



To: Board of Directors, CCRD

From: Evangeline Hanuse

Meeting Date: May 13, 2021

Subject: UBCM Grant Local Government Development Approvals Program

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Recommendations:

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receives the Request for Decision – UBCM Grant Local Government Development Approvals Program.

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District supports the CCRD grant application to UBCM Local Government Development Approvals Program to aid in the Development Approvals process.

Issue/Background Summary:

In 2019, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs initiated the Development Approvals Process Review (DAPR). The Ministry engaged local governments and a broad range of stakeholders to discuss the challenges of current development approvals processes in BC, to identify opportunities for addressing those challenges, and to develop an informed list of ideas about how to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of processes.

Local Government Development Approvals Program

The development approvals process refers to all operational steps and decision making in relation to a local government’s consideration of approving development, from the pre-application phase to the issuance of the building permit. The local government’s review process ensures that development applications conform to policies, plans, and regulations for building and development.

The intent of the Local Government Development Approvals Program is to support the implementation of established best practices and to test innovative approaches to improve development approvals processes while meeting local government planning and policy objectives.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs has provided \$15 million in funding and UBCM is administering the program.

The Development Approvals Procedures Project will directly address CCRD's critical need to establish current development approval procedures and facilitate a more transparent process for applicants. Our current bylaws (OCP and Zoning Bylaw) date from 1984. At present there is no formal development approval procedures bylaw, manual, or formal application. At present there are so few controls in place around development due to the lack of regulation that CCRD staff are left in an administrative vacuum which does not foster strategic development approval. Due to a low property tax revenue, the CCRD has lacked personnel to improve this situation. Establishing a development approvals bylaw is a first step towards updating our processes to ensure development is conducted responsibly.

Policy, Bylaw or Legislation:

Bylaw 302 – Bella Coola Valley Official Community Plan

Bylaw 71 – Zoning Bylaw

Submitted by: _____

Evangeline Hanuse, Land Use Planning and Community Development
Coordinator

Reviewed by:  _____

Courtney Kirk, Chief Administrative Officer



CCRD SERVICE REPORT

To: Courtney Kirk, CAO

From: Ken McIlwain, Operations Manager

Meeting Date: May 13, 2021

Subject: BELLA COOLA WATERWORKS SERVICE UPDATE

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Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receives the Bella Coola Waterworks Service Report dated May 13, 2021.

Service Background:

The CCRD is responsible for operation of a water system to distribute water to a portion of Electoral Area E (service area), generally referred to as the Bella Coola Townsite. The service was established March 31, 1992 through CCRD Bylaw No. 178, cited as "Bella Coola Water Supply and Distribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 178".

The service is managed by the CCRD Operations Department with oversight from the CCRD CAO and Board of Directors. Maintenance work on the water system is completed by contractors. Water sampling is completed by CCRD operations staff.

Provincial government permitting and oversight of the water system is delivered through Vancouver Coastal Health Authority. A Drinking Water Protection Officer is assigned to ensure compliance with the Drinking Water Protection Act.

The water system is limited to distribution of water that is purchased from the Nuxalk Nation at an annual cost of \$21,275. The water is sourced from drilled wells located approximately 1km west of Thorsen Creek and slightly south of I.R. #1.

2021 revenue sources for the Bella Coola Waterworks Service are anticipated to be:

- Water Tolls and Charges: - \$54,671

Water tolls and other water system rates and charges are set in CCRD Bylaw 282. The most recent amendment to rates and charges took place in 2019. Currently, a single-family dwelling with a ¾ inch service line pays an annual charge of \$216.00 for water.

Quarterly [or Bi-Annual or Annual] Highlights:

- Fire hydrant inspection and maintenance is scheduled for this summer. Leak detection work may be undertaken at the same time.
- A significant leak on a service line was reported by the owner of a property on Clayton Street. The leak has been repaired by the owner.
- Reduced water pressure was noted at the hydrant location west of BCE School on LaBouchere Ave. It is speculated the leak on Clayton Street was the culprit, however further testing will be undertaken. If required, repairs will be undertaken in the summer when the water technician is in the Valley completing the Fire Hydrant Inspections and maintenance.

Grant Funded Projects Administered Under the Service:

There are currently no grants administered under this service.

Feasibility Studies Authorized Under the Service:

N/A

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

Strategic Plan Goal: There is nothing in the current Strategic Plan that speaks directly to the Bella Coola Waterworks Service.

Financial/Budgetary:

Total Service Budget (Including Grants):

Total 2021 Budgeted Revenues: \$54,671 (including special project grant revenues)

Percent total expenditures to May 6, 2021: \$38,725 or 34%

Budget without grant revenues or expenditures:

Subtotal 2021 Revenues: \$54,671 (excluding special project grant revenues)

Percent total expenditures to September 24, 2020: \$38,725 or 34%

Grant Funded Special Projects

N/A

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 Waterworks Service was calculated to be \$17,000 for 2021 and incorporated as such into the CCRD Five Year Financial Plan 2021-2025.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Ken McIlwain, RPF

Reviewed by: 
Courtney Kirk, Chief Administrative Officer

Northern Regional Call
Minister of Municipal Affairs & BC Mayors and RD Chairs

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AGENDA

Date: May 6, 2021

Time: 1:00 – 2:20 pm PST

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

Event Summary	MSTeams meeting with Minister Josie Osborne, Minister of Citizens' Services, Lisa Beare, Mayors and Regional District Board Chairs
Key contacts	Minister Osborne's Office: Robyn Spilker, Roari Richardson, Heidi Reid,
Time	Agenda Items:
5 mins	Minister Osborne - Opening Remarks and Introduction
10 mins	Minister Beare - Introduction
55 mins	Mayors and Chairs Roll call in reverse alphabetical order
5 mins	Minister Beare - Wrap-up and Closing Remarks
5 mins	Minister Osborne – Next Meeting and Closing Remarks

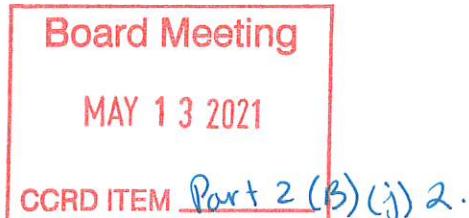
* Please note that we are extending the duration of the Regional Call to 80 minutes.

MINISTRY OF CITIZENS' SERVICES
LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGIONAL CALLS
MAY 5 & 6, 2021

CONNECTIVITY GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. Is connectivity part of your community or strategic plan, and if so, where does it fall in order of priority? Are your connectivity goals published and how do you actively engage or communicate these goals with potential service providers?

2. If your community currently does not have broadband internet connectivity speeds of 50 Mbps +, what barriers need to be addressed to achieve this goal?



May 4, 2021

Ref: 266906

Mayors and Regional District Chairs of British Columbia
Attendees of April 27, 2021 calls with Minister Osborne and Minister Farnworth

Dear Mayors and Chairs:

Thank you for joining Minister Osborne and Minister Farnworth on April 27, 2021 on the special update calls with respect to the non-essential travel restrictions currently in place in BC. Here is a brief summary of the information provided during the calls as well as an update on the enforcement of the travel restrictions.

On Friday, April 23, 2021 on the advice of Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry, Minister Farnworth issued an [Order](#) under the Emergency Program Act to prohibit non-essential travel **between** three regional zones in the province, using health authority boundaries. The Order is in effect from **April 23 through to May 25, 2021, after the May long weekend.**

Non-essential travel includes travel for vacations, weekend getaways and tourism activities, visiting family and friends for social reasons and recreation activities.

The three **regional zones** covered by the Order are:

- Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley (Fraser Health and Coastal Health regions);
- Vancouver Island (Island Health region); and
- Northern/Interior (Interior Health and Northern Health regions, including Bella Coola Valley, the Central Coast and Hope).

Essential travel between regions is allowed, and includes travelling for work, commercial transportation of goods, attending classes at a post-secondary institution or school, and attending a funeral. A more detailed list for essential travel can be found in the Order (see a summary [here](#)).

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During the first week of the new travel restrictions a significant reduction in non-essential travel was achieved and building off this success in limiting non-essential travel, the province has authorized site-specific, clearly marked **police road checks** on highway corridors that connect different regions to further curb recreational travel. Police will not engage in random checks of vehicles or people on the street.

The RCMP will deploy a trained, dedicated team to manage and enforce road check locations, and ensure interactions are in line with the intent of the Order and all existing police policy and standards. The goal of these road checks is education and further discouraging people from travelling for non-essential reasons.

If police determine a vehicle is travelling for non-essential reasons, police will instruct the driver to turn around and return to the region they came from. If compliance measures are deemed necessary by police, fines of \$575 can be handed out. Note that people from outside the province who are travelling in BC for non-essential reasons can be subject to the same enforcement measures.

For more information see the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General's [news release](#) from April 30, 2021.

More information on travel and COVID-19 can be found at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/travel/current>.

In addition to the Order, a **variety of coordination and communication measures** to further limit non-essential travel – including measures around accommodation bookings, increased signage at highways and border crossings, BC Ferries traffic, and campground reservations – have been put in place.

BC Ferries will continue to provide regular service to ensure commercial vehicle traffic and essential traffic can be maintained. You can review [essential travel information from BC Ferries](#) here. BC Parks camping reservations in another region can be [rescheduled or canceled for free at any time and a full refund](#) will be provided.

In addition to restrictions on travel between regions, please keep in mind that the strengthened [province-wide restrictions](#) that came into effect on March 29 are also still in place through to May 25, including that everyone should stay within their local communities. Now is not the time for overnight vacations away from your community. Stay close to home and visit local beaches, hiking trails or parks, to avoid non-essential travel within your region.

Dr. Henry stresses that although a high number of people are being vaccinated every day, the province is far from having “community immunity”. It will take some time before all of us can let our guard down and right now, we all need to continue doing the things that prevent transmission of the virus. Your assistance in sharing this message in your communities is very much appreciated.

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The more restrictive COVID-19 measures over the next few weeks are hard for all of us – for governments, for businesses, for individuals in communities throughout BC. On behalf of Minister Osborne, once again, I cannot thank you enough as local government leaders for your continued leadership and dedication during this difficult time.

Sincerely,



Tara Faganello
Assistant Deputy Minister

pc: Chief Administrative Officers
Gary Maclsaac, Executive Director, UBCM
Nancy Taylor, Executive Director, LGMA
Todd Pugh, Executive Director, CivicInfo

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Courtney E. Kirk

From: Banfield, Elena GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 9:50 AM
To: 'cao@ccrd-bc.ca'
Subject: Invitation to a conference call with Minister Farnworth & Minister Osborne

Hello,
(This note is being sent to all Mayors, Regional District Chairs and Chief Administrative Officers in the Interior, Northern and Island Health regions)

You are invited to join a conference call with Minister Mike Farnworth and Minister Josie Osborne on **Tuesday, April 27 at 4:00-4:50 PM**. The purpose of this call is to discuss the current orders and travel restrictions in response to COVID-19, and to provide guidance and support to municipal leaders across the province.

To participate in this call, please use the personalized dial-in information below:

DIAL IN:
CUSTOM PIN:

To confirm that you will participate, please reply to this email.

This access code and this invitation are not transferrable, **please do not forward this message** – in order to properly identify callers, each access code will only work once.

Each Mayor/Chair/CAO is welcome to send a replacement in their place – please reply with the name of the replacement participant to do so. While replacements can be accommodated, additional invitations will not be accepted, due to limitations on the conference call capacity.

We hope that you can participate tomorrow.

Thank you,

Elena Banfield | Events Manager
Government Communications and Public Engagement

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Courtney E. Kirk

From: McCabe, Kate MUNI:EX ✓
Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 8:16 AM
To: Andrade, Ana MUNI:EX
Cc: Minister, MUNI MUNI:EX; MUNI DMO MUNI:EX; Faganello, Tara MUNI:EX; Marotz, Nicola MUNI:EX; Starkl-Moser, Miriam MUNI:EX; Wilkins, Christina MUNI:EX
Subject: Update on non-essential travel restrictions
Importance: High

This message is being forwarded to you on behalf of Tara Faganello, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Local Government Division, Ministry of Municipal Affairs

Dear CAOs,

As you may be aware, on April 19, 2021 Premier John Horgan announced that an Order is being drafted under the *Emergency Program Act* to restrict non-essential travel within the province to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The work on the Order and accompanying guidance documents is in progress and a formal Order is expected at the end of this week. The new restrictions are put in place to ensure that British Columbians stay close to home and reduce non-essential travel.

Additional voluntary measures include that BC residents will not be able to book accommodations or a camping site outside of their local health authority and BC Ferries will stop accepting bookings for recreational vehicles such as campers and trailers at the end of this week. More information on travel and COVID-19 can also be found [here](#) .

Minister Osborne and Minister Farnworth are planning to host a phone call with Mayors/Chairs/CAOs next week, we will share more information as that call is finalised. We appreciate that you may have questions with respect to the Order and these new travel restrictions and we will continue to provide more information as it becomes available.

In addition, the province-wide restrictions that came into effect March 29, 2021 have been extended to **May 25, 2021 at midnight**. For additional information on this, please see the following:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restrictions>

Kind regards,

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



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April 16, 2021

Ref: 266177

Mayors and Regional District Chairs of British Columbia
Attendees of April 2021 Regional Calls with Minister Josie Osborne and Dr. Martin Lavoie

Dear Mayors and Chairs,

Thank you for taking the time to join Minister Josie Osborne and Deputy Provincial Health Officer Dr. Martin Lavoie for the April 2021 regional calls. As Minister Osborne and Dr. Lavoie said, these conversations continue to be a great opportunity to hear from you about the key issues and opportunities that you are working on in your communities.

COVID-19 Update

As you are aware, Dr. Henry announced stronger [province-wide restrictions](#), put in place to significantly reduce COVID-19 transmissions related to social interactions and travel. These stronger province-wide restrictions are currently in place until **April 19 at 11:59 pm** to act as a “circuit breaker” to protect people and communities.

Dr. Henry reminds us that there are **no indoor gatherings of any size** at your residence with anyone other than your household or, if you live alone, your core bubble. There are some exceptions that allow for people who provide services and certain types of events that can be held indoors – more information is available in the [Order](#) (see Section A part 2 and Section D). However, the intention of the Order is to restrict social gatherings as much as possible.

Non-essential travel should not be happening right now, with strong recommendations to keep to your own neighbourhood. Indoor low intensity group exercise classes are cancelled. Restaurants, pubs, and bars are closed for indoor dining. Outdoor patio seating and take-out delivery is allowed.

The PHO strongly recommends working from home whenever possible and getting tested immediately if you or anyone in your family is feeling sick. Workplaces with a COVID-19 exposure may be ordered to [close for a minimum of 10 days](#).

On April 15, 2021 Dr. Bonnie Henry and Minister of Health, Adrian Dix, released a [joint statement on BC's COVID-19 response](#). Please stay tuned for further announcements from Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry and check the [provincial government COVID-19 website](#) regularly for more information.

COVID-19 Immunization Plan and Vaccine Roll Out

Please see below a summary of the most commonly asked questions and Dr. Lavoie's answers with respect to the COVID-19 immunization plan and vaccine roll out that were raised during the calls.

Q: How can local governments support the immunization roll out?

*A: Regional health authorities will rely on local governments to provide space, information, and communication support, as needed. Local governments can support vaccine uptake, including by getting the message out to their own staff. As the needs and roles will look different in different communities, **please connect with your local health authority to learn how you can help.***

Q: Where can we find reliable/correct information with respect to the immunization plan and vaccine roll out?

- [BC's COVID-19 Immunization Plan](#)
- [Province-Wide Restrictions](#)
- [PHO Orders](#)
- [BC Centre for Disease Control](#) (information, data, exposures)
- [Regional health authority websites](#)
- 8-1-1 (HealthLinkBC)
- 1-888-COVID19 for non-medical COVID-19 questions
- [Government of Canada](#)

Q: Why are vaccination clinics not running 24/7 to get as many people vaccinated as possible in a short period of time?

A: There is currently not enough vaccine available to run clinics all the time; the provincial government is distributing vaccines as quickly as possible once they are received.

It should be noted that this is the largest ever immunization program in B.C.'s history; it is ahead of schedule and will be aided by 1,400 former tourism and hospitality workers who are being trained to work in mass-vaccination clinics

Q: Why is there an increase in the interval to the second dose?

A: Evidence shows the first dose gives a very high level of protection and that protection lasts for many months. By focusing on administering the first dose, it means we can move everybody up the list and more people will be protected much sooner. The second dose will be administered once everyone has received their first dose which we expect to start doing around mid-June (up to 4 months after that first dose, and as more doses become available and the campaign accelerates, that interval will be getting shorter, down to about 8 weeks towards the end of the campaign).

Q: Is there data of the specific percentage of people vaccinated in a community available?

A: The [BC COVID-19 Dashboard](#) provides data of vaccine doses administered broken down by health authority and vaccine type. Local health authorities may also have percentages at the regional level, but generally don't have the data for each community. There is also a provincial average available at the Government of Canada [COVID-19 vaccination in Canada](#) website that is updated on a regular basis. Additional information on coverage may become available publicly as the campaign progresses.

Q: Will municipal public works staff, including water and sewer maintenance workers, be included in the “essential workers” list for prioritized immunization?

A: *The front-line priority workers immunization program is currently on hold due to the safety concerns surrounding the AstraZeneca vaccine. Dr. Lavoie and his team are hoping that the program can resume in the near future, depending on vaccine availability. If the program resumes, local health authorities will contact employers of workers identified for priority vaccines with respect to registration information for staff.*

Dr. Lavoie has indicated that he appreciates the concerns regarding local government public works staff, especially in smaller communities where only a limited number of staff are available to carry out essential services' work and he will pass along these concerns to his colleagues for consideration of adding such staff to the program when it resumes. At the same time, Dr. Lavoie has noted that workers included to date for priority vaccination were identified as such for a number of reasons, including the nature of their work but also the extent to which they could protect themselves (e.g. using PPE; limiting public interactions, etc.). As well, Dr. Lavoie noted that the vaccine roll out for the general population is rapidly accelerating and that everyone in BC eligible to receive the vaccine will be offered their first dose by mid-June.

Q: Can people choose a vaccine?

A: *The vaccine available at vaccination clinics depends on vaccine availability, regional demographics, and logistics considerations. Some clinics may have more than one kind of vaccine available while others won't. Individuals are strongly advised to accept the vaccine they are offered to avoid the higher risk of transmission that comes with vaccine delay, recognizing that whether or not to be vaccinated is ultimately a personal decision. Currently, the most commonly used vaccines at vaccination clinics are the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. Choices about which vaccine(s) each clinic will be using are made by health authorities; please connect with your local health authority for more detailed information regarding the vaccine(s) used in your community during the vaccination clinic.*

Q: What is the provincial government's response to the concerns around the AstraZeneca vaccine?

A: *Based on guidance from Health Canada and the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), the Province is temporarily suspending the use of the AstraZeneca vaccine for people under age 55 until further notice and information is available.*

Dr. Lavoie reiterated that all vaccines approved by Health Canada, including the AstraZeneca vaccine, are safe, effective, and provide excellent protection against severe illness and death caused by COVID-19. Vaccines do more than protect the people getting vaccinated; they also protect everyone around them. The more people in a community who are immunized and protected from COVID-19, the harder it is for COVID-19 to spread.

Q: When will restrictions be lifted?

A: *We want to have as many people immunized as possible to reach “community immunity” -- 65 to 85 % of people. So far, most people want to get the vaccine and we strongly encourage everyone who is eligible to register and get vaccinated. If “community immunity” is not reached, this could prolong*

restrictions, and the PHO will keep monitoring further developments. Keep in mind that people who are vaccinated are protected, however, they could still get infected, and transmit the virus. People that are not immunized are not protected and could get very sick or die. Therefore, to keep everybody safe, restrictions must be maintained at the moment.

Note that Dr. Lavoie's power point presentation sent to call participants via email in advance of the calls provides an overview and additional information about the immunization plan and vaccines and may be shared with your local government and staff. Information written for the public is available from other sources (such as the BCCDC website).

Strengthening Communities' Services Funding

We would like to thank all local governments who have applied for the [Strengthening Communities' Services Funding](#); applications for the program are closing today. UBCM will be processing all applications and approval announcements are expected in late Spring 2021.

Local Government Development Approvals Program

The Local Government Development Approvals Program supports the implementation of established best practices and tests innovative approaches to improve development approvals processes while meeting local government planning and policy objectives. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs has provided funding for this program and UBCM is administering the program on behalf of the provincial government. **Applications are currently accepted for this program and the application deadline is May 7, 2021.** More information can be found [here](#).

Note that the power point presentation regarding the Local Government Development Approvals Program sent to call participants via email in advance of the calls also provides an overview and additional information about the program.

Circuit Breaker Business Relief Grant

On April 8, 2021 the provincial government announced a [new relief grant for hospitality and fitness businesses](#) that will provide more than \$50 million to help the 14,000 restaurants, bars, breweries, wineries, gyms and fitness centres affected by the March 30, 2021, provincial health orders. The new Circuit Breaker Business Relief Grant will provide affected businesses with up to \$10,000 in one-time funding to help with expenses like rent, insurance, employee wages, maintenance, and utilities. The grant can also help cover unexpected costs that resulted from the restrictions, such as the purchase of perishable goods.

The Circuit Breaker Business Relief Grant is open to eligible businesses of any size that have been in operation as of Feb. 1, 2021. To ensure affected businesses can access the funds quickly, the Circuit Breaker Business Relief Grant has a streamlined application. For more information on the Circuit Breaker Business Relief Grant, including the application process and eligibility, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/business-relief. **Applications opened the week of April 12, 2021.** We encourage you to share this information directly with affected businesses in your community.

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Note that the [Small and Medium Sized Business Recovery Grant](#) has also been extended to August 31, 2021 or until funds are fully expended, whichever comes first.

Property Tax, School Tax Deferment

There are no planned provincial extensions to the 2021 tax deadlines and remittances for property tax and school tax. The measures taken in 2020 (e.g. reserve borrowing; extending revenue anticipation borrowing along with Restart Grants) were aimed at injecting necessary liquidity into the local government finance system for 2020 and 2021. Local governments are encouraged to maintain a strong level of cash assets, prioritize core municipal operations, and possibly defer non-essential capital expenditures until the COVID-19 pandemic no longer poses a threat to public health.

If individual local governments want to delay tax due dates, they can do so through an alternative tax scheme under the Community Charter. There is no formal deadline for the alternative tax scheme, however, the tax due date must be set in the tax notice. Therefore, an alternative tax scheme must be in place before tax notices are sent out. Note that individual property owners must opt into the alternative tax scheme when it establishes a tax due date after July 2; otherwise the general scheme applies.

The 2021 submission deadlines for financial reports also revert to the dates stipulated in legislation. If you have concerns meeting reporting deadlines for audited financial statements, Local Government Data Entry (LGDE) forms, and/or Statement of Financial Information (SOFI), please contact Ministry of Municipal Affairs staff to discuss possible options. Local governments cannot be late with budgets, requisitions, and tax rate bylaws as these are required for legal collection of 2021 tax revenues.

Your staff can reach out to Ministry of Municipal Affairs staff for assistance (see the [Local Government Division staff finder](#) for the appropriate staff person for your area) on issues and questions specific to your community.

The next regional calls will be in May and ministry staff will be in contact with you regarding dates/times and format of these calls. Please let us know of any standing meetings in your region that you are attending on a regular basis (send an email to MUNI.Minister@gov.bc.ca) so that we can take these events into account in our scheduling. If you are unable to attend the minister's call, please feel free to send an alternate elected official or staff member to attend on your behalf.

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Thank you again for participating in the calls and we look forward to connecting with you in May.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Faganello". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop at the end.

Tara Faganello
Assistant Deputy Minister

pc: Chief Administrative Officers
Gary MacIsaac, Executive Director, UBCM
Nancy Taylor, Executive Director, LGMA
Todd Pugh, Executive Director, CivicInfo

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B.C. Ferry Authority

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April 15, 2021

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Mr. Philip Germuth, Chair
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Mr. Andrew Hory, Chair
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Mr. Barry Pages, Chair
North Coast Regional District
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Dear Chairs:

On behalf of the B.C. Ferry Authority, I am writing to thank the regional districts for submitting qualified nominees for consideration to serve as a Director on the Board of the B.C. Ferry Authority.

The Authority carefully considered the three nominees submitted for the Northern Coastal and North Island appointment area. I am pleased to advise you that Gary Coons has been appointed by the Board to serve for a three-year term, effective April 1, 2021. Mr. Coons was nominated by the North Coast Regional District.

Strong regional representation is critical for the Authority Board and its work to oversee the strategic direction of BC Ferries in the public interest. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,



Lecia Stewart
Chair, Board of Directors
B.C. Ferry Authority

- pc: Mr. Toby Louie, Executive Director, B.C. Ferry Authority
- Ms. Courtney Kirk, Chief Administrative Officer, Central Coast Regional District
- Mr. Ron Poole, Chief Administrative Officer, Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine
- Mr. Greg Fletcher, Administrator, Regional District of Mount Waddington
- Mr. Daniel Fish, Chief Administrative Officer, North Coast Regional District

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Courtney E. Kirk

From: Liz Cookson
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 11:38 AM
To: Courtney E. Kirk
Subject: May 21st deadline for sponsor's recorded speech on resolution submitted to AVICC Convention.

Importance: High

On-line voting on the 2021 Resolutions submitted to AVICC will be available for registered delegates between May 24th and May 26th. Delegates will be emailed their voting credentials by noon on Monday, May 24th.

The sponsor of each resolution is invited to provide a recorded speech on their resolution of up to three minutes. This recording will be made available to delegates to view ahead of the voting period.

Your local government has submitted the following resolutions:

R25	Funding for Compliance with Landfill Operation and Closure Legislation	Central Coast RD
R41	Funding for Small Communities to Attend AVICC	Central Coast RD
R42	Funding for Small Communities to Attend UBCM	Central Coast RD

Please advise which one of your elected officials will be speaking to the resolution(s), and provide a recording of no more than three minutes by 12:00 pm on Friday, May 21st. Also please provide the elected official's contact details for enquiries from other AVICC members.

The recording will likely be too large to email. so can be uploaded to AVICC's DropBox account at the following link:

I have also sent you an invitation from AVICC's Dropbox account with this link.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I'd appreciate it if you could let me know if won't be submitting a recording.

Thank you,
Liz

Liz Cookson, BA (Econ.), MBA
Secretary-Treasurer, AVICC
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The AVICC Executive will not be bringing forward any Executive Resolutions for 2021.

PART 1 – REFERRED RESOLUTIONS

RR1) De-Centralizing Forest Management

Municipality of North Cowichan

Whereas the forest sector in British Columbia is in crisis with thousands out of work and facing hardship; forestry companies closing mills, curtailing operations and redirecting investment outside of the province; and once thriving rural communities experiencing severe economic decline;

And whereas many communities across British Columbia and globally have demonstrated that when local people are empowered to manage public forests and other resources through community forest licences, regional trusts and other community-based governance models, they can enhance environmental sustainability, provide stable and fulfilling employment, and improve equity and fairness:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC call on the Province of British Columbia to move to establish a de-centralized forest management model for the region of Vancouver Island, Sunshine Coast, Powell River, the North Coast and the Central Coast (“Vancouver Island and the Coast”), and, as a first step, appoint a Forester General for the region who will undertake the following actions:

- Consult with local communities, workers, businesses, First Nations and the broader public on current challenges with the forest sector;
- Carry out an analysis of the opportunities to increase employment and value-add, restrict raw log exports, improve environmental sustainability, and advance reconciliation with First Nations;
- Develop a regional land use plan for Vancouver Island and the Coast based on citizen input; and
- Recommend next steps for empowering Vancouver Island and the Coast in the management of forestry and related resources, including potentially establishing a Regional Standing Committee of the BC Legislature composed of the MLAs for Vancouver Island and the Coast.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Refer to Similar Resolution 27

Resolutions Committee comments:

After being submitted to AVICC in 2020, this resolution was not admitted for debate at the 2020 UBCM Convention, and was referred back to AVICC. The resolution sponsor subsequently submitted a similar resolution which is included in this package as Resolution 27 and replaces the resolution put forward in 2020.

PART 2 – RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE

The following are the resolutions received by the February 26, 2021 resolutions deadline. Delegates will receive an *Annual Report and Resolutions Book* that will contain the Resolutions Committee’s Comments and Recommendations. For 2021, the AVICC Executive has determined there will not be a block of “Endorse” resolutions, and all resolutions are listed for individual consideration.

ELECTIONS

1) Reinstate Three-Year Local Government Terms of Office

City of Nanaimo

Whereas three-year terms allow greater accountability to voters, who are able to show, through elections, their regard for the directions their local governments are taking;

And whereas four-year terms are an onerous commitment for many, and more likely to make potential candidates willing to stand for election hesitant to do so:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government to reinstate three-year local government terms of office.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Not Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that Resolution 2018-R5 titled *Rescind Four-Year Local Government Term* was not endorsed by AVICC membership in 2018, and did not go forward to UBCM. The UBCM membership has considered a number of resolutions on this topic seeking to increase the interval from a three-year to a four-year term, with some being endorsed and others not. They include:

- 2013-B94 - Endorsed
- 2010-A2 - Not Endorsed
- 2007-B95 - Endorsed
- 2006-A9 - Not Endorsed

The Committee notes that the current policy of UBCM supports the four-year term that is currently in place so the recommendation to not endorse has been put forward.

LEGISLATIVE

2) Electronic Permit and Public Hearing Notification

Islands Trust

Whereas the *Local Government Act*, Part 14, Divisions 3 and 8, requires that local governments give notice of public hearings in two consecutive issues of a gazette newspaper, and temporary use permits in one issue of a gazette newspaper;

And whereas many small communities no longer have local newspapers, or a newspaper that meets the definition of gazette in the *Interpretation Act*:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM call upon the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to update the *Local Government Act* to allow temporary use permit and public hearing notifications to be provided electronically, via an application or website if the local government can demonstrate equal or greater ability to reach relevant constituents than a regular printed local newspaper.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions that call for a review and amendments to the *Local Government Act* and *Community Charter* to address the statutory advertising provisions that require newspaper advertising for public notices (2019-B1, 2018-B1, 2017-B1, 2016-B1, 2015-B88).

In its response to 2019-B1 the Province indicated: "Research and policy work will continue to focus on balancing key local government system principles –such as transparency and accountability -with local government's requests for additional flexibility in statutory notice requirements. Once the work is completed, outcomes and findings will be shared with the UBCM Executive for discussion and consultation on possible next steps."

COMMUNITY SAFETY

3) Extending the Life of Fire Apparatus

City of Port Alberni

Whereas the Fire Underwriters Survey requires that in order to receive credit for fire insurance grading purposes, all first line fire apparatus in small and rural communities should be replaced after 20 years of service and may only be extended up to 25 years when fire apparatus is tested and proven to be in excellent mechanical condition;

And whereas small and rural local governments often are financially challenged to replace high cost and minimally used fire apparatus on a 20-25-year rotational basis:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM petition the Province to advocate to the Insurance Bureau of Canada for the recognition and acceptance of an annual professional engineer certification of the mechanical condition of fire fighting apparatuses to extend service life beyond 20 years.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that UBCM members have consistently endorsed resolutions seeking flexibility from the Fire Underwriters Survey in setting requirements and guidelines to accommodate the particular challenges faced by fire services (2020-EB11, 2016-B5, 2014-B49, 2011-B2, 2009-B5, 2008-B60).

Following the endorsement of resolution 2016-B5, UBCM delivered correspondence to the Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS), requesting a meeting to discuss equipment requirements for local fire departments. FUS did not respond to the letter; and, has previously shown reluctance to engage in substantive discussion with UBCM regarding equipment standards.

4) Medical Cannabis Production Sites

Cowichan Valley RD

Whereas Canada has exclusive jurisdiction over medical cannabis production sites, and such sites may be located irrespective of local government regulations and operated in a manner which causes deleterious impacts to communities;

And whereas a fundamental purpose of local governments is to foster the economic, social and environmental well-being of communities, and by sharing information and coordinating services with Canada in relation to medical cannabis production sites, local governments will be better able to satisfy this purpose:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that Canada work with local governments to establish a framework for sharing information and coordinating services in relation to medical cannabis production sites to foster the economic, social and environmental well-being of communities.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions, which in part, sought more local government involvement over medical cannabis production (either personal or commercial), to ensure respect for local bylaws and zoning and ensure community safety. These include:

- 2020-EB16 - called for expanded legislative framework for local authorities to oversee building and fire safety requirements for cannabis production facilities, and for local governments to be notified of locations to ensure enforcement of local bylaws to mitigate safety risks.
- 2018-B7 - called for local governments to be notified of locations with medical cannabis personal production licenses to ensure the safety of first responders who may attend these locations.
- 2018-B93 - called for mandatory ventilation systems in all commercial and personal production sites, and the ability for Health Canada inspectors to enter these sites to ensure compliance.
- 2012-B111 - called for medical cannabis producers (personal and commercial) to be required to obtain a municipal license or permit to ensure compliance with local bylaws and all electrical, fire, health, building and safety regulations.

The federal government has not responded to any of the resolutions listed above.

TRANSPORTATION

5) Consultation by Ministry Prior to Undertaking Works on Highways

Town of Gibsons

Whereas the BC government has ownership of and jurisdiction over arterial provincial highways that are located in municipalities;

And whereas municipalities have authority under the *Community Charter* to manage and regulate highways such as streets, roads, lanes, bridges, viaducts, sidewalks and other ways open to public use;

And whereas municipalities require the approval of the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure before regulating or prohibiting traffic on arterial provincial highways;

And whereas municipalities experience economic, ecological and logistical impacts whenever the Ministry of Transportation undertakes works on any arterial provincial highway that intersects with any municipal ways open to the public:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to require the Ministry of Transportation, when working on arterial provincial highways, conduct meaningful consultation with local governments and residents of all municipalities located within the highway corridor throughout the planning stages of the project and before the work has commenced.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2000-B65, which asked the provincial government to consult with local governments during the planning and implementation of improvements to provincial highways, in order to ease and minimize the impact of the improvements on surrounding local governments and residents.

More generally, the Committee would reference member-endorsed resolution 2019-SR1, calling on the Province to ensure that the principles of mutual respect, consultation and cooperation as outlined in s. 2 of the *Community Charter* are adhered to and implemented as it moves forward with future initiatives.

TAXATION

6) Regional District Requisitions to Municipalities

City of Parksville

Whereas section 386 of the *Local Government Act* requires a municipality to charge out the regional district requisition on an assessment base or as a parcel tax;

And whereas when the service is billed to the municipality based on something other than assessment base, the municipality should have the option to bill said charge out based on volume flow or based on assessment and not mandated to use only the assessment base:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM write to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting a change be made to the *Local Government Act* section 386 (1) (c) notwithstanding section 386 (1) (a), in the case of an amount to be recovered where the charge to be recovered is itself based on a volume flow charge, the option is available to impose a fee based on the flows used or consumed by the tax base.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to amend the *Local Government Act* section 386 (1) (c) notwithstanding section 386 (1) (a), in the case of an amount to be recovered where the charge to be recovered is itself based on a volume flow charge, the option is available to impose a fee based on the flows used or consumed by the tax base.

The sponsor has noted that due to the requirement to charge out on an assessment or parcel tax basis, it unfairly charges those with larger assessments versus those that have high volumes of usage and low assessments. The sponsor used sewage as an example where the city pays for the service based on volume to the treatment facility.

7) Provincial Tax Sharing and Local Fuel Tax

City of Courtenay

Whereas costs, regulations, and responsibilities for municipalities are increasing at an unsustainable rate;

And whereas some traditionally provincial or federal funded responsibilities have shifted to local government:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM ask the Province to work with municipalities towards sharing:

- Sales Tax
- Liquor Tax
- Property Transfer Tax

And be it further resolved that the Province support and simplify the creation of local fuel taxes for municipalities as an additional revenue stream.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has supported resolutions asking the Province to share with local governments a portion of:

- Sales Tax (2020-EB34, 2012-B11).
- Liquor Tax (2019-B31, 2014-B60, 2011-B26, 2004-B111)
- Property Transfer Tax (2019-B30, 2017-B17, 2011-B67, 2008-A3, 2007-B23, 2007-B109, 2006-B23, 2004-A8).

However, the Committee advises that the membership has not considered a resolution asking the Province to create a local fuel tax for local governments as an additional revenue stream.

The Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions asking the Province to share a portion of the Provincial fuel tax to support:

- active transportation infrastructure (2013-B99);
- road rehabilitation (2012-B19);
- fund the growing needs of communities, but cannot continue to increase property taxes (2010-B24);
- transportation initiatives and road infrastructure and rehabilitation (2007-B21);
- road maintenance and transit services (2005-B20, 2003-B65); and
- transportation infrastructure (2003-B60).

FINANCE

8) Audited Financial Statements for Municipally-Owned Corporations City of Powell River

Whereas the Inspector of Municipalities requires that new business corporations mandate the preparation of audited financial statements in their corporate articles;

And whereas municipally-owned corporations may consider business ventures or partnerships with other business corporations for which the articles of incorporation may not include the requirement for audited financial statements:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to legislate changes to mandate the preparation of audited financial statements in the articles of incorporation for municipally-owned corporations and the entities for which the municipally-owned corporations hold significant influence or control.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to legislate changes to mandate the preparation of audited financial statements in the articles of incorporation for municipally-owned corporations and the entities for which the municipally-owned corporations hold significant influence or control.

The Committee notes that upon review of the background information, the Province has advised the sponsor that “(L)ocal governments have the authority to set internal policies around their partnership agreements and if a municipality is concerned with some aspect of the partnership, it could hire an independent auditor to examine the process.” The question is whether local governments wish to seek legislative measures as the sponsor is requesting, or implement their own internal policies to address this situation.

9) COVID Safe Restart Grant Inequity for Electoral Areas

Capital RD

Whereas the Capital Regional District, received a funding allocation of \$1.421M under the safe restart grant based on two per capita amounts formulae: \$8.13 for rural populations and \$3.10 for all populations, and a flat funding amount;

And whereas the safe restart program takes into account the unique structure of regional districts as a service provider, with differing per capita amounts, there is a significant disparity between the per capita allocation for Electoral Areas versus local municipalities with a similar population:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM advocate to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to provide more equitable safe restart grant funding to Regional District Electoral Areas in comparison to the funding provided to local municipalities.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to provide more equitable Safe Restart Grant funding to Regional District Electoral Areas in comparison to the funding provided to local municipalities.

However, the Committee notes that the membership did endorse resolution 2020-SR7 that asked the Province to work collaboratively with UBCM to identify the health, safety, social and economic challenges facing BC communities and provide corresponding financial support that will aid local governments in the Province’s overall COVID-19 recovery effort.

10) Income Tax Credit/Deduction for Workers in Isolated Areas

District of Port Hardy

Whereas it is challenging to attract and retain employees in isolated communities due to a lack of services and the extra cost to obtain these services elsewhere;

And whereas the provincial government has recognized the need to compensate provincial employees through an isolation allowance, which includes additional pay and vacation allowances for employees who work in posted isolated location points:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM lobby the provincial government to provide a tax credit/deduction to workers living in communities **that** are included in **the Province's list of posted isolated location points**.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse with Proposed Amendment

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed a similar resolution from the same sponsor, 2019-B22 Isolation Allowance which asked the provincial and federal governments to provide a tax credit/deduction to all employees living in and around the same communities that those governments recognize with Isolation Allowance.

The membership also endorsed a similar resolution in 2018-B152 asking the federal government to establish an application process for a Rural Living Allowance to residents of rural communities meeting the criteria of a lack of medical services, government services or basic consumer supplies such as groceries, travel barriers and significant economic downturn as determined by the Treasury Board of Canada.

Members have endorsed resolutions related to the increased travel costs facing rural communities to access medical and other services not readily available in smaller more remote communities. Members specifically endorsed 2003-B140 requesting that the Travel Assistance Program funding be extended to include travel costs for rural or remote residents requiring access to physiotherapy services. A similar resolution was endorsed in 2005-B16.

11) Development Cost Charges for Local Government Facilities

District of Lantzville

Whereas the *Local Government Act*, Section 559, authorizes a local government to impose, by bylaw, development cost charges on every person who obtains approval for development, for the purpose of providing funds to assist the local government to pay the capital cost of providing, constructing, altering or expanding sewage, water, drainage and highway facilities, and providing and improving parkland to service, directly or indirectly, the development for which the charge is being imposed;

And whereas in the same manner that development results in a capital cost burden on a local government for sewage, water, drainage, highway facilities, and parkland, the burden of providing, constructing, altering or expanding local government facilities is also incurred by a local government as a result of development:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM be requested to contact the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to propose that the *Local Government Act*, Part 14, Division 19 [Development Costs Recovery] be amended to authorize a local government to impose a development cost charge for local government facilities.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed SR2 in 2019 that specifically sought the modernization of development financing that would identify approaches to:

- Capture growth related capital costs, including, but not limited to infrastructure needed to support: emergency services, solid waste, cultural services, transit, recreation, affordable housing and the expansion of sport-related park services;
- Provide local government with the flexibility to ensure that financing growth-related infrastructure services better reflects community circumstances and community objectives; and
- Creates a consistent approach to land value capture and amenity charges that reduces the uncertainty associated with negotiated agreements.

In addition to 2019-SR2, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions that call for the expanded application of Development Cost Charges (DCC) beyond their current allowable usages to a variety of specific usages including solid waste infrastructure, fire halls and fire suppression equipment and sport related park infrastructure (2020-NR23, 2018-B21, 2016-SR1, 2015-B21, 2012-B9, 2012-B54, 2011-B35, 2010-B23, 2007-B37, 2005-B95).

ENVIRONMENT

12) Contaminants Released from Wastewater Treatment Plants

City of Powell River

Whereas contaminants of emerging concern (CECs) are found in the sewage sludge of wastewater treatment plants and are then dispersed to the environment and food chain through aerosolization, marine discharge, and land application of biosolids;

And whereas CECs have been found to have negative effects on human and wildlife health:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM request the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada to establish sampling protocols and introduce specific measures for monitoring and reducing levels of contaminants of emerging concern from wastewater treatment plants in order to prevent adverse impacts to human and wildlife health in three receiving environments: air, water and land.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the provincial and federal governments to establish sampling protocols and introduce specific measures for monitoring and reducing levels of contaminants of emerging concern from wastewater treatment plants in order to prevent adverse impacts to human and wildlife health in three receiving environments: air, water and land.

However, the Committee notes that the membership did endorsed 2019-B150 from the same sponsor, that called for the creation of standards for microplastics that can pass through wastewater treatment plants that can enter the waterways and be distributed on to land.

13) Reform of the BC Utilities Commission

City of Powell River

Whereas the Province of British Columbia and municipalities share common goals of:

- a) reducing carbon emissions through electrification of buildings and transportation
- b) improving energy affordability and reducing the incidence of poverty, and
- c) enhancing local energy resilience and self-sufficiency in municipalities and Indigenous communities;

And whereas the British Columbia Utilities Commission is currently governed by outdated legislation that limits its ability to guide the transformation of BC's energy system and its ability to direct utilities to realign their activities in line with the objectives stated above:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to amend and modernize the *Utilities Commission Act*, expanding the scope of the BCUC's mandate and giving it clear direction to consider environmental, equity, resilience, and reconciliation objectives in its decision-making.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to amend and modernize the *Utilities Commission Act*, expanding the scope of the BCUC's mandate and giving it clear direction to consider environmental, equity, resilience, and reconciliation objectives in its decision-making.

14) Right to Repair

City of Nanaimo, City of Victoria

Whereas the longevity of items is decreasing because manufacturers are deliberately designing products to be disposable;

And whereas citizens and businesses are deterred from repairing their belongings by companies that claim ownership over the intellectual property in their products, fail to provide parts or other aspects that make it hard to repair items:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to draft and enact Right to Repair legislation.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to draft and enact Right to Repair legislation.

The Committee would recommend that the sponsor provide additional detail in the enactment clause to identify what elements should be included in the new legislation. Without this clarity it is difficult to understand what would be required, how it would be implemented and the implications of the new legislation. As a result of this lack of clarity the Committee has offered no recommendation.

15) Moratorium on Recreational Wolf Hunting

District of Oak Bay

Whereas the public and wildlife conservation organizations are concerned about provincial regulations for recreational wolf hunting practices and believe that these practices should be re-examined for scientific and ethical reasons;

And whereas very little scientific evidence exists about the size of the wolf population or the sustainability of impacts of unrestricted harvesting levels on bio-diversity related to habitats and wildlife ecology, especially at the regional level:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request the provincial government to implement a moratorium on recreational wolf hunting pending the completion of a scientific, data-driven and evidence-based study that includes consultation with Indigenous communities, to re-examine the efficacy of unrestricted wolf harvesting practices and their impacts on bio-diversity, wildlife ecology and sustainability of the wolf population.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to implement a moratorium on recreational wolf hunting pending the completion of a scientific, data-driven and evidence-based study that includes consultation with Indigenous communities, to re-examine the efficacy of unrestricted wolf harvesting practices and their impacts on bio-diversity, wildlife ecology and sustainability of the wolf population. The Committee also notes that the membership has not endorsed any previous hunting moratoriums.

16) Clean and Renewable Energy Regulatory Framework

Village of Cumberland

Whereas local governments are required to set greenhouse gas reduction targets and transition towards becoming more compact, complete and energy-efficient communities;

And whereas communities may have opportunities to create clean and renewable energy projects, such as micro-hydro, geothermal, tidal and solar power;

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia explore changes to the regulatory framework to support communities in partnering with BC Hydro to provide safe reliable clean energy and to generate revenue sources to support local economies.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to explore changes to the regulatory framework to support communities in partnering with BC Hydro to provide safe reliable clean energy and to generate revenue sources to support local economies.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed a number of resolutions over the years supporting the research, development and implementation of clean energy alternatives such as wind, solar, tidal and geothermal (2014-B32, 2008-B41, 2007-B129, 2001 Energy Forum recommendations).

Members have also requested that BC Hydro be directed to:

- reinstate funding and electricity purchase program for renewable energy projects for local government (2020-N49);
- pursue improvements in energy efficiency and low impact renewable energy sources (2006-B26); and
- ensure BC Hydro's mandate be restored to develop sustainable alternative energy options (2009-B45).

17) Climate Leadership**City of Victoria**

Whereas coming out of a workshop at AVICC in 2019, the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Leadership Plan (VICC-CLP) steering committee was formed with representatives nominated from each Regional District in the AVICC region to develop a 2030 Climate Action Plan for the AVICC Region;

And whereas on November 6th 2020, the VICC-CLP steering committee along with faculty and students from the University of Victoria with whom VICC-CLP has been working held a day-long workshop for elected officials and staff in the AVICC region to develop preliminary 2030 Climate Action Goals, noting that in March 2021 the VICC-CLP steering committee will hold two further workshops, one with youth and one with First Nations to ensure that the 2030 Climate Action plan is also grounded in youth experience and Indigenous cultural knowledge:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC membership endorses in principle the directions laid out in the "Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Action Goals Working Draft" and requests that the VICC-CLP also grounds the plan in the cultural and land-based knowledge of Indigenous peoples and the experiences of youth, and that the AVICC membership requests that the VICC-CLP steering committee present a final plan for the membership's consideration at AVICC 2022.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the AVICC membership has not previously considered a resolution to endorse the “Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Action Goals Working Draft”.

The AVICC Executive notes that one of the goals in the draft is: “create an advocacy, education and action plan for all local governments through AVICC, including hazard mapping to support appropriate land use and resilience planning”. There is not sufficient information provided on what is being asked of AVICC to provide a recommendation. The sponsor will be asked to clarify the following questions during their 3-minute address on the resolution:

- What is the specific ask of AVICC?
- What is the anticipated cost?
- What are the implications to AVICC?

18) Help Cities Lead

City of Courtenay

Whereas building retrofits help drive deep building-sector emissions reductions, respiratory illness reductions, building operating cost reductions, and job creation, yet local governments are currently constrained with existing legislation;

And whereas Integral Group modelling has shown that when implemented together, these five actions complement each other:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM prevail upon the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Energy Mines and Low Carbon Innovation (EMLCI), and Attorney-General and Ministry responsible for Housing to move as quickly as possible and in close consultation with local governments to develop and implement the first three measures:

- Regulating GHG emissions for new buildings;
- Home energy labelling; and
- Property assessed clean energy (PACE) enabling legislation;

And be it further resolved that the Province enable local governments to choose, when ready, to opt into the remaining two measures:

- Regulating GHG emissions for existing buildings;
- Building energy benchmarking and reporting.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolutions to address most of the requests found in this resolution, including:

- Home energy labelling (2020-NR52, 2014-B93);
- Property assessed clean energy (PACE) enabling legislation (2019-B140);

- Regulating GHG emissions for existing buildings (2019-B152, 2018-B31, 2014-B28, 2014-B64, 2012-B25); and
- Building energy benchmarking and reporting (2020-EB58, 2019-B142, 2018-B31, 2018-B32, 2017-B62, 2014-B94).

In 2020, UBCM also released the recommendations of the Special Committee on Climate Action which called for funding and capacity building resources to support a low carbon future. The recommendations outline concrete actions that can be taken for buildings, transportation, solid waste, resilience, land use-planning, social mobilization and governance. In particular, the recommendations called for retrofit incentive programs, a low carbon building step retrofit code, and the addition of carbon metrics to the Energy Step Code.

However, the Committee advises that the membership has rejected resolutions that sought to regulate GHG emissions for new buildings, including 2020-NEB8 and 2019-B152.

19) Developing a Vision to End Energy Poverty

City of Powell River

Whereas the Province of British Columbia has a legislated target of reducing poverty in British Columbia by 25% by 2024 as part of the TogetherBC plan;

And whereas there are over 270,000 households in British Columbia that experience energy poverty, struggling to afford basic energy services like heating, lighting and cooking, and experiencing negative health, social and economic impacts as a result:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to set a clear vision and targets to end energy poverty in BC within the next ten years, taking action on the three key drivers of energy poverty: low incomes, high energy costs, and poor energy efficiency in homes.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to set a clear vision and targets to end energy poverty in BC within the next ten years, taking action on the three key drivers of energy poverty: low incomes, high energy costs, and poor energy efficiency in homes.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions that separately address:

- Low incomes (Poverty reduction strategy: 2016-B47, 2015-B44) and (Income supports for food security: 2019-B69, 2013-B55, 2013-B56).
- High energy costs (2019-B73, 2018-B76, 2016-B48, 2015-B40).
- Poor energy efficiency in homes (2018-B31, 2018-B32, 2014-B28).

20) BC Circular Economy Strategy**City of Nanaimo, City of Victoria**

Whereas the provisioning and management of goods and food consumed by BC communities produces excessive and unnecessary quantities of waste, pollution and carbon emissions that threatens environmental health;

And whereas the concept of a Circular Economy provides a vision and framework to design out waste and pollution, keep products and materials in use and regenerate natural systems to help BC communities move towards Zero Waste;

And whereas the Province has yet to develop a comprehensive strategy to transition BC's economy to a circular one:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the province of BC develop a provincial Circular Economy strategy.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has previously endorsed resolutions that support the creation of a circular economy. In particular, resolution 2017-B63 which called on the Province to develop a provincial zero waste strategy.

21) Province-Wide Strategy to Manage Construction and Demolition Waste**City of Nanaimo**

Whereas construction and demolition waste comprises approximately 2.8 million metric tonnes of materials annually in British Columbia, and about one-third of municipal solid waste disposed in the province;

And whereas the materials disposed could have been resold, reused or recycled, they represent sources of embodied carbon, and deconstruction provides six times more job opportunities;

And whereas recent research in just Metro Vancouver suggests the value of salvageable wood at \$343 million annually, and the addition of other materials and other regions would radically increase this number of value:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy develop a plan, including changes to regulations, provincial procurement policy, and economic and industrial policy, to significantly reduce construction and demolition waste.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to develop a plan, including changes to regulations, provincial procurement policy, and economic and industrial policy, to significantly reduce construction and demolition waste.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has supported a number of resolutions addressing the safe handling and disposal of drywall and gypsum, and the asbestos that can be found in those products (2017-B25, 2017-B45, 2017-B97, 2016-B143, 2012-B81).

The membership has also endorsed a similar resolution calling for the creation of an extended producer responsibility program for construction waste, which would address several elements of the enactment clause (2010-B90).

22) Illegal Dumping in Electoral Areas

RD of Nanaimo

Whereas illegal dumping of waste on Crown land and provincial rights-of-way continues to be a growing problem, particularly in rural locations, resulting in unsightly and dangerous refuse deposits in natural areas;

And whereas local governments contribute significant resources to mitigate illegal dumping, and the Province has the mandate for illegal dumping enforcement on Crown land:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urge the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to report out on the action of the provincial working group, review resources and strategies for addressing illegal dumping and optimize partnerships with local governments to more effectively combat this problem.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to report out on the action of the provincial working group, review resources and strategies for addressing illegal dumping and optimize partnerships with local governments to more effectively combat this problem.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions that address illegal dumping (2020-EB56, 2018-B36, 2017-B25, 2017-B64, 2017-B97, 2012-B29, 2011-B89). In particular, Resolution 2017-B64 called for the Province to create a single ministry to be responsible for the regulation of illegal dumping, including enforcement.

The Committee would note that the whereas clauses do not reference any illegal dumping working group while the enactment clause does.

23) Drinking Water Protection and Private Managed Forest Land

Village of Cumberland

Whereas the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* identifies the protection of drinking water, both during and after harvesting, as a management objective;

And whereas private managed forest land located within and adjacent to community drinking water systems limit the ability of local governments to protect and control drinking water supply areas;

And whereas the Province of BC enacted the *Drinking Water Protection Act* to ensure the provision of safe drinking water, and local governments have improved treatment of community drinking water with significant financial support of senior government:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia establish programs for local governments to work with private managed forest landowners to assess risks to drinking water systems and priority land acquisition for lands where harvesting is identified as a significant risk to the provision of safe drinking water.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolutions asking the Province to regulate private land logging in the same manner as crown land and to ensure that local governments are consulted in advance of harvesting to prevent damage to watersheds and other infrastructure (2020-EB48, 2020-EB65, 2019-B38, 2019-B46, 2019-B48, 2019-B49, 2018-B42, 2011-B50, 2010-B26, 2008-B34, 2006-B102, 2005-B27).

24) Community Climate Action Plans

Comox Valley RD

Whereas 493 local governments across Canada, including dozens in BC, have adopted climate emergency declarations;

And whereas there is an urgent need for local governments to develop community climate action plans with clearly articulated targets, but local governments lack the financial resources to effectively implement such plans to mitigate the impacts of climate change:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the provincial government provide sustained financial support for local community climate action planning and implementation that serves to meet the goals of CleanBC.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial and federal governments to commit to meeting reduction targets for greenhouse gas emission, as well as requesting funding for local government to continue undertaking

climate action plans and projects (2019-B138, 2019-B139, 2019-B141, 2014-B26, 2012-B25, 2011-B98, 2010-B40, 2010-B71, 2010-B76, 2010-B84, 2010-B86, 2009-B113, 2009-B134, 2008-B72, 2008-B74, 2008-B76, 2008-B79, 2008-B91, 2008-B148, 2007-B33, 2007-B35, 2007-B177, 2007-LR4, 2006-B27, 2006-B109, 2006-B145, 2005-B28, 2004-B79, 2001-SR3, 2001-Energy Forum Recommendations).

In 2020, UBCM also released the recommendations of the Special Committee on Climate Action which called for funding and capacity building resources to support a low carbon future. The recommendations outline concrete actions that can be taken for buildings, transportation, solid waste, resilience, land use-planning, social mobilization and governance.

25) Funding for Compliance with Landfill Operation and Closure Legislation Central Coast RD

Whereas provincial legislation governing solid waste management in British Columbia has increasingly tightened over the past several years to address important environmental concerns and thereby downloaded new costs onto local governments who must operate or retire their landfills in compliance with new provincial priorities;

And whereas the Province of British Columbia has not developed an equitable or effective fiscal strategy to resource local governments to meet these new landfill operation and closure costs, thereby forcing some local governments to operate, and consider retiring their landfills, under "grandfathered", outdated, and environmentally unsound legislative criteria in order to cope with the substantial and unforeseen costs of compliance:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia to provide the necessary resources to local governments for landfill compliance related projects so that landfills may be operated and retired in an environmentally sound manner and obligations to First Nations may be better met in acknowledgment of Indigenous rights and title to impacted lands and water.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to provide the necessary resources to local governments for landfill compliance related projects so that landfills may be operated and retired in an environmentally sound manner and obligations to First Nations may be better met in acknowledgment of Indigenous rights and title to impacted lands and water.

However, the Committee notes that the membership did endorse resolution 2016-B27 that addresses the Landfill Operational Certificates and their resulting higher standards and increasing costs to local governments to operate landfills. The resolution called for provincial funding to assist local governments in their waste management initiatives that address the new standards.

LAND USE

26) Risk Assessments of Potential Threats to Natural Assets

Town of Gibsons

Whereas local governments are working to prepare their communities for the impacts of climate change including increased severity of rain events, floods, fires, landslides and droughts, by working to develop co-governance and management plans and investing in the assessment, monitoring and, where appropriate, restoration of natural assets such as forests and creeks that provide vital ecosystems services;

And whereas the provincial government issues forestry and mining operating licenses and permits for the industrial activity taking place on Crown Lands and where these projects could have a potentially-negative impact on the downstream communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to, in their consideration of these projects, include a referral to affected local governments and undertake risk assessments to identify and assess any potential threats to the natural assets that communities rely on to provide essential services such as drinking water and flood mitigation.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has supported resolutions that seek better land use planning that ensures decision making takes into account the cumulative effects on the environment, such as watersheds (2020-EB61, 2019-B36, 2019-B155, 2018-B34, 2017-B65, 2017-B115, 2016-B25).

The Committee also notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions requesting support and/or funding for flood protection, prevention and mitigation measures (2020-NR16, 2019-B12, 2018-B33, 2018-B37, 2018-B94, 2018-B123, 2016-B56, 2015-B6, 2015-B7, 2015-B97, 2014-B75, 2014-B76, 2013-A1, 2013-A2, 2012-B3, 2012-B4, 2012-B62, 2011-B11, 2011-B12, 2011-B79, 2010-B8).

In particular, 2020-NR16, that was endorsed by the UBCM Executive, requested that the federal and provincial governments:

- implement requirements for incorporating green infrastructure and nature-based solutions in flood management to ensure effective flood mitigation; and,
- promote natural assets as a viable emergency planning solution and provide appropriate funding through specific grants and programs.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

27) De-Centralizing Forest Management on Vancouver Island & Coastal BC

Municipality of North Cowichan

Whereas the forest sector in British Columbia has been on a steady decline in recent decades, with dozens of mill closures, thousands of middle-class jobs lost, and once-thriving rural communities experiencing severe economic decline;

And whereas many communities across British Columbia and globally have demonstrated that when local people are empowered to manage public forests and other resources through community forest licenses, regional trusts and other community-based governance models, they can enhance environmental sustainability and climate change resilience, provide stable and fulfilling employment, improve equity and fairness, and advance meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous peoples;

And whereas the region of Vancouver Island, Sunshine Coast, Powell River, the North Coast and the Central Coast ("Vancouver Island and the Coast") would be well-suited for a pilot for a de-centralized forestry management model because of its strong record of success in community-based forestry management, exceptional local interest in forest practices, and history in land use planning at a macro-regional level:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC call on the Province of British Columbia move to establish a de-centralized forest management model for Vancouver Island and the Coast that will empower local people in decision-making, and, as a first step, appoint a Forester General for the region who will undertake the following actions:

- Consult with First Nations, local communities, labour unions, industry, small business, and the broader public on current challenges with the Vancouver Island and Coast forest sector;
- Carry out region-specific analyses of the opportunities to increase employment and value-added manufacturing, restrict raw log exports, improve environmental sustainability, enhance climate change resilience, expand recreation and tourism, and advance meaningful reconciliation with First Nations;
- Develop a regional land use plan for Vancouver Island and the Coast based on broad consultations; and
- Recommend next steps for empowering Vancouver Island and the Coast in the management of forestry and related resources.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is very regional in nature, focusing on communities in the geography covered by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities.

The Committee notes that the same sponsor submitted a similar resolution, 2020-C16, which was placed in C and referred back to the Area Association as it was deemed too regional in nature.

The Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed a similar resolution, 2019-B156, also from the same sponsor, but it took a more province-wide focus. It called for the establishment of a Forest Charter; adopting a region-based forest management model that empowers communities, and the appointment of a Forester General to serve as a new independent officer who will report annually to the Legislature and work with the diverse regions of our province on local land planning processes,

The Committee also notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to work with local governments and First Nations to improve the community benefits of forest resources (2018-B44, 2017-B36, 2016-B32, 2015-B37, 2015-B38, 2015-B63, 2013-B79, 2013-B105, 2012-B33, 2012-B109, 2011-B50, 2011-B57, 2011-B104, 2011-B105, 2011-B167, 2010-B40, 2010-B104, 2010-B105, 2009-B47, 2009-B128, 2009-B131, 2008-B36, 2008-B37, 2007-B43, 2007-B44).

28) Reconsideration of Process to Phase Out Discovery Islands Fish Farms City of Campbell River

Whereas aquaculture is an important economic driver for the Province of British Columbia, particularly on Vancouver Island;

And whereas the federal government’s decision to phase out existing salmon farming facilities in the Discovery Islands by June 30, 2022, creates financial, economic and social damages to workers, families, businesses and communities on Vancouver Island, across British Columbia and beyond:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urge the Province to lobby the federal government to reconsider the process of phasing out salmon farms in the Discovery Islands area of BC and meet with industry and local government representatives immediately to begin a meaningful dialogue to minimize the damage of the Discovery Islands decision and chart a course for the future of the BC salmon farming industry.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to lobby the federal government to reconsider the process of phasing out salmon farms in the Discovery Islands area of BC and meet with industry and local government representatives immediately to begin a meaningful dialogue to minimize the damage of the Discovery Islands decision and chart a course for the future of the BC salmon farming industry. The Discovery Islands decision was made by the federal government in December 2020. Prior to this decision the federal government had committed to transitioning BC’s open net pen operations by 2025.

Following the Discovery Islands decision, the UBCM President wrote to the federal DFO Minister on March 3, 2021 expressing concerns about the 2022 decision in light of the earlier 2025 date; but also UBCM policy that supports a transition to closed containment, not shut down fish farm operations. The following extracts are from UBCM President Frenkel’s letter to DFO Minister Bernadette Jordan, copied to the provincial government:

“We wish to note that UBCM members have supported, by resolution, the transition of open net pen operations to closed containment. Resolution 2018-A2 specifically asked that consultations occur with First Nations governments, local governments, conservation organizations and industry on a transition plan to closed-containment aquaculture, including a just transition for affected workers.”

....

“Our concern is that these decisions [previous reference to Broughton Archipelago Agreement] are being made without any consultation with local government. We would question if either order of government has given consideration to the cumulative economic impacts and social costs that are being borne by these coastal communities. Will there be support to transition workers and communities that will be affected by these decisions? We would note that communities, businesses and residents are already struggling to manage within a challenging pandemic environment.”

It is UBCM’s understanding that there is presently a consultation process underway with affected communities around the 2025 transition plan.

29) Amendments to the Aquaculture Act

City of Campbell River

Whereas aquaculture is an important economic driver for the Province of British Columbia, particularly on Vancouver Island;

And whereas the proposed Aquaculture Act must ensure decisions are based on scientific facts and technology, and take into consideration all stakeholder input:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM urge the Province to lobby the federal government to ensure that the proposed Aquaculture Act include language which ensures that all decisions on the management of aquaculture on the BC Coastline are based on science and evidence-based information with clear understanding of the advancement in technology and include all representatives of local or regional communities as stakeholders.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed a similar resolution from the same sponsor, 2018-B73, that asked the Province to ensure that all decisions with regards to the management of all fisheries, and protection of the natural environment, are made based on current data, technology, science and traditional knowledge.

The Committee also notes that the members have endorsed a number of resolutions in support of actions for the protection of fish and fish habitat (2013-B28, 2012-B80, 2009-B126, 2005-B38, 1997-B48, 1996-B68).

The Committee would also note that UBCM made a submission to the Aquaculture Policy Directorate in response to the federal government’s request for comment on the development of an Aquaculture

Act. In addition to providing UBCM member resolutions & policy, the following extracts from the cover letter speak to the role and interests of local government :

“UBCM recognizes the complex, multi-jurisdictional nature of aquaculture. We also recognize the local economic significance of this sector to many coastal communities; and the importance of protecting wild fish species as well. The attached resolutions speak to the membership’s desire to be consulted and engaged in the management of all fisheries. “ ...

“As the Aquaculture Policy Directorate moves forward to develop a new Aquaculture Act, we would request that any new legislation acknowledge the role of local governments. In BC, local governments are recognized as an order of government that needs to be consulted and engaged. “...

“In fact, local government interest in aquaculture is much broader than siting and licencing operations, communities are interested in how the industry will operate and be regulated as the federal government moves to transition BC’s open net pen operations by 2025.”

REGIONAL DISTRICTS

30) Tree Management in Electoral Areas

RD of Nanaimo

Whereas regional districts have limited regulatory authority for tree management except in relation to protection from certain natural hazards;

And whereas electoral areas have similar concerns and objectives as municipalities in terms of other important aspects of tree management including maintaining tree cover and protecting heritage trees and watershed health;

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urge the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to amend the *Local Government Act* to provide broader tree management authority to regional districts equivalent to the authority granted by legislation to municipalities.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed similar resolutions calling on the Province to grant regional districts the authority to enact tree protection bylaws (2019-B58, 2015-B39, 2003-B41).

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

31) Internet Access in Health Care

qathet RD

Whereas reliable, accessible high speed internet access has been determined as essential for a basic quality of life in our society;

And whereas internet access can be unreliable or inaccessible for citizens confined to a health care facility which often leaves them disconnected from their loved ones and their community:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM should advocate for the provincial government to ensure reasonable, reliable and accessible high speed internet access for patients confined to Health Care Facilities across the province.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to ensure reasonable, reliable and accessible high speed internet access for patients confined to Health Care Facilities across the province.

32) Increase Disability Benefits and Income Assistance Rates

City of Victoria

Whereas after many years of frozen income assistance rates and only minimal increases to disability benefits the current Provincial Government increased rates, for single people, by \$150 between 2017 and 2019 but most people who receive disability benefits or income assistance continue to live well below the poverty line;

And whereas the Provincial Government added a \$300/month COVID benefit for those receiving disability and income assistance, which temporarily reduced people's risk of losing their housing and increased their access to necessities including food and medical supplies, but as of January 2021 the benefit has been reduced to \$150/month and there is no commitment to provide additional support past March 2021:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM the Province of British Columbia to permanently reinstate the automatic, \$300/month benefit for people receiving disability benefits and income assistance and move to raise disability and income assistance to a livable rate that is above the market basket measure (MBM).

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions requesting increases to income assistance and disability benefits (2018-B163, 2017-B53, 2016-B120, 2013-B55, 2011-B175), however there have been no prior requests for a specific dollar amount.

The Committee notes that the Province has committed to a permanent increase to income and disability assistance of \$175 per month, beginning in April 2021.

33) Paid Sick Leave for Workers**City of Victoria**

Whereas one year into a global pandemic that has killed thousands of British Columbians and millions of people worldwide, there is no legislation ensuring adequate, employer-paid sick days with the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit being temporary, sometimes inaccessible, and not of use for the crucial first few days of an illness;

And whereas if paid sick day legislation had been in place before the global pandemic, lives would have been saved because infection rates would have been reduced;

And whereas the lack of legislated paid sick days has especially hurt Black, Indigenous, workers of colour and women workers who are over-represented in frontline jobs, with low pay, few benefits, and without the ability to work from home:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to legislate a minimum of ten (10) accessible, universal, and permanent, paid sick days for all workers and additional days during public health outbreaks.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to legislate a minimum of ten (10) accessible, universal, and permanent, paid sick days for all workers and additional days during public health outbreaks.

34) Declaring the Overdose Crisis a National Public Health Emergency**District of Saanich**

Whereas it is understood that opioid addictions continue to cause an ever growing record number of heart breaking deaths and debilitations across the country;

And whereas while we understand the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia have recognized these impacts, it remains critically important to advocate for a national public health emergency through the municipal voices provided by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC), the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM):

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM requests the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia declare the overdose crisis a national public health emergency and develop appropriate comprehensive, holistic Pan-Canadian overdose action plans that include the legislative and funding frameworks for decriminalization, de-stigmatization, free and safe supply, suitable medical treatments and thereby function to holistically address the opioid crisis, mental health issues and their connections to homelessness and overdose deaths in municipalities across Canada.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not considered a resolution that requests the declaration of a national public health emergency on the overdose crisis.

However, the membership has endorsed several resolutions on this issue, including 2019-B142 which called for a federally supported comprehensive and culturally safe public health approach to the opioid crisis including policy frameworks governing illegal drugs; and resolution 2020-SR8 which called for ongoing, sustained funding to address the overdose public health emergency.

Declaring the Overdose Crisis a National Public Health Emergency make the same request as resolution 12.17 from Capital RD titled: Opioid Crisis, except that Capital RD does not request that the safe drug supply be provided free of cost.

35) Opioid Crisis

Capital RD

Whereas it is understood that opioid addictions continue to cause an ever growing record number of heart breaking deaths and debilitations across the country;

And whereas while we understand the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia have recognized these impacts, it remains critically important to advocate for a national public health emergency through the municipal voices provided by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC), the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM):

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM requests the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia declare the overdose crisis a national public health emergency and develop appropriate comprehensive, holistic Pan-Canadian overdose action plans that include the legislative and funding frameworks for decriminalization, de-stigmatization, safe supply, suitable medical treatments and thereby function to holistically address the opioid crisis, mental health issues and their connections to homelessness and overdose deaths in municipalities across Canada.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not considered a resolution that requests the declaration of a national public health emergency on the overdose crisis.

However, the membership has endorsed several resolutions on this issue, including 2019-B142 which called for a federally supported comprehensive and culturally safe public health approach to the opioid crisis including policy frameworks governing illegal drugs; and resolution 2020-SR8 which called for ongoing, sustained funding to address the overdose public health emergency.

Opioid Crisis make the same request as resolution 12.03 from Saanich titled: Declaring the Overdose Crisis a National Public Health Emergency, except that Saanich also requests that the safe drug supply be provided free of cost.

36) Farmers' Markets as Essential Services During Local Emergencies

Village of Cumberland

Whereas farmers' markets are a key resource in addressing food security during an emergency by providing access to food quickly and efficiently;

And whereas it has been demonstrated that farmers' markets can replace disruptions to food supply chains at the local community level and in times of emergency, for instance in the case of the Quesnel Farmers Market during the 2017 Cariboo Chilcotin wildfires and the closure of Highway 97 over multiple days:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province take the necessary steps to ensure farmers' markets are identified as an essential service during all provincial and local states of emergency.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that a similar resolution, 2020-NR66, was referred to the UBCM Executive due to a lack of time at the 2020 Convention. The Executive determined that no action was required for 2020-NR66 as farmers' markets were already listed as one of the COVID-19 Essential Services. In this current resolution, there is no reference to the COVID-19, instead it makes reference to other emergency situations.

The Committee notes that the membership has endorsed several resolutions calling on the Province to ensure food security for British Columbians, including:

- Create programs and partnerships to increase community awareness of the benefits of nutritious and affordable food and support regional initiatives to enhance community food security (2019-B66)
- Create programs to promote and develop local food production on farmland and in greenhouses (2011-B100, 2011-B101, 2010-B47, 2008-A2)
- Protection of ALR land and help increase viability of farming and food production (2014-A3, 2011-B48)
- Limit production of cannabis on ALR lands so it is used for food production (2018-B132)
- Provide funding for community farm markets (2010-B96)
- Develop strategies and policies to ensure that BC is self-sufficient in food production by 2020 (2010-B119)
- Develop a 'Buy Local' program to promote the sale of local, sustainably produced foods (2010-B100, 2007-B175, 2002-B98)
- Allow local and/or mobile small-scale abattoir facilities to operate under less stringent facility regulations to allow meat processed in this manner to be sold locally to the public (2016-B39, 2013-B38, 2010-B49, 2008-A2)
- Change school curriculums to include local food production, food security and school gardens (2009-B144)

- Provide resources to enable all local governments to create and implement solutions for supporting local food resilience and supply through food systems planning (2009-B132)
- Increase funding and support for farmers and the agricultural sector (2009-B89, 2009-B50, 2008-B47, 2000-B101)
- Show support for continued existence of agricultural fairs and exhibitions in BC (2013-B82).

37) Improved Access to Detox and Treatment Centres

City of Port Alberni

Whereas there are extensive wait lists and limited access for individuals seeking entry to provincially funded residential detox and recovery treatment centres;

And whereas individuals struggling with addiction are often required to complete medical detox prior to accessing/obtaining rehabilitation treatment:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM petition the Province to improve access to and reduce wait times for individuals seeking treatment for their addictions through medical detox and rehabilitation treatment centres.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions making similar requests, including those that:

- seek more funding for detox and rehabilitation throughout the Province, particularly in rural and remote communities (2019-B61);
- seek resources to establish sobering and assessment centres (2014-B70);
- seek, in part, more harm reduction services, including detox and treatment beds, to be made available in every local government in BC (2010-B145);
- seek more funding for detox centres in more areas of the Province (2007-B51); and
- seek more regional detox centres (2006-B8).

The Committee also notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to provide improved resourcing and facilities for mental health and addictions services throughout the province (2020-SR8, 2019-B60, 2019-B61, 2019-B171, 2019-B172, 2018-B52, 2017-B70, 2017-B71, 2016-B43, 2015-A2, 2014-B34, 2013-B52, 2010-B42, 2008-A1, 2007-B89, 2007-B153, 2006-B50, 2006-B51, 2005-B3).

HOUSING

38) Acquisition of Apartment Buildings for Affordable Housing

City of Victoria

Whereas communities face acute challenges around housing affordability and housing availability, undermining the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities;

And whereas purpose-built rental apartment buildings from previous decades are an essential component of the current rental housing supply, meaning that future renewal of these properties poses substantial opportunities and risks to current occupants as well as local communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to work with local communities, the not-for-profit sector and other partners on a program of land banking purpose-built rental apartment buildings, to preserve and renew this essential component of the affordable rental housing supply.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to work with local communities, the not-for-profit sector and other partners on a program of land banking purpose-built rental apartment buildings, to preserve and renew this essential component of the affordable rental housing supply.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking ways to encourage investment in older and new rental housing stock (2018-B56, 2017-B53, 2016-OF1, 2015-B14, 2015-B47, 2015-B48, 2015-B49, 2014-B46, 2013-B54, 2012-B143, 2009-C28, 2008-A3, 2007-A7, 2007-B40, 2007-B108, 2007-B197, 2006-B118, 2005-B47, 2004-B30, 2000-B77).

39) Enhanced Communications to Address Homelessness Related Issues **City of Courtenay**

Whereas there has been limited communication with local governments regarding Provincial COVID-19 response initiatives to ensure the health and safety of individuals experiencing homelessness and local governments play an integral ongoing role in supporting individuals experiencing homelessness through the support of non-profits, emergency response services, pursuing long-term affordable housing options, and formal communication between governments is vital to enhance homelessness response and support initiatives;

And whereas homelessness response actions undertaken by the provincial government have a direct impact on local government resources such as bylaw enforcement, policing, fire response, land use planning, and the maintenance of public space to ensure safe enjoyment:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM ask the provincial government to consult with local governments when planning new housing and facilities to support homeless people.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the the Province to recognize local governments as a key stakeholder in

homelessness response and support efforts and be included in related planning processes prior to implementation.

However, the Committee notes that membership has consistently endorsed resolutions emphasizing the importance of communication and consultation with local government (2019-SR1, 2019-B3, 2014-B37, 2013-B34, 2012-B119, 2009-B54, 2009-B141, 2002-SR1, 2001-A9).

The Committee also notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial and federal governments to develop a national housing strategy and complementary provincial housing strategy including plans to address homelessness (2020-NR70, 2019-B68, 2019-B183, 2017-B52, 2017-B98, 2016-B45).

The Committee further notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling for action on the part of the provincial and federal governments to fund, provide and facilitate affordable and adequate housing in communities, to in part, address homelessness (2019-B68, 2019-B183, 2015-B46, 2013-B54, 2012-B94, 2009-C28, 2008-A3, 2007-B24, 2006-B81, 2004-B2, 2004-B30, 2003-LR21, 2002-A21, 2002-B64, 2000-B31).

40) Unauthorized Camping Crisis

Alberni-Clayoquot RD

Whereas unauthorized camping has affected in negative ways residents, businesses, the environment and, in many cases, those experiencing homelessness throughout the province;

And whereas the COVID-19 Pandemic has exacerbated the effects of, and very significantly increased the occurrences of, unauthorized camping:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to prioritize working with local governments in understanding the effects of unauthorized camping on all parties and actively participate in mitigating those that are deleterious to the health and welfare of people, to the environment and to business.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2019-B183, calling on the Province to work with local governments to develop policy to address rural homelessness, noting limitations in the province’s response to Crown land encampments.

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41) Funding for Small Communities to Attend AVICC

Central Coast RD

Whereas the costs for travel to and attendance at in-person AVICC conventions for very small and remote local governments constitutes a significantly higher percentage of their budgets compared to larger and more urban local governments;

And whereas the number of elected officials who can attend from small and remote communities is therefore significantly impacted and often reduced:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC consider creating a fund to support local governments who experience significant challenges allocating funds to send representatives to the AVICC annual convention.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

If this resolution passes, the AVICC Executive will develop a policy around eligibility (defining what is considered a small and remote community), coverage (what type of costs would be compensated), and funding options (increasing member dues or convention registration fees). The Executive would bring back a report on eligibility, coverage and options for financing the travel and attendance costs for the consideration of the membership at the 2022 Convention.

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership considered two similar resolutions:

- 2002-B70 was not endorsed; and
- 2019-B178 was referred back to the sponsor for clarification by the UBCM Executive.

The latter resolution's enactment was as follows:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM implement a travel cost equalization policy to ensure local government elected officials from low revenue and rural communities have an equal opportunity to attend and participate in annual UBCM conventions as local governments in relatively close proximity to Vancouver, Victoria and Whistler.

The Resolutions Committee noted that while the sponsor's concerns were valid, there are so many questions that would need to be considered before embarking on any further work; such as funding model; what is definition of rural; how would the program be funded, etc. The Committee also noted that without any direction from the membership it is difficult to know if the membership would be supportive of this approach; or what criteria it would wish to apply; or how the fund would be established. As a result, the Executive asked that 2019-B178 be referred back to the sponsor for them to consider re-submitting in 2020 to allow the membership to debate the matter. The sponsor did not re-submit in 2020 so the matter was not considered.

42) Funding for Small Communities to Attend UBCM

Central Coast RD

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*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

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43) Community to Community Forum Grants

District of Port Hardy

Whereas the importance of open and continuing conversation between local governments and First Nations governments is critical to further reconciliation;

And whereas UBCM’s Regional Community to Community Forum (C2C) program is an important resource to assist with these dialogues, it is also important that governments be allowed the flexibility to access this funding when it is most beneficial to the communities:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC ask UBCM to allow the Regional Community to Community Forum grants not be subject to specific deadlines but be made available throughout the year;

And be it further resolved that those granted funds be available for a full calendar year.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Action Required***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the same sponsor submitted the same resolution last year: 2020-NR77. Due to a lack of time at Convention, it was referred to the UBCM Executive. The Executive confirmed the recommendation of: No Action Required. Consequently, it was returned to the sponsor.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolution 2018-B23 calling for stable, ongoing funding programs with systemic, inclusive, and collaborative approaches to assist with First Nations reconciliation and relationship building efforts, but the present resolution specifically addresses the administration of the C2C Program.

With regards to the C2C program, the Resolutions Committee notes that the program is required to meet the conditions of funding set by the federal government. This includes the restriction that all funded activities must be completed within the fiscal year for which the funding was provided. Consequently, UBCM does not have the ability to adjust program design elements such as those requested in the enactment clause.

However, the program design is also quite flexible, and includes:

- Applicants have the full fiscal year in which they apply to complete their event. For applicants that apply for the spring deadline, this generally means their event can take place at any time in the following 12 months.
- UBCM aims to respond to all applications within 30 days of the deadline.
- Applications can be submitted at any time and are generally reviewed by UBCM and the First Nations Summit after three deadlines each year (which is more than many programs that only offer an annual intake).

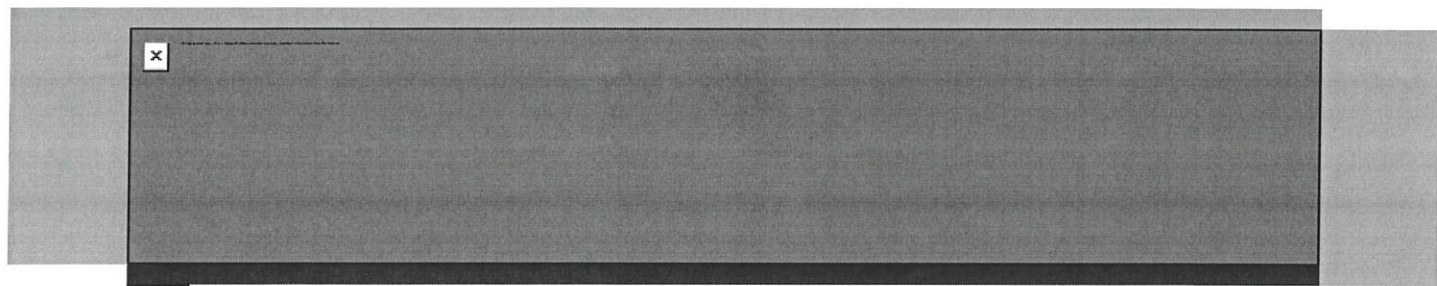
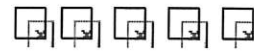
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Have you registered for *FORWARD: FCM's 2021 Annual Conference and Trade Show*? It takes place from May 31 to June 4. **The early bird rate ends Friday, May 14.** And with no travel involved this year, it's easier than ever for elected municipal officials *and* staff to attend.



It's the fullest national gathering of our municipal family since COVID-19 hit. This conference is where we'll come together to explore how we're moving forward through the pandemic. And it's where we'll gear up together to build stronger, more resilient communities on the other side.

Through **workshops** and **networking**, we'll get new insight and tools to tackle key challenges—from affordable housing and rural economic growth to managing your workforce in 2021. We'll take that further at the **virtual trade show** featuring exhibitors who can support your recovery efforts.

We'll engage directly with **national party leaders** who are indispensable partners on the path forward. So far, we've confirmed Conservative leader Erin O'Toole, NDP leader Jagmeet Singh and Green leader Annamie Paul—with more announcements to come.

We'll hear from **inspiring changemakers**, including our workshop panelists who are

making a difference in so many ways.

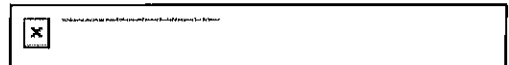
An all-virtual FCM annual conference is a new experience. And as local leaders always do, **we're going to make the most of every tool available.** That includes systems to network with peers, shorter interactive workshops, extensive simultaneous interpretation, and on-demand access to recordings of many sessions afterwards.

This is also your chance to elect FCM's next Board of Directors. FCM's annual conference hosts the most democratic expression of our membership: our Board elections. FCM is *your* organization, and we encourage you to have your say in its direction—especially with the crucial year ahead. *You must be an elected official of a member municipality and a registered annual conference delegate to cast a ballot.*



Join us at *FORWARD: FCM's 2021 Annual Conference and Trade Show.* This is one conference that you absolutely do not want to miss.

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The Village Workshop (Online)

With Kathi Camilleri

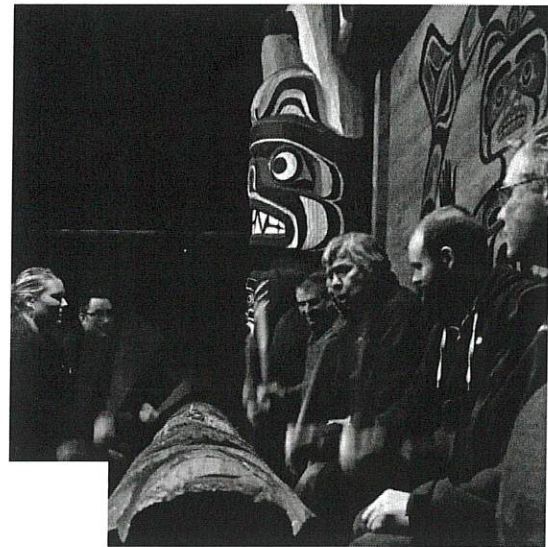
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Learn about colonization and reconciliation, centring storytelling as a traditional way of teaching. The elders say that there is always an opportunity to learn more when we look for it. Traditionally the same story was told many times. As participants listen they are asked to try to harvest the wisdom that is in each story. In this Village Online Learning Experience, participants will be asked to pay attention to what resonates with them as they listen to stories, and learning will be different for each participant.

“Chi Miigwetch, great thanks to you, Kathi, and all of the elders and organizers for delivering this amazing workshop. There was so much love, support, and wisdom in the room that it felt like an incredibly safe space to examine trauma and emotions around the impacts of colonization on our lives and families. I have been talking to many people all week about my experiences there.”



Book now and get 10% off listed prices! Offer valid until May 10, 2021.

& TIME DETAILS:

sday, June 10, 9:30-11:00am

Pacific Time

Friday, June 11, 9:30-11:00am

Pacific Time

Thursday, June 17, 9:30-11:00am

Pacific Time

Friday, June 18, 9:30-12:00pm

Pacific Time

LOCATION: Online

Learning themes include:

- A deepened understanding regarding traditional territory and the use of stories to build relationships to learn and teach
- An appreciation of Life in a traditional village before colonization
- Perspective on resilience and acts of resistance during multiple waves of trauma
- Awareness of how we can work together to change

systems to make them work better for everyone

There are four modules:

1. Module One: Preparing For Our Journey Together
2. Module Two: Journey to A Pre-contact Village
3. Module Three: Colonization Of the Village
4. Module Four: Our Reconciliation Journey

The first 3 modules will take approximately 1.5 hrs to complete, while the last module will require 2.5 hrs to complete. Each module includes 30 minutes of video followed by 10-12 discussion questions at the end. Participants will be asked to think, write, draw, and talk with a buddy or small cohort to process what they have learned.

Schedule

June 10: 9:30 to 11:00 am PT
June 11: 9:30 to 11:00 am PT
June 17: 9:30 to 11:00 am PT
June 18: 9:30 to 12:00 pm PT (note: additional time for a spacious debrief)

Virtual Gathering

This event will take place on Zoom, a video conferencing tool. You may download the application for free. You will also need a device with speakers, microphone, video, and internet connection. You may test your Zoom connection in advance. A short tutorial for Zoom etiquette will be provided at the beginning of the event.

Recordings

This session will not be recorded. Much of the value of this workshop will come through live discussions online with Kathi and peers. Participants can access pre-recorded material at anytime during the duration of the course.

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Presenter



Kathi Camilleri
Cultural safety practitioner, workshop facilitator,

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We ask that you reflect deeply and select the tier that is most appropriate for your financial situation. The "Pay it Forward" tier will support Hollyhock in continuing to offer meaningful programs and also support your fellow community members who are experiencing financial hardship. If you are applying for a scholarship, please choose the standard tuition cost.

Pay it Forward Tuition: \$198 CAD

Standard Tuition: \$138 CAD

Supported Tuition: \$78 CAD

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keynote speaker, and community engagement specialist. Kathi created and facilitates the Building Bridges through Understanding the Village © workshop to increase cultural competency for organizations across Canada. She has almost 25 years of leadership experience in facilitating, counseling, developing, directing and coordinating Aboriginal community-based programs. She has facilitated and managed culturally-based strategic planning sessions, conflict resolution and counseling strategies for groups and individuals, developed community workshops to create understanding and support for families who are experiencing the generational effects

of the trauma of residential schools, and has developed networking circles to bring service providers together..

Learn more about Kathi Camilleri

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2021 BC Achievement Community Awardees Announced

VANCOUVER – Premier John Horgan and Anne Giardini, OC, OBC, QC, Chair of the BC Achievement Foundation, today named this year’s recipients of the BC Achievement Community Award, marking the 18th offering of these awards.

“This year’s Community Awardees are, without exception, remarkable British Columbians who have strengthened their communities during challenging times,” said Premier John Horgan. “As a result of their commitments to causes beyond themselves, they have ensured that BC is a better province for all of us.”

“It is a particular honour this year to recognize these twenty-five outstanding British Columbians,” added Giardini. “This year’s recipients exemplify the spirit of the Community Award. Celebrating their achievements honours the very best of our province and inspires us all to public service and excellence.”

The recipients of the 2021 Community Award are:

- Amber Anderson C.C.C., Vancouver**
- Harbhajan Singh Athwal, New Westminster**
- Ann Blaauw, Langley**
- Doug Chinnery, Hornby Island**
- James Robert (Bob) Coates, Victoria**
- Kal Dosanjh, Surrey**
- Norah Flaherty, Vancouver**
- Dr. Balbir Gurm, Surrey**
- Yúya’ainuǔv Anita Hall, Bella Bella**
- John & Joyce Henderson, Salmon Arm**
- Teresa Kazemir, Port Coquitlam**
- Zeba Khan, Vancouver**
- Angelika & Peter Langen, Smithers**
- Dr. Christine Loock, North Vancouver**



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Jack McGee, West Vancouver
Elaine Monds, Victoria
Marcia Nozick, Vancouver
Nirmal Parmar, Terrace
Dr. Jane Jae Kyung Shin, Port Coquitlam
Lurana Kikuko Tasaka, Vancouver
Rosemary Thomson, Kelowna
Linda Williams, Sechelt
Cheryl Young, Aldergrove

An independent committee selects the recipients of the Community Award. The 2021 selection committee members are Mayor Lee Brain of Prince Rupert, Mayor Michelle Staples of Duncan, and past recipients, Aisha Amijee, Aart Schuurman Hess and Andy Yu.

The 2021 Mitchell Award of Distinction, selected by the BC Achievement Board in consultation with the community, is presented to Chef Amber Anderson for her work with H.A.V.E. Culinary Training Society. The Award of Distinction recognizes an individual who, through his or her work and volunteer activities, has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to elevating the community in which they live, and those who serve it. Amber has shown a unique and selfless leadership style that empowers others to lead. Named in honour of Keith Mitchell QC, BC Achievement's Founding Chair and guiding light for 13 years, Keith is a leader by example and a mentor at heart, who brought clarity to the role of the Foundation in its mission to celebrate excellence to inspire achievement in British Columbia.

Community Award recipients are traditionally recognized in a formal presentation ceremony in Victoria, in the presence of the Honourable Janet Austin, OBC, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the 2021 awardees will instead be celebrated online and through BC Achievement's digital #shinethelightbc campaign. Each recipient receives a certificate and a medallion designed by BC artist Robert Davidson, OC honouring their achievements.



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The BC Achievement Foundation is an independent foundation established in 2003 whose mission is to honour excellence to inspire achievement. The Community Award was the first initiative of the foundation, followed by the Carter Wosk Award in Applied Art and Design, BC's National Award in Canadian Non-Fiction (2005-2018), the Fulmer Award in First Nations Art, and the Indigenous Business Award. Most recently, BC Achievement is honoured to work in partnership with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor in presenting the inaugural 2021 BC Reconciliation Award program.

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2021 Community Award – Backgrounders

Amber Anderson C.C.C., Vancouver

As the Executive Director of Hope Action Values Ethics (H.A.V.E.) Culinary Training Society, Amber has impacted countless lives. In 2007, Amber was asked to develop a school and cafe in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside to offer culinary training to some of the province's most marginalized people. Through H.A.V.E., Amber fosters community, instilling confidence in each of her students as they work towards graduation and beyond. When COVID forced Amber to close the school and cafe, she quickly reinvented H.A.V.E. to continue the work. Today she focuses on providing nutritious meals for the local community, hiring H.A.V.E. students as catering cooks, while also securing funding to offer free meals to the homeless. Amber's empathy and generosity of spirit has helped more than 1,300 people shift their story to a more hopeful one.

Harbhajan Singh Athwal, New Westminster

Harbhajan Singh Athwal has been a pillar in his community since his arrival to Canada in 1968. After retiring from his role as a sawmill laborer, where he worked for over 38 years, Harbhajan Singh took on a volunteer position as President of the non-profit Khalsa Diwan Society Gurdwara Sukh Sagar in 2006. Through this society, Harbhajan Singh contributes to the spiritual, educational, and social services available to the New Westminster community. In 2007, he spearheaded the creation of the Guru Nanak Free Kitchen program, providing meals for the homeless community in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Over the past 14 years, volunteers have been preparing and distributing meals to this community and others every week. Harbhajan Singh has helped to create many youth-oriented programs, services and workshops, including scholarships for high school and university students. A devout Sikh, Harbhajan Singh follows the *service to humankind* path, this ethos underscoring everything he does. Over the years, Harbhajan Singh has extended his home to many new immigrant families, and he continues to offer community and friendship where it is needed most.

Ann Blaauw, Langley

A retired poultry and cranberry farmer, Ann worked incredibly hard alongside her husband to achieve tremendous success. Grounded by family, noble values and a tireless work ethic, today Ann is equally dedicated to her philanthropic work. Ann's generous gift to support the new



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Sunny Hill Health Centre's patio will enable children access to fresh air and nature as they heal, both physically and emotionally. Her support of Langley Memorial Hospital's new emergency department and Langley Hospice Society's new residence will impact the community for generations to come. Ann nurtures meaningful partnerships. None more so than that with Trinity Western University. Together they have created the Blaauw Eco Forest, preserving a pristine conservation area for Langley visitors and residents to enjoy and learn from. With purpose, integrity and quiet modesty, Ann continues to enrich and improve life for her Langley community.

Doug Chinnery, Hornby Island

Doug leads by example. As Hornby Island's Fire Department & Rescue (HIFR) Chief, Doug holds a position of immense responsibility. In 2020, HIFR took 171 callouts, of which Doug personally attended more than 100 - serving his community in his trademark unassuming, effective way. Doug's recent contributions have included developing a pandemic outbreak plan for the community, training over 100 volunteers in naloxone administration and working with community groups and outside agencies to reinstate the island's helicopter landing zone to fly out those requiring immediate medical care. Doug is the person community members reach out to when mental health issues arise, and countless other community initiatives have benefitted from his input and insight. He fosters community spirit by organizing the annual Polar Bear Swim and hosting the annual Christmas Fair among other events at the firehall. Whether he's training volunteers, maintaining safety standards, or organizing rescue operations, Doug inspires others to step up and get involved. As a leader he builds confidence and as a volunteer Doug represents the very best of British Columbia.

James Robert (Bob) Coates, Victoria

The quintessential good neighbour, Bob is the kind of person who is always willing to lend a hand. It was through his work at the Optimist Club of Victoria that Bob recognized a need to assist Victoria's youth by repairing bicycles and donating them to families at the inner city schools. Bob understood that receiving a new bicycle is a memorable moment in a young person's life and made it his goal to put as many refurbished bikes as possible into the hands of young students. Over the past 25 years, Bob has repaired and placed almost 2,500 bicycles for families in need, bringing joy, and normality to many young lives. All year round Bob can be found with his garage door open restoring bicycles with purpose and determination. The Optimist Club supports Bob's efforts by providing funds to purchase bike helmets and bike parts when needed. A much admired member of his community, Bob works with humility, humour and heartfelt generosity changing lives one bicycle at a time.



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Kal Dosanjh, Surrey

As a Detective with the Vancouver Police Department, Kal has spent considerable time serving Vancouver's DTES area. During patrol duties Kal was exposed to the challenging realities faced by the community. This experience led him to create the Kids Play Youth Foundation, a non-profit that gives kids the opportunity to become involved in sports and other recreational activities. By creating constructive outlets, building a sense of belonging and self worth, Kids Play steers kids away from a lifestyle of drugs, gangs and violence. The Foundation has also developed after school mentorship programs with the Surrey and Langley school districts. Since its launch in 2015, more than 60,000 kids have accessed Kids Play. Without question, Kal's vision is helping to reshape a community while building and lifting up a generation.

Norah Flaherty, Vancouver

With tenacity and a clear sense of purpose, Norah has spent over two decades working to ensure that individuals with disabilities have access to education, social services, employment and opportunities for recreation and socialization. Focusing her efforts on youth and young adults with disabilities, Norah has served multiple organizations, volunteering her time generously and effectively. Since 2014 Norah has worked towards increasing financial freedom for people with disabilities through her leadership role with the BC Registered Disability Savings Plan Action Group. She has also volunteered her time to Community Living BC, the Canucks Autism Network, BC Partners in Workforce Innovation, the BC Ministers Council on Employment and Accessibility, and many more. Whether she's volunteering in an advisory role, as a committee member, representative or leader, Norah advocates to increase opportunity and accessibility for the people she serves. A guiding light for those who work to support diversity and inclusion, the scope of Norah's work is truly inspirational.

Dr. Balbir Gurm, Surrey

Balbir's achievements both professionally and as a dedicated volunteer have inspired her colleagues and community alike. A long time advocate for women, Balbir is the founder and chair of the Network to Eliminate Violence in Relationships. For the past decade, she has been a source of strength and leadership, working to break down gender and cultural barriers, facilitating collaboration between volunteers and external groups, while striving toward the common goal of preventing relationship violence. Last year, Balbir authored, *Making Sense of Global Pandemic: Relationship Violence & Working Together towards a Violence Free Society*. As a Nursing Professor, Balbir is a role model for students at Kwantlen Polytechnic University,



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inspiring them to become fellow agents for change. For decades, Balbir has used education, research, and community engagement to advocate for violence prevention. She is truly a champion for women, and a trailblazer within her community.



Yúya'ainuǔv Anita Hall, Bella Bella

Anita, a member of the Haítzaqv Nation, believes wholeheartedly in the ability of those around her to succeed. As the Elementary Principal at Bella Bella Community School, she has created a place where students feel safe and included. Anita exemplifies what a decolonial and community-rooted approach to education can look like. Through her vision, students thrive both academically and personally. Under her leadership, in spite of the challenges COVID presented, Anita has shaped a school community to which Bella Bella youth want to belong. Anita also serves as the Director for the Heiltsuk Emergency Operations Centre, and volunteers her time on local boards including, Heiltsuk Káxlá Society, and Kunsoot Wellness Society, who are working towards the opening of a collaborative, land-based healing centre for the Haítzaqv Nation. As an educator, an advocate, a volunteer and a leader, Anita is a powerful force for positive change.

John & Joyce Henderson, Salmon Arm

John and Joyce have been residents of the Salmon Arm community for 57 years. As medical professionals, John, a doctor and Joyce, a registered nurse, their path was always one of service. But it's so much more. They volunteer their time and energy to many organizations, including: Shuswap Community Foundation, Shuswap Theatre Association, Okanagan University College, Good Food Box, First United Church Ghana Project, Salmon Arm Minor Hockey, and City of Salmon Arm Council, to name a few. Through donations to the Shuswap Community Foundation, they support local projects and students at UBCO who are involved in international community development projects. In every aspect of the Salmon Arm community, from arts and culture, to healthcare, education, and the environment, their contributions can be felt.

Teresa Kazemir, Port Coquitlam

BC Hands & Voices is a parent-driven organization that serves families with children who are deaf and hard of hearing (DHH.) It's thanks to Teresa's unwavering and inspired leadership that BC Hands & Voices has been able to support hundreds of families, providing them access to networks, resources, information and community. Teresa's philosophy of '*we can't do everything, but we can do something*' helped to grow BC Hands & Voices into the sustainable,



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strong organization it is today. As an advocate, volunteer and leader, Teresa's efforts mean that families across BC have consistent access to parent-to-parent support. Known for her patience, her valiant work ethic and her infectious enthusiasm, Teresa is a much loved figure in the DHH community.

Zeba Khan, Vancouver

At just 24-years old, Zeba is an inspiring example of young leadership, vision and generosity. While studying for her Bachelor of Neuroscience at UBC, Zeba dedicated countless hours towards causes that resonated deeply. A staunch believer in equal access to healthcare for all, Zeba advocates for free access to menstruation care supplies. As the founder of Free Periods Canada, Zeba and her team have distributed over 20,000 menstrual supplies across Canada. Zeba is a research assistant at the Contraception & Abortion Research Team (CART) at UBC and a board member of Options for Sexual Health and is working with these two groups to evaluate sexual and reproductive health care access needs of immigrant youth in BC. Through her World Awareness Initiative Foundation, Zeba provides a platform for young leaders and activists to work together. It's through this initiative that she will inspire the generation to come.

Angelika & Peter Langen, Smithers

Angelika and Peter have dedicated their lives to wildlife rehabilitation, public education and ongoing research for the betterment of both the wildlife and the public. Their work benefits not just their local community of Smithers, but the entire province and beyond. Initially funding it themselves, Northern Lights Wildlife Shelter (NLWS) has been a registered charity since 2001. NLWS garnered a huge amount of attention in the news and on social media, culminating in the development of the television series *Wild Bear Rescue*. In addition to public-facing activities they have worked with government officials to collect valuable scientific information about the animals and hosted graduate students working on wildlife biology. Their contributions to the scientific community have been extremely important and rewilding animals around the world has been more developed thanks to their efforts.

Dr. Christine Loock, North Vancouver

Christine is a developmental pediatrician at Children's and Women's Health Centre of British Columbia, including Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children and BC Children's Hospital. For over 20 years she has also served as the medical director of the provincial Cleft Palate Craniofacial Program. Early on in her medical training Christine developed an interest in "Social Pediatrics" advocating for innovative approaches for health service delivery to vulnerable children and



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families. She has pioneered work on identifying youth with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in the justice system and was instrumental in creating FASD-related programs and services run out of Crabtree Corner Community Resource Centre. Her 'Key Worker Program' has been particularly life-changing for the community as it provides one-to-one and group support to families affected by FASD. A mentor to many, Christine also led the development of the RICHER (Responsive, Intersectoral, Interdisciplinary, Child & Community, Health Education & Research) Social Pediatrics Program in BC and initiatives with the Canadian Pediatrics Society, where she is a founding member of the Social Pediatrics section. An Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, UBC, Christine's ground-breaking research and networks of interdisciplinary and intersectoral care delivery, improve the lives and circumstances of some of Vancouver's most vulnerable people.

Lil Mack, Williams Lake

Lil has been an ever-present, quietly powerful literacy force in Williams Lake for many decades. As one of the founders of the Cariboo-Chilcotin Partners for Literacy in 1997, Lil continues to keep literacy front and center, promoting early childhood, adult, and financial literacy. With her late husband Bruce, she implemented the "Bright Red Bookshelf", a book-sharing platform with shelves all over Williams Lake. Her own home has become a mini-library with a "Take a book" box in the front yard. Lil initiated various festivals for families: Baby Fest, Children's Fest, and Family Fest, where she staffed a table to give away free books, packed in homemade book bags. She was also instrumental in the first "Relay for Life" Cancer Fundraiser held in Williams Lake in 2005. Lil and her daughter Rana brought the "Roots of Empathy" program to the community in an effort to address residential school-based intergenerational trauma. Lil's "no job is too big" motto helped grow the group to 26 facilitators across the region.

Pulchérie Nketsap Mboussi, Victoria

Since arriving in Canada almost three decades ago, Pulchérie has devoted her life to promoting an environment in which all Canadians can experience and learn the cultures, history and traditions of the African continent. In 2012, she created the African Arts and Cultural Society to raise awareness, understanding and appreciation for the richness and diversity of African and Caribbean cultures. Pulchérie also launched ISSAMBA (Cameroonian Beti dialect meaning 'Come Together'), a group of world-renowned African musicians and dancers whose energetic and interactive performances have captured the imagination of audiences throughout the Province. In 2017, Pulchérie began advocating for the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent: five municipalities in the Capital Regional District have since adopted



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the Proclamation. In 2020, Pulchérie reached a major milestone by opening the ISSAMBA Centre, the first physical hub for people of African descent on Vancouver Island.

Jack McGee, West Vancouver

As a Founding Board Member of the Pacific Autism Family Network (PAFN), Jack was co-founder of and initiated the Autism Awareness and Techniques Program for First Responders resulting in over nine thousand first responders in British Columbia and across Canada being trained on autism prevalence, relevance, and support strategies. His work has benefited countless first responders, families, and individuals who are on the autism spectrum. In addition to his work with autism, over the years Jack has volunteered for over fifty other charitable and not-for-profit organizations, with a focus of supporting youth and families, sport, community, public safety, post-secondary education, hospice, and the disadvantaged. To this day he remains active in the community serving on the Boards of the Sovereign Order of St John and as Board Treasurer for the PAFN. Jack continues to make a profound difference across our communities in British Columbia through his genuine approach, passion, and commitment to the inclusiveness and betterment of society.

Elaine Monds, Victoria

Elaine is an internationally respected curator, writer and gallery director. She has a unique, international upbringing which informed her compassionate and innovative approach to her work. Throughout her career Elaine supported hundreds of artists and their cultural art forms, notably the revival of Northwest Coast art in the 1980s and more recently with the rebirth of contemporary Coast Salish art in BC. Elaine has been one of BC's leaders in promoting Indigenous art and artists from the entire Pacific Rim and Canada, establishing the Alcheringa Gallery in Victoria as one of the top Indigenous art galleries in the world. Elaine also established Alcheringa as an international space for cross-cultural experiences, including as a member of the not-for-profit Pacific Peoples Partnership. She led an initiative to link Pacific Indigenous communities with their Canadian First Nations counterparts through reciprocal exchanges between artists from Papua New Guinea and Canada, the USA and the UK. Elaine's work has been essential to the conservation and promotion of Indigenous culture in BC and beyond.



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Marcia Nozick, Vancouver

Marcia is widely recognized as a pioneer in community economic development. Her book, *No Place Like Home: Building Sustainable Communities*, challenged thousands of planners to rethink the way cities integrate social, economic and environmental solutions into urban development. Early in her career she mobilized government, business, and community leaders to address underlying social and economic problems in Vancouver’s DTES. Ultimately Marcia founded EMBERS, an innovative charity that uses business to create social change. She grew the organization to a successful, multi-million dollar social enterprise before this type of business structure was well known. Today, EMBERS continues to grow its economic and social impact: in 2020, EMBERS employed 2,500 individuals, paid over \$12 M in wages/benefits, and provided skills training to more than 400 people.

Nirmal Parmar, Terrace

Nirmal moved to Terrace from India in 1969 with his young family and quickly became one of the city’s most prolific volunteers. He volunteered with the Thornhill Fire Department early on and in 1984 Nirmal, along with a number of like-minded individuals, started a new multicultural group, which eventually became The Terrace and District Multicultural Association. In the last 50 years Nirmal has organized, facilitated and delivered innumerable multicultural-focused workshops for community groups and schools in the Terrace area. In 2000, Nirmal teamed up with other community groups to address the issue of institutional racism in the workplace and schools which resulted in the creation of the Skeena Diversity Society. Nirmal has also served as a board member and/or trustee for the Kermode Friendship Society, Terrace Public Library, Northern Saving Credit Union, Terrace Co-operative Association, Terrace and Area Health Council, Scouts Canada and Vanderhoof & Districts Co-operative Association.

Dr. Jane Jae Kyung Shin, Port Coquitlam

Jane has been dedicated to community and public service since youth. She is currently the Vice President of Students & Community Development at Vancouver Community College. In this role she works to advance access, inclusion, representation and opportunity for all students, especially those most marginalized and facing multiple barriers. Previously the youngest woman in BC's 40th Parliament and first Canadian of Korean descent in Canada to be elected as a Member of Legislative Assembly, Jane worked tirelessly for many issues but most notably in support of racialized and equity seeking groups. She is natural at bringing together communities to engage in meaningful dialogues and initiatives that impact and transform the society.



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Lurana Kikuko Tasaka, Vancouver

Lurana (Kikko) has been a dedicated volunteer committed to helping vulnerable seniors for more than 25 years. As a child whose family was interned in Greenwood, following displacement from Steveston in 1943, she subsequently devoted herself to caring for others. Today Kikko is the driving force behind seniors care at the Japanese Community Volunteers Association (Tonari Gumi). Firstly, as a staff member for ten years, then as a volunteer for the last 20 years, Kikko has devoted herself to supporting seniors who were either alone or isolated due to language and cultural barriers. She is also an enthusiastic fundraiser for community organizations and her church, ensuring funds are available to assist seniors in need. Kikko's motivation, determination, passion and commitment to helping seniors have sustained Tonari Gumi which now has more than 300 members and over 200 volunteers.

Rosemary Thomson, Kelowna

Rosemary is in her fourteenth season as the Music Director of the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra (OSO) and has recently been named Artistic Director of Opera Kelowna. She is the visionary, pioneer, and motivating force behind those organizations' performance and educational programs. Rosemary is a community champion and has not only brought musical excellence to the Okanagan but has inspired the lives of residents and enriched communities through her engagement activities. She initiated "Heartstrings" an OSO initiative funded by a generous donor which ensures economic circumstances are not a barrier to attendance. Understanding that music can transform lives, Rosemary spearheaded Kelowna's participation in Mysterious Barricades, a national concert in support of mental health awareness and suicide prevention. COVID did not stop her and her teams from implementing programs to bring music to her community in this time of need, including *Sidewalk Serenades* where opera singers safely perform live to seniors in isolation, and the Apollo Initiative, a digital performance of six BC youth orchestras raising funds for youth mental health. Rosemary was recently diagnosed with ADHD and advocates for ADHD awareness and support and will be the subject of a forthcoming documentary about her work shepherding the OSO and Opera Kelowna through COVID while coming to understand and celebrate her neurodiversity.



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Linda Williams, Sechelt

As Chair of the Coast Cultural Alliance, Linda has shaped the arts community on the Sunshine Coast. Since 1999 Linda has coordinated the Sunshine Coast Purple Banner Tour Guide and starting in 2010, the annual Sunshine Coast Arts Crawl an event that has grown to featuring over 350 local artists and contributed to the economic and cultural vitality of the Sunshine Coast. She is instrumental in supporting local musicians and helped to establish a youth endowment with the Sunshine Coast Community Foundation to provide grants to young musicians. Her initiatives have stood the test of time and are now sustainably woven into the rhythms of her community. Linda is Chair of the Sunshine Coast Jazz and Entertainment Society, and festival director for the Gibsons Landing Jazz Festival. Known as a person who brings people and ideas together, Linda leads and performs in the Knotty Dotters Marimba Band and is the musical director with the Sokole Balkan singers. All these initiatives have been hit hard by the pandemic and Linda remains a strong advocate as she navigates the current challenges to bring arts and culture to the Sunshine Coast in new and imaginative ways.

Cheryl Young, Aldergrove

Cheryl is the founder and Executive Director of the Fibromyalgia Well Spring Foundation, an organization that she initiated in the absence of any organization or group focused on people with Fibromyalgia. An often-misunderstood disease, Fibromyalgia can be emotionally and physically debilitating. An incredibly determined woman, Cheryl typically donates 2000 hours annually to the cause while battling Fibromyalgia herself. Her biggest accomplishments for the organization include a Supportive Work Program and the Supportive Living Program; two initiatives that support sufferers by giving them flexible work opportunities and secure living arrangements. Cheryl also led the Walk to Banff, a significant fundraising endeavour in 2016, and met with community leaders, supporters and sufferers in an effort to raise the level of awareness about Fibromyalgia.