

We have a short window of opportunity to work together to limit the introduction of COVID-19 into our coastal and Island communities. Given our geography and our united determination, an effective strategy of restricting non-essential travel is possible.

The First Nation signatories to this letter quickly implemented restrictions against non-essential travel and have been mandating that returning residents and nation members complete two weeks of self-isolation. Inspired by this leadership, some North and Central Coast municipalities and regional districts mobilized to support and extend these efforts.

Although all municipal Local States of Emergency are now suspended, there are urgent and informed local strategies that can be implemented for the safety and security of our communities.

British Columbia and Canada cannot stand by while the peoples of the North and Central Coast are exposed to non-essential travelers who may carry COVID-19 with them. With the spring and summer tourism and recreation season upon us, we believe this matter will only get worse as we are already seeing evidence of people coming from out of Province and other areas in BC for non-essential reasons including for fishing, hunting and other leisure activities.

Our risks are different from urban ones. Our health care providers have unequivocally communicated that our limited health care facilities and supplies are insufficient to handle even modest numbers of COVID-19 patients. A National and Provincial-led pandemic response will only be successful if it is enforced by local leaders. The Province, Canada and the RCMP have a moral and social responsibility to support and enforce non-essential travel restrictions and authorize municipalities and regional districts to do the same.

Restrictions against non-essential travel would bolster the measures advised by Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry and are successfully being used around the world to limit the spread of COVID-19. We cannot afford to wait and see what will come with the non-essential travelers currently entering our Region in order to escape urban lockdowns or seek the freedom of the country. We know that requests for people to voluntarily stay away will fall on the deaf ears of those who do not respect Indigenous rights and title, and those who feel the need to flee for their lives to areas of the Province that currently have no confirmed cases of COVID-19.

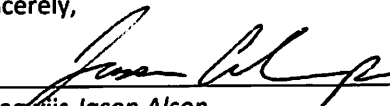
Moving forward, we need to work together - First Nations, the Province, Canada and municipalities - to restrict the influx of non-essential travelers, while allowing for people to return home and the delivery of goods, essential services, medical care and emergency response. Please have your appropriate officials contact the Council of the Haida Nation to take the next steps.

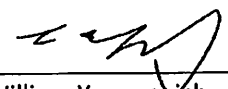
First Nations, municipalities, the Province and Canada can and must act together before the pandemic has unnecessarily spread to every community in our Region. We the undersigned with a unified voice and urgent purpose ask that the Province and Canada join us in restricting non-essential travel to Haida Gwaii, the North and Central Coast. This cannot wait.

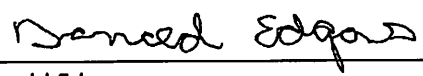
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 Hon. Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Deputy Minister Kaye Krishna, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing


Assistant Deputy Minister Tara Faganello, Local Government Division, Ministry of Municipal
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Sincerely,



Gaagwiis Jason Alsop,
President of the Haida Nation

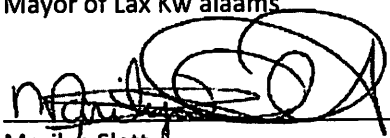

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Samuel Schooner,
Central Coast Regional District Chair/Area E Director

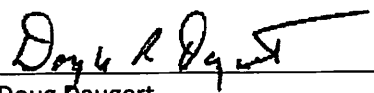

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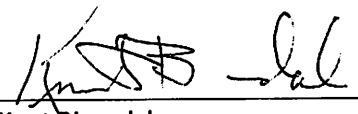

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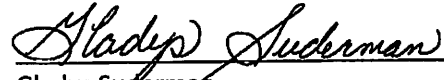

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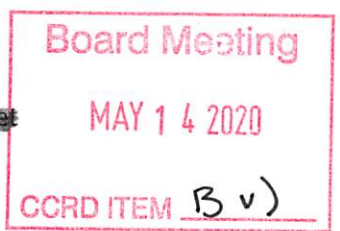
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From: Craig Widsten <[REDACTED]@shearwater.ca>
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Subject: FW: CCRD Letter of support for Shearwater Coaster
Attachments: CCRD letter re Shearwater Coaster.pdf



Thank you Samuel, Mathew, Daniel and all CCRD directors for the letter of support to maintain the Coaster's essential services to the Central Coast.

This validation is important and appreciated by all the communities and business entities dependent on this service.

Respectfully,

Craig Widsten
 Executive Chairman & Founder



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Sent: May-04-20 9:38 AM
To: Courtney E. Kirk; Daniel Bertrand
Cc: Tracy; Mark Schlichting; Craig
Subject: CCRD Letter of support for Shearwater Coaster

Morning All,

Please find attached the CCRD letter of support that went out to the below recipients on Friday.

Best,

Matthew

From: "Courtney E. Kirk" <cao@ccrd.ca>
Sent: May 1, 2020 3:51 PM
To: PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca, Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca, MAH.Minister@gov.bc.ca, jennifer.rice.MLA@leg.bc.ca
Cc: preoc5.ops1@gov.bc.ca, Tony.Fiala@gov.bc.ca, preoc5.dir1@gov.bc.ca, "Matthew Wheelock" <cedo@ccrd-bc.ca>
Subject: Shearwater Coaster

Please find attached a letter from CCRD Chair Samuel Schooner.

Thank you,

Courtney E. Kirk
Chief Administrative Officer



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April 27, 2020

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*Sent by electronic means***RE: CONTINUANCE OF THE SHEARWATER MARINE CENTRAL COASTER MARINE TRANSPORT SERVICE**

The Central Coast Regional District remains concerned regarding the continuance of the Shearwater Marine Central Coaster service amid the economic and business continuity challenges presented by COVID-19.

The Coaster delivers a range of essential supplies and provisions to coastal communities including Rivers Inlet, Bella Bella, Denny Island and Ocean Falls (in the Central Coast Regional District) as well as Klemtu.

Your support in the continuance of the Coaster service to safeguard this essential supply line service to these communities would be greatly appreciated by coastal community residents and the CCRD.

Sincerely,

CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

Samuel Schooner
Chair, Area E

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations
and Rural Development
BC Wildfire Service

BC Wildfire Service launches official wildfire app

KAMLOOPS – The official BC Wildfire Service mobile app is now available, providing real-time wildfire information and an interactive map that users can customize to display a variety of fire-related data.

The new app is one of many proactive initiatives undertaken by the BC Wildfire Service to give members of the public, media and stakeholders access to consistent, accurate and timely wildfire information throughout the province. This app complements the BC Wildfire Service's website and social media channels.

Key features of the mobile app include:

1. Wildfire map

The app's landing page is an interactive wildfire map that offers the same features available through the B.C. Wildfire Dashboard: www.bcwildfire.ca

- current fire danger ratings
- active fires
- fires that have been declared "out"
- open burning prohibitions (including campfire bans)
- evacuation alerts and evacuation orders
- area restrictions
- current wildfire statistics
- perimeters of wildfires for the current season (April 1 through March 31 of the following year)
- boundaries of B.C.'s six regional fire centres
- BC Parks closures and recreation site closures
- wildfire search tool (search by active fire name, fire number or location)
- Drive BC events (e.g., advisories and closures)

The app also offers a "Near Me" function. When users select the "Near Me" option, the app will only display information within a 50-kilometre radius of their current location, allowing them to more easily focus on wildfire activity within that area.

2. Latest news and advisories

The BC Wildfire Service mobile app allows users to view the latest informational tweets directly from the BC Wildfire Service's Twitter feed. A personal Twitter account is not required to view this feed. The latest advisories (related to open burning bans and prohibitions, area

restrictions, evacuation alerts and evacuation orders) are also available on the app.

3. Statistics

Wildfire statistics for the current wildfire season (April 1 through March 31 of the following year) are available through the app:

- a rolling total of all active wildfires
- a rolling total of all wildfires (active and extinguished)
- the number of wildfires detected in the last two days
- the number of wildfires detected in the last seven days

All of these statistics can be filtered by fire centre, suspected cause, stage of control, current year fires or active fires.

4. Fire reporting tool

The BC Wildfire Service relies on the public to report wildfires and irresponsible behaviour that could start a wildfire. The app features a “Report a Fire” function that will automatically generate map co-ordinates of your current location. Provincial Wildfire Reporting Centre staff will ask for these co-ordinates when the user reports a wildfire. This feature also indicates what sort of questions a person may be asked when reporting a wildfire.

Available for download now

The BC Wildfire Service mobile app is available for Apple (iOS) and Android devices and is free to download in the App Store and Google Play.

- **Android:** The BC Wildfire Service mobile app can be downloaded at Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ca.bc.gov.WildfireInformation>
- **Apple (iOS):** The BC Wildfire Service mobile app can be downloaded from the App Store: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/bc-wildfire-service/id1477675008?ls=1>

Learn More:

For further details about the BC Wildfire Service mobile app, refer to the online reference guide: <http://ow.ly/dZkr30qDdfM>

To learn about current wildfire activity, open burning prohibitions, evacuation alerts, evacuation orders and more, check out the app or go to the B.C. Wildfire Dashboard. Click on the “Interactive Wildfire Map” link: <http://www.bcwildfire.ca>

Follow the latest wildfire news:

- on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo>
- on Facebook: <http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo>

Contact:

Fire Information Officer
BC Wildfire Service
Provincial Wildfire Coordination Centre
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Connect with the Province of B.C. at: news.gov.bc.ca/connect

Coastal Fire Centre: Status Report

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Zone Fire Danger Rating and Activity Level		
Zone	Fire Danger Rating	Activity Level
Fraser	Low	1
Pemberton	Very Low/Low	1
Sunshine Coast	Low	1
South Island	Low/Moderate	1
Mid Island	Low	1
North Island	Very Low/Low	1
Central Coast (Bella Coola)	Low	1
Haida Gwaii	Low	1

Overview
<p>Fire activity remains low within the Coastal Fire Centre area.</p> <p>A new phone app is available for Smart phone which allow users to get real-time information about wildfires, data and has a report a fire feature. This app is available in Google Play or the Apple App store.</p> <p>The province wide open fire prohibition continues and prohibits all open fire except campfires within BCWS jurisdictional areas.</p>

Fire Activity			
Fires Currently Burning	1 (0 lightning-caused/ 0 human-caused) <small>*Subtotals may not add up to the total, since fires not classified as "lightning-caused" or "human-caused" are still under investigation.</small>		
New Fires Last Week	0		
	This Fire Season (since April 1)	Last Year (2019)	10-Year Avg. (2010 – 2019)
Total Fires to Date	22	16	7
Total Hectares to Date	235	174	30

Active Fires
<p>There is currently 1 Active Fire in the Coastal Fire Centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magee Road Fire, 203 hectares, Pemberton Zone <p>The status of this fires is 'Under Control'.</p>

Fire Prohibitions and Restrictions		
 Cat 2 – Prohibited Cat 3 – Prohibited	 Campfires No Ban	 Forest Restriction Not in Effect
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Weather Forecast
<p>SYNOPSIS: Thunderstorms/lightning overnight Wednesday was recorded from Abbotsford north to Whistler, and Lake Cowichan to Bowser but the storms were wet. Thursday sees the beginning of a drying trend. Humidity is moderate but starting to drop.</p> <p>OUTLOOK (Friday - Monday): Friday will be very warm, RHs continue downward into the 20% range on Vancouver Island and Fraser areas. Sat, Sun, Mon will trend very warm and dry, with increasing winds and outflow conditions and dropping RHs into the 10-20% range. Mon sees the peak of the outflow winds. Long range forecasts indicate a return to showers mid week.</p>

Coastal Contact Information
<p>Coastal Fire Centre Information Officer: 250 951-4209 To Report a Wildfire: 1 800 663-5555 or *5555 on a cell phone Fire Information Line: 1 888 336-7378 Burn Registration Line: 1 888 797-1717</p> <p>Follow us:  Twitter: @BCGovFireInfo  Facebook: @BCForestFireInfo  Website: www.bcwildfire.ca  FireSmart: www.FireSmartBC.ca and www.FireSmartCanada.ca</p>

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Zone Activity Level	
Level 1: (Exporting)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low to normal fire activity; no additional resource support is anticipated Adequate resources to deal with anticipated fire demands Monitor and anticipate possible support for non-wildfire provincial emergencies Zone resources may be deployed to other zones, fire centres, and out of province 	
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Level 3: (Holding)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is an increase in fire activity; zone may not be able to meet local resource demands Resources from other zones / fire centres may be requested to assist zone activity Long term strategic planning becomes critical in determining what resources are needed where Zone staff on standby based on anticipated needs 	
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Level 5: (Importing)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The zone is experiencing very significant fire activity, and/or extreme fire behaviour; heavy demands on provincial and fire centre resources are occurring and anticipated to continue Resource capacity is supplemented with staff from Wildfire TEAMS, other Ministries, the forest sector, Fire Departments, and type 2/3 resources 	
Fire Stages of Control	
Out of Control	Describes a wildfire that is not responding (or only responding on a limited basis) to suppression action, such that the perimeter spread is not being contained.
Being Held	Indicates that (with the resources currently committed to the fire) sufficient suppression action has been taken that the fire is not likely to spread beyond existing or predetermined boundaries under the prevailing and forecasted conditions.
Under Control	The fire has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire.

Fire Danger Rating	
Status	Description
Low	Fires may start easily and spread quickly but there will be minimal involvement of deeper fuel layers or larger fuels.
Moderate	Forest fuels are drying and there is an increased risk of surface fires starting. Carry out any forest activities with caution.
High	Forest fuels are very dry and the fire risk is serious. New fires may start easily, burn vigorously, and challenge fire suppression efforts. Open burning and industrial activities may be restricted.
Extreme	Extremely dry forest fuels and the fire risk is very serious. New fires will start easily, spread rapidly, and challenge fire suppression efforts. Open burning, industrial activities and campfires may be restricted.
Wildfire Ranks	
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4	Characteristics: Grey to black smoke, organised surface flame front, moderate to fast rate of spread on the ground, short aerial bursts through the forest canopy, short-range spotting. Firefighting tactics: Ground operations may not be successful at the head of the fire, indirect tactics may be required to bring the head of the fire under control. Parallel attack may be used along the flanks of the fire to direct the head into favourable ground or fuels. Air operations may be required to support ground personnel.
5	Characteristics: Black to copper smoke, organised crown fire front, moderate to long-range spotting and spot fire growth. Firefighting tactics: The limited options available include indirect attack and planned ignitions to remove fuel in the path of this type of fire behaviour. Ground operations are often restricted to fighting the least active sections of the fire or conducting ground ignition operations from secure control lines with readily available escape routes and safety zones.
6	Characteristics: Organised crown fire front, long-range spotting and independent spot fire growth, possible fireballs and whirls, violent fire behaviour probable, a dominant smoke column may develop which influences fire behaviour. Firefighting tactics: Firefighting under these conditions is extremely dangerous. Suppression efforts will be well away from active fire behaviour and may include preparing structure protection measures or conducting indirect large-scale ignition operations in an attempt to steer the fire. Often, the safest and most prudent strategy is to pull resources back to safe areas, ensure that personnel and the general public are safe, and wait for fire behaviour to lessen before re-engaging in fire suppression operations.



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Cariboo Fire Centre: Status Report




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Zone Fire Danger Rating and Activity Level		
Zone	Fire Danger Rating	Activity Level
Quesnel	Low in east and Moderate in the west	1
Williams Lake	Mostly Low with a patch of Moderate	1
Horsefly	Low	1
100 Mile House	Low	1
Chilcotin	Moderate with some Low	1

Overview
The fire centre responded to four fires this week all of which are now out.
Warmer temperatures are forecast for the upcoming weekend. We urge anyone engaging in outdoor recreation activities to use caution and monitor site conditions.
For more information on the current prohibition go here: http://ow.ly/dNFy30qwCgR .

Fire Activity			
Fires Currently Burning	0 (0 lightning-caused/ 0 human-caused) * Subtotals may not add up to the total, since fires not classified as "lightning-caused" or "human-caused" are still under investigation.		
New Fires Last Week	4		
	This Fire Season (since April 1)	Last Year (2019)	10-Year Avg. (2010 – 2019)
Total Fires to Date	22	18	25
Total Hectares to Date	45	100	281

Active Fires
There are currently no active fires in the Cariboo Fire Centre.

Fire Prohibitions and Restrictions		
		
Opening Burning Cat 2 - Restriction Cat 3 - Restriction RMF - Restriction	Campfires No Ban	Forest Restrictions Not in Effect
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Weather Forecast
An upper ridge will bring mainly sunny skies to the western regions of the fire centre today. Temperatures will be in the mid to upper teens with light winds. Sunny skies are expected Friday with temperatures in the high teens to low twenties and gusty winds in the afternoon. The strong upper ridge is forecast to persist through to Monday with temperatures cooling a few degrees on Sunday and Monday.

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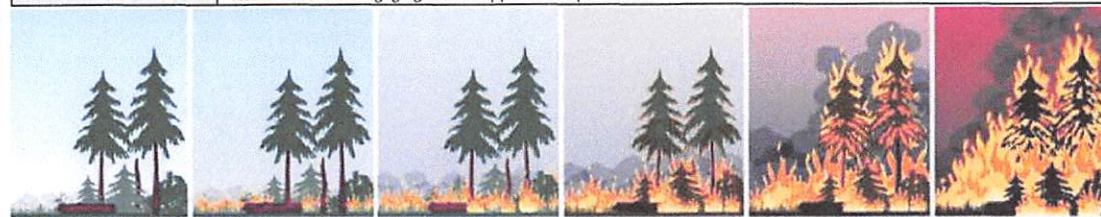
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6	Characteristics: Organised crown fire front, long-range spotting and independent spot fire growth, possible fireballs and whirls, violent fire behaviour probable, a dominant smoke column may develop which influences fire behaviour. Firefighting tactics: Firefighting under these conditions is extremely dangerous. Suppression efforts will be well away from active fire behaviour and may include preparing structure protection measures or conducting indirect large-scale ignition operations in an attempt to steer the fire. Often, the safest and most prudent strategy is to pull resources back to safe areas, ensure that personnel and the general public are safe, and wait for fire behaviour to lessen before re-engaging in fire suppression operations.



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The City of North Vancouver
OFFICE OF MAYOR LINDA BUCHANAN



April 30, 2020

Hon. Minister Selina Robinson
Room 310 Parliament Buildings
501 Belleville St.
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Dear Minister Robinson:

RE: Supporting British Columbians during the COVID-19 pandemic

As Mayor of the City of North Vancouver I want to start by thanking you for your tireless work during these difficult times. Residents are appreciative of the work done by the Province to assist individuals, municipalities, and businesses.

As you know, in a letter dated March 23, 2020 to Hon. Premier John Horgan and yourself, a number of Metro Vancouver Mayors including myself asked the Province to expand the Provincial Property Tax Deferment Program to include all property owners.

We have yet to receive a formal reply regarding this request.

On Monday April 27, 2020 at the City's Council meeting, Council members shared their concerns regarding the accessibility of the Provincial Property Tax Deferment Program and the current eligibility stipulations.

Council and staff have received numerous communications from residents who are facing new financial challenges as a result of the ongoing pandemic, and who are not currently eligible to access the Provincial Property Tax Deferment Program. As a result, Council passed the following resolution unanimously:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Provincial government requesting that a Financial Hardship Program be added to the Provincial Property Tax Deferment Program for a limited time, similar to what was introduced in 2009;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all BC local governments, UBCM, LMLGA and North Shore MLAs and MPs.

Council has requested that if your government is unable to expand the current program to include all property owners, that you consider implementing a Financial Hardship Program similar to the program that was introduced for a limited time following the 2008 economic recession.

An increasing number of experts predict that the COVID-19 pandemic will be more detrimental to the world economy than the 2008 economic recession, and therefore the

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addition of a Financial Hardship Program component to the current Provincial Property Tax Deferment Program should be given serious consideration.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information. I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours Truly,



Linda Buchanan
Mayor of the City of North Vancouver

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UBCM
LMLGA
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Ralph Sultan, MLA for North Vancouver-Capilano
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Jordan Sturdy, MLA for West Vancouver-Sea to Sky
Terry Beech, MP for Burnaby North-Seymour
Hon. Johnathan Wilkinson, MP for North Vancouver
Patrick Weiler, MP for West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country



To The Regional District Board of Directors,

Attached is a letter from the Association of Canadian Cannabis Retailers (ACCRES) membership to the Solicitor-General, Hon. Mike Farnworth, calling on the government of British Columbia to further modify cannabis retail regulations in support of physical distancing during the COVID-19 health emergency. ACCRES is seeking your endorsement in support of these measures, which we believe are in line with what other jurisdictions across Canada are adopting.

ACCRES is specifically calling on BC to follow the recent move by Ontario, which in response to COVID-19 has moved to allow private cannabis retailers to take online payment and make door-to-door delivery of cannabis products. Both Saskatchewan and now Ontario have allowed online payment and direct delivery with no significant complications or negative consequences, and we believe these regulatory changes are appropriate for BC as well.

We believe that many municipal governments in BC could stand to benefit from these changes, as they will hopefully reduce in-store traffic and lineups caused by physical distancing requirements for essential retailers like cannabis stores. This should further reduce the chances of spreading COVID-19, something we believe should be the ultimate priority of any regulated system right now.

Finally, we believe this measure is important in allowing licensed, regulated, and tax-compliant retailers a means of competing with unregulated retailers, who are currently quite openly selling cannabis on-line or offering in-person delivery options. With municipal resources currently very constrained and bylaw officers unable to enforce against these proliferating operators, we believe offering these options to regulated retailers could help compliant businesses to compete them out of the market instead.

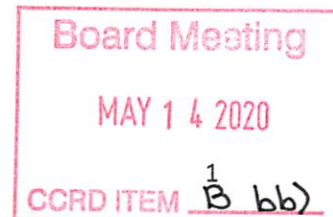
ACCRES ask that you endorse these initiatives in support of regulated cannabis retailers' efforts to continue serving their customers in a way that protects public health to the greatest extent possible.

Sincerely,

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To Minister Farnworth, Solicitor General,

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, the *Association of Canadian Cannabis Retailers* (ACCRES) recognizes the Government of British Columbia for evolving policy to allow for regulated cannabis stores to accept product reservations online and over the phone. This change in regulatory framework will reduce the amount of time consumers have to spend in stores amid the COVID-19 crisis. The status of cannabis retail as an essential service is a recognition of the contributions of these small businesses to the general public. We believe it is appropriate to equip provincial license holders with proactive tools that will allow for them to better protect public health, bolster the legal cannabis market and ensure that these small business remain economically viable for the duration of the crisis.

ACCRES membership would like to see further proactive measures enacted that would further protect both public health and essential workers through these trying times. In supplement to "click and collect"/over the phone ordering, we request that the government enact and support two further regulatory changes to cannabis retail regulations. These measures would be effective in supporting the social and physical distancing measures recommended by public health authorities:

- Online Payment
- Direct Delivery

Online Payment

In the interest of balancing public health, along with our customers' need to access legal cannabis, and the long-term economic health of our members, we propose that the Government of British Columbia allow retailers to sell their products online or by phone and collect payment in advance.

Allowing for payment in advance avoids the major point of contamination in a "click and collect" transaction: the requirement to accept cash or interact with the payment processing machine. Pre-payment would reduce contact in store to the absolute minimum, and would facilitate the best possible circumstances for social distancing. This measure would serve to better protect both staff and customers during in store transactions.

Direct Delivery

In further support of social distancing and to accommodate those that are unable to leave their homes due to being immunocompromised or in self isolation, we ask that delivery be allowed directly to customers from the regulated private retailer of their choice. ACCRES believes the best way to ensure continuity of service in these circumstances while minimizing exposure is to allow already trained and security screened staff of private retailers to deliver orders directly to customers. Direct delivery is currently available to the residents of Saskatchewan and Ontario via provincially licensed retailers. ACCRES proposes that these existing regulations be adapted for the BC sector. Contactless age verification is as simple as requiring the upload of photo ID at the time of purchase. The ID can then be matched to the individual receiving the delivery while maintaining a distance of two meters.

Providing greater access to regulated cannabis is vital to protecting public health and safety, and to destabilizing the illicit market - both key aims of the Cannabis Act and provincial regulations. Due to the convenience the illicit market operators continue to be able to offer through direct delivery, legal sales

in BC are tens of millions of dollars behind projected targets in BC. Direct delivery from licensed private cannabis stores conducted in compliance with all health and safety standards provides local communities with an essential and regulated touchpoint that can act as a resource for education and responsible use.

ACCRES believe that by allowing these measures, cannabis retailers will be best equipped to protect public health and safety, while also ensuring the continued operations of independent cannabis retailers that provide access to safe and regulated products. These measures will allow essential services to continue without unnecessarily endangering public health, and we believe these measures will strengthen BC's overall response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the legal cannabis industry in this province.

Sincerely,

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Attn: Chair Samuel Schooner

Dear Sam,

I am writing with reference to the impending conversion of the Hagensborg Water District (HWD) to a service area of the Central Coast Regional District (CCRD).

Please let me know what the revised plans and schedule for conversion will look like.

I am concerned that some Provincial Government politicians, bureaucrats and agencies along with directors of the CCRD and trustees of the HWD may be using the current restrictions brought on by the ongoing pandemic as a cover to quietly rush the above noted conversion process to completion without the required public consultations and approvals. I sincerely hope this is not the case.

At the March 12th, CCRD Directors meeting, CCRD Director, Daniel Bertrand went to great lengths to express the desire of the more recently elected CCRD directors to gain the trust of the CCRD electorate by the board's commitment to being open and transparent while keeping the public fully informed. I trust that this commitment will underpin all CCRD Board deliberations.

Please keep myself and my associates apprised of any developments, and do not hesitate to reach out if you think I or any of my associates can offer any assistance.

Please keep yourself and your family safe during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,
Mark Nelson

