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VIRL Library Board tells our story with 2020 Budget

September 21, 2019, Nanaimo, BC – The Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) Board of Trustees is telling our story with its adopted [2020 – 2024 Financial Plan](#).

At the September 21 meeting, the Board adopted a balanced budget of \$38,142,775 for 2020. Municipal and rural levies will contribute \$24,050,684 to the library budget, an average increase of 3.94% and a per capita decrease of \$0.68 over 2019.

“This budget focuses on telling the stories of what our libraries mean to our communities and to the people who walk through our doors or access our electronic products,” says Joel Adams, VIRL’s Director of Finance. “By adopting this budget, the Board supports VIRL’s ongoing transition to a library of the 21st century and to our evolving role in today’s rapidly shifting world.”

“VIRL branches are lifelines to information, vital resources for families and newcomers, and spaces that nurture new enterprises and relationships,” says Brenda Leigh, Chair of the VIRL Board of Trustees. “Our libraries are equalizers for literacy, learning and advancement of opportunities for all members of our communities.”

For more information about the 2020– 2024 Financial Plan, visit <https://virl.bc.ca/about/reports-and-plans/>. To watch a video about the budget and the 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan, [click here](#). An infographic about the 2020 – 2024 budget is [available here](#).

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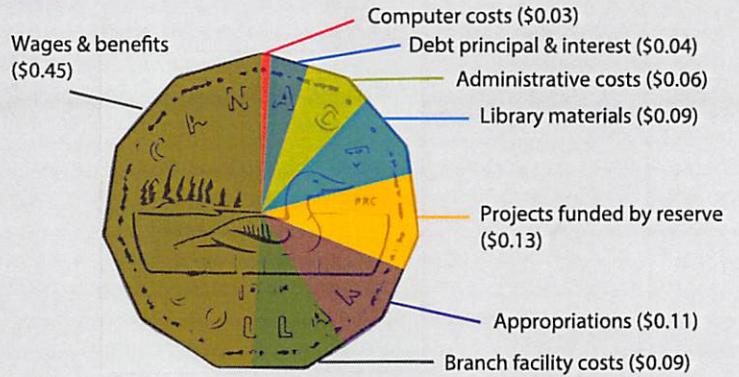
BUDGET BREAKDOWN

VIRL SYSTEM WIDE

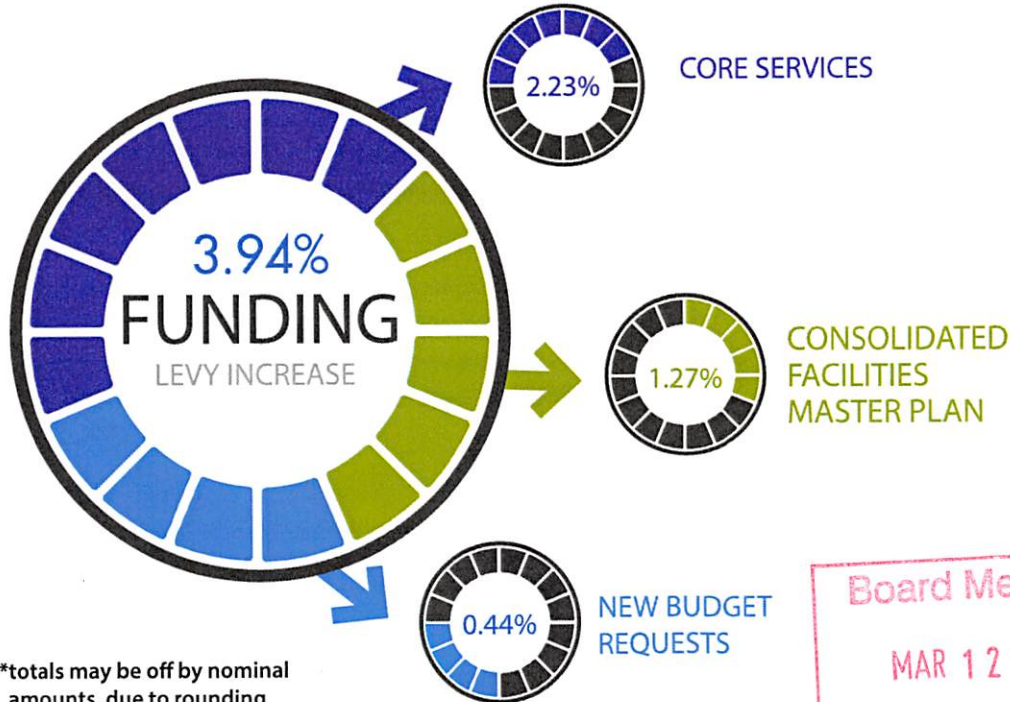


1 TOTAL PER CAPITA DECREASE **-\$0.68**

2 HOW EACH \$1.00 IS SPENT



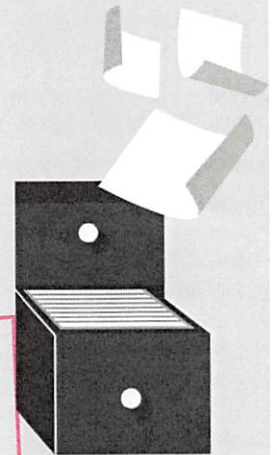
3 This Year's INCREASE: **3.94%**



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TOTAL VISITS TO ALL BRANCHES (2018)...

2.6 Million



*in-branch & online

Board Meeting
MAR 12 2020
CCRD ITEM



2020 BUDGET

VIRL SYSTEM WIDE



2020 BUDGET: "TELLING OUR STORY"

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The complete 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan is available at virl.bc.ca

HOW IS MY LEVY CALCULATED?

Each member's levy is calculated in accordance with the Library Act. The allocation is 50% based on population, and 50% based on assessed value. Both of these figures are provided to VIRL by an external source.

Each individual member's levy is based on their proportion of these figures compared to VIRL as a whole.

Therefore, the amount you pay is impacted by changes in your local population and assessed value. Where these figures have changed by an amount that is different than the VIRL overall average change, each member levy will adjust accordingly.

WHAT CHANGED IN 2020?

Population

Across all of VIRL, population increased by **22,984** which represents a change of **5.29%**. When factored into VIRL as a whole, this change leads to an impact of **\$455,297** on the total levy, a change of **1.97%**.

Assessed Value

Across all of VIRL, assessed value increased by **\$1,362,955,713** which represents a change of **12.11%**. When factored into VIRL as a whole, this change leads to an impact of **\$455,296** on total levy, a change of **1.97%** over 2019.

Total Levy

For 2020, the total levy has increased by **\$910,589** to **\$24,050,683**. This represents a change of **3.94%** over 2019.

Per Capita

On a per capita basis, the total levy has changed by **-\$0.68**. Per capita changes will vary by community, depending on their respective changes to population. An increased population may decrease the per capita cost, since the cost is spread over a larger total.

2020 BUDGET

AT A GLANCE:
LEVY INCREASE

CORE SERVICES

2.23%

FACILITIES

1.27%

NEW BUDGET REQUESTS

0.44%

TOTAL AVERAGE INCREASE

3.94%

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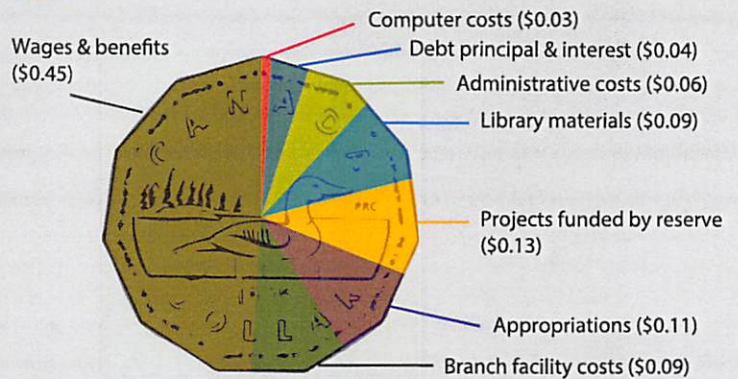
BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Central Coast Regional District

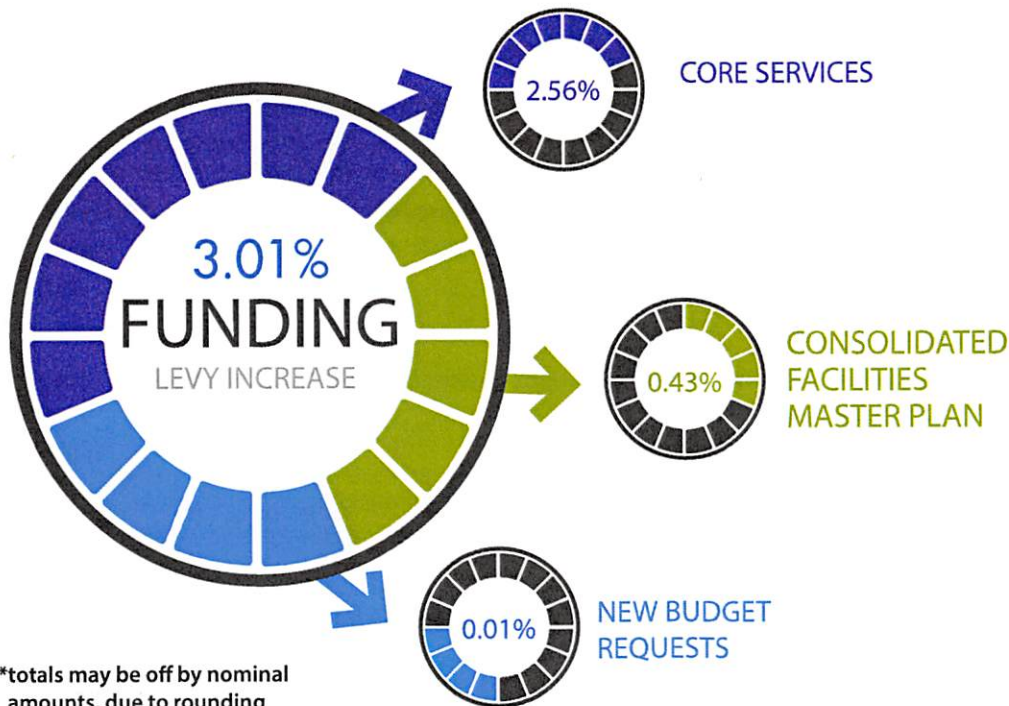


1 YOUR PER CAPITA DECREASE **-\$2.44**

2 HOW YOUR \$1.00 IS SPENT



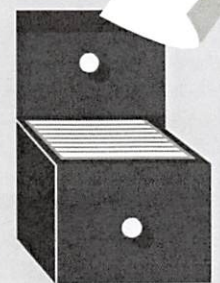
3 This Year's INCREASE: **3.01%**



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TOTAL VISITS TO YOUR BRANCH (2018)...

14
thousand



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WHAT CHANGED IN 2020?

Population

Across all of VIRL, population increased by an average of **5.29%**.

For 2020, your population changed by **122** which represents a change of **8.98%**.

When factored into VIRL as a whole, this change leads to an impact of **\$2,741** on your levy, a change of **4.53%**.

Assessed Value

Across all of VIRL, assessed value increased by an average of **12.11%**.

For 2020, your assessed value changed by **\$898,911** which represents a change of **3.79%**.

When factored into VIRL as a whole, this change leads to an impact of **-\$921** in your levy, a change of **-1.52%** over 2019.

Total Levy

For 2020, your total levy has increased by **\$1,819** to **\$62,358**. This represents a change of **3.01%** over 2019.

Per Capita

On a per capita basis, your levy has changed by **-\$2.44**. Per capita changes will vary by community, depending on their respective changes to population. An increased population may decrease the per capita cost, since the cost is spread over a larger total.

2020 BUDGET

AT A GLANCE:
LEVY INCREASE

CORE SERVICES

2.56%

FACILITIES

0.43%

NEW BUDGET REQUESTS

0.01%

TOTAL AVERAGE INCREASE

3.01%

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CCRD SERVICE REPORT

To: Courtney Kirk, CAO
From: Community Economic Development Officer
Meeting Date: March 12th, 2020
Subject: BELLA COOLA AIRPORT: TOURISM & CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT INITIATIVE PROJECT UPDATE

Recommendation:

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

Project:

Bella Coola Airport: Tourism & Capacity Enhancement Initiative

Funder(s):

Rural Dividend

Percent complete:

85%

Tentative completion date:

March 31st, 2020

Total Funding awarded:

\$678,430

Total grant funds expended to date:

\$577,702

Board Meeting
MAR 12 2020
CCRD ITEM B(h)

Administrative Comments:

Deliverables around obstacle removal are complete. CCRD has completed a final survey that shows no obstacles remain. There is some minor work to be done in the spring with respect to clean up of debris and field prep.

Deliverables around trail construction are progressing well. We have established approximately 2957 meters of new trail that runs from the east end of the airport, along the dike on the north side and then along the forest edge to the west end of the airport where it crosses a small creek, bisects an island and then crosses the Beaver Pond slough and carries on along the west side of the slough and ties into the Snootli Creek Park trail network (Total Length 2661m). There is also a river loop established that leaves from the North side of the air field, loops North towards the river and then back to tie in with the main trail (total length 841m rehab and 266m new). The main aluminum bridge has yet to be installed and the trailhead kiosks have been designed but not yet tendered for construction.

Deliverables around the Cultural Piece are steadily being achieved. CCRD staff have been collaborating with the Nuxalk Nation and Nuxalk Family upon whose traditional territory the airport lies. Carving is expected to taking place in the spring/summer of 2020 and hopefully the cultural piece can be in place by next fall. The collaboration with the Nuxalk Nation has been slowed by absences of critical cultural leaders in the Nation.

Deliverables around the Land Purchase took a bit of a different spin. The land owners' asking price for the property was higher than our budget allowed for and after lengthy negotiations, we were able to access the property and remove the obstacle trees, achieving the same outcome without the extra expenditure. This enabled us to spend more money on the obstacle removal process which is ultimately the critical outcome.

The play area at the airport is basically complete. There remains a bench, table and bear proof garbage bin to install in the spring of 2020. The design for the play area also incorporates a cultural area where the cultural piece will be installed once finished.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Matthew Wheelock, CEDO



REQUEST FOR DECISION

To: Courtney Kirk, CAO

CC: Board of Directors, CCRD

From: Ken McIlwain, Operations Manager

Meeting Date: March 12, 2020

Subject: CCRD contribution/partnership to upgrade Walker Island Ball Park fencing

Recommendation:

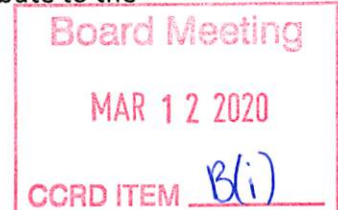
THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District approves staff to partner with the Strikers Slowpitch Team to undertake replacement of approximately 315 feet of chainlink fencing/gates at the Walker Island Park Ball Field and that CCRD's contribution would be up to \$4500.00 plus gst towards a total project cost of \$13,000 plus gst.

THAT the fencing contract work be awarded to All Around Fencing Ltd. of Williams Lake.

Issue/Background Summary:

Strikers Slowpitch Team has been actively fundraising. They have identified the right field and left field fence lines/gates at Walker Island Ball Park as needing repairs and improvements. The fence line is currently only 4 feet high which is not ideal from a safety or operational perspective. The fencing upgrade has been identified by CCRD operations staff as a desirable upgrade to the Walker Island Ball Field.

The Strikers completed a site viewing and obtained a quote from a All Around Fencing Ltd., a chainlink fencing contractor that was in the Bella Coola Valley in 2019. The quote to remove the old fencing and install 315 feet of new 8' high fencing and two gates came to \$13,000 plus gst. CCRD staff have been supplied with a copy of the quote and a breakdown of costs. The contractor is available to complete the work prior to the May Long Weekend ball tournament. The Strikers Ball Team have \$9000.00 available to contribute to the project.



In accordance with CCRD Policy A-26 – Purchasing and Procurement, staff would typically seek a minimum of 3 quotes if possible, for this type of a project. This is difficult due to the lack of local chainlink fencing contractors. Strikers Ball Team were proactive in getting a quote in place while the contractor was in the Valley in 2019. The quote breakdown appears reasonable and will obtain value for money for the CCRD, especially since the Striker’s Ball Team is covering 2/3s of the project cost.

Policy, Bylaw or Legislation:

CCRD Policy A-26 – Purchasing and Procurement

Financial/Budgetary Implications:

This capital expense is accounted for in the CCRD draft budget.


Time Requirements – Staff and Elected Officials:

There will be some minor project management time involved to oversee the project. Strikers Ball Team will donate time as needed to help with organizing and completing the project.

Options to Consider:

1. Partner with the Strikers Slowpitch Team to undertake replacement of approximately 315 feet of chainlink fencing/gates at the Walker Island Park Ball Field and that CCRD’s contribution would be up to \$4500.00 plus gst towards a total project cost of \$13,000 plus gst.
2. Decline to partner with Strikers Slowpitch Ball Team and undertake fencing repairs and upgrades with CCRD financial resources.
3. Do not proceed with any repairs or upgrades.

Submitted by: 
Ken McIlwain, Operations Manager

Reviewed by: 
Courtney Kirk, Chief Administrative Officer

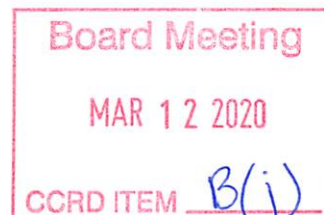
PROJECT UPDATE



Date: March 3, 2020
 To: Ken McIlwain, CCRD
 cc: Steve Dishkin, SD #49
 From: Jacob Scissons
 Subject: **DENNY ISLAND COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM
 PROJECT UPDATE – MARCH 2020**

The following is a summary of key project activities pertaining to next steps of the Denny Island Community Water System project. Milestone dates are provided for each action item.

Item	Discussion	Timeline
1.0	Permits and Approvals	
1.1	All review comments from Vancouver Coastal Health have been addressed and the <i>Water Supply System Construction Permit</i> with applicable conditions is being prepared.	March 2020
1.2	The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development <i>Conditional Water Licence</i> application for the Central Coast Regional District's proposed groundwater diversion has been submitted. The preliminary review by FrontCounter BC has been completed and a Water File No. has been assigned. The application has been passed along to Water Authorizations Staff for adjudication.	ongoing
1.3	Both of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure <i>Permits to Construct, Use, and Maintain Works Within the Right-of-Way of a Provincial Public Highway</i> have been issued, which reflect the revised pipe cover of 0.9 metres and are valid until September 30, 2020.	Info.
1.4	The Fisheries and Oceans Canada <i>Request for Review</i> and Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development <i>Water Sustainability Act Section 11 Notification</i> applications are pending.	March 2020
1.5	The Central Coast Regional District and School District #49 are drafting an agreement in support of the Vancouver Coastal Health <i>Operating Permit</i> .	April 2020
1.6	The design team is navigating complications between BC Hydro and Boralex regarding the regional transmission lines and local distribution lines to determine the preferred means of supplying power to the proposed water treatment plant.	ongoing



PROJECT UPDATE

Date: March 3, 2020
 File: 3383.0005.02
 Subject: DENNY ISLAND COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM
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Item	Discussion	Timeline
2.0	Legal Survey	
2.1	The statutory right-of-way for the reservoir has been posted and the right-of-way plan has been submitted to the Land Title Office. The right-of-way agreement is currently being prepared by the Province.	March 2020
3.0	Construction Status	
3.1	The reservoir assembly is complete and the record drawings, O&M manual, and warranty certificate have been provided. The tank will be commissioned once potable water is available to the site.	ongoing
3.2	Requests for Proposals / Quotations are being prepared for the next phases of work, consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supply and installation of a pre-engineered treatment plant to include treatment / disinfection equipment, system controls, HVAC, and safety equipment; and - Supply and installation of the piping between the water treatment plant and reservoir. 	March 2020

Sincerely,

URBAN SYSTEMS LTD.

Jacob Scissons, P.Eng.
 Project Manager

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*Public Health Engineering
Health Protection
#1200 – 601 West Broadway
Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 4C2*

March 6, 2020

Central Coast Regional District
626 Cliff Street
Bella Coola
BC V0T 1C0

(Attention: Mr. Ken McIlwain)

To Whom It May Concern:

**Water Distribution System for Denny Island community Water System
Water Supply System Construction Permit VCH-20-240**

Please find enclosed a Construction Permit issued under Section 7 of the Drinking Water Protection Act authorizing your waterworks construction. This Permit is valid for one year only and is non-transferable.

If you have any questions regarding this Permit, do not hesitate to contact me at the phone number or e-mail address noted below.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Wu", followed by a period.

Michael Wu, P. Eng., FEC
Public Health Engineer
telephone: 604-675-3860 e-mail: michael.wu@vch.ca

attachment

cc: John Pickles, DWO, VCH
Jacob Scissons, P.Eng., Urban Systems Ltd, Kamloops, BC

Water Supply System Construction Permit

No. VCH – 20 – 240

TO: Central Coast Regional District

FOR: Water distribution system Denny Island Community Water System

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT INFORMATION: construction permit application and cover letter dated February 14, 2020, drawing sheet Coo to sheet 14 of Project 4410.0001.01 (all of Rev 1)

PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY: Urban Systems Ltd, Kamloops, BC

PORTRAYING: proposed installation of a new water distribution system for Denny Island, works includes:

- Approx 2750m of 200mm HDPE DR21 watermain c/w appurtenances
- 25mm polyethylene water service connections to water meter pits at property line

and submitted in accordance with Section 7 of the Drinking Water Protection Act have been reviewed and the proposed work on the construction, alteration or extension may be commenced in accordance with the approved plans.

This document grants authorization under Section 7 (Construction permits and requirements for water supply systems) of the Drinking Water Protection Act only, and does not constitute permission or consent under any other Act or authority.

This permit is subject to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Schedule One.

March 6, 2020

DATE ISSUED



Michael Wu, P.Eng., FEC
Public Health Engineer
Vancouver Coastal Health

Schedule One - Water Supply System Construction Permit No. VCH – 20 – 240

The following Terms and Conditions form part of this Water Supply System Construction Permit:

1. Self-draining, lockable yard hydrants or blow-off valves to be installed at deadends of the water system.
2. Water sampling stations or yard hydrants to be installed at locations acceptable to the Drinking Water Officer.
3. This Permit applies specifically to the works as herein approved. Any subsequent changes to the design require the submission of amended drawings to the Public Health Engineer and approval before installation of the amended works. Approval of the works in this Permit is not to be construed as approval of any existing works in the remainder of the water system.
4. It is the responsibility of the Owner of the water system to ensure that, following completion of construction or repair, all new works are adequately disinfected in accordance with the appropriate AWWA standard or equivalent. After disinfection, the water must be tested for bacteriological quality by a lab accredited by the BC Provincial Health Officer and satisfactory results obtained before the works are placed in service. A copy of the final test results is to be sent to the Drinking Water Officer.

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Central Coast Regional District

Centennial Pool Commission

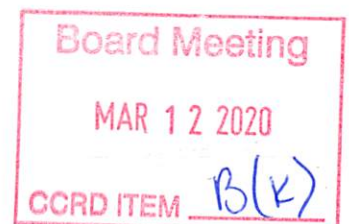
Board Meeting Minutes

3 March 2020

Present: C. Nygaard, C. Hoppe, N. Koroluk, J. Cole

1. Bylaw No. 488 (Pool Rates)
Admission fees and user rates were discussed and adjusted. (See attached schedule)
2. Policy A-12(b) (Pay Scale)
Hourly pay rates were discussed and adjusted to reflect the increase in minimum wage rise later this spring. (See attached schedule)
3. Policy A-12(c) (Payment during Training)
The Board reviewed the policy as amended on 8 June 2017 and decided no changes need to be made at this time.

Next Meeting Tuesday 7 April at 5:30 pm
School Board Office



Centennial Pool Commission

Board Meeting Minutes

18 February 2020

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FEB 25 2020
Central Coast Regional District

Present: N. Koroluk, C. Nygaard, C. Hoppe, J. Cole

1. Policy A-12

Corrections and changes were made to the current document. See revised version, attached.

2. Ads for 2020 Season

Ads for all positions at the pool for this summer should be sent to Coast Mountain News and NLS asap. Nicola will contact Cheryl with dates for 2020.

2. Pool Opening

The Commission is aiming to open the pool to the public on 18 May.

3. Training

Nicola will contact Red Cross re staff certification.

Next meeting

Tuesday 3 March at 5:30 PM
School Board Office

Items to be considered: pay scale. Rate structure, training policy



REQUEST FOR DECISION

To: Courtney Kirk, CAO
CC: Board of Directors, CCRD
From: Ken McIlwain, Operations Manager
Meeting Date: March 12, 2020
Subject: Centennial Pool Upgrade Update

Recommendation:

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

Issue/Background Summary:


A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued in December 2019, inviting proponents to submit a proposal for the upgrade of the Centennial Pool in Hagensborg. No proposals were received by the closing date of February 11, 2020.

Based on feedback from interested parties, there was a reluctance to invest the time and energy in developing and costing a complex proposal, when there was no guarantee of work.

The timeline associated with the initial RFP was designed to allow for selection of a proponent before the end of February in an effort to meet Northern Development Initiative Trust's (NDIT) deadline for project progression. Following the RFP outcome, a phone meeting was held with NDIT to secure an extension for the funding.

Staff are currently engaging with a pool consultant, reviewing project delivery options and preparing for another round of procurement.

Submitted by: 
Ken McIlwain, Operations Manager

Reviewed by: 
Courtney Kirk, Chief Administrative Officer

Board Meeting
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CCRD ITEM B(1)



CCRD SERVICE REPORT

To: Courtney Kirk, CAO
From: Ken McIlwain, Operations Manager
Meeting Date: March 12, 2020
Subject: BELLA COOLA AIRPORT AND FACILITIES SERVICE UPDATE

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receives the Bella Coola Airport and Facilities Service Report dated March 12, 2020.

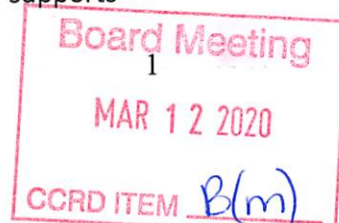
Service Background:

The CCRD is responsible for provision of the Bella Coola Airport and Facilities Service to electoral areas C, D and E. Originally established under Supplementary Letters Patent as a function of the Regional District in 1972, the CCRD undertook to convert the function to a service of the CCRD through Bylaw No. 410, adopted April 12th, 2012, with electoral areas C, D and E as participants.

The service is managed by the CCRD Operations Department with oversight from the CCRD CAO and Board of Directors. For regulatory purposes the CAO acts as the Accountable Executive and the Operations Manager is also the Airport Manager. The Operations Assistant acts as the Safety Management System Co-ordinator. A contract Airport Attendant carries out daily duties including inspections and wildlife control.

The airside infrastructure managed under the Airport and Facilities Service includes a 1280 m (4200') by 30 m (100') paved runway with two taxiways and an apron, a LL100 Av Gas fueling facility, and a baggage/freight handling area. The landside infrastructure includes a passenger terminal, five leased spaces in the passenger terminal, lease lots, a parking lot, a children's play area/green space and the CCRD Winter Maintenance Facility/Office.

The airport runway, taxiways and aprons are in relatively good condition, although resurfacing will likely be required within the next decade. The airport currently supports



daily scheduled air service to Vancouver International Airport – South Terminal. Currently the Bella Coola Airport supplies service to approximately 11,000 passengers on an annual basis. The Bella Coola Airport currently operates under an Authorization from Transport Canada. The presence of significant obstacles in the airport approaches and deficiencies in the Safety Management System led to the surrendering of the Airport Operating Certificate in 2017. Obstacles have now been removed and once upgrades to the Airport Safety Management System and associated audits are complete, the CCRD will be in a position to request the return of the Airport Operating Certificate.

In 2016 the CCRD commissioned the development of the Bella Coola Airport Master Plan. It was completed in February of 2017. The Master Plan is a guiding document that will assist the CCRD in making operational and capital investment decisions over a 10 to 20-year time horizon.

The Master Plan addresses Aircraft Safety, Airport Capacity, Forecast Demand, Regional Planning, Revenue, Groundside Activities and Land Uses. The planning process included an analysis of existing infrastructure to help determine investment priorities. Stakeholder consultations were completed to gain insight from residents and stakeholders around opportunities and areas where improvement is desired. An Airport Land Use Plan was completed to provide a framework for to guide future development at the airport over the long term (e.g., 20 years).

2019 revenue sources (unaudited) for the Bella Coola Airport service were:

- Passenger User Fees - \$153,168
- Landing Fees - \$26,348
- Ground Leases - \$7,431
- Terminal Rental - \$28,264
- Fuel Surcharge - \$9,434
- LL100 Fuel Sales - \$19,223
- Provincial Basic Grant - \$7,352
- Timber Sales (**one-time revenue**) - \$54,497
- BC Hydro Trees (**one-time revenue**) - \$3,800
- BCAAP and Rural Dividend Grants (**one-time revenue**) - \$115,996

Quarterly [or Bi-Annual or Annual] Highlights:

- Snow plowing expenses were considerable in January and February and the budget will be adjusted to reflect the higher than normal snow removal costs in 2020.
- Fertilizer use for de-icing of the runway has been approximately double that used last winter.
- Staff have been working on updating the:
 1. Airport Operations Manual
 2. Airport Wildlife Management Plan
 3. Airport Emergency Response Manual

4. Airport Safety Management System

- The heavy snowfall ripped the snow stops off the baggage area of the terminal building and damaged sections of gutter. The damage was such that a section of roof requires replacing. An insurance claim was initiated and temporary patches put in place until weather conditions are favourable for roofing work.

Grant Funded Projects Administered Under the Service:

The CCRD has received funding from the province under the BC Air Access Program (BCAAP) to complete obstacle removal at the Bella Coola Airport. Two separate grants have been awarded under BCAAP. The obstacle removal work started in 2017 and was completed in the fall/winter of 2019. The BCAAP funding was supplemented by funding from Northern Development Initiative Trust and BC Rural Dividend Fund. Most of the BCAAP funding has been expended. Several thousand dollars remain which will be used for clean-up of cleared areas. The project is expected to conclude in late spring of 2020.

In March of 2018, the CCRD received \$392,282 in grant funding from BC Rural Dividend Program for the Bella Coola Airport Tourism and Capacity Enhancement Project. In addition to helping with obstacle removal, the funding has paid for trail development, a play area and green spaces at the airport. Further projects to be completed with this funding include a cultural piece at the airport, lot development and further trail enhancement. The funding is currently budgeted between the Airport, Economic Development and Parks and Recreation services. The Rural Dividend funded projects are scheduled to be completed by late fall of 2020.

Feasibility Studies Authorized Under the Service:

N/A

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

Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal 3	Improving Our Infrastructure – <i>Investing in Safe and Sustainable Public Works and Services</i>			
Action	Priority	Sponsor	Target	Completion/Comments

BCV Airport Certification Approval	#1	CAO/PW	3 rd Q/19	In Progress – Obstacle removal complete. Update of Airport Operations Manual and Safety Management System is underway.
BCV Airport Lease Property Opportunities Review	#2	CAO/PW	4 th Q/19	No progress. Certification prioritized.
Develop BCV Airport Management Plan (day to day management, human resourcing) and implementation strategy	#1	CAO/PW	4 th Q/19 ASAP 4 th Q/2021	Part time Operations Assistant in place for 2020 to help with certification paperwork and invoicing.
Review Region Wide Air Service Needs (i.e. Harmonize Air Services to Denny Island, Bella Bella, BCV Airports and Anahim)	#1	Board / CAO / PW/C EDO	On Going	

Financial/Budgetary:

Total Service Budget (Including Grants):

Total 2019 Revenues: \$427,448 (including special project grant revenues)

Percent total expenditures to December 31, 2019: 76%

Budget (Timber Sales, Basic Provincial Grant, User Fees, Lease/Rental Revenue, Fuel Surcharge and Fuel Sales) **without grant revenues or expenditures:**

Subtotal 2019 Revenues: \$307,652 (excluding special project grant revenues)

Percent total expenditures to December 31, 2019: 91.4 %

Grant Funded Special Projects

The following are 2019 Grant Funded Special Projects revenue and expenditures for BC Airport.

- 1) Special Project: BC Rural Dividend - Bella Coola Airport : Tourism and Capacity Enhancement Initiative #201802003 - RD Project Management Lot-development (502451-210)

Total Grant Revenue: 2019 Revenue – 6,650

Revenue	
Received	135,382
Spent 2018	83,230
Deferred to 2019	52,152
Spent 2019	6,650
Deferred to 2020	45,502

- 2) Special Project: Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure - BC Air Access Program - Obstacle Removal and Certification Project at Bella Coola Airport #067OA108635

Total Grant Revenue: 2019 Revenue – \$109,346

Total revenue 2018	\$289,532
Spent 2019	\$96,216
Revenue Received	\$96,216 Nov 21, 2019
Receivables	\$13,130 Dec 31, 2019 (haven't claimed yet)
Total revenue 2019	\$109,346
Balance to spend 2020	\$3,573

Notes on Financial Variance:

The 2019 budget was slightly underspent due to:

- Runway maintenance was underspent by \$9,000 because the crack sealing was not completed.
- Snow clearing in 2019 was under budget by \$10,000
- The consulting fee budget was underspent by \$34,000 due to delays in achieving obstacle free status which in turn delayed the Safety Management System update and auditing process.

Staff are still progressing the budgeting process for 2020. The following items are areas of concern for the 2020 budget:

- Higher than normal snow removal costs for Jan and Feb 2020.
- Insurance deductible of \$2500 for roof repairs to terminal.

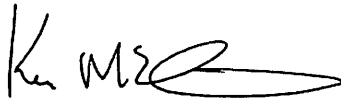
- Increased usage of runway de-icing chemical.
- Increased mowing costs associated with much larger airport footprint.
- Accommodating adequate funding for crack sealing of runway, taxiways and apron.
- Repairs and code upgrades needed in Airport Terminal Building interior.

Apportioned Administration Reflecting Time Requirements – Staff and Elected Officials:

Apportioning administrative (operational) costs to each service the CCRD operates is a requirement under the *Local Government Act* s. 379(1). The CCRD calculates apportioned administration using a two pronged formula that considers:

- an estimate of staff time dedicated to a particular service (estimated from an average of approximate time spent the preceding year and time contemplated for the upcoming year); as well as
- an allocation of the combined total costs of Board governance, yearly audit and financial services, insurance and core administrative overhead (i.e. office space and supplies).

The total apportioned administration costs determined for CCRD’s Bella Coola Airport and Facilities Service was calculated to be \$85,715.00 for 2020 and incorporated as such into the CCRD Five Year Financial Plan 2020-2024.

Respectfully Submitted by: 

 Ken McIlwain, RPF

Reviewed by: _____
 Courtney Kirk, Chief Administrative Officer



CCRD SERVICE REPORT

To: Courtney Kirk, CAO
From: Ken McIlwain, Operations Manager
Meeting Date: March 12, 2020
Subject: DENNY ISLAND AIRPORT OPERATION AND FACILITIES SERVICE UPDATE

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receives the Denny Island Airport and Facilities Service Report dated March 12, 2020.

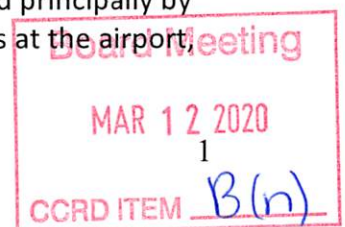
Service Background:

The CCRD is responsible for provision of the Denny Island Airport Operation and Facilities Service to electoral area A. In 1992, the Central Coast Regional District established the service with Bylaw No. 188 under the provisions of Section 790 of the Municipal Act.

The service is administered by CCRD staff (Operations and Finance) with oversight and decision making from the CCRD CAO and Board of Directors. The Denny Island Airport Operations and Management Commission, established under Bylaw No. 470 has the responsibility to review and make recommendations regarding leases, budgeting, grant applications, airport improvements, airport revenues, marketing, airport development planning, rates and charges and other matters as requested by the Central Coast Regional District from time to time.

The Denny Island Aerodrome (CYJQ) is situated on Denny Island at an elevation of 49m ASL. This Registered Aerodrome features a 2954' (900m) long asphalt runway, a small taxiway, apron and rustic terminal building. The aerodrome is limited to daytime Visual Flight Rules (VFR) operations.

There is no scheduled air service to Denny Island and the aerodrome is used principally by private and charter aircraft. There are no refueling or maintenance facilities at the airport.



however fuel is available at Shearwater Marina and Resort, located approximately 2km to the Northwest.

2019 revenue sources (unaudited) for the Denny Island Airport Service were:

- Tax Levy - \$9,973
- Landing Fees - \$2,100

Quarterly [or Bi-Annual or Annual] Highlights:

- Crack sealing of the runway, taxiway and apron asphalt surfaces has been completed.
- Sweeping of the runway surface was completed in 2019.
- The CCRD Operations Dept. prepared and submitted an application to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing under the Infrastructure Planning Grant Program for funding to undertake the Denny Island Airport Terminal/Maintenance Facility Design & Feasibility Study.

Grant Funded Projects Administered Under the Service:

There are currently no active grant funded projects at the Denny Island Aerodrome.

Feasibility Studies Authorized Under the Service:

An application has been submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing under the Infrastructure Planning Grant Program for funding to undertake the Denny Island Airport Terminal/Maintenance Facility Design & Feasibility Study.

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

Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal 3	Improving Our Infrastructure – Investing in Safe and Sustainable Public Works and Services			
Action	Priority	Sponsor	Target	Completion/Comments
Review Region Wide Air Service Needs (i.e. Harmonize Air Services to Denny Island, Bella Bella, BCV Airports and Anahim)	#1	Board /CAO / PW/C EDO	On Going	

Financial/Budgetary:

Total Service Budget (Including Grants):

Total 2019 Revenues: \$12,073

Percent total expenditures to December 31, 2019: 45%

Budget without grant revenues or expenditures:

Subtotal 2019 Revenues: \$12,073 (excluding special project grant revenues)

Percent total expenditures to December 31, 2019: 45%

Grant Funded Special Projects

There are currently no grant funded projects underway.

Notes on Financial Variance:

The 2019 budget was underspent due to:

- Crack sealing was budgeted for in 2019 and the project was started, however the work was not completed until early 2020, so the project cost will be incurred under the 2020 budget.

Staff are still progressing the budgeting process for 2020. The following items are areas of concern for the 2020 budget:


- Brushing work along the runway should be accommodated for in the 2020 budget.

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The total apportioned administration costs determined for the Denny Island Airport Operation and Facilities Service is calculated to be \$1,649.00 for 2020 and incorporated as such into the CCRD Five Year Financial Plan 2020-2024.

Respectfully Submitted by: 

Ken McIlwain, RPF

Reviewed by: _____
Courtney Kirk, Chief Administrative Officer

To: Central Coast Regional District
Bella Coola, B. C.

February 11,2020

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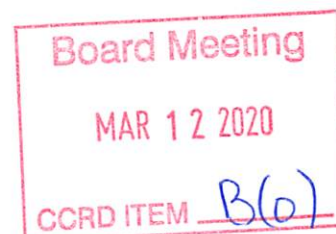
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Central Coast Regional District

Attention: Board

Re:Tom & Dolores Vosburgh
Vosburgh Farms - Firvale
4275 Mackenzie Hwy 20



We have 100+ acre farm and lease the 100+ acre farm to the west of ours. We raise cattle for beef, hay , and between the two farms have one of the largest fruit orchards in the valley. We graze our cattle on all of the land that is not in hay crop.

At the east of the property there is a creek (Ratliff Creek/Firvale Creek)which runs from the mountain on the North side of the valley. This creek blows out when we have extreme heavy rain in a short period. It is across the road to the North from the school bus turnaround (which is on our property). The creek runs under the highway through two large culverts and on down to the Bella Coola River. When the creek blows out it deposits approximately 2000 cubic meters of rock and debris, and causes erosion to the East of the property on the North side of the highway at the base of the mountain. That property is 4330 Mackenzie Hwy 20. It has a house on it that is in direct line of creek. A Geotech from Ministry of Transportation told me 3 years ago , that it could be as few as two more events that it would take out the house. This property changed hands about a year ago (as it has many times in recent years). The new property owners were made aware of this fact and purchased regardless. They were not from Bella Coola and obviously had no idea of the power and force when this creek does blow out and obvious inevitable results. October 25,2019 we had such an event and the creek

blewout ,depositing a couple thousand cubic metres of rock and debris on the North side of the Highway and roaring through the culverts ,a small amount came West onto our property, which we have done our best to ditch and handle the overflow. After this wake up call the new owners hired an excavator owned and operated by Tim Case (from Firvale)and did a major excavation redirecting the creek above them up the mountain to the West to protect their home. The result of this was not good! We had another heavy rain and blowout in November 16,2019. Not one gallon of water went down the old route and through the culverts, it all came west overland and underground roaring onto our farm. It took out a road we have to our grazing area (below the highway), took out two irrigation dams, eroded a section of fence , plugged our culverts and left a portion of our hayfield covered in wood, debris and silt.

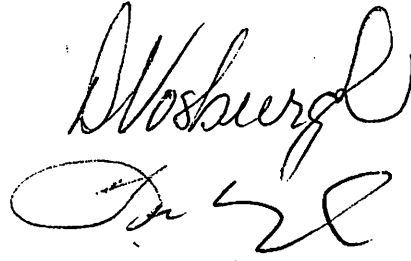
This creek has to be put back in its original path(and should not be payed for by the taxpayers) no water will go where it used to again. This will cause major highway washout and damage to our farm.

A friend called me this week and asked me if I had checked out website for Firvale Wilderness Camp. What the heck! I thought this should require re-zoning. I thought a study should have to be done due to the proximity of this water shoot. I thought neighboring properties had a say in re-zoning . A Tourist Lodge does not fit in this location, we will have a constant battle with trespassing to the river and the properties in general.

We are not against tourism in the valley and recognize the opportunities it is bringing to the community. We feel that it is not right for someone to move to the valley and do what they want without any regards as to their impact on a 100+ year farming community. We also thought that the Nuxalk would have some say in these ventures.

Please advise us of any actions that the Regional Board can take to resolve this issue. We look forward to your response ASAP.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vosburgh" on the top line and "Tom & Dolores" on the bottom line. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thank you,
Tom & Dolores Vosburgh



December 6, 2019

Ken McIlwain
Central Coast Regional District
PO Box 186
Bella Coola, BC
V0T 1C0

Dear Ken,

Thank you for applying to the *BC Hydro Community ReGreening Grant* program. We at Tree Canada – a non-profit organization dedicated to planting and nurturing trees in urban areas across Canada – are proud to support your efforts.

We are also grateful to count on the dedication of individual and corporate donors who believe in our mission and contribute to our programs. As such, we would like to recognize BC Hydro for their steadfast support and ask that you consider writing to our sponsor to thank them, and encourage them to continue with their support of our programs. An email can be sent to:

Duncan Isberg: duncan.isberg@bchydro.com

Since we rely on partners like you to ensure communities are made aware of the assistance we provide, we encourage you to add treecanada.ca to your municipal website and to follow us on social media. If you prefer, you can connect your Communications Department to ours by reaching out to cdoherly@treecanada.ca. We would also be grateful to receive photos or an update as your projects continue to evolve.

Thank you for helping to create a greener and healthier living environment.

Yours truly,

Danielle St-Aubin, MBA
Chief Executive Officer

cc Samuel Schooner, Municipal Chair

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CITY OF PORT MOODY

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

February 4, 2020

To All BC Municipalities,

On January 14, 2020, at a Regular Meeting of Council, Port Moody City Council passed the following resolution:

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

WHEREAS the City of Port Moody has recognized and has demonstrated over the past years its commitment to the importance of healthy citizens as the foundation of a healthy, engaged, and economically vibrant community;

AND WHEREAS the over 3 million Canadians, including many in our local communities, don't take medicines prescribed by their doctors because they can't afford them;

AND WHEREAS Canada is currently the ONLY country with a National Medicare Program that does not have a National Pharmacare Program;

AND WHEREAS the risk of having no insurance for medicines is high among lower income Canadians which includes the service industry, precarious working, and seasonal workers;

AND WHEREAS studies show that adding a National Pharmacare Program to our National Health Care System would lower costs to businesses by over \$8 billion per year, providing Canadian companies competitive advantages in international trade;

AND WHEREAS recent research confirms that these gains can be achieved with little or no increase in public investment;

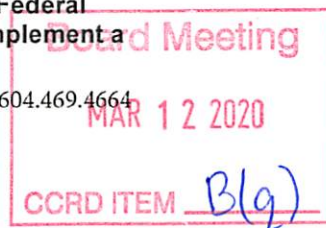
AND WHEREAS municipal government expenses for employee benefits would be significantly reduced by a National Pharmacare Program;

AND WHEREAS a national prescription drug formulary would support better quality prescribing, including reducing dangerous and inappropriate prescribing to Canadian seniors;

AND WHEREAS a National Pharmacare plan is a sound policy, both economically and socially, the City of Port Moody express its support for the creation of a National Pharmacare program as an extension of Canadian Medicare, since health and economic studies now show that such as policy would improve health in municipalities, give local businesses a competitive advantage in the global marketplace, and lower costs for municipal government on taxpayers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Port Moody call on the Federal Government to work with the provinces and territories to develop and implement a

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Universal Public National Pharmacare program as one of the first orders of business after the 2019 election;

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

Attached is the letter that the City of Port Moody sent to the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health requesting the Federal Government to start working with the provinces and territories to develop and implement a Universal Public National Pharmacare Program.

We hope that you will join the City of Port Moody and write to the Minister of Health to support the creation of a National Pharmacare Program for all Canadians.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



**Mayor Rob Vagramov
City of Port Moody**

Attachments:

1. Letter dated February 4, 2020 to the Minister of Health regarding National Pharmacare Program
2. Report dated December 17, 2019 from Councillor Amy Lubik regarding Supporting Universal National Pharmacare



CITY OF PORT MOODY

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

February 4, 2020

Email: hcmminister.ministresc@canada.ca

Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health Canada
Address Locator 0900C2
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9

To Honourable Patty Hajdu,

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Port Moody call on the Federal Government to work with the provinces and territories to develop and implement a Universal Public National Pharmacare program as one of the first orders of business after the 2019 election;

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

With the costs of housing, food, and livability increasing daily, having the expense of medications adds another burden to peoples financial means. This can mean hard choices between medications and other needs and/or improper use of medications, especially for folks working in precarious employment sectors.

A recent study found that over 300,000 people had additional doctor visits, 93,000 had to go to the emergency department and 26,000 people were admitted to hospital – all because they couldn't pay for their medications. That creates a significant burden on the health care system, one that we can alleviate with a national drug plan.

The Pharmacare Program has been an initiative supported by the majority of Canadians, but it has yet to come to pass despite support from at least three federal parties. Health and wealth inequalities are growing across Canada and impact Port Moody residents, including a growing elder population; British Columbians may be hardest hit by lack of universal coverage, despite recent changes to provincial drug coverage, as demonstrated in a 2018 cross-institutional study.

Port Moody City Council is calling on the Canadian Minister of Health, for the second time, to create a Universal Public National Pharmacare program.

Regards,



Mayor Rob Vagramov
City of Port Moody

CC: British Columbia Municipalities



Report to Council

From the Office of Councillor Amy Lubik

Date: December 17, 2019
 Subject: Supporting Universal National Pharmacare

Purpose

To ask that the City of Port Moody Write to the Federal Government in support of the implementation of a national pharmacare strategy as a priority following the 2019 election.

Recommendation

WHEREAS, The City of Port Moody has recognized and has demonstrated over the past years its commitment to the importance of healthy citizens as the foundation of a healthy, engaged and economically vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, The over 3 million Canadians, including many in our local communities, don't take medicines prescribed by their doctors because they can't afford them; and
WHEREAS, Canada is currently the ONLY country with a National Medicare Program that does not have a National Pharmacare Program; and

WHEREAS, The risk of having no insurance for medicines is high among lower income Canadians which includes the service industry, precarious working and seasonal workers; and

WHEREAS, The studies show that adding a National Pharmacare Program to our National Health Care System would lower costs to businesses by over \$8 billion per year, providing Canadian companies competitive advantages in international trade; and
WHEREAS, The recent research confirms that these gains can be achieved with little or no increase in public investment; and

WHEREAS, Municipal government expenses for employee benefits would be significantly reduced by a National Pharmacare Program; and

WHEREAS, A national prescription drug formulary would support better quality prescribing, including reducing dangerous and inappropriate prescribing to Canadian seniors; and

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studies now show that such as policy would improve health in municipalities, give local businesses a competitive advantage in the global marketplace and lower costs for municipal government on taxpayers; therefore be it

BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Port Moody call on the Federal Government to work with the provinces and territories to develop and implement a Universal Public National Pharmacare program as one of the first orders of business after the 2019 election.

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

Background

In 2017, the City of Port Moody wrote to the federal government to support the development of a Nation Pharmacare program (**attachment 1**); this has been initiative supported by the majority of Canadians, but it has yet to come to pass despite support from at least three major parties. Growing health and wealth inequalities impact Port Moody residents, including a growing elder population; BC residents may be hardest hit by lack of universal coverage, despite recent changes to provincial drug coverage, as demonstrated in a 2018 cross-institutional study <https://www.myprincegeorgenow.com/68282/bc-residents-struggling-afford-prescription-drugs/>. Studies have shown that 88% of Canadians support universal medicare as a component of our universal health care system, as was summarized in a brief to the house of commons <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Content/Committee/421/HESA/Brief/BR8352162/br-external/AngusReidInstitute-e.pdf>.

As Port Moody moves into budget season, it makes sense to push for policies from other sphere of government that will take pressure off of our residents, and indeed off of our corporate coffers, as [studies from the Columbia Institute and Canadian Doctors for Medicare](#) have calculated that local governments across Canada would save millions if such a system was in place, which is why it has been endorsed by the Surrey Board of Trade and the [BC Chamber of Commerce](#).

Now is an opportune time for local governments to remind the federal government that a national pharmacare strategy needs to be a priority.

Discussion

Writings from the [Canadian Labour Congress demonstrate why national universal pharmacare would benefit our residents, our city as a corporation, and small businesses:](#)

Finally, some good news for [the millions of Canadians](#) who have to choose between paying for groceries or their prescription medications.

Canada's Advisory Council on the Implementation of National Pharmacare has laid out a clear path for public, single-payer, universal pharmacare in its [final report](#).

“The time for universal, single-payer, public pharmacare has come,” writes Dr. Eric Hoskins, the Council’s chair. “This is our generation’s national project: better access to the medicines we need, improved health outcomes and a fairer and more sustainable prescription medicine system.”

This is the unfinished business of medicare, as envisioned by the late Tommy Douglas. As Saskatchewan’s seventh premier, Mr. Douglas pioneered North America’s first universal, single-payer health care system. It would become a cornerstone of Canada’s social safety net and a key pillar of our nation.

We know that a fair society must be one in which every person has the opportunity to succeed and to thrive... we believe that universal, public pharmacare is a necessary step towards greater fairness.

As [numerous studies](#) have shown, millions of Canadians are struggling to afford to pay for their prescription medications. One study found that nearly a million Canadians sacrificed basic needs such as food, and close to a quarter of a million people gave up heating their homes. This lack of affordability is hurting not only people’s health and well-being, but the [economic strength of our communities](#).

The new report demonstrates that every family will save, on average, \$350 per year on medications. It also points out that the average business owner will save about \$750 per employee. That will open up capacity for businesses to increase wages, or expand other types of coverage, including for dental and vision care. It also supports small businesses that find it difficult to compete for workers when they can’t afford to offer drug coverage.

There will be an upfront cost, specifically at the outset, but as time goes on, the money our provincial health care systems will save will be significant. A [recent study](#) found that over 300,000 people had additional doctor visits, 93,000 had to go to the emergency department and 26,000 people were admitted to hospital – all because they couldn’t pay for their medications. That creates a significant burden on the health care system, one that we can alleviate with a national drug plan.

Other Option(s)

THAT the report dated November 12, 2019 from Councillor Amy Lubik regarding Supporting Universal National Pharmacare be received for information.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications related to this report.

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

There are no communications or civic engagement initiatives required by the recommendations in this report.

Attachment(s)

1. Delegation Application regarding Pharmacare from May 15, 2018 City of Port Moody Committee of the Whole Meeting

Councillors

R. Bruce Banman
Les Barkman
Sandy Blue
Kelly Chahal



CITY OF ABBOTSFORD
Mayor, Henry Braun

Councillors

Brenda Falk
Dave Loewen
Patricia Ross
Ross Siemens

February 25, 2020

File: 0530-03

Via email

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: City of Abbotsford Resolution - Development Cost Charges (DCC) Bylaw and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) Infrastructure

At the February 24, 2020 Executive Meeting of Council, Abbotsford City Council endorsed a resolution in support of the Development Cost Charges (DCC) Bylaw and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) Infrastructure for submission to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for consideration at their annual convention this year.

On behalf of Abbotsford City Council, I am requesting your favourable consideration and support for this resolution should this resolution be accepted for debate at the 2020 Annual Convention of UBCM.

Resolution - Development Cost Charges (DCC) Bylaw and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) Infrastructure

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing administers the approval of the Development Cost Charges Bylaw for local municipalities and has rejected the inclusion of local governments capital costs for Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure highway interchanges on the basis that the local government does not own the aforementioned tangible capital asset;

AND WHEREAS The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure expects up to 33% of highway interchange capital costs be paid for by the local municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC provide for local governments to be able to include their portion of the capital cost for Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure interchanges in their Development Cost Charges Bylaw or that Ministry of Transportation fully fund capital costs for all MOTI owned Interchange projects.

We look forward to your support on this matter.

Yours truly,

Henry Braun
Mayor

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Council Members

Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia

Honourable Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, BC

Honourable Darryl Plecas, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, MLA Abbotsford South

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Central Coast Regional District

Dear Chair Samuel Schooner and Board,

We want to express our appreciation to the Central Coast Regional District for the ongoing opportunity to engage with you, and to keep you abreast of our group's continued efforts to improve the flow of information around the possibility of HWD conversion to the CCRD.

We are aware that a couple of the HWD trustees have been making efforts to brand us a small group of disgruntled former trustees who are opposed to conversion just for the sake of being difficult. The fact of the matter is that we share the same concerns as a large proportion Hagensborg ratepayers, and we have background that puts us in a position to lead those who may be feeling disenfranchised by the conversion process.

Having reviewed the recording of your regular December meeting, in particular the discussion that ensued after we'd left, we feel the need to underscore that we are not in conflict with the Hagensborg Water District directors. However, we do have serious concerns around their transparency and quality of the message you may be receiving from them. In short, the purpose of our two presentations to the CCRD has been to draw your attention to important facts relating to how the conversion process is being undertaken by those in positions of trust.

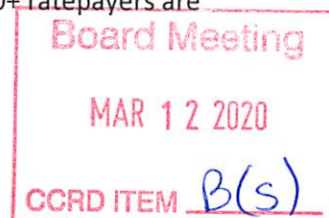
In reviewing the recording of the December 2019 Central Coast Regional District meeting and the subsequent discussion by the board that followed our presentation, we want to assure you that we are not in conflict with the Hagensborg Water District, we just have serious concerns around their handling of the conversion process and the quality of the message you may be receiving from them. In short, the purpose of our presentations to the CCRD has been to open your eyes to the debacle the conversion process has been to date, and if things do not go as anticipated, there will be no room for plausible deniability on anyone's part. In fact, it is our understanding that the CCRD will only continue to pursue conversion if the process is transparent and above reproach.

To this end, we have created a web page, www.hwdratepayer.ca, in order to expand our efforts as engaged ratepayers around the dissolution process being undertaken by the Hagensborg Waterworks District Board of Trustees. Our goal is to provide a truthful measure of how many ratepayers feel around the idea of dissolution and conversion. This is in response to

- ☐ the lack of information ratepayers have received from our own board
- ☐ the confusion, mixed messaging, and poor handling of the one directive from ratepayers that trustees were legally obligated to carry out (binding referendum? opinion poll?)

Should the CCRD choose to continue its own dialogue with the Hagensborg Water District around the creation of a service area, we feel there needs to be an understanding that:

- ☐ Despite a loaded referendum question asking ratepayers if they were in favour of accepting a grant of \$3.8 million dollars, half of ratepayers that voted rejected that opportunity.
- ☐ Despite the messaging of one trustee, it is not safe to say that approximately all 200+ ratepayers are in of support conversion.



☒ Further discussion between the CCRD and the Hagensborg Water District should be fully transparent, include all members of both boards, be open to the ratepayers, and include opportunities for questions by ratepayers.

Again, with the event of possible dissolution and conversion of the Hagensborg Water District, we wish to point out that if you choose to move forward on the conversion proposal, you do so in the knowledge that we are a considerably split, disenfranchised, and confused group of 200+ ratepayers.

We want the CCRD to understand that you may be positioning yourselves to move forward based on unfounded assurances that there is overwhelming support, and on information contained in a lack-luster conversion review that:

- ☒ was rushed
- ☒ was commissioned without a tendering process
- ☒ is potentially biased, considering Mr Tarves' previous associations
- ☒ lacked input from the public
- ☒ was presented in one public meeting where questions were limited and went largely unanswered

In conclusion, we reiterate that we are not in conflict with our own representatives, nor are we looking for mediation. Our goal has been to help the CCRD understand the complex issues currently facing ratepayers within the Hagensborg Water District. For further information about the work we are doing to promote good local governance, we invite you to visit our web page.

Thank-you once again, for your ongoing engagement with us.

Sincerely,

Hagensborg Water Ratepayers Group

Hagensborg Water Ratepayers Group

January 30, 2020

Dear Ratepayers, Hagensborg resident(s),

You may be receiving this update from our group because you live in Hagensborg or you are receiving this update because you originally participated by signing our petition during our door-to-door discussions around the Hagensborg Water District's ongoing proposal to permanently dissolve the Hagensborg Water District and become a service area under the Central Coast Regional District in order to accept a one-time grant of approximately \$3.8 million. We wanted to share our appreciation for you taking the time to both listen and share your concerns with us as fellow ratepayers.

In total, over 160 Hagensborg interested individuals/ratepayers representing approximately 118 households within the HWD boundaries signed the petition. This petition was submitted to the Hagensborg Water District prior to its conducting its hurried opinion poll the last two weeks of November after holding only one public meeting regarding the possibility of permanently dissolving our water district ending it after 55 years of existence.

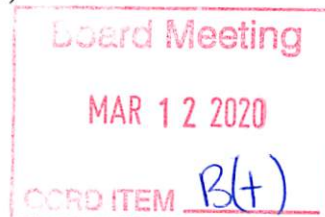
We had hoped that the presentation of the petition would give the Board of Trustees an understanding that there was need for more information and greater discussion and engagement with ratepayers. *Although we do not believe that all trustees share the same level of commitment to dissolution, the opinion poll/ referendum saw a result of 68 in favour dissolving and 63 not in favour. However, this referendum/opinion poll is non-binding.*

Concerns around the Referendum Process

- (1) Mixed messaging from trustees – some trustees have said it was nothing more than an opinion poll. Others trustees seem to believe that such a close vote with only 51% of the total ratepayers participating is a mandate to dissolve and give all our assets (over 1 million in finances, a fire truck and fire hall) to the CCRD,
- (2) Presented a 'loaded' question – instead of just asking if ratepayers were in favour of permanently dissolving the Hagensborg Water District they asked if we were in favour of dissolving to accept a one-time only grant,
- (3) The timeline of the referendum was hurried with only a two-week window for ballots to be returned. We know of ratepayers who live outside of the valley that received their ballot too late to have their voice heard.
- (4) Trustees at their last public meeting in October did not seem to agree on who should and should not receive a ballot.
- (5) Our understanding the criteria was:

Household Members	Names on Title	Parcels of land	Num. of Ballots
(2) spouses	Both	One	1 ballot
(2) spouses	Both	Two	2 ballots
(2) spouses	One on each	Two	2 ballots
(2) spouses	Both on one/one on other	Two	2 ballots
(1) Ratepayer	One	One or more	1 ballot

- (6) However, we know of several examples where the above criteria was not applied
- (7) We know of examples where individuals who historically have received a water bill but live on land or share land with the actual property received ballots and should not have.
- (8) Scare tactics about leaks, contamination and impending concern by Vancouver Coastal Health. There are no leaks in the system – the pressure gauges say so. Nothing has appeared in the minutes of regular meetings other than water testing results that are submitted to Vancouver Coastal Health – nothing from Vancouver Coastal Health expressing immediate concern.
- (9) No mention or discussion was made about a no-cost to the ratepayer project with the Department of Fisheries whereby a new intake would be installed and maintenance of the system maintained free to ratepayers by DFO while being owned by the HWD. (a grant-in aid of several million dollars not mentioned)



Hagensborg Water Districts Actions since October

- Held one public meeting (October 3) prior to the opinion poll/referendum where consultant Jim Tarves presented the conversion review,
- The chair of the HWD presented two times to the Central Coast Regional District without prior knowledge or consent of his fellow trustees,
- Cancelled their two monthly meetings (November and December) since the referendum/opinion poll.

Hagensborg Ratepayers Group Actions since October

- Formalized our group and created a web page (www.hwdratepayers.ca)
- Presented on two separate occasions to the CCRD regarding our concerns (recordings of these presentations can be found on the CCRD web page (<https://www.ccrd.ca/governance/board-meetings-agendas-minutes/recordings>))
- Given so many discrepancies asked to review the ballots of the referendum/opinion poll and were at first granted permission by the elections officer to do so, then later denied by the HWD Board,
- Asked to be a delegation to the monthly board meeting only to have the last two cancelled

Moving Forward

We do not presume that all readers of this update share all concerns but as fellow ratepayers, we are certain that all share at least similar concerns around:

- (1) Ensuring our voice as ratepayers is heard in treatment options (including possible chlorination)
- (2) Ensuring our own ratepayer autonomy and control over our financial and physical assets.

We are concerned that losing our own voice for vague promises of a one-time only grant, the hope of future grants and the possibility of an un-elected commission under the CCRD that could be ignored or disbanded if in disagreement could become a reality as soon as next month if not before the Spring AGM if all ratepayers do not become actively involved.

We believe such a close vote (68-63) and given the voting discrepancies there should be a pause to the proposal of permanently dissolving. The fact that 63 ratepayers said no to accepting 3.8 million should also be a reason for further discussion. If you agree we ask that you email the trustees to express your opinion.

We do not wish to present a bother to ratepayers so moving forward we hope and ask that you allow us opportunities to be a collective voice and that you inform that voice by engaging with us through our new website that can be found at www.hwdratepayers.ca

We also encourage you to communicate directly with your elected board of trustees by attending one of the monthly regular meetings (usually the 3rd Thursday each month at 1:00pm in the Fire Hall) or by emailing your elected trustees directly at their emails listed below:

Kevin O'Neill (Chair)	minorsunstamps@hotmail.com
Jeremy Baillie	thomasjeremybaillie@outlook.com
John Morton	johnmorton1946@gmail.com
Tony Norton	tonynorton2323@gmail.com
Diane Skelly	drz57@hotmail.com

We wish to thank you for allowing us the opportunity to engage with you as fellow ratepayers concerned about the future and preservation of our water resources and fire protection related assets.

Our group is putting together the final touches on a public meeting open to all ratepayers and we will be inviting the trustees, February 19th at 7:00pm in the Nusatsum Elementary Gymnasium. Please go to our website for further information/details.

Sincerely,

Hagensborg Water Ratepayers Group

February 18th

Hagensborg Water Ratepayers Group

RE: Possible Dissolution of the Hagensborg Water and Fire Protection Improvement District

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are a group of concerned Hagensborg Improvement District Ratepayers known as the *Hagensborg Ratepayers Group*. We represent some or all of the concerns of over 150 ratepayers who have signed a petition indicating their concern. We are writing to inform you of our ongoing difficulties around the process currently being undertaken by our elected Board of Trustees regarding potential dissolution and conversion to become a service area of the Central Coast Regional District.

Our objections are **specifically** not to conversion *itself*. Our objections are:

- ▶ The lack of information presented to ratepayers in order for them to make an informed decision;
- ▶ The haste in which the process has occurred;
- ▶ The use of in-camera to pass resolutions regarding dissolution;
- ▶ The lack of response to the concerns of over half the constituents of the Hagensborg Improvement District.

In particular, the haste has resulted in what we insist are failures to follow the AGM Resolutions, policy and procedures. We have attached copies of our most recent letters to the Central Coast Regional District and to our fellow ratepayers outlining what we see as those failures in resolution, policies and procedures. Our Board of Trustees sought advice from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Governance Branch and was told the vote held in the opinion district was nothing more than an opinion poll and was non binding yet the majority of the board see a 68-63 vote as a mandate to move forward. We insist that they may have the legal authority but they do not have the moral authority to proceed without providing further opportunities for consultation at the Improvement District level.

To our knowledge the current Board of Trustees has a resolution stating their intent to dissolve. We have yet to hear how this matter will move forward from our own board or from the Central Coast Regional District.

In this circumstance, we wanted to express to the Ministry should the need arise if the board dissolves and the CCRD process fails, there are numerous local individuals with past experience on the board that are willing to step in and continue the operations of the Hagensborg Water and Fire Protection Improvement District until an AGM can be arranged to elect trustees.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email our organization at contact@hwdratepayer.ca

Sincerely,

Hagensborg Water Ratepayers Group

CC: **Honourable John Horgan**
Premier of British Columbia

Honourable Doug Donaldson
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Honourable Claire Trevena
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

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MLA North Coast

Central Coast Regional District



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VIA: email

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January 22, 2020

Dear Sirs:

My name is Garrett Newkirk and I reside at 1541 Hwy 20, BC and receive water service from the Hagensborg Waterworks District. (Ph: 250-XXX-XXXX)

The HWD is an Improvement District and under current government of British Columbia policy, has no means of access to Federal and/or Provincial funding for infrastructure upgrades to rehabilitate the water system and bring it up to current legislative requirements.

Therefore this request is for the Central Coast Regional District to give serious consideration to expedite the conversion process in order that the awarded HWD application for grant funds not be lost as the result of the delay, and to provide clean, safe water to residents of the HWD, as per the requirements of Health Canada guidelines and Federal and Provincial government legislation. .

Sincerely

(NAME)



(The next CCRD meeting is February 13th. If you would like our local governments to access funds from Provincial and Federal governments, a letter of support for the HWD application process should be submitted to their office by February 10th.)

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