Highway 20 between Four-mile and the Bella Coola Townsite.

Therefore, the CCRD's Board agrees and supports the advancement of a danger tree assessment geohazard study of the area of concern to understand slope stability risks and if danger trees are to be removed to minimize risk to public safety. The Board also supports in-kind staff contributions towards developing a shared response to this growing community concern.

The safety of this area is a top priority for the community as a whole, and we support the Nuxalk Nation's initiative in helping to remove the evident dangers this area poses to all residents of the Bella Coola Valley and infrastructure.

Respectfully,

Samuel Schooner
CCRD Chair



To: Board of Directors, CCRD

From: Courtney Kirk, CAO

Meeting Date: February 10-11, 2021

Subject: RFD – Application to UBCM CEPF Fund for a Moveable Storage Facility and Emergency Evacuation and Response Supplies for Denny Island

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District supports the CCRD application to the UBCM CEPF Emergency Social Services fund for a moveable storage container/facility and emergency evacuation and response supplies for Denny Island and affirms willingness to provide overall grant management.

Issue/Background Summary:

The CCRD Regional EOC has been in discussions with EMBC, Denny Island Community members and Heiltsuk EOC representatives, as well as Area A Director Daniel Bertrand regarding the need for not only emergency evacuation supplies on Denny Island, but a secure moveable storage facility in order to house supplies and maintain inventory. Community support letters for the project in principal are appended to this report.

A grant application for this purpose was submitted to UBCM on January 29 2021. A requirement of the funding application is a supporting resolution from the CCRD Board of Directors supporting the proposed activities and assuring organizational willingness to provide overall grant management.

Submitted by: 
Courtney Kirk, Chief Administrative Officer

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Courtney Kirk, CAO
 Evangeline Hanuse, Planning Coordinator
 Central Coast Regional District
 Box 186, Bella Coola, B.C., V0T 1C0

January 22, 2021

Dear Courtney and Evangeline,

The CCCC would like request your assistance to secure funding for an Emergency Equipment Station on Denny Island via Provincial Emergency funding programs. It is our understanding that a CCRD grant-writer is not currently available to seek this funding from granting agencies.

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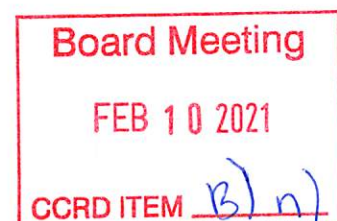
The Community Building property has space available for a storage container to safely and securely store emergency supplies. Some materials and ground preparation would be necessary to make this space fit for the purpose, and an electrician would be needed to provide service to the container from the main building and to install wiring for heat and light. Kathy Sereda from the Heiltsuk EOC has graciously put together a list of emergency supplies for Denny Island, based on the supplies purchased already for Bella Bella.

We are requesting \$30,000 to cover the cost of an insulated shipping container, including delivery to Denny Island (estimated total \$11,000), material for site preparation (\$3,300), electrical work (\$2000), emergency supplies (\$13,000), and freight charges (\$700). Final costing can be supplied once the funding is approved. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are able to assist, and if there is anything we can do to move this request forward.

Sincerely,

per Steve Emery
 President

CC Dan Bertrand, Area A Representative





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Courtney, Dan, Debbie,

As the local Denny Island Deputy Emergency Coordinator, I would like to thank you all for your support and accessibility through out this pandemic. I feel that the local governments and EOC's as well as the ad hoc committees and volunteers have done an exceptional job in keeping the Central Coast of BC safe, thus far.

I am writing regarding the next step in the procurement of an emergency equipment station on Denny Island. From the onset of this pandemic, we have only requested, and received, some gloves, masks, and hand sanitizer. As we all know and understand we here on Denny Island fall under the Heiltsuk EOC and as such follow their guidance and consult with them directly for assistance and clarifications of any directives, be them Provincial or local Heiltsuk directives. In my opinion it would have made no sense in trying to set up a separate EOC and so we did not. This decision to not set up an EOC or Emergency program may have cost us the opportunity to access some important funding regarding our Denny Island Emergency program funding. To this end we discussed the possibility of setting up an Emergency Equipment Station here on Denny Island to see us through this pandemic and future Tsunami, Fire, Earthquake, Sea Disasters, or any other possible evacuation or multi casualty emergency that we may encounter. It is very likely that we, Denny Islanders, could be cut off from Bella Bella resources for extended periods in many major disaster scenarios as we are separate islands.


As per our preliminary discussions back in 2020 we decided to look for a grant through the CCRD grant writer, Teresa Watling, and we were unsuccessful in obtaining one to this point. It is my understanding that Teresa is no longer searching grants, so we feel that that avenue has been exhausted and we are ready to move on to the next option.

In discussions last year I was left to understand that after exhausting the grant avenue we could apply via Provincial Emergency funding programs. I have taken the issue up with our Denny Island Chamber of Commerce and Denny Island Community Development Association and they are on board with assisting with land to set a container on and provide the electrical source to heat the container keeping the contents dry. The container would be situated directly beside the community hall, the island muster point, in a well-lit area.

We were lucky enough to get a briefing from the Heiltsuk EOC logistics Coordinator last night and she was able to brief us on the Emergency Equipment Containers located in Bella Bella, and contents required as well as the cost of the contents. After this discussion we discussed the costing required. With local help and volunteer efforts we feel that the entire process, from purchase of the insulated container, shipping it to DI, site preparation, electrical instillation and purchasing of a down sized inventory as advised by the Heiltsuk EOC, we have come up with the amount we feel we would require to make this happen.

At this point I am simply advising the project that will / should be headed up by the local Denny Island Chamber / DICDA Committee. I have asked them to draft the request for funding and expect that it will come to Dan and Courtney on or before the 25th of January. Please feel free to call me any time for clarifications, suggestions or consultations that you feel may be required.

Thanks & Regards,



Russell (Rusty) Snow



From: White, Christine MUNI:EX
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 1:46 PM
To: Undisclosed recipients:
Subject: TIME CHANGE | Mayors and Chairs Teleconference Call regarding COVID-19 updates and continued support for Local Governments
Importance: High

Hello,

Please join Minister Josie Osborne on a call January 28th from 12:30-1:30 pm pst to discuss COVID-19 updates and continued support for Local Governments.

We are able to delegate **2 lines for each community only**. Please have any additional participants wanting to listen on the same phone so we do not encounter any capacity issues which would prevent other communities' representatives from joining.

I have attached a **revised agenda for this call**, and for ease of reference, included the dial in detail below:

Access codes:

Participant Conference ID:

Dial-in Phone Numbers:

We appreciate your participation in this call. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the information provided below.

Many thanks,

Christine White

Administrative Coordinator to the
Honourable Josie Osborne
Minister of Municipal Affairs
Room 310, Parliament Buildings



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Regional Calls January 2021
Minister of Municipal Affairs & BC Mayors and RD Chairs

Northwest & Northeast Region

Conference Call Line:

Participant Code:

AGENDA

Date: January 28, 2021

Time: 12:30 to 1:30 pm pst

**Please do not call in until 5 min
prior to the start of your call.**

Event Summary	Teleconference with Minister Josie Osborne, UBCM President Brian Frenkel, and Mayors and Regional District Board Chairs
Key contacts	Minister's Office: Jade Ashbourne, Event Coordinator: Christine White
Time	Agenda Items:
5 mins	Minister Osborne - Opening Remarks and General Updates
5 mins	UBCM President Brian Frenkel
45 mins	Mayors and Chairs Roll call in alphabetical order Please share 1 key issue and/or 1 key opportunity for 2021 in addition to COVID-19 that you are working on in your community.
5 mins	Minister Osborne – Next Meeting and Closing Remarks

As there are only 45 minutes to get through everyone, Minister Osborne would request that you keep your remarks focused on **two items to give everyone on the call a chance to speak.*

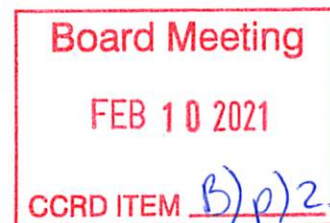
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Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 4:08 PM
To: Andrade, Ana MAH:EX
Subject: Minister Osborne's December Regional Call – Follow-Up

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Mayors and Chairs

cc: Chief Administrative Officers
 UBCM
 LGMA
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Dear Mayors and Chairs:

Thanks to so many of you for joining the December regional calls with the new Minister of Municipal Affairs, Honourable Josie Osborne and Dr. Brian Emerson from the Provincial Health Office. We appreciate your continued leadership and your questions. Your feedback on these calls is extremely valuable and will help shape how we support local governments through the coming months ahead. This email sets out links and resources on some of the topics raised.

As well, on specific issues such as grant applications or questions particular to your community, please remember that your staff can reach out to Ministry of Municipal Affairs staff for assistance (see the [Local Government Division staff finder](#) for the appropriate staff person for your area).

- **COVID-19 Update**

Regular provincial COVID-19 updates can be found at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support> and the most recent Provincial Health Officer's Order on Gatherings and Events can be found at: [PHO order – Gatherings and Events \(PDF\)](#). **The order is in effect until January 8, 2021 at midnight.** The order clarifies that in-person events and community-based gatherings as defined in the order are suspended with the exception of [drive-in and drop-off events](#). Public pools and skating rinks, when not associated with an event, are allowed to continue to operate with a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place. Businesses, recreation centres or other organizations that organize low intensity group fitness activities may resume activities providing they follow the [Public Health Guidelines for Group Low Intensity Exercise – December 14, 2020](#).

Information about the COVID-19 vaccination program can be found at: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine>. The Provincial Health Office will connect with local governments with respect to the logistics planning and roll out of vaccinations throughout the province.

Up-to-date data by local health area has recently been added to the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) website at: <http://www.bccdc.ca/pages/default.aspx>; see "COVID-19 cases for the most recent

7-day period” (Sunday to Saturday). The map is updated weekly, on Wednesdays, and can be found at: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/data>.

B.C. is currently evaluating the appropriate use of point of care testing. Once decisions have been made additional information will be made available through the BCCDC. For more details please visit: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/testing/phases-of-covid-19-testing-in-bc>.

Dr. Emerson will ensure that PHO Dr. Bonnie Henry is aware of the concerns raised with respect to consistent messaging in B.C. and Alberta on travelling.

If you have further questions about COVID-19 health-related issues, please contact the [medical health officer in your region](#). For COVID matters as they relate to your local government, please feel free to contact the ministry’s analyst for your municipality or regional district as questions arise at: <https://contacts.localgovernmentinformationsystem.gov.bc.ca/lgics.aspx>. You can also find COVID-19 Updates for Local Governments & Improvement Districts [here](#).

- **Enforcement of Orders**

The Province is expanding provincial COVID-19 ticket enforcement and workplace safety measures. Gaming investigators, conservation officers, community safety unit inspectors and liquor and cannabis inspectors are now actively supporting police in increased COVID-19 enforcement during their normal course of duties or when in public places. Additionally, the Province of British Columbia has asked WorkSafeBC to enhance its inspection presence in workplaces by reducing reliance on virtual checks and move to more in-person inspections, particularly in sectors where COVID-19 transmission is occurring. Local bylaw officers can help follow-up on concerns and engage police departments and WorkSafeBC as necessary. Police should be called if someone has become threatening or abusive in response to a request to put on a mask. For more details visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0108-002083>.

- **Infrastructure Funding**

Local governments can access **infrastructure funding** through a [variety of grant programs](#). If you have questions about local government infrastructure grants, you may also contact the ministry directly by email at: infra@gov.bc.ca.

Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program (CERIP): CERIP provides fully funded provincial grants to support economic resilience, tourism, heritage, and urban and rural economic development projects in communities impacted by COVID-19. The application window for CERIP is closed; **successful applicants will be contacted in January 2021 and all funds will be paid out by March 31, 2021**. If you have any specific questions about this program, contact the Ministry by email at: infra@gov.bc.ca. See <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/economic-recovery/cerip> for more details.

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – British Columbia – COVID 19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS): CVRIS supports projects that provide retrofits, repairs and upgrades to local government and indigenous government buildings, health infrastructure and educational infrastructure, support development of active transportation networks, allow communities to improve their infrastructure to increase the resiliency and efficiency in preventing the spread of COVID-19 (including protective screens and ability to physically distance), and complete disaster mitigation and adaptation infrastructure projects. **CVRIS intake is currently open. Application deadline is January 27, 2021 (2 pm**

PST). Successful applicants will be notified in writing if their application is approved. See <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/funding-engagement-permits/funding-grants/investing-in-canada-infrastructure-program/covid-19-resilience-infrastructure/covid-19-resilience-infrastructure-stream> for more details.

Adaptation, Resilience and Disaster Mitigation Program (ARDM): This program focuses solely on structural and natural infrastructure projects to address impacts of flooding and flood-related hazards and is administered by Emergency Management BC. **The application window for the ARDM program is December 1, 2020 to January 11, 2021.** See <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/emergency-management-bc/bc-disaster-mitigation/flood-mitigation-funding-programs/ardmp> for more details. Application questions can be emailed to EMBCDisasterMitigation@gov.bc.ca.

Infrastructure Planning Grant Program: Local governments can apply for grants that support projects related to the development of sustainable community infrastructure through the Infrastructure Planning Grant Program. The program is open for applications year-round with regular processing deadlines. **Next Application Deadline: January 13, 2021.** See <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/grants-transfers/grants/infrastructure-planning-grant-program> for more details.

- **Local Business Support**

Small and Medium-Sized Business Recovery Grant: The Small and Medium-Sized Business Recovery Grant program (program) provides fully funded grants to businesses to ensure they have the support they need during and beyond COVID-19. **The program runs until March 2021** or until funds are fully allocated, whichever comes first. The program has recently been enhanced to make it easier for businesses to qualify along with increased support for those in the hard-hit tourism sector. Adjustments include a streamlined application process where the criteria is expanding from a minimum revenue drop of 50% to 30%. Businesses impacted by the pandemic will be eligible to receive grants up to \$30,000 and the grant for the tourism sector has been increased to \$45,000. See <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/economic-recovery/business-recovery-grant> for more details, or send an email to: BusinessRecoveryGrantProgram@gov.bc.ca, or call 1-833-254-4357 if you have any questions. **We encourage you to promote this opportunity** directly with your business communities and Chambers of Commerce.

- **Connectivity**

The Connecting British Columbia program is currently accepting applications for Phase Three of the program: last-mile, transportation infrastructure, administered through the [Northern Development Initiatives Trust](#). The program will invite applications for funding through successive intakes until funds are exhausted. **The deadline for the next funding review period is March 15, 2021.** You can email connectingbc@northerndevelopment.bc.ca if you have any questions.

- **Allocation of Restart Funding**

The COVID-19 Safe Restart Grants for Local Governments supports local governments as they deal with increased operating costs and lower revenues due to COVID-19. It ensures that local governments can continue to deliver the services people depend on in their communities. As you may recall, during the early months of COVID-19, the provincial government required all municipalities to fully remit requisitions to regional districts by August 1, 2020, despite any shortfalls in municipal tax collection. This was designed to ensure regional district requisitions were kept whole in 2020. Because of this earlier action, the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Governments has placed a funding emphasis on

municipalities. However, there is still considerable funding under this grant program for regional districts. Ministry staff will be reaching out to individual regional districts shortly for further discussion and to answer any questions you may have regarding the allocation of restart funding. If you have any questions or comments, you may also contact Jennifer Richardson, Grant Analyst, Local Government Finance, Local Government Division at: Jennifer.Richardson@gov.bc.ca, or by telephone at: 778 698-3243.

Thank you again for your continued leadership and collaboration. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs looks forward to connecting with you in the new year. Please stay healthy and safe.

Happy Holidays and a happy new year in 2021,

Tara Faganello, CPA CGA BA Ec.
Assistant Deputy Minister
Local Government Division
Ministry of Municipal Affairs
and Inspector of Municipalities



CORPORATE REPORT

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2021-01-14

From: Tarina Colledge, Emergency Management Specialist

File No: 0230-24-UBCM

Subject: Letter to UBCM recommending a Permanent Committee on Emergency Management

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize the Board Chair to sign and send the attached letter to the Union of BC Municipalities requesting that the UBCM Flood and Wildfire Advisory Committee evolve into a permanent committee on emergency management.

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Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services
Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

PRIORITIES

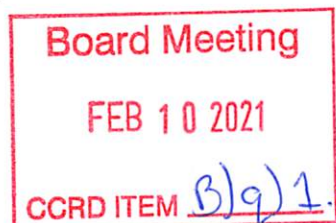
Priority #3 Flood Protection & Management

BACKGROUND

The Province of BC is modernizing the *Emergency Program Act* – the provincial legislation that governs local government Emergency Management activities. The Province has identified the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) as the primary vehicle for consulting with local governments on the changes to the legislative framework for Emergency Management in BC.

FVRD is an active member of the UBCM Flood and Wildfire Advisory Committee. In response to the effort by the Province to update the *Emergency Program Act*, the role of this committee has evolved to consider emergency management more broadly. Flood and wildfires are not the only emergencies faced by local government, and the committee focus has shifted to advising and engaging in regards to the emergency management legislative modernization.

There is an opportunity for UBCM to formally expand the mandate of the committee to emergency management rather than a more narrow focus on flood and wildfires. This change would position the committee to better engage with the Province to achieve the best outcomes for local governments with respect to the new Emergency Management legislation. The UBCM committee would be well positioned to ensure that the new Emergency Management legislation is aligned with the suite of legislation under which local governments operate.



DISCUSSION

FVRD Staff have been participating in the UBCM Flood and Wildfire Advisory committee, which was created initially in response to the floods and wildfires of 2018. The focus of this committee has shifted to advising and collaborating with Provincial staff on the modernization of the provincial emergency management legislation.

A discussion paper (Modernizing BC's Emergency Management Legislation, Oct, 2019) indicated the direction the Province intends to go with new Emergency Management legislation. A number of local governments, including FVRD, raised concerns about overlap and potential inconsistencies between the potential new legislation and the existing acts governing regional districts and municipalities. Modernizing Emergency Management, through the lens of one suite of legislation, has the potential to create gaps between the *Local Government Act*, the *Community Charter*, and *Municipal Finance Act*. For example, proposed changes involve budgetary impacts to local governments without addressing methods to resource additional assigned responsibilities in implementing the Province's programs.

UBCM can help facilitate modernization and continuance of local government emergency management practices in greater alignment with local government operations as a whole to ensure the modernization is respectful of the entire legislative framework under which we operate. Evolving the UBCM Flood and Wildfire Advisory Committee is the ideal next step to implement proper consultation and collaboration through the next phases of local government emergency management modernization.

COST

There are no costs associated with this report.

CONCLUSION

Staff have engaged with UBCM to discuss possible options and believe that moving the UBCM Flood and Wildfire Advisory Committee to a permanent committee on emergency management is the next step to ensure modernization of emergency management is met with fulsome and meaningful consultation respectful of the framework under which local governments operate.

COMMENTS BY:

Graham Daneluz, Director of Planning & Development: Reviewed and supported.

Kelly Lownsborough, Chief Financial Officer/ Director of Finance: Reviewed and supported.

Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer:

Reviewed and supported.



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RE: UBCM Flood and Wildfire advisory committee

Dear President Frenkel,

Fraser Valley Regional District is grateful to participate in the UBCM Flood and Wildfire Advisory Committee. We commend the evolution of the Emergency Management framework in British Columbia and the work of UBCM and the Province of BC.

Through participation in this committee, we recognize a notable gap with respect to fulsome and meaningful consultation with municipalities and regional districts as envisioned within the spirit of the *Local Government Act* and *Community Charter*. The Flood and Wildfire Advisory Committee was a positive first step in building a framework for consultation and communication.

The field of Emergency Management is vast and fragmented. Local emergency programs are implemented and interpreted with broad variance across the province. The lack of centralized communication channels or common approaches results in consultation and comprehension gaps. Many appointed with the responsibility for local government emergency management programs operate under banners of Fire/Rescue Services, Police Services, or external contract; rarely interacting with the local government framework. Contractors operate solely within the context of their agreement with little engagement with senior leadership in their organizations.

Modernizing Emergency Management through the lens of one suite of legislation has the potential to create gaps in the correlation between the *Local Government Act*, *Community Charter*, and *Municipal Finance Act*, among other legislative suites. Local governments are struggling to address current mandates, in addition to reviewing and providing feedback on initiatives that are launched without advance consultation for alignment of the local government framework.

The UBCM places an emphasis on communication with local governments and consultation with orders of government. FVRD suggests there may be an opportunity for UBCM to facilitate greater and continued engagement in the field of local government emergency management, potentially by transitioning the Flood and Wildfire Advisory Committee into a Standing Committee for Emergency Management to foster clear communication and consultation processes into place, bridging the gaps with local government emergency management. Additionally, the inclusion of engagement with the BC Association of Emergency Managers in a standing committee could be considered as a method to ensure effective outreach and input from the practitioner audience. This would be of mutual benefit to Emergency Management BC and local governments across the province.

By fostering a collaborative approach to local government emergency management initiatives, together we can ensure effective partnerships that support and sustain a safer British Columbia in alignment with the all-of-society approach in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jason Lum, Chair



CORPORATE REPORT

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2021-02-11

From: Tarina Colledge, Emergency Management Specialist

File No: 7130-01-General

Subject: Changes to Emergency Response Cost Compensation & EMBC's Finance Guide for Local Authorities and First Nations

INTENT

This report is intended to advise the Electoral Area Services Committee of information pertaining to anticipated changes in the eligibility for compensation from the Province for emergency operations centres and emergency response costs. Staff is not looking for a recommendation and has forwarded this information should members want more clarification to discuss the item further.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

BACKGROUND

Under the *Emergency Program Act* and the *Compensation and Disaster Financial Assistance Regulation*, local governments can receive financial assistance from the Province for eligible costs incurred during an emergency event, as well as for some post-disaster recovery costs. Emergency Management BC (EMBC) provides a guide that identifies eligible costs and the procedures for making claims.

DISCUSSION

The Province is modernizing the framework for the delivery of emergency management services in BC. As a step in this modernization, a new *Finance Guide for Local Authorities and First Nations – Response Costs* was released on November 3, 2020. It was intended by the Province to come into force on November 30, 2020.

The guide identifies the types of costs - incurred by local authorities during emergencies - that can be recovered from the Province. It includes some important changes that appear to reduce recoverable costs and thereby increase costs to the local authority.

Early areas of concern include, but are not limited to:

- » compensation thresholds for Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) shift lengths
- » potential limitations on EOC expenses that are not pre-approved by the EMBC regional offices
- » compensation limitations on contracts and contractors
- » ineligibility of overtime for staff working in EOCs
- » ineligibility of compensation for staff supporting ESS
- » increasing specific considerations regarding evacuation cost eligibility

Many of the changes in the new finance guide demonstrate that local governments will be responsible to prepare for costs of emergency response which were previously recoverable.

FVRD staff asked EMBC to delay the implementation of the Finance Guide to give local governments time to review the pending changes and provide input (see the attached letter dated November 30, 2020). Staff also asked EMBC to provide a list of changes to facilitate our review.

In response to concerns raised by local governments, including FVRD, the implementation date was delayed, and EMBC is now inviting feedback on the Guide. EMBC intends for the new guidelines to become effective in November 2021.

Staff will complete a more thorough review of the new *Finance Guide for Local Authorities and First Nations – Response Costs* and bring a report to the EASC in the coming months. Comments can then be returned to EMBC for their consideration.

COST

This report does not address potential cost implications of the proposed *Finance Guide for Local Authorities and First Nations – Response Costs*.

COMMENTS BY:

Graham Daneluz, Director of Planning & Development: Reviewed and supported. This report indicates the great extent to which local governments are intertwined with the Province when it comes to emergency management. Even relatively minor changes in policy and direction at the provincial level can have important implications for local authorities. As a result, it is critical that the Province consult local governments on proposed changes and time to respond to forthcoming changes, particularly where there are budgetary implications.

Kelly Lownsborough, Chief Financial Officer/ Director of Finance: Reviewed and supported. Understanding the implications of these changes, potential financial impacts, and associated risks that need to be considered in future years' budgets are critical.

Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer: Reviewed and supported.



November 30, 2020

File: 7130-01-General

Ian Cunnings
Senior Regional Manager
Emergency Management BC
South West Regional Office
14292 Green Timbers Way
Surrey, BC V3T 0J4

Dear Mr. Cunnings:

**RE: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GUIDE FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE
COSTS: A GUIDE FOR FIRST NATIONS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES
UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2020**

The Government of BC has been making significant strides to modernize the suite of emergency management legislation. Efforts to modernize are greatly needed and the Province of BC should be commended for this long needed pursuit.

On November 3, 2020, Emergency Management BC, through its Regional offices, distributed by email a complete replacement of the previous Financial Assistance Guide for Local Authorities and First Nations, written in 2005 with revisions in 2008. On November 19, 2020, FVRD staff reached out to the SWE Regional office to request a list of changes to help us understand the new document. This request could not be met by the regional office.

The email, which included the replacement guide, makes reference to the scope and scale of emergencies having changed significantly in the past years and states that this new guide has been released to clarify Emergency Management BC's guidance regarding response costs. Notably, the Compensation and Disaster Financial Assistance Regulation has not faced corresponding changes, nor has the Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation.

The implied changes in the newly distributed guide have the ability to create great additional expenses to Local Governments with potentially significant cost implications. This new guide has been released without reasonable notice very late in our budgeting process for 2021. We have not have an opportunity to assess the budgeting impacts for the coming year of the changes set out in the new guide. The lack of time to analyze these implied changes and adjust budgets accordingly could affect our ability to respond to emergencies or result in significant budget shortfalls next year for emergency response costs.

Section 2 of the Community Charter sets out principles for the relationship between the Province and Local Governments. It states that consultation is needed where changes to Provincial programs are proposed that will have a significant impact on matters within the local government authority.



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Fraser Valley Regional District is requesting the Province of BC provide a fulsome opportunity to review the new guide and a meaningful opportunity to provide feedback for consideration by the Province before any of the changes outlined in the new guide are implemented.

If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at 604 702 5046 or by email at gdaneluz@fvrd.ca. I am responsible for the emergency management service at FVRD.

Thank you for considering this request.

Yours truly,

Graham Daneluz
Director of Planning & Development



2021 VIRTUAL AGM & CONVENTION

RESOLUTIONS NOTICE REQUEST FOR SUBMISSIONS

The AVICC Executive is calling for resolutions to be considered at the 2021 virtual convention. The Executive is considering options for the 2021 convention's format and timing. The usual resolutions procedures followed at the convention may need to be adapted with the move to a virtual format. Pending finalization of the procedures, members are now asked to submit resolutions with the requirements outlined in the following pages.

DEADLINE FOR RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions must be received in the AVICC office by: **Friday, February 26, 2021**

It is uncertain whether late resolutions or off-the-floor resolutions can be accommodated at the virtual convention. Members are strongly encouraged to submit resolutions by the deadline so they may be considered. Resolutions that emerge after Friday, February 26th may need to be submitted directly to UBCM.

IMPORTANT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To submit a resolution to the AVICC for consideration please send:

1. One copy as a **word document** by email to avicc@ubcm.ca by the deadline; AND
2. One copy of the resolution by regular mail that may be received after the deadline to:
AVICC, 525 Government Street, Victoria, BC V8V 0A8

Detailed guidelines for preparing a resolution follow, but the basic requirements are:

- Resolutions are only accepted from AVICC member local governments, and must have been endorsed by the board or council.
- Members are responsible for submitting accurate resolutions. AVICC recommends that local government staff assist in drafting the resolutions, check the accuracy of legislative references, and be able to answer questions from AVICC & UBCM about each resolution. Contact AVICC & UBCM for assistance.
- Each resolution **must include a separate backgrounder** that is a maximum of 3 pages and specific to a single resolution. Do not submit backgrounders for multiple resolutions. The backgrounder may include links to other information sources and reports.
- Sponsors should be prepared to speak to their resolutions.
- Resolutions must be relevant to other local governments within AVICC rather than specific to a single member government.
- The resolution must have at least one "whereas" clause and should not contain more than two "whereas" clauses. Each whereas clause must only have **one sentence**.

AVICC GOLD STAR RESOLUTIONS

The AVICC Executive will recognize members who submit the best resolutions with an award for Gold Star or Honourable Mention status. The goal of the awards is to encourage excellence in resolutions drafting. Resolutions should provide clear policy direction so that AVICC and UBCM can advocate effectively on the policy priorities of our members with the provincial and federal governments.

To be recognized for an award, a resolution must meet the standards of excellence established in the Gold Star Resolutions Criteria:

1. Resolution must be properly titled.
2. Resolution must employ clear, simple language.
3. Resolution must clearly identify problem, reason and solution.
4. Resolution must have two or fewer recital (WHEREAS) clauses.
5. Resolution must have a short, clear, stand-alone enactment (THEREFORE) clause.

UBCM RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

UBCM urges members to submit resolutions to Area Associations for consideration. Resolutions endorsed at Area Association annual meetings are submitted automatically to UBCM for consideration and do not need to be re-submitted to UBCM by the sponsor.

UBCM and its member local governments have observed that submitting resolutions first to Area Associations results in better quality resolutions overall. If absolutely necessary, however, local governments may submit council or board endorsed resolutions directly to UBCM prior to June 30. Should this be necessary, detailed instructions are available on the UBCM website.

UBCM RESOLUTIONS PROCESS

1. Members submit resolutions to their Area Association for debate.
2. The Area Association submits resolutions endorsed at its Convention to UBCM.
3. The UBCM Resolutions Committee reviews the resolutions for submission to its Convention.
4. Resolutions endorsed at the UBCM Convention are submitted to the appropriate level of government for response.
5. UBCM will forward the response to the resolution sponsor for review.

UBCM RESOLUTIONS GUIDELINES

The Construction of a Resolution:

All resolutions contain a preamble – the whereas clause(s) – and an enactment clause. The preamble describes *the issue and* the enactment clause outlines *the action being* requested of AVICC and/or UBCM. A resolution should answer the following three questions:

- a) **What is the problem?**
- b) **What is causing the problem?**
- c) **What is the best way to solve the problem?**

Preamble:

The preamble begins with "WHEREAS", and is a concise paragraph about the nature of the problem or the reason for the request. It answers questions (a) and (b) above, stating the problem and its cause, and should explain, clearly and briefly, the reasons for the resolution.

The preamble should contain no more than two "WHEREAS" clauses. Supporting background documents can describe the problem more fully if necessary. Do not add extra clauses.

Only one sentence per WHEREAS clause.

Enactment Clause:

The enactment clause begins with the phrase "Therefore be it resolved", and is a concise sentence that answers question (c) above, suggesting the best way to solve the problem. **The enactment should propose a specific action by AVICC and/or UBCM.**

Keep the enactment clause as short as possible, and clearly describe the action being requested. The wording should leave no doubt about the proposed action.

HOW TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION

1. Address one specific subject in the text of the resolution.

Since your community seeks to influence attitudes and inspire action, limit the scope of a resolution to one specific subject or issue. Delegates will not support a resolution if it is unclear or too complex for them to understand quickly. If there are multiple topics in a resolution, the resolution may be sent back to the sponsor to rework and resubmit, and may end up as a Late Resolution not admitted for debate.

2. For resolutions to be debated at UBCM, focus on issues that are province-wide.

The issue identified in the resolution should be relevant to other local governments across BC. This will support productive debate and assist UBCM to represent your concern effectively to the provincial or federal government on behalf of all BC municipalities and regional districts. Regionally specific resolutions may be referred back to the AVICC, and may not be entered for debate during the UBCM Convention.

3. Use simple, action-oriented language and avoid ambiguous terms.

Explain the background briefly and state the desired action clearly. Delegates can then debate the resolution without having to try to interpret complicated text or vague concepts.

4. Check legislative references for accuracy.

Research the legislation on the subject so the resolution is accurate. Where necessary, identify:

- the correct jurisdictional responsibility (responsible ministry or department, and whether provincial or federal government); and
- the correct legislation, including the title of the act or regulation.

5. Provide factual background information.

Even a carefully written resolution may not be able to convey the full scope of the problem or the action being requested. Provide factual background information to ensure that the resolution is understood fully so that members understand what they are debating and UBCM can advocate effectively with other levels of government and agencies.

Each resolution **must include a separate backgrounder** that is a maximum of 3 pages and specific to a single resolution. Do not submit backgrounders that relate to multiple resolutions. The backgrounder may include links to other information sources and reports.

The backgrounder should outline what led to the presentation and adoption of the resolution by the local government, and can link to the report presented to the council or board along with the resolution. Resolutions submitted without background information **will not be considered** until the sponsor has provided adequate background information. This could result in the resolution being returned and having to be resubmitted as a late resolution.

6. Construct a brief, descriptive title.

A title identifies the intent of the resolution and helps eliminate the possibility of misinterpretation. It is usually drawn from the "enactment clause" of the resolution. For ease of printing in the Annual Report and Resolutions Book and for clarity, a title should be no more than three or four words.

TEMPLATE FOR A RESOLUTION

Whereas << *this is the area to include an issue statement that outlines the nature of the problem or the reason for the request* >> ;

And whereas << *if more information is useful to answer the questions - what is the problem? what is causing the problem?>> :*

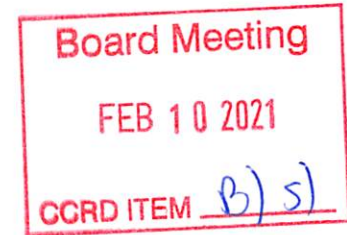
Therefore be it resolved that AVICC & UBCM << *specify here the action(s) that AVICC & UBCM are being asked to take on, and what government agency the associations should be contacting to solve the problem identified in the whereas clauses* >>.

If absolutely necessary, there can be a second enactment clause (the “therefore” clause that specifies the action requested) with the following format:

And be it further resolved that << *specify any additional actions needed to address the problem identified in the whereas clauses* >>.



To: Courtney Kirk, CAO
CC: Board of Directors, CCRD
From: Alison Sayers
Meeting Date: February 10 - 11, 2021
Subject: AVICC/UBCM Resolution: Funding for Landfill Compliance and Closure



Recommendation:

Recommendation 1:

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the Request for Decision AVICC/UBCM Resolution: Funding for Landfill Compliance and Closure.

Recommendation 2:

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District approve and send the resolution "Funding for Landfill Compliance and Closure" to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities by February 26th, 2021, for consideration at their May 28th, 2021 virtual convention.

Or:

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District direct Administration to revise the resolution "Funding for Landfill Compliance and Closure" to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities for further board review and authorization prior to submission for consideration at AVICC's May 28th, 2021 virtual convention.

Issue/Background Summary:

Provincial legislation in British Columbia governing solid waste management in general, and legislation governing landfills in particular, has tightened over the years to address various environmental concerns. CCRD, as part of its Solid Waste Management Service for Electoral Areas C, D, and E, has been operating the landfill portion of Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre under a "grandfathered" Certificate of Operations for several years. Current, updated legislation for landfills includes exemptions to allow for operation and closure of older landfills under outdated legislation. CCRD meets all the exemptions except

for one, which is annual rainfall. This means that the CCRD cannot continue to operate the TCWRC under the outdated legislation certificate indefinitely.

Despite the significant financial pressure this updated and improved SWM legislation places on CCRD and other local governments, the Province has yet to offer financial strategies or new funding to help offset the additional costs to local governments to comply with current provincial legislation. Landfill operation and closure under current legislation will require significantly more financial commitment from CCRD's tax base in the Bella Coola Valley, as well as other sources of funds yet to be identified. Grant funding for landfills is extremely difficult to find, given current provincial policy prioritizing Zero Waste province-wide.

The CCRD Board of Directors has the option to undertake political advocacy to the Province of British Columbia for CCRD's and the region's interests, including submitting a resolution to the AVICC 2021 Convention.

Proposed Resolution:

Funding for Landfill Compliance and Closure

Whereas provincial legislation governing solid waste management in British Columbia has increasingly tightened over the past several years to address important environmental concerns, thereby increasing costs for local governments to operate landfills and comply with current legislation, including landfill closures,

And whereas the Province of British Columbia has not provided an adequate fiscal framework to offset increased costs to local governments, including landfill closure costs, arising from this tightened legislation,

And whereas local governments have been severely financially impacted by the current criteria, and are therefore being forced to operate and consider retiring their landfills under "grandfathered", outdated, and environmentally unsound legislative criteria in order to cope with these unforeseen costs,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia to provide the necessary resources to local governments for landfill compliance-related projects to meet current operations and closure standards, so that landfills may be operated and retired in an environmentally sound manner.

Financial/Budgetary Implications:

If the Board of Directors wishes to advance the resolution *Landfill Compliance and Closure* to the April AVICC virtual convention, one elected official will need to register to attend AVICC to introduce the resolution to the assembly. Cost for registration has not yet been determined, but is expected to be very low.

Time Requirements – Staff and Elected Officials:

If the Board of Directors wishes to advance the resolution *Landfill Compliance and Closure* to the April AVICC virtual convention, at least one elected official will need to attend AVICC during resolutions debate to introduce the resolution to the assembly.

Time requirements for staff to advance the resolution are minimal, and contracted support for the initiative is available if needed.

Options to Consider:

1. As recommended
2. Do not advance the resolution to AVICC

Submitted by: 
Alison Sayers, Consultant to CCRD

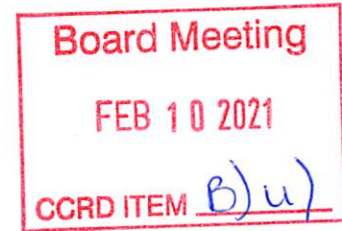
**Request for Decision: Local
Government funding supply AVICC
Resolution Submission
(Late Item)**

Board Meeting
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CCRD SPECIAL REPORT

To: Courtney Kirk, CAO
From: Alison Sayers
Meeting Date: February 11, 2021
Subject: FEDERAL ADVOCACY CONSIDERATIONS



Recommended Motion:

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receives the report.

Recommendations:

- *THAT the Board of Directors assess attending the 2022 FCM convention, including submitting any resolutions, as part of a coordinated advocacy plan within the Board's annual strategic planning process in September 2021.*
- *THAT the Board of Directors consider submitting resolution(s) to the FCM Board before the July 12th, 2021 deadline, in coordination with other governments and agencies, in order to better ensure success at an FCM convention.*
- *THAT the Board of Directors assess travelling to Ottawa in 2022, to meet 1:1 with federal Minister(s), as part of a coordinated interagency advocacy plan within the Board's annual strategic planning process in September, in order to better ensure success of the meeting(s).*
- *THAT the Board of Directors assess whether or not it is prudent to submit a resolution to the FCM Board related to Financing Reconciliation this year, given that this work is now being led by an interagency task force and is no longer being led solely by CCRD.*

Background:

At the request of CAO Courtney Kirk, I have been asked to:

- research costs for attendance at the 2021 Federation of Canadian Municipalities convention in Montreal
- provide a recommendation(s) for the Board regarding advocacy, in particular regarding *Financing Reconciliation*

in order to fulfill Board Resolution 20-12-27:

M/S Directors Bertrand/Northeast THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District directs Administration to research costs and process for attending the Federation of Canadian Municipalities convention for purpose of advocating Financing Reconciliation.

CARRIED

1. Virtual convention format

The FCM website notes that there is still uncertainty regarding the format of the 2021 convention due to COVID-19. However, I spoke directly with an FCM staff member who indicated that the decision was very recently made by the Board to hold a virtual convention this year.

As of the writing of this report, no decision has yet been made regarding registration fees, however it is expected that the fees will be significantly reduced and fall within 10%-50% of the usual fee range of \$800-\$850 per person. I will provide any updates to the CAO as I receive them.

2. Usefulness of FCM 2021 for advocacy purposes

According to research I completed on behalf of the Board in 2019, in-person FCM conventions differ from UBCM conventions in two important ways:

- Unlike UBCM, FCM holds an enormous convention with very little opportunity for grassroots advocacy work.
- There are no Ministers meetings, as there are at UBCM. Federal Ministers do not attend FCM in order to meet with local government elected officials; one or two may attend for speaking engagements, but they are not available for meetings with local governments.

This year's virtual format has yet to be worked out, thus opportunities for grassroots advocacy work are unknown; however I expect they will be even further reduced from in-person opportunities. I will provide updates to the CAO as I receive them.

3. Resolutions Deadlines

It is also important for the Board know, as noted on the FCM website, that the deadline for submitting a resolution to an FCM convention is the second Monday in January every year. This year, this fell on January 11th. However, there is an opportunity to submit a resolution for the September 2021 FCM Board meeting, deadline July 12th, 2021. I have addressed this later in this report.

4. Other advocacy opportunities for Board consideration:

The 2022 FCM convention is being held in Regina, SK. This is advantageous in that FCM conventions are usually held in eastern provinces, and Saskatchewan may be a more affordable option.

Depending on the time of year, it may be affordable to travel directly to Ottawa for in-person advocacy with federal Ministers.

The Board may wish to consider submitting a resolution to the FCM Board by the July 12th, 2021 deadline (see screenshot below from FCM website).

- 1.1. Any local government or provincial/territorial-municipal association that is a FCM Member in good standing may submit resolutions to FCM for consideration. Resolutions can also be sponsored by any of FCM's Regional Caucuses, Standing Committees, Forums or by the Executive Committee.
- 1.2. Resolutions shall be considered at the March and September meetings of FCM's Board of Directors, as well as the Annual Conference; in addition, FCM's Executive Committee, acting in its power on behalf of the Board, may consider resolutions in between these times if by majority vote it is agreed that the situation warrants.
- 1.3. The deadline for submission of resolutions to Board Meetings or the Annual Conference is posted on the FCM website.
 - 1.3.1 The deadline for resolutions submitted to the March Board meeting or Annual Conference is the second Monday of January every year.
 - 1.3.2 The deadline for resolutions submitted to the September Board meeting is the second Monday of July every year.
- 1.4. Resolutions received after the deadlines noted in sections 1.3.1 and 1.3.2 shall be submitted for consideration to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors or the Annual Conference if determined by the Executive Committee, at a regularly scheduled meeting, to be of an emergency or time-sensitive nature; otherwise, these resolutions shall be held for action at the next scheduled Board meeting.

Recommendations to the Board:

1. Assess attending the 2022 FCM convention, including submitting any resolutions, as part of a strategic advocacy plan within the Board's annual strategic planning process in September 2021.
2. Consider submitting resolution(s) to the FCM Board before the July 12th, 2021 deadline. Given this deadline is several months away, any resolution(s) can and should be drafted in coordination with other local governments and stakeholders, in order to better ensure its success at an FCM convention. Unlike at UBCM, FCM resolutions are vetted at the Board level first, thus significantly fewer resolutions make it to the floor of convention for debate than at UBCM.
3. Assess travelling to Ottawa in 2022, to meet 1:1 with federal Ministers, only as part of a strategic advocacy plan within the Board's annual strategic planning process in September. Given the per person expense to travel to Ottawa, this can and should occur in coordination with other local governments and stakeholders, in order to better ensure success of the meeting
4. Assess whether or not it is prudent to submit a resolution related to *Financing Reconciliation* this year, given that this work is now being developed by an interagency task force and is no longer being led solely by CCRD. It may be more

prudent to focus on current matters going forward to AVICC, and hopefully UBCM, this year.

Board Priorities - Service Specific Progress of CCRD Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022:

Strategic Plan Goal: Good Governance and Administration

Priority: Fixing revenue issues; closing taxation gaps; continuing collaborative work on CCRD's *Financing Reconciliation* efforts

Respectfully Submitted by:



Alison Sayers

Submitted for the CCRD Boards consideration for action by Director Daniel Bertrand, Area A.

HEILTSUK HORIZON

I write on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District (the "CCRD") to formally congratulate Heiltsuk Horizon on its recent acquisition of the Central Coaster and other Shearwater Marine assets, and to express our sincere welcome to the Region which is the unceded territories of the Heiltsuk, Nuxalk and Wuikinuxv.

The CCRD is a regional government providing municipal and emergency management services such as the Denny Island aerodrome and the Denny Island Water System which is currently under construction.

Shearwater Marine has been integral to the development of the Denny Island Community and in fostering transportation connections between our communities. We hope that Heiltsuk Horizon will succeed in taking on this work and play an even greater part in fostering our communities' well-being.

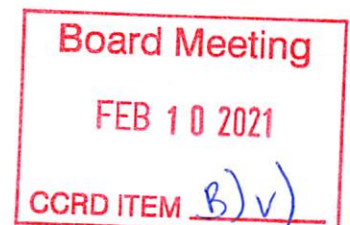
As sea-faring people, the residents of Denny Island are reliant on access to the water including what has been Shearwater's boat-launch, barge-brow, and marina. Currently there are no public marine access facilities on Denny Island.

We therefore encourage Heiltsuk Horizon if it assumes any of Shearwater's marine access facilities, or if it develops new ones, to guarantee all Denny Island residents use for accessing the water. In particular, we bring to your attention residents' concerns that Shearwater Marine's charge of \$400 per use of its barge brow has inhibited the movement of goods and residential construction. We kindly request that if you are acquiring the barge brow that you provide Denny Island residents relief from this fee.

The CCRD was happy to support Shearwater Marine in its application for COVID-19 relief funds to continue operating the Central Coaster. Please inform us if Heiltsuk Horizon requires support in the future either for this or other matters.

We look forward to working together.

Yours truly,



----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Colleen Evans** <>

Date: Wed, Feb 3, 2021 at 4:04 PM

Subject: Personal follow up on CCSPI (Coastal Community Social Procurement Initiative) from Colleen Evans, co-chair CCSPI and Campbell River City Councillor

To: <sschooner@ccrd-bc.ca>

Hi Director Schooner!

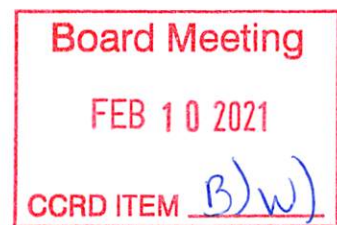
It would have been great to connect in person with you but given covid restrictions I'm reaching out via email but let me know if by phone or zoom works better for you. I wanted to follow up regarding a letter you received just before the end of the year on social procurement and an invitation to join and become a member of the Coastal Community Social Procurement Initiative (CCSPI). It's been a challenging and unprecedented year for elected officials and our communities for sure and one that's requiring innovative solutions for how we move forward through recovery. CCSPI has been growing and we now have 26 local government members with members procuring over \$25 million using a social procurement lens to the benefit of their local economies.

Membership in CCSPI provides a low cost, high value resource for local governments to have access to the training, expertise and support they need to easily integrate social procurement practices and add social value, community benefit and wellbeing to existing purchasing. This means that local business and employment, skills and training opportunities are being generated from existing procurement dollars at a time when local economies need it most. We are seeing our members using social procurement as a key economic and covid recovery opportunity. CCSPI is supported through funding and membership fees. The annual membership cost for you to join CCSPI is equal to what your local government membership in AVICC dues are.

The CCSPI program is a low cost, high value resources that will provide your local government and staff with the training, expertise and support needed to easily integrate social procurement practices.

CCSPI Membership includes access to:

- Professional development and training
- Templates, Resources, Pilot projects, Industry and staff vetted examples
- Pre-recorded topic-specific webinars
- Expert consultation and review
- Impact measurement and evaluation tools
- Communications and engagement resources
- Networking and community engagement
- Assistance in developing and implementing social procurement policies and practices
- Covid recovery toolbox using social procurement as a solution



New updates included in membership:

-Impact Measurement – CCSPI has partnered with Royal Roads University to develop a robust impact measurement framework that takes a region-wide approach to measuring the impact of social procurement across the region.

-Supplier Engagement - CCSPI is working directly with local suppliers, vendors and economic development organizations in member communities to ensure that they have the resources, training and support necessary to respond to and deliver successfully on government procurement opportunities.

Samuel, I'm available to answer any questions you may have or provide further information. We would welcome the Central Coast Regional District as a new member in CCSPI and I'm looking forward to chatting with you further.

Best,

Colleen Evans, Campbell River City Councillor/SRD Director and Co-chair CCSPI

Colleen.evans@campbellriver.ca;

COASTAL COMMUNITIES
Social Procurement

INITIATIVE

November 18, 2020

Mr Samuel Schooner
Chair - Municipal
Central Coast Regional District
PO Box 186
Bella Coola BC V0T 1C0

Re: Coastal Communities Social Procurement Initiative Update & Membership Opportunity

Dear Mr Schooner,

We write to update you on the progress of the Coastal Communities Social Procurement Initiative (CCSPI) and to invite your organization to join the 20 existing local government members.

The CCSPI program is a low cost, high value resource that provides local governments with the training, expertise and support they need to easily integrate social procurement practices and add social value to their existing purchasing. For an annual membership fee equivalent to AVICC dues, participating governments get access to a full suite of professional development and training, templates, case studies, impact measurement tools and expert consultation support at no additional cost.

In just two years CCSPI membership has grown from 6 to 20 local governments. Members so far have procured over \$25 million using a social procurement lens to the benefit of their local economies. This means that local business and employment, skills and training opportunities are being generated from existing procurement dollars at a time when local economies need it most.

Social procurement is a key economic recovery opportunity for local governments. Joining CCSPI now will ensure that your organization has access to the training and expertise required to implement social procurement practices and take advantage of the opportunity to create additional community benefit from your existing procurement spend.

Colleen Evans, CCSPI Co-Chair will be in touch to discuss this opportunity with you directly, however if you have any questions in the meantime please visit www.ccspi.ca or contact Robert Fisher, CCSPI Project Coordinator by email at rfisher@scalecollaborative.ca or by phone on (250) 886-3063.

Sincerely,

Lisa Helps
Mayor, City of Victoria
Co-Chair, CCSPI Steering Committee



Colleen Evans,
Councillor, Campbell River
Co-Chair, CCSPI Steering Committee



Cc: Ms Courtney Kirk, Chief Administrative Officer



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Dear Ms. Kirk,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Brian Gregg and I am a Land Use Consultant representing TELUS. I am reaching out today as TELUS has identified an exciting opportunity to expand wireless cellular coverage to the Central Coast Regional District and would like to make an application to the federal government's Universal Broadband Fund for funding to connect your communities to the TELUS Wireless network. This would include the building, operation and long-term maintenance of the infrastructure. This investment will ensure that the network can withstand the demand of new technologies which will be realized over future generations.

Improving connectivity within rural communities enables residents to engage in numerous aspects of the digital economy, including those residents from underrepresented groups. Internet has become an essential service and provides access for residents to numerous benefits such as tele-health, distance learning, and telework. Today, reliable internet access has become a virtual requirement for commercial and industrial businesses, whether small or large, to operate and develop.

Access to reliable internet also supports social services within communities and enables valuable avenues to serve residents. The internet has made connecting key social service institutions with the residents who use those institutions much easier. Furthermore, this access, expedited through the Universal Broadband Fund, will contribute to a multitude of government strategies that have become easiest to access via the internet.

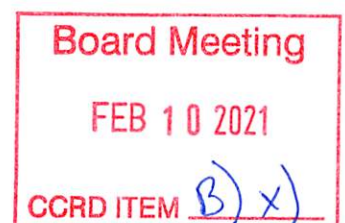
The opportunity for the Central Coast Regional District to participate in this project comes at **no cost to your communities**. Assuming we are successful in our application, funds to build the network would be committed by TELUS and the Government of Canada.

TELUS' application is due February 15, 2021 and TELUS is seeking support from the Central Coast Regional District in the form of a letter of support (attached), by **February 8, 2021**. We would be happy to discuss further with you over the phone at your convenience.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss further, please don't hesitate to reach out at

Respectfully,

Brian Gregg
Agent for TELUS



Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada
C.D. Howe Building
235 Queen Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H5

To: Whom it May Concern

Re: TELUS Application: Universal Broadband Fund – Central Coast Regional District

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The Central Coast Regional District fully supports TELUS's application to provide increased wireless connectivity under the Universal Broadband Fund. This initiative will improve existing wireless connectivity in our community. This will allow the Central Coast Regional District to better serve our community members in the Central Coast region. It will greatly improve safety by enabling e911 calls and will enable tele-health, and tele-work. Reliable cellular coverage will also provide opportunities for commercial and industrial businesses, whether small or large, to operate and develop in an increasingly virtual world.

Improving connectivity within rural communities enables residents to engage in numerous aspects of the digital economy, including those residents from underrepresented groups. Internet has become an essential service and provides access for residents to numerous benefits such as tele-health, distance learning, and telework. Today, reliable internet access has become a virtual requirement for commercial and industrial businesses, whether small or large, to operate and develop.

Access to reliable internet also provides social services within our region by enabling valuable avenues to serve the residents. The internet has made connecting key social service institutions with the residents who use those institutions much easier. Furthermore, this access, expedited through the Universal Broadband Fund, will contribute to a multitude of government strategies that have become easiest to access via the internet.

We are working to support the long-term growth of our communities. A key enabler to achieve this goal is the ability to connect government and social service offices, businesses and homes in our region to high-speed broadband networks. As such, access to wireless infrastructure is critical for our region to engage in numerous aspects of the digital economy.

The funding assistance from the Universal Broadband Fund for the delivery of wireless connectivity is invaluable to the prosperity of the Central Coast Regional District. Without the support of this fund, many communities would not be able to enjoy the level of connectivity that is required to fully participate in society.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this application.

Sincerely,

February 4, 2021

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Re: Letter of Support for The Corporation of The City of Vernon

The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, at their Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, passed the following resolution:

05-21

WHEREAS cost is a significant barrier to people accessing contraception, particularly to people with low incomes, youth, and people from marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS providing free prescription contraception has been shown to improve health outcomes for parents and infants by reducing the risks associated with unintended pregnancy, and is likely to reduce direct medical costs on the provincial health system; and

WHEREAS contraceptive methods such as condoms or vasectomies are available at low cost, no cost, or are covered by BC's Medical Services Plan, whereas all contraceptive methods for people with uteruses (such as birth control pills, intrauterine devices or hormone injections) have high up-front costs, making access to contraception unequal and gendered;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors write to the Provincial Minister of Finance, the Provincial Minister of Health, the Premier of BC and the local MLA supporting universal no-cost access to all prescription contraception available in BC under the Medical Services Plan; and

THAT this letter be forwarded to all BC municipalities asking to write their support as well.

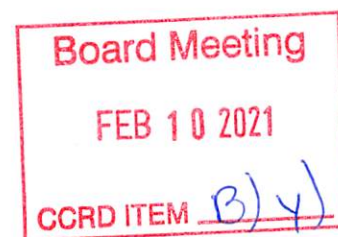
Carried."

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,



Diane Langman, Chair



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Council, at their Regular meeting held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, passed the following resolution:

"WHEREAS cost is a significant barrier to people accessing contraception, particularly to people with low incomes, youth, and people from marginalized communities; and

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CARRIED."

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,


Victor I. Cumming
Mayor

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