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## AGENDA - REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, April 25, 2022 @ 2:00 PM

In the City Hall Council Chambers – 4850 Argyle Street, Port Alberni, BC

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*The following pages list all agenda items received by the deadline [12:00 noon on the Wednesday before the scheduled meeting]. A sample resolution is provided for most items in italics for the consideration of Council. For a complete copy of the agenda including all correspondence and reports please refer to the City's website [portalberni.ca](http://portalberni.ca) or contact the Director of Corporate Services at 250.720.2823 or by email [twyla\\_slonski@portalberni.ca](mailto:twyla_slonski@portalberni.ca) or the Deputy City Clerk at 250.720.2822 or by email [sara\\_darling@portalberni.ca](mailto:sara_darling@portalberni.ca)*

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### A. **CALL TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

1. Recognition of unceded Traditional Territories.
2. Late items identified by Councillors.
3. Late items identified by the Corporate Officer.
4. Notice of Video Recording (live-streaming and recorded/broadcast on YouTube)

*That the agenda be approved as circulated.*

### B. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** - Page 5

1. Special meeting held at 9:30 am and Regular Council meeting held at 2:00 pm on April 11, 2022 and Special meeting held April 19, 2022 at 2:30 pm.

### C. **PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD**

*An opportunity for the public to address Council on topics relevant to City Council. A maximum of four [4] speakers for no more than three [3] minutes each will be accommodated.*

### D. **DELEGATIONS**

1. **Affordable Housing Development | 3027-3037 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue** - Page 12  
Project partners from New Commons Development, BC Housing, and the Canadian Mental Health Association in attendance to provide an update on the proposed housing development at 3027 – 3037 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue [*Background: Project introduced to Council in June 2020, letter of support provided by Council in November 2020*].
2. **Port Alberni Folkfest Multicultural Society** - Page 13  
Members Angie Blake and Bonnie Ruttan of the Port Alberni Folkfest Multicultural Society in attendance to provide information related to the 2022 Canada Day Parade and associated activities.

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**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Includes items carried forward from previous Council meetings.*

1. **Private Members Bill C-216 [Mayor Minions Notice of Motion provided April 11, 2022] - Page 15**

[Bill C-216 attached for Council's reference]

*THAT Council support Private Member's Bill C-216 submitted by MP Gord Johns [Courtenay-Alberni] to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and to enact the Expungement of Certain Drug-related Convictions Act and the National Strategy on Substance Use Act.*

**F. STAFF REPORTS**

*Members of the public may be recognized by Council to speak to a report if the report is a response to their correspondence or an application.*

1. **Accounts**

*THAT the certification of the Director of Finance dated April 25, 2022, be received and the cheques numbered \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$ \_\_\_\_\_, be approved.*

**G. BYLAWS**

*Bylaws are required for the adoption of regulations, financial plans, changes to land use policy and to approve borrowing. A bylaw requires four separate resolutions to be adopted and must be considered over a minimum of two [2] Council meetings. Each reading enables Council to reflect on the bylaw before proceeding further.*

1. **"City of Port Alberni Tax Rates Bylaw No. 5053, 2022" - Page 26**

*THAT "City of Port Alberni Tax Rates Bylaw No. 5053, 2022" be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Corporate Officer and numbered 5053.*

**H. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

*Correspondence addressed to the Mayor and Council by an identifiable citizen included on an agenda is correspondence asking for a specific request of Council and the letter writers will be provided a response. Correspondence regarding personnel matters, legal action and/or items of a confidential nature will not be included.*

1. **United Steelworkers Local 1-1937 | National Day of Mourning - Page 29**  
Letter dated April 20, 2022 from the United Steelworkers, Local 1-1937 requesting Council fly the National Day of Mourning Flag at half-mast on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

*THAT Council authorize that the National Day of Mourning Flag be flown at half-mast on April 28, 2022 at City Hall through to May 6, 2022 and FURTHER, THAT the City of Port Alberni observe a moment of silence in respect of those who have died on the job.*

2. **BC Community Forest Association | Tabular Stumpage Rates** - Page 30  
Letter dated March 28, 2022 from the BC Community Forest Association requesting Council's support for the province to maintain the tabular stumpage rates for community forests.

*THAT Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to prepare a resolution for submission to the Union of BC Municipalities for Council's consideration in advance of the June 30<sup>th</sup> submission deadline in support of the BC Community Forest Association's request that the Province of British Columbia maintain the tabular rate structure for community forest agreements.*

## **I. PROCLAMATIONS**

1. **BC Economic Development Association** - Page 35  
Email dated April 14, 2022 from the BC Economic Development Association providing information on Economic Development Week.  
  
*THAT Council proclaim the week of May 9 – 13, 2022 as 'Economic Development Week' in Port Alberni.*
2. **Moose Hide Campaign** - Page 36  
Email dated April 12, 2022 from Lorna Hillman, Outreach and Engagement Coordinator for the Moose Hide Campaign requesting Council proclaim May 12, 2022 as 'Moose Hide Campaign Day' in support of ending violence against women and children.  
  
*THAT Council proclaim May 12, 2022 as 'Moose Hide Campaign Day' in Port Alberni.*
3. **Falun Dafa Association of Vancouver** - Page 39  
Email dated April 4, 2022 from the Falun Dafa Association of Vancouver requesting that Council proclaim May 13, 2022 as 'Falun Dafa Day' in celebration of truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance.  
  
*THAT Council proclaim May 13, 2022 as 'Falun Dafa Day' in Port Alberni.*
4. **Fondation Émergence, McGill University** - Page 48  
Email dated April 9, 2022 from Emily Handfield, Student Intern for Fondation Émergence, McGill University requesting that Council proclaim May 17, 2022 as 'International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia' and fly the Pride flag in support.  
  
*THAT Council proclaim May 17, 2022 as 'International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia' in Port Alberni and authorize flying the Pride flag at City Hall in support of this day.*
5. **Nature Canada** - Page 51  
Letter received April 7, 2022 from Nature Canada requesting that Council proclaim June 8, 2022 as 'World Ocean's Day'.

*THAT Council proclaim June 8, 2022 as 'World Ocean's Day' in Port Alberni.*

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6. **Operation Smile Canada** - Page 53  
Email dated April 10, 2022 from Operation Smile Canada requesting that Council proclaim June 19, 2022 as 'Longest Day of SMILES'.

*THAT Council proclaim June 19, 2022 'Longest Day of SMILES' in Port Alberni.*

**J. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

*Correspondence found here provides information to Council. It may also include correspondence that may not be relevant to City services and responsibilities. Correspondence regarding personnel matters, legal action and/or items of a confidential nature will not be included.*

1. **Correspondence Summary** - Page 54
- a. City of Fort St. John | 'Extended Hour Child Care for Shift Workers'
  - b. Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation | Stronger BC: A Plan for Today, a Vision for Tomorrow
  - c. District of Sicamous | Invasive Mussel Defense Program & Luxury Tax on Recreational Boats
  - d. Community Action Team | In Support of Bill C216 to Amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act
  - e. United Way BC | 2022 Period Promise Campaign
  - f. Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission | March 2, 2022 Minutes

**K. REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA**

1. **Appointees to Community Investment Program Committee**  
Verbal report from the Director of Corporate Services informing the public of the appointment of Callan Noye and Joshua Dahling to the City's Community Investment Program Committee effective April 1, 2022 and concluding December 31, 2022.

**L. COUNCIL REPORTS**

1. **Council and Regional District Reports** - Page 77

**M. NEW BUSINESS**

*An opportunity for Council to raise issues as a result of the business of the meeting or to identify new items for subsequent meetings by way of a 'Notice of Motion'.*

**N. QUESTION PERIOD**

*An opportunity for the public to ask questions of Council.*

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

*That the meeting adjourn at      PM*



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING AN IN-CAMERA MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022 @ 9:30 AM  
In City Hall Committee Room | 4850 Argyle Street, Port Alberni**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Minions  
Councillor R. Corbeil  
Councillor D. Haggard  
Councillor R. Paulson  
Councillor H. Poon  
Councillor C. Solda  
Councillor D. Washington

**Staff:** S. Smith, Acting CAO | Director of Development Services  
A. McGifford, Director of Finance  
T. Slonski, Director of Corporate Services

Call to order: @ 9:30 am

*MOVED and SECONDED, THAT Council conduct a Special Council meeting closed to the public on the basis that one or more matters covered under Section 90 of the Community Charter will be considered, specifically outlined as follows:*

**Section 90 (1)(a)** *personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality;  
and*

**Section 90 (1)(e)** *the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements and where the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.*

**CARRIED**

The meeting was terminated at 11:10 am

CERTIFIED CORRECT

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
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**PRESENT:** Mayor S. Minions  
Councillor R. Corbeil  
Councillor D. Haggard  
Councillor R. Paulson  
Councillor H. Poon  
Councillor C. Solda  
Councillor D. Washington

**A. CALL TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.

*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the agenda be amended to include item J.d under Correspondence for Information 'Façade Improvement Program' and item M.1 under New Business 'Licence of Occupation Agreement | The Salvation Army'. The agenda was then approved as amended.*

**CARRIED**

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. *MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the minutes of the Special meetings held March 23, 2022 at 5:00 pm, March 25, 2022 at 3:30 pm and Special meeting held at 9:30 am and Regular Council meeting held at 2:00 pm on March 28, 2022 and Special meeting held April 4, 2022 at 9:30 am be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

**C. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD**

**Joseph Leskosek**

Intended to provide comment on the Development Application for Burde Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue however, was informed that given the Public Hearing for this application has concluded, Council may not receive further input.

**D. DELEGATIONS**

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Five Year Financial Plan Q&A Summary**

Council received a summary of questions and responses as it relates to the 2022-2026 Financial Planning process dated April 7, 2022.

Council inquired as to the amount of RCMP retroactive pay that will be coming due.

The Director of Finance responded that following the receipt of additional information from senior government, a report will be brought forward to Council.

**F. STAFF REPORTS**

**1. Accounts**

*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the certification of the Director of Finance dated April 11, 2022, be received and the cheques numbered 150281 to 150349 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$840,645.11, be approved.*

**CARRIED**

**2. Acting CAO | Director of Development Services – Building Inspector Resource Sharing Agreement**

*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council for the City of Port Alberni authorize the Mayor and the Corporate Officer to enter into the 'Building Inspector Resource Sharing Agreement' with Alberni Clayoquot Regional District for a five (5) year term effective March 24, 2022 and expiring March 31, 2027.*

**CARRIED | Res. No. 22-66**

**G. BYLAWS**

**1. City of Port Alberni 2022 – 2026 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5045, 2022**

*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "City of Port Alberni 2022 – 2026 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5045, 2022" be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Corporate Officer and numbered 5045.*

**CARRIED | Res. No. 22-67**

**2. City of Port Alberni Tax Rates Bylaw No. 5053, 2022**

*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "City of Port Alberni Tax Rates Bylaw No. 5053, 2022" be now introduced and read a first time.*

**CARRIED | Res. No. 22-68**

*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "City of Port Alberni Tax Rates Bylaw No. 5053, 2022" be read a second time.*

**CARRIED | Res. No. 22-69**

*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "City of Port Alberni Tax Rates Bylaw No. 5053, 2022" be read a third time.*

**CARRIED | Res. No. 22-70**

3. **Development Planner – Proposed Official Community Plan Bylaw & Zoning Bylaw Amendments | 4835 & 4825 Burde Street, 3618 & 3614 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 36 (5<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Burde Street Carniato), Bylaw No. 5042" be read a third time.*  
**CARRIED | Res. No. 22-71**

*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "Zoning Text Amendment No. T30 (CD3 - Comprehensive Development – Multi-Family Residential Infill – 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Burde Street), Bylaw No. 5043" be read a third time.*

**CARRIED | Res. No. 22-72**

*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "Zoning Map Amendment No.47 (5<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Burde Street - Carniato), Bylaw No. 5044" be read a third time.*

**CARRIED | Res. No. 22-73**

*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT as part of the development process the applicant be required to complete the following before Council considers final adoption of Bylaw No.'s 5042, 5043, 5044:*

- i. Consolidate the subject properties into two parcels on either side of the laneway.*
- ii. Submit an estimate in the amount required for completion of off-site works as determined by the City's Engineering Department.*

**CARRIED | Res. No. 22-74**

4. **Development Planner – Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment | 5249 Pineo Road**  
*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "Zoning Map Amendment No. 50 (5249 Pineo Road – Hammer), Bylaw No. 5049" be now introduced and read a first time.*

**CARRIED | Res. No. 22-75**

*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "Zoning Map Amendment No. 50 (5249 Pineo Road – Hammer), Bylaw No. 5049" be read a second time.*

**CARRIED | Res. No. 22-76**

*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT as part of the development process for 5249 Pineo Road the applicant be required to complete the following before Council considers final adoption of Bylaw No. 5049:*

- i. Geotechnical report*
- ii. Stormwater management plan*
- iii. Site grading plan*
- iv. Design and estimate for required off-site works*
- v. Receive a subdivision Preliminary Layout Review letter from the City's Approving Officer.*

**CARRIED | Res. No. 22-77**

*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "Zoning Map Amendment No. 50 (5249 Pineo Road – Hammer), Bylaw No. 5049", be advanced to a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm in City Hall, Council Chambers.*

**CARRIED | Res. No. 22-78**

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**H. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

**1. Alberni Valley Community Forest | Community Donation**

*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council support the recommendation from the Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation to provide a donation to the Alberni-Clayoquot Continuing Care Society | Fir Park Village/Echo Village (ACCCS) in the amount of \$10,000 towards the purchase of a new bus.*

**CARRIED | Res. No. 22-79**

**I. PROCLAMATIONS**

**1. Walk for Values | Human Values Day**

*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council proclaim April 24, 2022 as 'Human Values Day' in Port Alberni.*

**CARRIED | Res. No. 22-80**

**J. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

**1. The Director of Corporate Services summarized correspondence to Council as follows:**

- a. Arden Schiller | Replant Tree on Argyle St. Boulevard
- b. Frank Holm & Bob Jones | 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Upgrades
- c. Gerry Walerius | Water Meter Replacement Program
- d. City's Façade Improvement Program | Application deadline April 22, 2022

**K. REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA**

**1. Director of Corporate Services – Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer**

The Director of Corporate Services informed the public that Council has retained Tim Play in the role of CAO on an interim basis effective April 12<sup>th</sup> until the end of 2022.

**L. COUNCIL REPORTS**

**1. *MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the Council reports outlining recent meetings and events related to the City's business, be received.***

**CARRIED**

**M. NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Minions left the meeting at 2:51 pm, declaring a conflict of interest as it relates to the Salvation Army's employment of her spouse.

Acting Mayor, Councillor D. Haggard assumed the Chair at 2:52 pm.

**1. License of Occupation Agreement | Salvation Army - Mobile Shower Trailer**

*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council authorize the Mayor and the Corporate Officer to execute the Licence of Occupation Agreement between the City of Port Alberni and The Salvation Army effective April 12, 2022 and terminating October 31, 2022 for the purpose of providing a mobile shower facility on City owned land [3509 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue].*

**CARRIED | Res. No. 22-81**

Mayor Minions returned to the meeting at 2:55 pm and assumed the Chair

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2. **Notice of Motion: Private Member's Bill**

*THAT Council consider support of Private Member's Bill C-216 submitted by MP Gord Johns [Courtney-Alberni] to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and to enact the Expungement of Certain Drug-related Convictions Act and the National Strategy on Substance Use Act.*

**N. QUESTION PERIOD**

**Joseph Leskosek**

Requested clarity regarding the process surrounding Development Applications particularly as it pertains to the opportunities for public input.

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the meeting adjourn at 2:58 PM.*

**CARRIED**

CERTIFIED CORRECT

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING AN IN-CAMERA MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022 @ 2:30 PM  
In City Hall Committee Room | 4850 Argyle Street, Port Alberni**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Minions  
Councillor R. Corbeil  
Councillor D. Haggard @ 3:18 pm  
Councillor R. Paulson  
Councillor H. Poon  
Councillor C. Solda  
Councillor D. Washington

**Staff:** T. Pley, Chief Administrative Officer  
T. Slonski, Director of Corporate Services

Call to order: @ 2:30 pm

*MOVED and SECONDED, THAT Council conduct a Special Council meeting closed to the public on the basis that one or more matters covered under Section 90 of the Community Charter will be considered, specifically outlined as follows:*

**Section 90 (1)(a)** *personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality;  
and*

**Section 90 (1)(l)** *discussion with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports.*

**CARRIED**

The meeting was terminated at 5:10 pm

CERTIFIED CORRECT

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer



**CONTACT INFORMATION:** (please print)

Full Name: Dion Whyte

Organization (if applicable): New Commons Development

Street Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

No. of Additional Participants:

[Name/Contact Information] 2: Katrina Kiefer [REDACTED]

John McEown [REDACTED]

**MEETING DATE REQUESTED:** April 25

**PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION:** (please be specific)

Provide an overview of your presentation below, or attach a one-page (maximum) outline of your presentation:  
Update on CMHA Port Alberni's 2nd Ave. Affordable Housing Project and opportunity to co-develop affordable housing and 2nd stage supported housing in partnership with BC Housing on the City's 3027-3037 2nd Ave site.

**Requested Action by Council** (if applicable):

Confirm support in principle for further exploration of potential co-development of affordable and 2nd stage supported housing at this site in partnership with BC Housing

Supporting Materials/PowerPoint Presentation: ☐ No ☒ Yes

Note: If yes, must be submitted by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday before the scheduled meeting date.

**SIGNATURE(S):**

I/We acknowledge that only the above listed matter will be discussed during the delegation and that all communications/comments will be respectful in nature.

Signature:

March 31, 2022

Date:

**OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Scheduled Meeting Date: Apr. 11/22

Date Approved: Mar 30/22

Applicant Advised: Mar 30/22

Approved: (Deputy City Clerk)

☒ Council

☒ Mayor

☒ CAO

☐ Finance

☒ Corporate Services

☒ Agenda

☐ Economic Development

☐ Engineering/PW

☐ Parks, Rec. & Heritage

☒ Development Services

☐ Community Safety

☐ Other

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ENTERED

D. I.





**CONTACT INFORMATION:** (please print)

Full Name: Angie Blake

Organization (if applicable): PAFMS

Street Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address:

Email: [REDACTED]

No. of Additional Participants:

[Name/Contact Information] 1 - Bonnie Ruttan, [REDACTED]

**MEETING DATE REQUESTED:** April 25, 2022

**PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION:** (please be specific)

Provide an overview of your presentation below, or attach a one-page (maximum) outline of your presentation:  
See attached

**Requested Action by Council** (if applicable):

Assignment of staff to liaise with the Committee and assist with transportation, logistics, and promotion.

Supporting Materials/PowerPoint Presentation: ☐ No ☐ Yes

Note: If yes, must be submitted by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday before the scheduled meeting date.

**SIGNATURE(S):**

I/We acknowledge that only the above listed matter will be discussed during the delegation and that all communications/comments will be respectful in nature.

*E. (Angie) Blake*

Signature:

April 20, 2022

Date:

**OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Scheduled Meeting Date: Mon. Apr 25, 22

Date Approved: Apr. 20/22

Applicant Advised: Apr. 21/22

**Approved:** (Deputy City Clerk)

*S. Darling*

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering/PW         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAO                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks, Rec. & Heritage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Development Services              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporate Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Safety                  |
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*D. Z*

### **PAFMS Delegation Outline of Presentation**

The Port Alberni Folkfest Multicultural Society (PAFMS) is a volunteer group that organizes Port Alberni's Canada Day Parade and festivities. Our delegation asks Council to consider increasing in-kind support for the event.

Over the last 5 years, the Parade Committee has grappled with a significant loss of experience and expertise for a variety of reasons. Key members who contributed to promoting the event and organizing physical arrangements at the Quay are no longer with us due to life events. The pandemic hiatus compounded the problem of volunteer engagement because of the lack of activity. Although some new volunteers stepped forward recently to take on some of those responsibilities, we are still trying to fill gaps.

As well, the city hasn't had a formal participant in planning the event as yet. We were lucky to have a city staff member volunteer with the Committee in 2019 and provide invaluable assistance in helping with logistical arrangements, and understanding city requirements. Unfortunately that person is no longer involved.

And while we are grateful for the CIP grant of in kind assistance by providing two tents, we would note that the grant was reduced by 50% from the amount allotted in preparation for the 2020 event that was ultimately cancelled.

The Committee asks Council to consider further in-kind assistance in the following areas:

- Assistance with publicizing the event through the City's website and other media,
- Assignment of a liaison person to assist with planning physical arrangements, and
- Staff assistance in transportation and set-up of equipment.

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament,  
70 Elizabeth II, 2021

Première session, quarante-quatrième législature,  
70 Elizabeth II, 2021

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA

CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES DU CANADA

## BILL C-216

## PROJET DE LOI C-216

An Act to amend the Controlled Drugs and  
Substances Act and to enact the  
Expungement of Certain Drug-related  
Convictions Act and the National Strategy on  
Substance Use Act

Loi modifiant la Loi réglementant certaines  
drogues et autres substances et édictant la  
Loi sur la radiation de certaines  
condamnations liées à la drogue et la Loi sur  
la stratégie nationale sur l'usage de  
substances

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FIRST READING, DECEMBER 15, 2021

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PREMIÈRE LECTURE LE 15 DÉCEMBRE 2021

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MR. JOHNS

M. JOHNS

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## SUMMARY

This enactment amends the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* to repeal a provision that makes it an offence to possess certain substances. It also makes consequential amendments to other Acts.

In addition, it enacts the *Expungement of Certain Drug-related Convictions Act*, which establishes a procedure for expunging certain drug-related convictions and provides for the destruction or removal of the judicial records of those convictions that are in federal repositories and systems.

Finally, it enacts the *National Strategy on Substance Use Act*, which requires the Minister of Health to develop a national strategy to address the harm caused by problematic substance use.

## SOMMAIRE

Le texte modifie la *Loi réglementant certaines drogues et autres substances* afin d'abroger une disposition qui érige en infraction la possession de certaines substances. Il apporte également des modifications corrélatives à d'autres lois.

De plus, il édicte la *Loi sur la radiation de certaines condamnations liées à la drogue*, qui établit une procédure permettant de radier certaines condamnations liées à la drogue et prévoit la destruction ou la suppression de tout dossier judiciaire relatif à de telles condamnations des répertoires ou systèmes fédéraux.

Enfin, il édicte la *Loi sur la stratégie nationale sur l'usage de substances*, qui prévoit l'obligation pour le ministre de la Santé d'élaborer une stratégie nationale pour s'attaquer aux méfaits causés par l'usage problématique de substances.

## BILL C-216

An Act to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and to enact the Expungement of Certain Drug-related Convictions Act and the National Strategy on Substance Use Act

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

### Short Title

#### Short title

**1** This Act may be cited as the *Health-based Approach to Substance Use Act*.

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#### PART 1

1996, c. 19

### Controlled Drugs and Substances Act

#### Amendments to the Act

**2** Paragraph (a) of the definition *designated substance offence* in subsection 2(1) of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* is replaced by the following:

(a) an offence under Part I, or

**3** Sections 4 and 4.1 of the Act are repealed.

**4** Subsection 47(1) of the Act is replaced by the following:

441075

## PROJET DE LOI C-216

Loi modifiant la Loi réglementant certaines drogues et autres substances et édictant la Loi sur la radiation de certaines condamnations liées à la drogue et la Loi sur la stratégie nationale sur l'usage de substances

Sa Majesté, sur l'avis et avec le consentement du Sénat et de la Chambre des communes du Canada, édicte :

### Titre abrégé

#### Titre abrégé

**1** *Loi sur une approche axée sur la santé concernant l'usage de substances*.

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#### PARTIE 1

1996, ch. 19

### Loi réglementant certaines drogues et autres substances

#### Modification de la loi

**2** La définition de *infraction désignée*, au paragraphe 2(1) de la *Loi réglementant certaines drogues et autres substances*, est remplacée par ce qui suit :

**10** *infraction désignée* Soit toute infraction prévue par la 10  
partie I, soit le complot ou la tentative de commettre une  
telle infraction, la complicité après le fait à son égard ou  
le fait de conseiller de la commettre. (*designated substance offence*)

**3** Les articles 4 et 4.1 de la même loi sont abrogés. 15

**4** Le paragraphe 47(1) de la même loi est remplacé par ce qui suit :

### Time limit

**47 (1)** No summary conviction proceedings in respect of an offence under subsection 32(2) or the regulations or in respect of a contravention of an order made under section 45.1 or 45.2 shall be commenced after the expiry of one year after the time when the subject matter of the proceedings arose. 5

**5 Schedules I to IV of the Act are amended by replacing the references after the schedule heading with the following:**

(Sections 2, 5 to 7.1, 10, 29, 55 and 60)

### Consequential Amendments

R.S., c. C-46

#### Criminal Code

**6 Paragraph 462.48(1)(a) of the Criminal Code is replaced by the following:**

(a) an offence under Part I of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*;

**7 Paragraph 553(c) of the Act is amended by adding “or” at the end of subparagraph (viii.1), by striking out “or” at the end of subparagraph (ix) and by repealing subparagraph (x). 15**

2000, c. 17; 2001, c. 41, s. 48

#### Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act

**8 Subparagraph 11.11(1)(d)(ii) of the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act is replaced by the following: 20**

(ii) the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*,

### Prescription

**47 (1)** Les poursuites par procédure sommaire pour infraction au paragraphe 32(2) ou aux règlements ou pour une contravention à un arrêté pris en vertu des articles 45.1 ou 45.2 se prescrivent par un an à compter de la perpétration ou de la contravention. 5

**5 Les renvois qui suivent les titres des annexes, aux annexes I à IV de la même loi, sont remplacés par ce qui suit :**

10 (articles 2, 5 à 7.1, 10, 29, 55 et 60)

### Modifications corrélatives

L.R., ch. C-46

#### Code criminel

**6 L’alinéa 462.48(1)a) du Code criminel est remplacé par ce qui suit : 10**

a) soit une infraction prévue à la partie I de la *Loi réglementant certaines drogues et autres substances*;

**7 Le sous-alinéa 553c)(x) de la même loi est abrogé. 15**

2000, ch. 17; 2001, ch. 41, art. 48

#### Loi sur le recyclage des produits de la criminalité et le financement des activités terroristes

**8 Le sous-alinéa 11.11(1)d)(ii) de la Loi sur le recyclage des produits de la criminalité et le financement des activités terroristes est remplacé par ce qui suit :**

(ii) une infraction prévue par la *Loi réglementant certaines drogues et autres substances*, 20

## PART 2

# Expungement of Certain Drug-related Convictions Act

## Enactment of Act

### Enactment of Act

**9** The *Expungement of Certain Drug-related Convictions Act* is enacted as follows:

An Act to establish a procedure for expunging certain drug-related convictions

## Short Title

### Short title

**1** This Act may be cited as the *Expungement of Certain Drug-related Convictions Act*. 5

## Interpretation

### Definitions

**2** The following definitions apply in this Act.

**Board** means the Parole Board of Canada. (*Commission*)

**Chairperson** means the Chairperson of the Board designated under section 104 of the *Corrections and Conditional Release Act*. (*président*) 10

## Powers, Duties and Functions

### Powers of Board

**3** The Board may, in accordance with this Act, order or refuse to order expungement of a conviction in respect of an offence under section 4 of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*, as that Act read immediately before the day on which the *Health-based Approach to Substance Use Act* came into force, if the activity that is the subject of the offence would not have constituted an offence under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* or any other Act of Parliament had it been conducted on or after that day. 20

## PARTIE 2

# Loi sur la radiation de certaines condamnations liées à la drogue

## Édiction de la loi

### Édiction de la loi

**9** Est édictée la *Loi sur la radiation de certaines condamnations liées à la drogue*, dont le texte suit :

Loi établissant une procédure de radiation de certaines condamnations liées à la drogue 5

## Titre abrégé

### Titre abrégé

**1** *Loi sur la radiation de certaines condamnations liées à la drogue*. 5

## Définitions

### Définitions

**2** Les définitions qui suivent s'appliquent à la présente loi.

**Commission** La Commission des libérations conditionnelles du Canada. (*Board*) 10

**président** Le président de la Commission désigné en vertu de l'article 104 de la *Loi sur le système correctionnel et la mise en liberté sous condition*. (*Chairperson*) 10

## Attributions

### Pouvoirs de la Commission

**3** La Commission peut, conformément à la présente loi, ordonner ou refuser d'ordonner la radiation d'une condamnation à l'égard d'une infraction prévue à l'article 4 de la *Loi réglementant certaines drogues et autres substances*, dans sa version antérieure à la date d'entrée en vigueur de la *Loi sur une approche axée sur la santé concernant l'usage de substances*, dans le cas où l'activité visée par l'infraction n'aurait pas constitué une infraction à la *Loi réglementant certaines drogues et autres substances* ou à toute autre loi fédérale si elle avait été exercée à cette date ou après celle-ci. 25

## Delegation

**4** The Board, subject to the approval of the Chairperson, may confer on any of its employees or class of its employees any of its powers, duties or functions under this Act.

## Expungement

### Effects

#### Effect of expungement

**5 (1)** If the Board orders expungement of a conviction, the person convicted of the offence is deemed never to have been charged with and convicted of that offence.

#### Lawful act

**(2)** Nothing in this Act has the effect of making unlawful a lawful act or omission related to the expunged conviction that was committed prior to the expungement order.

#### Royal prerogative

**6** Nothing in this Act in any manner limits or affects Her Majesty's royal prerogative of mercy.

## Procedure

### Application

**7 (1)** A person who has been convicted in respect of an activity described in section 3 may apply to the Board for an expungement order.

#### Form, manner and content

**(2)** An application for an expungement order must be in the form and manner determined by the Board and must include a sworn statement or solemn declaration by the applicant that the conviction in question is in respect of an activity described in section 3.

#### No fee payable

**(3)** No fee may be imposed in respect of an application made under subsection (1).

#### Incomplete application

**8** If the Board determines that an application is incomplete, the Board may return it to the applicant at any time.

## Délégation

**4** La Commission peut, sous réserve de l'approbation du président, déléguer les attributions qui lui sont conférées par la présente loi à tout membre — ou catégorie de membres — de son personnel.

## Radiation

### Effets

#### Effet de la radiation

**5 (1)** Lorsque la Commission ordonne la radiation d'une condamnation, la personne condamnée est réputée n'avoir jamais fait l'objet d'une accusation et d'une condamnation pour cette infraction.

#### Actes licites

**(2)** La présente loi n'a pas pour effet de rendre illicite un acte ou une omission licite commis relativement à une condamnation avant qu'une ordonnance de radiation n'ait été rendue pour cette condamnation.

#### Prérogative royale

**6** La présente loi n'a pas pour effet de limiter, de quelque manière, la prérogative royale de clémence que possède Sa Majesté.

## Procédure

### Demande

**7 (1)** Toute personne condamnée pour une activité visée à l'article 3 peut demander à la Commission de délivrer une ordonnance de radiation.

#### Modalités et contenu

**(2)** La demande est présentée selon les modalités prévues par la Commission et est accompagnée d'une déclaration solennelle ou sous serment dans laquelle le demandeur déclare que la condamnation est liée à une activité visée à l'article 3.

#### Frais

**(3)** Aucuns frais ne peuvent être imposés à l'égard d'une demande présentée au titre du paragraphe (1).

#### Demande incomplète

**8** Si elle établit que la demande est incomplète, la Commission peut, à tout moment, la retourner au demandeur.



## Eligibility

**9 (1)** The Board must reject any application that does not relate to a conviction in respect of an activity described in section 3.

## Notice

**(2)** The applicant must be advised in writing of the rejection of their application.

## Inquiries

**10** On receipt of an application, the Board may cause inquiries to be made

**(a)** for the purpose of determining whether the applicant is eligible to apply for an expungement order under section 7; and

**(b)** for the purposes of the review under section 11.

## Review

**11** Subject to sections 8 and 9, the Board must review the application and the evidence gathered through any inquiries and determine whether there is evidence that the activity in respect of which the application is made is prohibited under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* or any other Act of Parliament at the time the application is reviewed.

## Order

### Order to expunge

**12** Subject to sections 8 and 9, the Board must order expungement of the conviction in respect of the offence for which the application was made if the Board's review reveals no evidence referred to in section 11.

### Refusal

**13** Subject to sections 8 and 9, the Board must refuse to order expungement of the conviction in respect of the offence for which the application was made if the Board's review reveals evidence referred to in section 11.

### Notice to applicant

**14** The Board must notify the applicant in writing of the expungement order or of its refusal to order expungement.

## Destruction and Removal

### Notification to RCMP

**15** The Board must notify the Royal Canadian Mounted Police of any expungement order. The Board must also

## Admissibilité

**9 (1)** La Commission rejette toute demande qui ne concerne pas une activité visée à l'article 3.

## Avis

**(2)** Le demandeur est avisé du rejet de sa demande par écrit.

## Enquêtes

**10** Sur réception d'une demande, la Commission peut faire procéder à des enquêtes :

**a)** en vue de déterminer si le demandeur est admissible à présenter une demande de radiation en vertu de l'article 7;

**b)** en vue de l'examen prévu à l'article 11.

## Examen

**11** Sous réserve des articles 8 et 9, la Commission examine la demande et toute preuve recueillie dans le cadre d'une enquête et détermine si elles révèlent des éléments de preuve selon lesquels l'activité qui fait l'objet de la demande est alors interdite par la *Loi réglementant certaines drogues et autres substances* ou toute autre loi fédérale.

## Ordonnance

### Ordonnance de radiation

**12** Sous réserve des articles 8 et 9, si son examen ne révèle aucun élément de preuve visé à l'article 11, la Commission ordonne la radiation de la condamnation pour l'infraction faisant l'objet de la demande.

### Refus

**13** Sous réserve des articles 8 et 9, la Commission refuse d'ordonner la radiation de la condamnation pour l'infraction faisant l'objet de la demande si son examen révèle des éléments de preuve visés à l'article 11.

### Avis au demandeur

**14** La Commission avise le demandeur par écrit de la délivrance de l'ordonnance de radiation ou de son refus de délivrer l'ordonnance.

## Destruction et suppression

### Avis transmis à la GRC

**15** La Commission avise la Gendarmerie royale du Canada de toute ordonnance de radiation. Elle en avise

notify any superior, provincial or municipal court that, to its knowledge, has custody of any judicial record of the conviction to which the expungement order relates.

#### **Destruction or removal by RCMP**

**16** As soon as feasible after receipt of a notification from the Board, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police must destroy or remove any judicial record of the conviction to which the expungement order relates that is in its repositories or systems. 5

#### **Notification by RCMP**

**17** As soon as feasible after receipt of a notification from the Board, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police must provide notification of the expungement order to any federal department or agency, and to any provincial or municipal police force, that, to its knowledge, has custody of any judicial record of the conviction to which the expungement order relates. 10 15

#### **Destruction or removal by departments and agencies**

**18** As soon as feasible after receipt of a notification from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, each federal department or agency must destroy or remove any judicial record of the conviction to which the expungement order relates that is in its repositories or systems. 20

#### **Non-application**

**19** Sections 16 and 18 apply despite sections 12 and 13 of the *Library and Archives of Canada Act*, subsections 6(1) and (3) of the *Privacy Act* and any other provision of an Act of Parliament.

#### **For greater certainty**

**20** For greater certainty, sections 16 to 19 do not apply to documents submitted or produced in respect of an application under this Act. 25

R.S., c. 46

### **Related Amendments to the Criminal Code**

**10 (1)** Subsection 607(1) of the *Criminal Code* is amended by striking out “and” at the end of paragraph (c), by adding “and” at the end of paragraph (d) and by adding the following after paragraph (d): 30

également toute cour supérieure, provinciale ou municipale qui, à sa connaissance, a la garde de tout dossier judiciaire relatif à la condamnation visée par l’ordonnance.

#### **Destruction ou suppression effectuée par la GRC**

**16** Dès que possible après avoir reçu avis d’une ordonnance de radiation, la Gendarmerie royale du Canada détruit ou supprime de ses répertoires ou systèmes tout dossier judiciaire relatif à la condamnation visée par l’ordonnance. 5

#### **Avis transmis par la GRC**

**17** Dès que possible après avoir reçu avis d’une ordonnance de radiation, la Gendarmerie royale du Canada en 10 avise tout ministère ou organisme fédéral et toute force de police provinciale ou municipale qui, à sa connaissance, a la garde de tout dossier judiciaire relatif à la condamnation visée par l’ordonnance. 15

#### **Destruction ou suppression effectuée par des ministères et organismes**

**18** Dès que possible après avoir reçu l’avis de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada, le ministère ou l’organisme fédéral détruit ou supprime de ses répertoires ou systèmes tout dossier judiciaire relatif à la condamnation visée par l’ordonnance de radiation. 15 20

#### **Non-application**

**19** Les articles 16 et 18 s’appliquent malgré les articles 20 12 et 13 de la *Loi sur la Bibliothèque et les Archives du Canada*, les paragraphes 6(1) et (3) de la *Loi sur la protection des renseignements personnels* et toute autre disposition d’une loi fédérale.

#### **Précision**

**20** Il est entendu que les articles 16 à 19 ne s’appliquent 25 pas relativement aux documents soumis ou produits dans le cadre d’une demande présentée en vertu de la présente loi.

L.R., ch. 46

### **Modifications connexes au Code criminel**

**10 (1)** Le paragraphe 607(1) du *Code criminel* est modifié par adjonction, après l’alinéa d), de ce 30 qui suit :

(e) an expungement order under the *Expungement of Certain Drug-related Convictions Act*.

e) relatif à une ordonnance de radiation rendue au titre de la *Loi sur la radiation de certaines condamnations liées à la drogue*.

(2) Subsection 607(3) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(2) Le paragraphe 607(3) de la même loi est remplacé par ce qui suit :

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#### Disposal

(3) The pleas of *autrefois acquit*, *autrefois convict*, pardon and an expungement order under the *Expungement of Historically Unjust Convictions Act* or the *Expungement of Certain Drug-related Convictions Act* shall be disposed of by the judge without a jury before the accused is called on to plead further.

#### Manière de disposer des défenses

(3) Le juge statue sans jury sur les défenses d'*autrefois acquit*, d'*autrefois convict* et de pardon et sur celles relatives à une ordonnance de radiation rendue au titre de la *Loi sur la radiation de condamnations constituant des injustices historiques* ou de la *Loi sur la radiation de certaines condamnations liées à la drogue*, avant que l'accusé soit appelé à plaider davantage.

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### PART 3

## National Strategy on Substance Use Act

### PARTIE 3

## Stratégie nationale sur l'usage de substances

#### Enactment of Act

11 The *National Strategy on Substance Use Act* is enacted as follows:

#### Édition de la loi

11 Est édictée la *Loi sur la stratégie nationale sur l'usage de substances*, dont le texte suit :

An Act respecting the development of a national strategy to address substance use

Loi visant l'élaboration d'une stratégie nationale concernant l'usage de substances

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### Short Title

### Titre abrégé

#### Short title

1 This Act may be cited as the *National Strategy on Substance Use Act*.

#### Titre abrégé

1 *Loi sur la stratégie nationale sur l'usage de substances*.

## National Strategy

## Stratégie nationale

#### National strategy

2 (1) The Minister of Health must develop a national strategy to address the harm caused by problematic substance use by promoting a comprehensive public health approach.

#### Stratégie nationale

2 (1) Le ministre de la Santé élabore une stratégie nationale visant à remédier aux méfaits causés par la consommation problématique de substances en préconisant une approche globale en matière de santé publique.

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#### Consultations

(2) In developing the strategy, the Minister must consult with representatives of the provincial governments responsible for health care services and key stakeholders including advocacy organizations, frontline health care providers, individuals with lived experience of substance use, harm reduction workers and experts in problematic substance use and substance use disorder.

#### Consultations

(2) Pour élaborer la stratégie, le ministre consulte des représentants des gouvernements provinciaux responsables des services de soins de santé et des intervenants clés, notamment des organismes de défense des droits, des fournisseurs de soins de santé de première ligne, des personnes qui ont une expérience concrète de l'usage de substances, des travailleurs du domaine de la réduction

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## Content

**(3)** The strategy must include measures to

- (a)** address the harm associated with the criminalization of substance use;
- (b)** ensure that interventions are founded on evidence-based best practices and address the root causes of problematic substance use; 5
- (c)** ensure low-barrier access to a safe supply of medically regulated substances;
- (d)** provide universal access to recovery, treatment and harm reduction services for problematic substance use and substance use disorder, including overdose prevention services, relapse prevention services and supervised consumption sites and services; 10
- (e)** implement evidence-based prevention programs that address social and economic factors that contribute to problematic substance use; and 15
- (f)** reduce the stigma associated with substance use, including through outreach and public awareness programs.

## Reports to Parliament

### Tabling of national strategy

**3 (1)** Within one year after the day on which this Act comes into force, the Minister of Health must prepare a report setting out the national strategy and cause it to be tabled in each House of Parliament on any of the first 15 days on which that House is sitting after it is completed. 25

### Publication

**(2)** The Minister must publish the report on the website of the Department of Health within 10 days after it has been tabled in both Houses of Parliament.

### Report

**4** Within one year after the report referred to in section 3 has been tabled in both Houses of Parliament, the Minister of Health must, in consultation with the parties 30

des méfaits et des experts de l'usage problématique de substances et des troubles liés à l'usage de substances.

## Contenu

**(3)** La stratégie prévoit des mesures qui visent à :

- a)** remédier aux méfaits associés à la criminalisation de l'usage de substances; 5
- b)** garantir que les interventions reposent sur des pratiques exemplaires fondées sur des données probantes et ciblent les causes profondes de l'usage problématique de substances;
- c)** garantir l'accès, sans obstacles majeurs, à un approvisionnement sûr en substances réglementées à des fins médicales; 10
- d)** fournir un accès universel à des services de rétablissement, de traitement et de réduction des méfaits en ce qui concerne l'usage problématique de substances et les troubles liés à l'usage de substances, notamment des services de prévention des surdoses, des services de prévention des rechutes et des services et des sites de consommation supervisée; 15
- e)** mettre en œuvre des programmes de prévention 20 qui sont fondés sur des données probantes et qui s'attaquent aux facteurs sociaux et économiques qui contribuent à l'usage problématique de substances;
- f)** atténuer les préjugés associés à l'usage de substances, notamment au moyen de programmes d'intervention et de sensibilisation. 25

## Rapports au Parlement

### Dépôt de la stratégie nationale

**3 (1)** Dans l'année suivant la date d'entrée en vigueur de la présente loi, le ministre de la Santé établit un rapport énonçant la stratégie nationale et le fait déposer devant chaque chambre du Parlement dans les quinze premiers jours de séance de celle-ci suivant son achèvement. 30

### Publication

**(2)** Le ministre publie le rapport sur le site Web du ministère de la Santé dans les dix jours suivant la date de son dépôt devant les deux chambres du Parlement.

### Rapport

**4** Dans l'année suivant le dépôt du rapport prévu à l'article 3 devant les deux chambres du Parlement, le ministre de la Santé établit, en consultation avec les parties 35

referred to in subsection 2(2), prepare a report on the results of the implementation of the national strategy in each province that sets out the Minister's conclusions and recommendations, and cause the report to be tabled in each House of Parliament on any of the first 15 days on which that House is sitting after it is completed. 5

mentionnées au paragraphe 2(2), un rapport faisant état des résultats de la mise en œuvre de la stratégie nationale dans chaque province et énonçant ses conclusions et recommandations, et il le fait déposer devant chaque chambre du Parlement dans les quinze premiers jours de séance de celle-ci suivant son achèvement. 5

## CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

### BYLAW NO. 5053

#### A BYLAW FOR THE LEVYING OF TAX RATES FOR MUNICIPAL, REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT, REGIONAL DISTRICT AND OFF-STREET PARKING PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR 2022

**WHEREAS** Section 197 of the *Community Charter, R.S.B.C. 2003 c. 26* requires a Council, on or before May 15<sup>th</sup> in each year, to adopt a bylaw to impose tax rates on all taxable land and improvements according to their assessed value in order to provide the money required for all lawful general purposes of the municipality, and other purposes permitted under the *Community Charter*.

#### THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ALBERNI IN OPEN MEETING ASSEMBLED HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

##### 1. Title

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "**City of Port Alberni Tax Rates Bylaw No. 5053, 2022**".

##### 2. Tax Rates

The following rates are hereby imposed and levied for the year 2022:

###### (a) General Municipal Purposes Rate

For all lawful general purposes of the municipality on the value of land and improvements taxable for general municipal purposes, rates appearing in Column I of Schedule "A" which is attached hereto and forms part of this Bylaw.

###### (b) General Municipal Debt Rate

For debt purposes on the value of land and improvements taxable for general municipal purposes, rates appearing in Column II of Schedule "A" which is attached hereto and forms part of this Bylaw.

###### (c) General Municipal Vancouver Island Regional Library Rate

For Vancouver Island Regional Library purposes on the value of land and improvements taxable for general municipal purposes, rates appearing in Column VI of Schedule "A" which is attached hereto and forms part of this Bylaw.

###### (d) Regional Hospital District Rate

For purposes of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District on the value of land and improvements taxable for regional hospital district purposes, rates appearing in Column III of Schedule "A" which is attached hereto and forms part of this Bylaw.

###### (e) Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Rate

For purposes of the Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot on the value of land and

improvements taxable for regional hospital district purposes, rates appearing in Column IV of Schedule "A" which is attached hereto and forms part of this Bylaw.

(f) **Special Rate - Off-Street Parking**

For purposes of the specified area described in "Off-Street Parking Loan Authorization Bylaw, No. 1, 1971" No. 2087 on the value of land and improvements taxable for general municipal purposes, rates appearing in Column V of Schedule "A" which is attached hereto and forms part of this Bylaw.

**3. Effective Date**

The aforementioned rates and taxes shall be considered to have been imposed on and from the first day of January, 2022.

**4. Payment**

The aforementioned rates and taxes shall be due and payable at the Office of the Collector of the City of Port Alberni at the City Hall, Port Alberni, in the Province of British Columbia.

**5. Repeal**

That "Tax Rates 2021, Bylaw No. 5025" is hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2022.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2022.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2022.

FINALLY ADOPTED THIS      DAY OF      , 2022.

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer



**SCHEDULE "A" TO BYLAW # 5053**

**2022 TAX RATES (DOLLARS OF TAX PER \$1,000 TAXABLE VALUE)**

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Property Class	General Municipal	Debt	Alberni Clayoquot Regional Hospital	Alberni Clayoquot Regional District	Off Street Parking	Vancouver Island Regional Library
Residential	4.3163	0.0371	0.1458	0.3344	0.2383	0.1473
Utilities	25.1957	0.2168	0.5104	1.1705		0.8598
Supportive Housing	4.3163	0.0371	0.1458	0.3344		0.1473
Major Industry	52.6593	0.4531	0.4959	1.1371		1.7969
Light Industry	32.7027	0.2814	0.4959	1.1371		1.1159
Business	12.1431	0.1045	0.3573	0.8194	0.6704	0.4144
Managed Forest Land	12.9490	0.1114	0.4375	1.0033		0.4419
Non-Profit	4.3163	0.0371	0.1458	0.3344	0.2383	0.1473
Farm	4.3163	0.0371	0.1458	0.3344		0.1473





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**RE: National Day of Mourning, April 28, 2022**

Dear Mayor Minions:

United Steelworkers Local 1-1937 unfortunately will not be hosting the Day of Mourning Ceremony this year. We do however request that the City of Port Alberni fly the National Day of Mourning Flag at half-mast on April 28<sup>th</sup> and throughout the following week out of respect for our fellow workers who have died on the job. We also ask everyone to observe a minute of silence on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Your thoughtfulness for these workers and their families is greatly appreciated.

On behalf of USW Local 1-1937,

Sincerely,

Glen Cheetham, Business Agent

United Steelworkers, Local 1-1937

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From: Susan Mulkey <[smulkey@bccfa.ca](mailto:smulkey@bccfa.ca)>

Sent: March 28, 2022 7:44 AM

To: Chris Law <[manager@communityforest.ca](mailto:manager@communityforest.ca)>

Cc: Jennifer Gunter <[jgunter@bccfa.ca](mailto:jgunter@bccfa.ca)>

Subject: Local Government Tab Rate Resolution for UBCM - We need your help

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**Local Government Tab Rate Resolution for UBCM - We need your help**

Critical to the continued success of the community forest program is the recognition of the unique responsibilities and mandate given to us by government, and the policies that are needed to support them. These policies include tabular stumpage rates.

We are circulating a resolution that seeks the support of the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for keeping the current rates in place. The UBCM process requires local governments to champion the resolution. We are asking as many members as possible to get it to their local government (mayor and CAO, city manager, regional district chair, or First Nation council, whichever applies) to pass the resolution and to move it through the proper channels to UBCM before the deadline.

Action by your local government on the resolution must happen ASAP, and no later than April. There is a timeline for getting items added to an agenda at local government meetings. One regional district, for example, meets once a month and they have an agenda cut off 10 days ahead of their meeting.

The backgrounder is intended to serve as the talking points for you and your local government on why the resolution should be supported. The backgrounder can also be circulated to colleagues in other areas and to the press prior to UBCM once your own council or region has endorsed it.

The deadline for the resolution to be submitted to UBCM is June 30th.

Thank you,  
Susan  
Susan Mulkey  
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**2022 UBCM Resolution submitted by the (Insert name of the local government here)**  
**Pricing Policy for Community Forests**

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**WHEREAS**

The tabular stumpage rate system that currently applies to community forest agreements provides the means through which community forests innovate, operate in contentious areas, invest in long-term forest stewardship and provide jobs and other benefits to their communities;

**AND WHEREAS**

The ability of community forests to innovate and invest in community priorities including climate change adaptation, wildfire risk reduction, ecosystem restoration, old growth management, recreational infrastructure development, and community economic development relies upon the current stumpage rates;

**AND WHEREAS**

Any change in the current tabular stumpage policy that results in an increased stumpage rates and additional administrative burden for community forest tenures will greatly reduce and undermine the capacity of community forests to provide key socio-economic benefits to the communities that they support. The tabular stumpage policy enables community forest agreement holders to implement modernized forest policies and to meet the full range of community objectives while operating viable businesses.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Province of British Columbia maintain the tabular rate structure for community forest agreements.

## **Backgrounder for the 2022 UBCM Resolution - Pricing Policy for Community Forests**

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### **Background**

- There are 60 operating community forest agreements in BC.
- Community forests in BC reflect the ecological and cultural diversity of our province. They exist in many types of forests and terrain. They range in size from 361 to 184,682 hectares, with an annual harvest from 860 m3 to 194,226 m3. The average annual harvest is 36,931 m3/year.
- Collectively, over 100 Indigenous and rural communities are involved in community forestry in BC. Half of the operating community forests are held by First Nations or a partnership between an Indigenous and non-Indigenous community.
- The ability of community forests to generate direct benefits to the Indigenous and rural communities that they serve is critical to developing and maintaining local support for forest management activities. These benefits include financial contributions to local communities, as well as local jobs, enhanced forest stewardship, and wildfire risk reduction.
- Community forests work under the same rules as the rest of the forest industry in BC. They are governed by the Forest Act and the Forest and Range Practices Act, and all other applicable statutes and regulations. They pay stumpage (fees paid for harvesting timber from Crown land in BC) based on a tabular rate system that recognizes the 8 Community Forest Program goals established by the Province and the unique conditions under which they operate. Community forests sell their harvested timber on the open market and are dependent on the mills providing a fair price for their timber.
- Community forest agreements on the Coast pay stumpage rates based on Table 7.2 of the Coast Appraisal Manual. In the Interior, they pay stumpage rates according to table 6.2 of the Interior Appraisal Manual. These tabular rates account for the added costs and objectives involved in the management of community forests and provide simplified administration and flexibility that enables innovative forest management that is responsive to community needs and priorities.



- Through the tabular rate stumpage system established for community forests in 2006, they are able to undertake the type of innovative forest management and environmental stewardship that the public is asking for and that the Province has articulated for the future of BC, while also creating good local jobs and supplying logs to a diversity of manufacturers.

In June 2021, the BC government released [Modernizing Forest Policy in British Columbia: Setting the Intention and Leading the Forest Sector Transition \(Intentions Paper\)](#).

A new policy direction captured in the Intentions Paper has brought concern to operating community forests, namely the intention to revise area-based tenure specific pricing policy to harmonize the rate structures of CFAs, Woodlot Licences and First Nations Woodlands licences.

The Intentions Paper states:

*“Revising area-based tenure-specific pricing policy:*

*Currently there is a disparity between stumpage rates applied to Woodlot Licences (WLs), Community Forest Agreements (CFAs), and First Nation Woodland Licences (FNWLs) issued to Indigenous communities. We will harmonize the rate structures, consistent with our market-based pricing system, while being mindful that smaller tenure ownership is impacted by economies of scale.”*

The British Columbia Community Forest Association (BCCFA) has been working on pricing policy since 2004 with the provincial government. We were successful in 2006 to secure the tabular rate structure that we work under today. Paramount to the continued success of the community forest program is the recognition of the unique responsibilities and mandate given to community forest agreement holders by government, and the policies that are needed to support them. These policies include the necessity of a pricing system that acknowledges the unique role of community forests and reflects the full costs of operating them. The tabular stumpage rates have achieved this for community forests.

We are fully aware that the current pricing policy of revenue sharing applied to First Nations woodlands licences is inadequate and provides little to no incentive for First Nations to participate in the program. They have long asked for the same pricing arrangement as community forests and woodlot licences, but the Ministry has not supported this change. We recommend the province develop a solution for First Nations Woodlands licences that does not negatively impact community forests.

Community forests across BC are asking local governments through the UBCM resolution process to endorse the maintenance of the tabular stumpage rates for community forests with the provincial government.

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From: British Columbia Economic Development Association <info@bceda.ca>

Sent: April 14, 2022 10:41 AM

To: Sharie Minions <sharie\_minions@portalberni.ca>

Subject: #EconDevWeek22 is May 9th to 13th



**Save the dates! #EconDevWeek22 runs from May 9th to 13th.** Keep an eye out as BCEDA prepares to showcase the programs – and the people – who make our communities stronger!

BCEDA is looking forward to highlighting #EcDevInAction from BC's communities with a number of webinars, document and web releases. [Share your #EcDevInAction](#) to be included.

## Looking for ideas to celebrate [Economic Development Week](#) in your community?

Get involved and take part in the celebration by downloading IEDC's [#EconDevWeek22](#) Toolkit and access:

- Special ways to engage your elected officials
- Press release and proclamation templates
- Social media graphics, stock images and logos
- Electronic and print advertising templates
- City and regional resolutions templates
- Social media marketing sample promotional messaging
- Event ideas
- Championing Economic Development resources
- And much, much more!

Get started now and create awareness for the value that the economic development profession brings to your community.

### IEDC Toolkit

[Proclamation and Press Release Templates](#)  
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Keep checking [BCEDA's #EconDevWeek22 page](#) for the latest on our plans for the week!

- The BCEDA Team

*Respectfully acknowledging S'olh Téméxw, the unceded traditional lands of the Stó:lo, the People of the River, where we work and live.*

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**From:** Lorna Hillman  
**Sent:** April 12, 2022 1:58 PM  
**Subject:** Invitation to join the Moose Hide Campaign

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Good Afternoon,

I am reaching out today to invite you to learn more about the Moose Hide Campaign.

The Moose Hide Campaign began as an Indigenous-led, British Columbia-born, reconciliation movement that calls upon all Canadians to stand together to end violence against women and children. It has since grown into a nationwide movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians from communities, First Nations, governments, schools, colleges and universities, police forces and many other organizations across Canada –all committed to taking action to end this violence.

Please see the attached correspondence for an overview of how your Municipality can get involved!

Best Wishes,

Lorna



**Lorna Hillman**  
**Outreach and Engagement Coordinator**

[outreach@moosehidecampaign.ca](mailto:outreach@moosehidecampaign.ca)







**MOOSE HIDE  
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April 12, 2022

Dear Mayor and Council,

We are inviting you to join us to learn more about the Moose Hide Campaign, an Indigenous-led, British Columbia-born, reconciliation movement that calls upon all Canadians to stand together to end violence against women and children.

The Moose Hide Campaign is setting out a challenge to municipal leadership to join the rapidly growing number of municipalities across British Columbia that are embracing the Moose Hide Campaign as one way of advancing reconciliation and creating safe communities. We are seeking your support and calling on you to champion the Moose Hide Campaign within your municipality.

Beginning along the Highway of Tears by Paul Lacerte and his daughter Raven and their personal calling to spread awareness against the crisis of gender-based violence, the Moose Hide Campaign has grown substantially over 10 years to a national movement of reconciliation.

We know the impacts of residential schools and the full extent of violence against women and children have been deeply felt by Canadians from Coast to Coast over the last two years. Individuals, organizations, and communities are looking for meaningful ways to help advance reconciliation and create safe workplaces, schools and communities for all woman and children.

The Moose Hide Campaign is one of the most recognized and impactful action-oriented campaigns in Canada, providing both an effective way to advance reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and create a society free of violence against women and children.

Each year on Moose Hide Campaign Day, Canadians from across the country stand together in ceremony and solidarity to create a safer Canada for all women and children. And thousands of determined and decided Canadians join the ceremonial fast for the day to support the campaigns vision of 1million Canadians fasting together in Ceremony end violence against women and children.

Since it's inception, organizations, municipalities, and schools have spearheaded thousands of local Moose Hide events with hundreds of thousands of Canadians participating in events and in the Moose Hide Campaign Ceremony.

For organizations wanting to join the Moose Hide Campaign, our goal is to ignite inspiration while ensuring administrative ease. To support these goals, we have prepared communications assets, a draft proclamation, and social media posts for your convenience. Your participation in Moose Hide Campaign Day is an opportunity to contribute to our collective healing journey, reconciliation and foster positive change in our communities.

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Here's how you can help:

- Join the growing number of municipalities across Canada in **proclaiming May 12 2022, Moose Hide Campaign Day.**
- Attend our virtual ceremony on May 12, 2022. Register [here](#).
- Join one of the live interactive workshops happening on **Moose Hide Campaign Day.** These workshops provide a great opportunity to deepen your experience and understanding of reconciliation and gender safety. Many organizations use this opportunity to encourage and support professional development for their staff.
- **Wear a moosehide pin and join the conversation-** You can order pins [here](#). So far, our campaign has distributed nearly three million moosehide pins. Independent research has shown us that each pin leads to at least five conversations about issues of violence against women and children. And we know, it is only through honest, open discussion that we see positive change.
- **Share about the Campaign via your municipal social media pages.** We have many easy plug and play communications assets available for download in our sharable communications folder [here](#).
- **Participate in the ceremonial Fast** for the day (sunrise to sunset) from anywhere in BC. Learn more about our ceremonial fast [here](#).

We know the will of leaders throughout BC municipalities can make a meaningful impact. Please spread the message of the campaign and your support among your team and encourage them to register for Moose Hide Campaign Day!

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

**Paul Lacerte**  
National Ambassador  
& Co-Founder

**Raven Lacerte**  
National Ambassador  
& Co-Founder

**David Stevenson**  
Chief Executive Officer

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From: Sue Zhang <[fldf.van@gmail.com](mailto:fldf.van@gmail.com)>

Sent: April 4, 2022 6:20 PM

To: Sharie Minions <[sharie\\_minions@portalberni.ca](mailto:sharie_minions@portalberni.ca)>

Subject: Re: A special request for a Falun Dafa Day greeting video/letter or proclamation

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### Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Falun Dafa in Canada

Re: A special request for a Falun Dafa Day greeting video/letter or proclamation

Dear Mayor Sharie Minions,

In recognition of the 30th anniversary of Falun Dafa's introduction to the public in 1992, and the contributions of the Falun Dafa community in Canada, we respectfully request a recognition greeting (video, letter, or proclamation), for our annual Falun Dafa Day celebration on May 13, 2022. On this day we celebrate the values of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Tolerance that we espouse.

Falun Dafa (also known as Falun Gong) is a mind/body meditation and improvement practice based on the universal principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Tolerance. It was introduced by the founder, Mr. Li Hongzhi,



in 1992 in China and it is now enjoyed by millions from diverse racial and cultural backgrounds in over 100 countries.

Here in Canada, for the past 30 years, Falun Gong volunteers have taught [free meditation exercises](#) to help Canadians improve their mental, moral and physical wellbeing, contributing to a more healthy and harmonious society.

During the pandemic, the Falun Gong community continued to offer [free meditation classes online](#) in English, French, and Chinese, which has helped thousands cope with the difficult time.

As you may be aware, for the past 23-years the Falun Gong community has been victims of persecution by the communist regime in China. While Human rights and legal experts affirm that [crimes against humanity](#) and [genocide](#) is occurring, Falun Dafa practitioners have peacefully endured, persevered, and stood up for basic human rights and freedoms.

Canadians who practice Falun Gong—many of whom arrived as refugees fleeing the persecution in China—are truly grateful that we can enjoy the freedom, diversity and compassionate support across the Canadian society and are proud to be part of the communities here and call Canada our home.

Every year we have garnered worldwide recognition, including thousands of greetings and proclamations from government officials. In 2021 alone, we were very encouraged to receive support recognition from over 130 Canadian MPs, MPPs, Mayors, and City Councillors. Moreover, under the lock-down in 2021, 8 Canadian city halls held flag-raising or lighting-up ceremonies.

Your greeting/proclamation will help support Canada's cultural diversity, freedom of conscience, and also the universal values of truthfulness, compassion and tolerance.

We would truly appreciate if you could please send by May 5th, 2022. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Sue Zhang, on behalf of Falun Dafa Association of Vancouver

Tel: 604-401-2797

Email: [zhang8612@shaw.ca](mailto:zhang8612@shaw.ca)

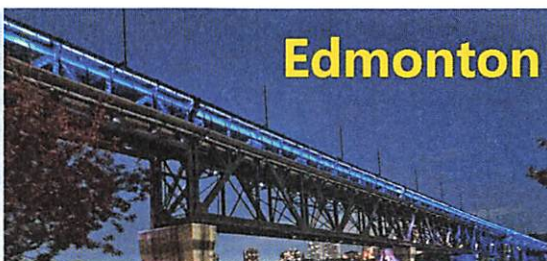
**5 enclosures below:**

**1. A short video of 'An Introduction to Falun gong' (6:35 min)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJ-A6xY47jc>

**2. Eight Flag Raising and Light-up Ceremony Hosting Cities in 2021:**

Niagara Falls, ON; Edmonton, AB; Kingston, ON; New Westminster, BC;  
Nanaimo, BC; Orangeville, ON; St. Catharine, ON; Orillia, ON



**3. 29 Video Greetings from VIPs in Canada on World Falun Dafa Day (2021)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GbEZUTh6qTI&t=57s>

**4. Greetings excerpts for the 2021 Falun Dafa Month Celebration (from 138 greetings issued by representatives of three levels of government):**

2021 Municipal Proclamation and Mayor's Greetings of Falun Dafa Day	
Mayor John Tory, Toronto, ON	Mayor Brian Bowman, Winnipeg, MB
Mayor Jim Watson, Ottawa, ON	Mayor Darren Ellis, George's Brook-Milton, NL
Mayor Bryan Paterson, Kingston, ON	Mayor Daniel Conway, St. George's, NL
Mayor Walter Sendzik, St. Catherines, ON	Mayor Charlie Clark, Saskatoon, SK
Mayor Steve Clarke, Orillia, ON	Mayor Michael Fougere, Regina, SK
Mayor Sandy Brown, Orangeville, ON	Mayor Mike Savage, Halifax, NS
Mayor Gordon Krantz, Milton, ON	Mayor Jonathan Cote, New Westminster, BC
Mayor Marianne Meed Ward, Burlington, ON	Mayor Lisa Helps, Victoria, BC
Mayor Bobbie Drew, Scugog, ON	Mayor Colin Basran, City of Kelowna, BC
Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, Vaughan, ON	Mayor Leonard Krog, City of Nanaimo, BC
Mayor Ed Holder, London, ON	Mayor Aaron Stone, City of Ladysmith, BC
Mayor Jeff Lehman, Barrie, ON	Mayor Chris Pieper, City of Armstrong, BC
Mayor Mike Bradley, Sarnia, ON	Mayor Brad West, City of Port Coquitlam, BC
Mayor Gary McNamara, Tecumseh, ON	Mayor Jack Froese, Township of Langley, BC
Mayor Craig Copeland, City of Cold Lake, AB	Mayor Mike Morden, City of Maple Ridge, BC
Mayor John Stewart, City of Beaumont, AB	Mayor Michelle Staples, City of Duncan, BC
Mayor Stuart Houston, City of Spruce Grove, AB	Mayor Bob Wells, City of Courtenay, BC
Mayor Jackie Clayton, City of Grande Prairie, AB	Mayor Rob Vagramov, City of Port Moody, BC
Mayor Ray Ralph, Town of Devon, AB	Mayor Darnelda Siegers, City of Sechelt, BC
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“My thanks to members of the Falun Dafa community in Saskatchewan for contributing to a more harmonious society. As well, thank you for sharing your meditation practices to help others manage the additional stress caused by the challenges of the past year.”

***-Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty of the Province of Saskatchewan,  
Letter of Greetings, 2021 Falun Dafa Day***

“On behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I commend you for your promoting peace in the world, especially through your teachings on the universal human values of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance.”

***-Lieutenant Governor of Province of Prince Edward Island, Letter of  
Greetings, 2021 Falun Dafa Day***

“Through the promotion of the universal principles of truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance, this traditional Chinese practice has attracted followers around the world and I am proud of Canada’s lively Falun Dafa community. In Canada, we are fortunate to live in a country that respects human rights and Canada’s Conservatives will always stand up for religious minorities.”

***-Hon. Erin O’Toole, Leader of the Conservative Party, greetings 2021***

“Your compassion, your truthfulness, your principles, and your morals are wonderful attributes to all of you. We should continue to focus on issues of freedom, respect, and love for each other as we continue to build a better Canada and a better world.”

***-MP Judy Sgro, Co-chair of the Falun Gong Parliamentary Friendship Group, Video Greeting 2021***

“But we also know today that Falun Gong, long a legal entity in Hong Kong, is resisting the regime’s intimidation, an important voice in defense of the democratic principles of free thought, free speech, free assembly, and the rule of law... on this anniversary, it is an honor to join millions enjoying freedom around the world and offering our support of greetings: Zhen, Shan, Ren [Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance].”

***-MP Peter Kent, Co-chair of the Falun Gong Parliamentary Friendship Group, Video Greeting 2021***

“Your commitment to Compassion, Truthfulness, and Forbearance in the midst of very challenging circumstances has been an inspiration to me and to many others.... the Falun Gong community has been leading the way in terms of advocating for their own community but also highlighting the plight of the other communities facing challenges as well.”

***-MP Garnett Genuis, co-chair of the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China, Video Greeting 2021***

“I have great respect for the Principles of Truth, Benevolence and Forbearance, which the guide the Falun Dafa movement. I stand with you not only in celebration but in solidarity as you fight to protect your right to your spiritual practice.”

***-Elizabeth May, Member of Parliament (MP) and Parliamentary Leader of the Green Party of Canada, Greeting Letter 2021 Falun Dafa Day***

“The past year has been a time of uncertainty and struggle for many. However, I know that Falun Dafa’s values of truthfulness, harmony, compassion and tolerance have guided and enriched the lives of many thousands of practitioners these difficult times.”

***-MP Hon. Candice Bergen, Letter of Greetings, 2021 Falun Dafa Day***

“Falun Dafa is an ancient practice that transcends barriers and embraces people from all walks of life – guided by principles of “Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance”. Sadly, innocent practitioners of this peaceful discipline continue to be persecuted on ethnic or religious grounds by the Chinese Communist Party. We must continue to stand in solidarity with adherents of Falun Dafa and all other oppressed religious minority groups, such as Tibetans and Uighurs.”

***-Senator Thanh Hai Ngo, Greeting Letter, 2021 Falun Dafa Day***

Greeting from MPs: Hon. Candice Bergen, James Bezan, Mark Gerretsen, Nally Shin, Kenny Chiu, Ziad Aboultaif, James Cumming, Tom Kmiec, Kerry Diotte, Hon. Dominic Cardy, Elizabeth May, Ed Fast, Laurel Collins, Marc Dalton, Brad Vis, Tamara Jansen, Stephanie Kusie, Greg McClean, Jag Sahota, Len Webber, Ron Liepert, Kelly McCauley, Heather McPherson, John Barlow, Ted Falk, Kyle Seebach, Cathay Wagantall, Warren Steinley, Marty Morantz, Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Marie-France Lalonde, Scott Reid

Greeting from MPPs: Lindsey Park, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, France Gélinas, Amy Fee, Hon. Laura Ross, Marty Morantz, Dijjeet Brar, Stephen Blais, Belinda Karahalios, et.al

5. about Falun Dafa:

[Falun Dafa](#) (also known as Falun Gong) is a self-improvement practice rooted in the ancient schools of cultivation in China. It consists of meditative exercises, and a moral philosophy aimed at the promotion of virtue. At the core of Falun Dafa's teachings are the tenets of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance. Practitioners of Falun Dafa aim to live in accordance with these principles, taking them as a guide for daily life and practice.

Falun Dafa transcends cultural boundaries and contributes to a healthier and more harmonious society. Since Falun Dafa's public introduction in 1992, hundreds of millions of people from diverse cultural backgrounds in over 100 countries, including Canada, benefit from practicing Falun Gong, where the [free teachings](#) help people improve their mental, moral, and physical wellbeing.

On 20 July, 1999, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) launched a campaign to eradicate Falun Gong. For the past 23 years, major human rights organizations, the United Nations, the U.S. government, and NGOs, etc. have extensively documented the nation-wide campaign of hatred, mass imprisonment, forced slave labour, torture, and killing of people who practice Falun Dafa in China.

Hence, millions of Falun Dafa practitioners and their families have been torn apart. Countless practitioners have been killed for their vital organs that are sold by the state. International legal experts say that crime [against humanity](#), and possibly [genocide](#), have occurred. Falun Gong community and supporters

in Canada continue to experience various kinds of intimidation, harassment, and vilification by the CCP.

The Falun Dafa community, both within China and abroad, has endured two decades of unimaginable adversity with resolute non-violence and persistence to uphold freedom and the universal values. This has garnered worldwide recognition, including thousands of greetings and proclamations from governments and officials.

For more information about Falun Dafa, please visit <https://faluninfo.net>

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From: Emily Handfield

Sent: April 9, 2022 2:12 PM

To: CityPa <[citypa@portalberni.ca](mailto:citypa@portalberni.ca)>

Subject: International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (May 17th)

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Dear Port Alberni City Hall,

As part of the upcoming International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, Fondation Émergence invites your municipality to raise the pride flag in support of the cause.

Please read the attached letter as well as the model resolution that can be adopted by your city council.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Handfield

Student Intern for Fondation Émergence, McGill University





Montréal, Friday, March 25, 2022

**Subject: International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, May 17, 2022**

Hi,

Fondation Émergence's mission is to defend the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBTQ+) people. Each year, it organizes the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (May 17), which was created by the Foundation for the first time in the world, in Quebec, in 2003. This day is now recognized nationally and internationally.

For last year's International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, Fondation Émergence sent a pride flag (rainbow) to every municipality in Quebec. For this year, we're trying to reach out to every municipality in Canada, this will send a stronger message to the government that the population stand with the LGBTQ+ community. We also invite you to adopt a resolution at City Council to mark this important day (see attached template in the email). Also, we invite you to send us a photo of the flag being raised ([raja.dridi@fondationemergence.org](mailto:raja.dridi@fondationemergence.org)), to make a mosaic of all the municipalities in Canada, which will be shared on our social networks.

In addition, we invite you to share this same photo on your social networks by identifying @journee17mai with the #may17mai so that your municipality radiates its inclusiveness throughout Canada.

If you do not have a flag in your possession, you can send us a request at the following email address: ([raja.dridi@fondationemergence.org](mailto:raja.dridi@fondationemergence.org)) with the complete address of the City Hall and we will be able to send you one at the price of only \$15.

Last year, several municipalities followed suit, so join us! [Map of Municipalities - May 17](#)

With your support, we continue to make history in Canada and internationally by taking a strong stand against homophobia and transphobia. Together, we can create a country that fully accepts sexual and gender diversity.

Yours sincerely

Laurent Breault  
General Director

Présentateur officiel



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This document is a draft municipal resolution template for the recognition of May 17<sup>th</sup> as International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.  
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RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

OF "Name of your municipality"

Date

Resolution No. "resolution number" - International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia

WHEREAS the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms recognizes that no one can be discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression;

WHEREAS Quebec is a society open to everyone, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people (LGBTQ+) and to all other people who identify with sexual diversity and the multiplicity of gender identities and expressions;

WHEREAS, despite recent efforts towards greater inclusion of LGBT people, homophobia and transphobia are still present in society.

WHEREAS May 17<sup>th</sup> is the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, is celebrated as such in many countries and is the result of a Quebec-based initiative promoted by Fondation Émergence starting in 2003.

WHEREAS there is reason to support the efforts of Fondation Émergence in holding this day;

It is resolved to proclaim May 17 INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA and to recognize this day as such.

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CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

His/Her Worship Mayor,

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I'm writing to you on behalf of Nature Canada's ocean protection team with an opportunity to help create positive change for your community, and the natural world we all rely on.

Canada has the longest coastline in the world. With it comes the duty to be leaders in protecting and restoring the ocean. As part of the Global Deal for Nature in the Paris Accords, our government **has promised to protect 30 percent of oceans by 2030** through establishing Marine Protected Areas. In 2015 only one percent of Canadian oceans were protected. But as of 2020, due advocacy by Canadians like you, nearly 14 percent of the world's oceans are now safeguarded for generations to come.

Municipalities can be powerful change agents in the goal to protect 30 percent of the world's oceans by 2030. We have seen this leadership in action in combating climate change, when cities and towns across the world stepped up to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and pressured federal governments to do the same. Whether on the coast or far inland, municipalities rely on ocean ecosystems for seafood production, climate regulation, and the preservation of unique and beautiful animals and ecosystems.

**Municipalities are on the front lines of climate change and feel effects firsthand, from extreme heat to extreme precipitation.**

Reaching our ocean protection goal will help us win the fight against global warming. Municipalities are on the front lines of climate change and feel effects firsthand, from extreme heat to extreme precipitation. The oceans play a pivotal role counteracting climate change as the largest carbon sink, providing more than half our oxygen while storing fifty times more carbon than the atmosphere. Oceans also regulate weather, helping to balance the uneven distribution of solar radiation.

**Here's why we need you:** Your voice as a municipality can influence national governments and have a direct effect on the quality of life for your residents. It's as easy as having the council pass the attached resolution. By taking this simple step, you will be helping our policy team show government officials that Canadians support National Marine Protected Areas and encourage them to implement effective policies.

It would mean a great deal to us if you could sign on to help secure a future for our generation and the generations to come.

In solidarity with you and with our natural world,

Paul Gregory  
Senior Oceans Campaigner

*Nature Canada is one of the oldest national nature conservation charities in Canada. For 80 years, we've helped protect over 110 million acres of parks and wildlife areas in Canada and countless species. Today, Nature Canada represents a network of over 130,000 members and supporters, guided by more than 1,200 nature organizations.*



**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MUNICIPALITY X RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING  
WORLD OCEANS DAY 2022 AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF OCEAN CONSERVATION IN  
CANADA**

WHEREAS, Wednesday, June 8, 2022, is the 30th annual World Ocean's Day. World Oceans Day is the United Nations day for celebrating the role of the ocean in everyday life and inspiring action to protect it.

WHEREAS, Countries around the world, including Canada as a prominent leader, have committed to protecting 30% of their ocean territory by 2030 in order to reverse nature loss in the ocean and safeguard at-risk marine life.

WHEREAS, The ocean is home to hundreds of species at risk, vulnerable ecosystems, and is a crucial carbon sink shielding us from the worst of climate change.

WHEREAS, The ocean produces over half of the world's oxygen and absorbs 50 times more carbon dioxide than our atmosphere. Therefore protecting the ocean is in the interest of all life on Earth, and communities both coastal and inland, as it is essential to our shared future.

WHEREAS, It is the jurisdiction of the Government of Canada, under various pieces of legislation and regulation, to establish marine protected areas in consultation with Indigenous Peoples. Many Indigenous nations and communities are leading in the conservation of the ocean, and have been stewards of the ocean since time immemorial.

WHEREAS, It is important for municipal leaders to demonstrate support for actions to safeguard the ocean, as they have for action on climate change and other environmental matters of national importance.

WHEREAS, In celebrating the ocean, and protecting its habitats and ecosystems, we can together raise the profile of ocean conservation's critical role in improving planetary health and slowing the crisis of species collapse and ecosystem decline.

**Therefore be it resolved** that the MUNICIPALITY OF X recognizes the 30th anniversary of World Oceans Day on June 8th, 2022 and supports national and international efforts to protect 30% of the ocean by 2030.

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File # 0630-01

**From:** Candy Keillor <[Candy.Keillor@operationsmile.org](mailto:Candy.Keillor@operationsmile.org)>

**Sent:** Sunday, April 10, 2022 10:55 AM

**To:** Sharie Minions <[sharie\\_minions@portalberni.ca](mailto:sharie_minions@portalberni.ca)>

**Subject:** Invitation to Proclaim June 19th, 2022 The Longest Day of SMILES®

Dear Mayor **Sharie Minions**,

In these unprecedented times, Operation Smile Canada recognizes the importance of engaging community members in ways that enable them to use their passion and creativity to encourage positive change.

Which is why we are inviting you as the Mayor of Port Alberni to proclaim June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as the Longest Day of SMILES® in your community.

The Longest Day of SMILES® encourages community ambassadors to raise awareness and funds to help a child born with a cleft condition smile and change their life with free, safe, cleft surgery and comprehensive care. From sun-up to sun-down, from coast to coast to coast, Canadians are dedicating June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and the time leading up to it, to helping children SMILE.

Operation Smile Canada is a volunteer-delivered global medical charity that exists to ensure everyone has access to safe, effective surgery that they need wherever they live in the world. Surgery that will change a child's life forever... help families, communities, countries, regions and yes, the world.

By proclaiming June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as the Longest Day of SMILES® in Port Alberni and challenging other communities to do the same, you can provide waiting children with exceptional cleft care and a hopeful future with a new smile.

Our Community Engagement & Fundraising team is happy to support you and your community should you choose to participate with us.

To confirm your participation or to request more info, please email Candy Keillor, Community Engagement Specialist [candy.keillor@operationsmile.org](mailto:candy.keillor@operationsmile.org)

To learn more about the transformational impact of Operation Smile Canada, visit: [operationsmile.ca](http://operationsmile.ca)

We look forward to collaborating with you and your team to make this the best Longest Day of SMILES® yet! Together we can make a difference one smile at a time!

Keep Smiling,

*Candy Keillor*

**Candy Keillor (she/her)**  
**Community Engagement Specialist**

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April 7, 2022

File # 0400-20

Via email: [EDUC.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:EDUC.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

Ministry of Education and Child Care  
PO Box 9045 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Whiteside:

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**Re: Extended Hour Child Care for Shift Workers**

At the March 28, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, the City of Fort St. John Council passed the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, provisions in the Community Care and Assisted Living Act - Child Care Licensing Regulation state that a licensee must not provide care for more than 13 hours each day to each child;

AND WHEREAS, there is a need for extended shift workers to access child care beyond the current 13 hours per day per child;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that NCLGA and UBCM lobby the Provincial Government to amend the Child Care Licensing Regulation to accommodate extended hour child care to support shift workers and their families.

AND THAT, the resolution also be sent to the Ministry of Education, MLA Dan Davies, and copied to all UBCM member municipalities."

Northern Health, YMCA of Northern BC and School District 60 have partnered to pilot an extended care and learning centre in our community. The 13-hour day of care per child limitation places an additional stress on the licensee to meet that metric when the target population for the pilot program consists of the extended work day healthcare shift worker.

With the limited extended hour child care options for families of shift workers we ask for an amendment to the Child Care Licensing Regulation to accommodate a variety of work schedules.

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Sincerely,



Bonnie McCue  
Corporate Officer

cc MLA Dan Davies, Peace River North  
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Union of BC Municipalities

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**From:** Minister, JERI JERI:EX <JERI.Minister@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 12, 2022 1:32 PM  
**To:** Sharie Minions <sharie\_minions@portalberni.ca>  
**Subject:** StrongerBC: A Plan for Today, a Vision for Tomorrow

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Good afternoon:

Just over a year ago, our Government asked for the assistance of Professor Mariana Mazzucato and her team at University College London's Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose (UCL IIPP) on developing a plan to help British Columbia (BC) be a front-runner in the post-pandemic world, with an economy that was clean and inclusive. As a former Olympian, I know that in order for us to be the best, we need to learn from the best.

This February we launched BC's new economic plan, "StrongerBC: A Plan for Today, a Vision for Tomorrow." The plan sets out an ambitious agenda for economic growth and transition to a more sustainable, inclusive, and innovative economy and is our Government's economic vision for the next decade.

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, Professor Mazzucato released "Inclusive and sustainable British Columbia: A mission-oriented approach to a renewed economy" (<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/bartlett/public-purpose/publications/2022/mar/inclusive-and-sustainable-british-columbia-mission-oriented-approach>) with her recommendations on how BC can achieve economic targets while also tackling social inequalities and creating a sustainable economy by embracing a problem-oriented, cross-sectoral economic strategy. The aim of her report is to provide guideposts to help BC move forward with implementing a mission-oriented economic plan.

This report underlines the Government's belief that an economy built for all is an economy built to succeed.

You can find more information at the following sites:

- Read my statement on the report: [https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news\\_releases\\_2020-2024/2022JERI0013-000465.htm](https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2022JERI0013-000465.htm).
- Watch a recording of the GLOBE Forum fireside chat that included Premier John Horgan and Professor Mariana Mazzucato: <https://youtu.be/iXN2f2B0PK8>.
- Visit the StrongerBC Economic Plan website: <https://strongerbc.gov.bc.ca/plan>.

We look forward to continuing to find ways to work together to build a StrongerBC for everyone.  
Sincerely,

Ravi Kahlon  
Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation

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**Re: Invasive Mussel Defense Program**

The District of Sicamous implores the Ministry to not only continue, but to increase the funding for the Invasive Mussel Defense Program and prioritize enforcement of watercraft inspections at the BC Provincial border.

The Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) communicated a list of calls to action to stop zebra and quagga mussels from infesting B.C. waterways (enclosed). We strongly support these actions and the continued funding for this vital program.

The OBWB's six recommendations include:

1. Maintain IMDP core program funding at 2021 levels of minimum \$3.5 million per year, adjusted for inflation going forward.
2. Introduce "pull-the-plug" legislation, requiring all watercraft to remove drain plugs prior to travelling on B.C. roads.
3. Review and update B.C.'s 2014 Early Detection, Rapid Response (EDRR) Plan for invasive mussels, and provide a window for public consultation prior to final publishing.
4. Provide toolkits and resources for local governments to conduct vulnerability assessments and put in place mitigation measures like retrofitting in-water infrastructure.
5. Introduce legislation to require all out-of-province watercraft to be inspected prior to being launched in B.C. waters.
6. Provide additional funding to invasive species groups in high-risk regions for monitoring, outreach and education.

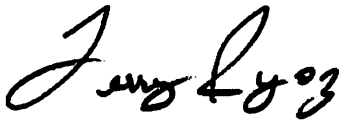
Increased funding and enforcement is necessary to avoid the dire consequences should invasive mussels enter our waterways. An infestation will affect our drinking water, our eco system, local businesses, and the tourism business that Sicamous depends on.

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Local municipalities have taken up the call to educate residents and visitors to "Clean, Drain and Dry" watercraft when leaving our lakes and rivers but we rely on the Province to enforce the protection of our waters from invasive species with the use of border inspection sites.

We call upon on the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to reconsider the long-term consequences of reducing funding for watercraft inspections. We must make the effort to prevent invasion of our water resources.

Regards,  
**DISTRICT OF SICAMOUS**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Rysz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Terry Rysz, Mayor

cc: MP Mel Arnold  
MLA Greg Kylo  
Shuswap Watershed Council  
UBCM Member Municipalities  
First Nations Communities  
Okanagan Basin Water Board

Enclosure.



March 9, 2022

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **WATER BOARD CALLS FOR STRONGER MUSSEL PROTECTION AS COVID TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS EASE**

**Kelowna, B.C.** – As boating season quickly approaches and COVID-19 travel restrictions ease, the Okanagan Basin Water Board is calling on the province to bolster its Invasive Mussel Defence Program (IMDP) in preparation for what is expected to be a busy tourist season. Today, the local government agency sent a letter to B.C.'s Minister of Environment and Climate Change, George Heyman, with a list of six calls to action.

"Since 2015, the IMDP has prevented 137 infested watercraft from entering provincial waters by conducting more than 220,000 inspections. Many of the infested watercraft were headed to high-risk Okanagan waters. Still, gaps remain in prevention," the letter reads.

For one, there are still motorists with watercraft who are failing to stop at mandatory, open inspection stations. Given that inspectors snagged 17 zebra and/or quagga mussel-fouled watercraft this summer during times when the stations were open, it raises the question as to how many more come in outside of inspection hours.

Also, a review of last summer's provincial mussel inspection numbers indicates that, for the second year in a row, the Okanagan is the top destination for these watercraft. This year, eight of the 17 infested watercraft were headed to our valley.

"If we are B.C.'s #1 destination for incoming mussel-infested watercraft, and we are encouraging tourism, we need to be better prepared," explains Sue McKortoff, Chair of the Water Board (OBWB) and Mayor of the border-town of Osoyoos.

Watercraft purchases have increased in the last couple of years, on both sides of the border, as people were staying closer to home. Now with the border opening up, it's expected more people will be coming with their water toys, increasing the chances of invasive mussels being introduced to B.C. waters.

The OBWB's six recommendations include:

1. Maintain IMDP core program funding at 2021 levels of minimum \$3.5 million per year, adjusted for inflation going forward.
2. Introduce "pull-the-plug" legislation, requiring all watercraft to remove drain plugs prior to travelling on B.C. roads.
3. Review and update B.C.'s 2014 Early Detection, Rapid Response (EDRR) Plan for invasive mussels, and provide a window for public consultation prior to final publishing.
4. Provide toolkits and resources for local governments to conduct vulnerability assessments and put in place mitigation measures like retrofitting in-water infrastructure.
5. Introduce legislation to require all out-of-province watercraft to be inspected prior to being launched in B.C. waters.
6. Provide additional funding to invasive species groups in high-risk regions for monitoring, outreach and education.

"A 2013 OBWB study found the cost of an infestation to our region would be at least \$42 mill. annually to manage," the OBWB letter states. "As such, we remain committed to protecting B.C. waters and supporting provincial efforts. This commitment has included delivery of our 'Don't Move A Mussel' campaign, promoting

the clean, drain, dry message, and valued at more than \$996,000 to date, and another \$266,000 in funding over that time provided to the Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society to conduct direct boater outreach and more.”

“If invasive mussels arrived here, it’s not just people who drive boats who will be affected. It will affect everyone,” cautioned McKortoff. The mussels will become a recurring maintenance expense for in-lake infrastructure such as water lines, docks, and bridges. They will affect water quality and harm aquatic ecosystems. Plus, when the mussels were introduced to Lake Winnipeg, it took only two years for the molluscs to reproduce in such numbers that beaches became foul-smelling and un-walkable, she added. “Can you imagine not taking your kids or grandkids to the beach in summer?”

Please find attached, the OBWB’s letter to the province with recommendations.

For more information on zebra and quagga mussels, the risks to the Okanagan, and how to prevent their spread, please visit [www.DontMoveAMussel.ca](http://www.DontMoveAMussel.ca).

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**Hon. George Heyman**  
B.C. Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy  
PO Box 9360 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9M2

March 9, 2022

**Re: Calls to Action for Invasive Mussel Prevention**

Dear Minister Heyman,

Thank you for your correspondence of April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, responding to our continued calls for action to prevent the spread of invasive zebra and quagga mussels into B.C. As the boating season quickly approaches, I am writing again on behalf of the Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) to call for continued support and proper resourcing of the province's Invasive Mussel Defence Program (IMDP), recognizing the significant cost if invasive mussels became established here.

The OBWB acknowledges the significant improvements in the province's IMDP and its work with counterparts in neighbouring jurisdictions over the past seven years. Since 2015, the IMDP has prevented 137 infested watercraft from entering provincial waters by conducting more than 220,000 inspections. Many of the infested watercraft were headed to high-risk Okanagan waters. Still, gaps remain in prevention, and other significant issues remain for limiting the spread and damage should an infestation occur in any part of the province. We urge you to consider the following priority actions to enhance the protection of B.C. waters.

1. Maintain IMDP core program funding at 2021 levels of minimum \$3.5 million per year, adjusted for inflation going forward.

The IMDP has become the first line of defense to protect provincial waters, but the program's budget allocation has changed annually, and has been dependent on a number of non-government funders, including Fortis BC which has not renewed its original funding agreement. This program is important to the environment and economy of the province and should have stable, predictable annual funding.

2. Introduce "pull-the-plug" legislation, requiring all watercraft to remove drain plugs prior to travelling on B.C. roads.

We understand that the province is pursuing this legislation as part of updates to the Wildlife Act. We strongly support this action and urge you to prioritize it as another boating season is quickly approaching.

3. Review and update B.C.'s Early Detection, Rapid Response (EDRR) Plan for invasive mussels, and provide a window for public consultation prior to final publishing.

The EDRR is an important document that provides direction on how to rapidly detect and respond to a new infestation of invasive mussels. We believe it is important to consult with the public, and especially local and regional invasive species groups to understand where there may be gaps in the plan, or where more detail may be needed, beyond what is provided by the provincial inter-ministry working group. Complex watersheds, like the Columbia, the Okanagan and the Fraser would also be better protected with further planning for

containment and long-term management strategies, beyond what little is considered in the current version of the EDRR. Local consultation could provide support for developing those plans.

4. Provide toolkits and resources for local governments to conduct vulnerability assessments and put in place mitigation measures like retrofitting in-water infrastructure.

In your reply to our previous call for this action, you stated that “this has not been something that local governments have been asking for, individually or through UBCM,” and that it “will be considered for the future, but not considered as an immediate priority.” The OBWB is a local government agency, a partnership of three regional districts, and provides services to 12 municipalities and works with Okanagan First Nations. Part of our mandate is “to present proposals and recommendations to appropriate agencies, being municipalities or governments, according to jurisdiction and responsibility.” We will work with local governments to support this call to action and work to have it brought forward to UBCM.

We have extensive experience providing technical and scientific support to local governments, including in the form of toolkits and guides, and are a service partner with CivicInfoBC, providing the Planning Guides resource database. The OBWB could provide project management and coordination in partnership with provincial staff to develop a local government guide to vulnerability assessments and mitigation measures for invasive mussels. We would welcome an opportunity to discuss this further.

5. Introduce legislation to require all out-of-province watercraft to be inspected prior to being launched in B.C. waters.

OBWB first made this call to action in May 2016 and has called for it again every year since. While we recognize that boat registration and safety are regulated at the federal level, the province does have the authority to regulate activities on provincial waters, similar to motor vessel restrictions on certain lakes as outlined in the fishing regulations. Alternatively, the province could call on the federal government to regulate watercraft in B.C., under their authority in the Fisheries Act, Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations 43 (1), or through the Canada Shipping Act, providing extra tools to protect B.C. waters beyond the current scope of the Invasive Mussel Defence Program.

Analysis of provincial inspection numbers suggests a 30% chance in any given year that a non-compliant, motorized watercraft will be carrying invasive mussels. This only accounts for watercraft that were recorded failing to stop at open inspection stations and does not include any craft that may have entered outside of inspection station hours. In 2021 this accounted for more than 580 motorized watercraft, and more than 3,500 non-motorized watercraft. This is an important gap we feel has not been given due consideration over the past six years.

6. Provide additional funding to invasive species groups in high-risk regions for monitoring, outreach and education.

Current funding for ongoing water monitoring, administered through the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund, is set to expire after the 2022 season. Part of this funding was provided by the federal government over a three-year term. We would strongly support any provincial request for federal funding to continue this program, as well as federal or provincial funding to regional invasive species groups to continue or expand their outreach and education campaigns. These non-profit groups provide a significant service to their regions, but often struggle with operational costs, and the time required to apply for funding. Ongoing, direct funding would enhance their ability to monitor, engage and educate, bolstering provincial efforts.

A 2013 OBWB study found the cost of an infestation to our region would be at least \$42 mill. annually to manage. As such, we remain committed to protecting B.C. waters and supporting provincial efforts. This

commitment has included delivery of our "[Don't Move A Mussel](#)" campaign, promoting the clean, drain, dry message, and valued at more than \$996,000 to date, and another \$266,000 in funding provided to the Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society to conduct direct boater outreach and more.

We look forward to hearing from you, and supporting the enhanced efforts noted above to keep B.C. waters free from invasive mussels.

Sincerely,



Sue McKortoff, Chair  
Okanagan Basin Water Board

CC:

- Hon. Josie Osborne, B.C. Minister of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship
- Okanagan MLAs: Harwinder Sandhu, Norm Letnick, Renee Merrifield, Ben Stewart, Dan Ashton, Roly Russell
- Okanagan Nation Alliance, Chiefs Executive Council
- Okanagan Local Government Chairs and Mayors
- Okanagan MPs: Mel Arnold, Tracy Gray, Dan Albas, Richard Cannings
- Pacific NorthWest Economic Region: Matt Morrison, Chief Executive Officer
- Invasive Species Council of B.C.: Gail Wallin, Executive Director
- Okanagan Chambers of Commerce
- Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association
- Union of BC Municipalities



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File # 0400-60 *RCM Apr 25 22*

**Re: Luxury Tax on Recreational Boats**

The District of Sicamous is considered the *Houseboat Capital of Canada*, and as such, we strongly object to the implementation of a luxury tax on the sale of recreational boats over \$250,000.

The houseboating industry in Sicamous is comprised of small business owners who provide short-term rentals of houseboats to residents and tourists to explore the Shuswap; tens of thousands visit Sicamous every year bringing their tourist dollars into our community, supporting our small business owners such as our local restaurants and shops.

Our local houseboat companies form part of the fabric of our community, offering local employment opportunities for residents in both tourism and manufacturing trades; these companies are responsible corporations which annually provide financial and in-kind donations to support our community, benefiting local not-for-profit organizations and our elementary and high school students.

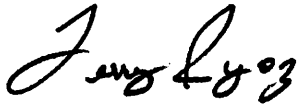
The District opposes the proposed introduction of a tax on the sale of boats over \$250K as it would hinder investment in the houseboat industry which supports local employment and creates substantial economic spinoffs within the community. The average houseboat costs \$750,000 – a luxury tax of 10 percent would add \$75,000 in expense directly to our houseboat operators. Beyond houseboats, other boat rental providers will be limited in their offerings as a result of increased taxation. Operators are required to update their rental fleet and the proposed luxury tax will have significant financial implications for our boating industry.

Following the 2008 Financial Crisis, the houseboat manufacturing industry took a devastating hit and is just now starting to witness interest for custom and fleet manufacturing. It is Council's opinion that the federal government has a responsibility to support the industry which has already been negatively impacted, not cause further disruption and damage.

We respectfully request the federal government to reconsider the intent of this luxury tax and the impact it has on small business. Further, we ask for the federal government's continued support of the boating industry and tourism economy that keeps our community the vibrant and attractive destination that it is.

Regards,

**DISTRICT OF SICAMOUS**

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Terry Rysz, Mayor

cc: MP Mel Arnold  
MLA Greg Kylo  
Boating BC Association  
UBCM Member Municipalities

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Mayor and Council  
City of Port Alberni  
4850 Argyle St, Port Alberni BC V9Y 1V8

Re Support for Bill C-216

Dear Mayor and Council,

Our city can join the growing number of municipalities supporting Bill C216. We are asking you to write to the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Dr Carolyn Bennett, in support of Private Member's Bill C-216, This Act will amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and enact the Expungement of Certain Drug-related Convictions Act and the National Strategy on Substance Use Act."

**According to official figures that are at least eight months out of date, approximately 25,000 Canadians have died from the illicit drug toxicity crisis since 2016. In 2021, accidental drug poisonings killed an average of 19 Canadians each day, with no signs of abating in 2022 ([Public Health Agency of Canada, 2021](#)).**

This crisis has had a devastating and heartbreaking impact on our community, affecting citizens and families from all walks of life.

Bill C-216 has the potential to turn the tide in this ongoing and escalating public health emergency by moving from an approach that compounds the harms of addiction to one based on health. This has been called for by numerous drug policy reform advocates and health and safety leaders. They include the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) and the Liberal government's own Expert Task Force on Substance Use.

Existing policies have disproportionately impacted black, Indigenous, and other marginalized people. Bill C-216 will enact drug policy reforms to reduce the harms and stigma associated with drug criminalization. In addition, Bill C-216 will develop and implement a national health-based



strategy to address the rates of toxic drug poisonings by expanding access to safer supply, harm reduction, and trauma-informed treatment options.

The ongoing toxic drug poisoning crisis currently shows no signs of slowing. It's time to choose to do things differently. The council's endorsement of measures to address both the upstream contributing factors, such as the criminalization of people who use drugs, as well the spectrum of downstream interventions, such as overdose prevention sites, drug-checking services, harm reduction, and treatment options, is critical. Our communities, provinces, and country desperately need this.

Sincerely,

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Ron Merk  
Co-Chair  
Port Alberni Community Action Team

NOTE: As an example for your use, we have attached the City of Qualicum's recent letter of endorsement



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April 8, 2022

The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Health and Addictions  
[Carolyn.Bennett@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Carolyn.Bennett@parl.gc.ca)

### Bill C-126, Health-Based Approach to the *Substance Use Act*

Dear Minister Bennett,

In January of this year, the Village of Cumberland sent a letter to the Town of Qualicum Beach regarding their recent support for Private Members Bill C-216, and requesting our support of the Bill to secure Federal aid on decriminalization, safe supply, and access to recovery, treatment and harm reduction services.

The Town of Qualicum Beach is pleased to add our voice in support of Private Members Bill C-216, Health-Based Approach to the *Substance Use Act*, sponsored by Gord Johns, Member of Parliament for Courtenay-Alberni. Although harm reduction was restored as part of Canada's drug strategy in 2016, further measures are required to protect the lives of Canadians. It is our fervent hope that you will support Bill C-216 to ensure that interventions are founded on evidence-based best practices, and begin to address the harm from criminalization of substance use.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Wiese  
Mayor, Town of Qualicum Beach

cc: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
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**From:** Kristina Gebhard (United Way) <[KristinaG@uwbc.ca](mailto:KristinaG@uwbc.ca)>  
**Sent:** April 19, 2022 10:46 AM  
**Subject:** United Way British Columbia 2022 Period Promise Campaign

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Greetings!

I hope you're keeping well. It's that time of year again and we are planning our United Way British Columbia Period Promise Campaign, with the goal of making accessing products easier for everybody.

Period poverty is much more common in our community than you would think. Half of all people who menstruate say that they have struggled to purchase product for themselves at some time in their life, and more than a quarter have gone through a period without having any products to support them.

United Way's Period Promise campaign, presented by Pacific Blue Cross, is committed to changing that and making it easier for everyone to help out. You can organize a Period Promise campaign to collect donations in your community – in your school, in your workplace or union, or even a socially-distanced drop off with your neighbours.

We're looking forward to another great campaign in 2022 and excited to offer both virtual and in-person opportunities so you can do what works best for you and your colleagues. Campaign will be run from May 6th to June 7th, 2022.

Here are a few things that you can look forward to with this year's campaign, presented by Pacific Blue Cross:

Easier ways to donate financially or with physical product in your community, where you work, or within your networks. For more information on these options, please see the survey (link below).

- Ways to highlight your commitment to the cause or get involved as a leader in the local effort.
- Virtual engagement opportunities with local activists and leaders working to address the issue of period poverty and menstrual equity in British Columbia, sharing key insights and strategies.
- Information sharing highlighting the results of the Period Promise Research Project and the work being done by partners on the Period Promise Community Action Group!

More information can be found in our online toolkit: <https://www.periodpromise.ca/pages/period-promise-campaign-toolkit>

Please let me know if you would be interested in participating this year in any capacity!

Thanks very much and have a wonderful day,

Kristina

**Kristina Gebhard** (she, her, hers)  
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*United Way British Columbia acknowledges the homelands of the Indigenous Peoples of this place we now call British Columbia, and honours the many territorial keepers of the Lands on which we work.*

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CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

Alberni Valley Museum  
and Heritage Commission



Wednesday, March 2, 2022

7:00pm → Visitor Centre

Minutes

Attending:  
Bill Collette  
Colin Schult  
Gareth Flostrand  
Ken Watson  
Nancy Blair  
Pam Craig  
Penny Cote  
Ron Corbeil  
Jen Richardson (Guest)

Regrets:  
Bert Simpson  
Dan Washington  
Ed Ross  
Willi Thorpe (staff)

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*RCM Apr 25, 22*  
File # *0360-20-AVMHC*

Called to order: 7:02pm

1. Moved by Ken that the agenda of the March 2, 2022 meeting be approved as circulated.
2. Moved by Nancy that the minutes of the February 2, 2022 meeting be approved as circulated.
3. Old Business – none
4. Correspondence
  - a. ACRD Heritage Commission appointment of Penny Cote as the ACRD representative and Ron Corbeil as alternate
5. New Business – none
6. Reports
  - a. Maritime Heritage Society
    - i. Lighthouse Roof – The roof began leaking in several spots this winter. Quotes for roof replacement have been received and Javen Simon Roofing has been retained to undertake this work as their schedule and weather permit. Applications for funding assistance with this important project have been made to the City, ACRD and PAPA.
    - ii. Tsunami Exhibit – The 1964 Tsunami Exhibit has now been completed at the Gallery. This is a great n new permanent exhibit for the Gallery. Thanks to

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David Cox and Kirsten Smith and Amy Vandal from the AV Museum for all their work on this.

- iii. Radar Artefact - This old technology was donated recently by Ann Bainbridge and her family. Thanks to Geo Monruffet for refurbishing this unit and mounting it into the Lady Rose Bridge display.
- iv. Harbour History Pictorial Display - We are investigating a possible new temporary display of black & white photos of the Alberni Harbour from the late 1970's & early 1980's. They are originals in the Alberni Valley Museum Collection. Thanks to Dave Cox and Jean McIntosh for organizing this.
- v. Open Hours - we are open Thursday – Sunday, 11 am – 4 pm. Vaccination passport protocol & masks are mandatory. Stop in at the Gallery to see the Tsunami exhibit and renew your membership this week!

b. Community Arts Council

i. CURRENT EXHIBIT

March 1 to March 26. Featured artist Ilya Treleaven, showcasing his work in acrylic, watercolour and mixed media. The exhibit is titled Unseen Things, and the meet and greet is March 5 at the gallery from 1-3. We are pleased to be able to have meet and greets at the gallery again.

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c. Regional District

- i. Regional District information shared by Ron Corbeil re: presentation to the ACRD Board of Directors from the Twinning Society of memorabilia from the years of working with Port Alberni's sister of Abashiri. Items will be likely placed into collection at the AV Museum.

d. Chamber of Commerce

- i. Communicating and visiting with upper 3rd Avenue businesses surrounding the idea posed by many to develop public 24/7 washrooms near the Overdose Prevention Site.
- ii. Our Strategic Plan has also taken a fair bit of time and continues to be a work in progress. We expect to learn more about the outcome in the coming days.
- iii. Chamber is working with The San Group to develop some monthly breakfast meetings. One is currently scheduled for Wednesday, March 23rd 7:30am at the BW Barclay. If any on this group are interested in attending as a representative of your organization, please reach out to me ASAP. No cost to attend.
- iv. We are also working on our annual audit. This is a requirement under the Federal Board of Trade Act.
- v. We are also working hard on our Community Excellence Awards event planned for Friday, June 10th at the McLean Mill National Historic Site. The gap between the last one and this one coming up will be nearly 38 months.
- vi. The Chamber is also hosting a Welcome Back Tourism event scheduled for Friday, April 29th 3pm on the Frances Barkley (returning around 7 pm). Tickets are available on our website.
- vii. The Chamber AGM is planned for later May. We will almost certainly be looking for new Directors to cover positions left vacant by departing or retiring directors.

e. McLean Mill

- i. The ALC decision with respect to the ALR application in 2020 has been made. We are very pleased with this decision, and we look forward to a renewed effort on advertising and marketing. We've held off on that through the course of the ALR review.
- ii. We have lost a total of 10 wedding events over the past weeks all of them connected to the bride/groom concerns about the ALR ruling. We are now reaching back out to those couples to see if they might be willing to reconsider.
- iii. We have hired an Events and Programming Manager (started this week). She will be FT with us and will take on a myriad of different challenges.



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- iv. We met with City Council via a Committee of the Whole meeting format in later February. We presented a five-year financial plan for Council to consider. We provided two scenarios with one being no change to the current (recent) challenges of ALR/COVID. The other scenario was more favourable and now with one of the two roadblocks removed and the other likely to be we are confident with our better analysis.
- f. School District
  - i. School Sports Teams and student athletes are now permitted to travel and attend tournaments around the province. Student athletes and coaches are excited to be back in action.
  - ii. Congratulations to the ADSS Armada Senior Girls Basketball Team as they won the Island Championships and will compete in the provincial tournament.
  - iii. ADSS and USS Wrestlers were in Vancouver over the weekend for the Provincial Wrestling tournament. Many students achieved success (details not available at the time of writing this report). SD70 District Principal, James Messenger was the Official Host of the Provincial Tournament. In a Global news interview James stated the strength of the Wrestling program is in the building of confidence and character in all participants. Haida Gwaii students competed this year as well.
  - iv. COVID Antigen test kits are being distributed in schools.
  - v. SD70 Budget input opportunities are public board meetings on March 8 and April 12.
  - vi. Spring Break is March 14 to 25 – school reopens March 28.
- g. City Council
  - i. City of Port Alberni – Development of the 10th Ave. and Redford vacant lot is about to get underway. Salvation Army has been tasked with organizing the upgrades on the site – suggested term of a “Pocket Park”. Ron mentioned he is considering a similar development at the corner of Burde and 3rd Ave.
- h. Historical Society
  - i. CURRENT EXHIBIT
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i. Industrial Heritage Society

- i. IHS crew continues to work on fire safety plan
- ii. Hayes birthday party plans are progressing
- iii. Rail crew working at roundhouse clean-up
- iv. Farquhar steam tractor ready to go operators working on their certification
- v. Logging crew met with staff at McLean Mill to discuss upcoming season
- vi. AGM scheduled for Wed. March 16 at 7:30 pm at Echo Centre

j. Community at Large

- i. 3rd – Douglas Round Table – virtual – Port Alberni's Innovation Economy 12pm-1pm
- ii. 4th – Dog and Cat Teeth Cleaning at Bosley's 9am-4pm
- iii. 6th – Alberni Fish and Game Club – High Power Match 9am
- iv. 7th – City of Port Alberni 2022-26 Financial Plan – online event 7pm
- v. 10-12th – TOTEM is back
- vi. 12-13th – Alberni Valley Rock and Gem Show – Athletic Hall 10am-4pm
- vii. 27th – Alberni Fish and Game Club – Small Bore Match



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k. Museum

- i. 1 school (4 classes) from Nanaimo have registered for the Heritage Fair; staff are working with our provincial contacts to explore a modified regional Heritage Fair
- ii. The travelling and temporary exhibit schedule is starting to firm up for 2022, 2023, and 2024
- iii. Awaiting news from the Toronto Film Circuit on the dates for starting the Film Fest series again
- iv. McLean Mill - Exterior work is nearing completion on the restoration of the Worker House. A few window repairs and cedar shakes are all that remain. (This project is part of the Parks Canada cost-sharing grant)

l. Hupacasath First Nation – no report

m. Tseshaht First Nation – no report

7. Next Meeting

- a. Wednesday, April 6 → 7pm (Alberni Valley Museum)

8. Adjourn

- a. Moved by Colin to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm.



## **Councillor Report**

For April 25, 2022

### **Councillor Debbie Haggard**

**March 3, 2022** – Douglas Magazine did a zoom call to feature the changing economy of Port Alberni. Guest speakers included Mayor Minions, artist Gordon Dick and a representative from Cascadia Seaweed.

**March 17, 2022 – Advisory Planning Commission** – An application was reviewed to rezone a portion of 5249 Pineo Road from RR- Semi Rural Residential to R2-One and Two Family Residential.

**March 18, 2022** – I had an orientation session with the Chair of the **Port Alberni Shelter Society**. He gave me a high-level overview of the different programs offered by PASS that benefit the community.

**March 24, 2022** – I attended a board meeting of **Port Alberni Shelter Society**. An update was received on current programs and discussion on possible future programs.

**March 25, 2022** – Mayor Minions and I had our monthly meeting. We discussed the current status of City projects.

**March 31, 2022 – Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce Board meeting** – Highlights include:

- Annual General Meeting will be held on May 26. New Directors are needed.
- The Community Excellence Awards will be held on June 10 at McLean Mill.
- A letter of support was given to the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations to host the Junior All Native tournament in March of 2023.

### **April 4 - 5, 2022 – BCEDA Economic Summit**

- **The Myth of Indigenous Business** – Investing with First Nations is good business. Working with First Nations will enable you to make the economic pie bigger.
- **And the Water Came** – In November 2021, heavy rains created a state of emergency in southern British Columbia. Homes and businesses were lost. Supply chains were impacted and roads were washed away. Mayors from these communities shared how their community responded and lessons learned.
- **How to Attract Big Talent to Small Communities by Promoting Quality of Life** – Talent attraction is one of the biggest challenges facing all communities. This webinar explained how promoting your community's quality of life is an effective way to gain an edge and attract talent.
- **BC's Supply Chain: Turning Crisis into Opportunity** – For many communities, the major challenges the last two years with Covid and multiple natural disasters was supply chain issues. The panel discussed how your business can create local economic stability.
- **Keynote: Marilyn Sherman** – She gave many examples of ordinary people doing extraordinary things!

- **Closing Keynote: Chief Clarence Louie** – Chief Louie gave a very emotional and heartfelt speech on the importance of reconciliation.

**April 4, 2022** – I met with the Chairperson of the **Port Alberni Port Authority** to discuss mutual topics of interest and to strengthen the relationship between the City and PAPA.

**April 8, 2022 – Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce Strategic Planning Session** – This was the final session in the development of the strategic plan. Members reviewed the work done so far and placed priorities on the goals for the short, medium and long term. The Board will now work on the final draft.

**April 9, 2022 – Vancouver Island Regional Library Board meeting** – A RFP was issued for the renovations at our local library. Only one submission was received and the bid was more than double the budgeted amount. The scope of the project was revised and the RFP is currently out for retender in hopes that a bid closer to the budgeted amount will be received.

**April 13, 2022 – Celebration at Alberni Clayoquot Regional District** – The ACRD celebrated 10 years with Huu-ay-aht and Yuutu?it?ath with a full vote at the ACRD table.

**COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORT**  
**PRESENTED BY COUNCILOR RON PAULSON**  
**April 19, 2022**

- 1. March 29/22 – Attended City of Port Alberni Public Hearing in Council Chambers – Presentation of applications for apartment development at 5<sup>th</sup> and Burde.**
- 2. April 1 – 3/22 – Attended the Association Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Conference at the Victoria Conference Centre.**
  - a. Friday, April 1/22**
    - i. Premier John Horgan opening remarks for the conference.**
    - ii. Keynote – Working with Emergency Management BC – Presented by Ryan Wainwright.**
      - 1. Discussion with regard to new emergency Management Legislation coming for Fall of 2022**
    - iii. Plenary Session – “Saving Salmon One Metre at a Time”**
      - 1. Shoreline riparian areas are critical habitat for birds, fish and vegetation.**
      - 2. Erosion is mostly caused by dominant wind patterns but also boat wakes are a significant cause of erosion.**
      - 3. Beach front owners are encouraged to keep as much shoreline vegetation as possible.**
    - iv. Address by the Honorable Josie Osborne, newly created ministry – Minister of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship**
      - 1. Discussed the consolidation of several associated ministries.**
      - 2. Discussion around the Federal Fisheries decision with regard to the closing of fish farms and the resulting economic ramifications and job losses.**
  - b. Saturday, April 2/22**
    - i. UBCM President, Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, Councillor, City of Quesnel addressed a number of UBCM initiatives.**
      - 1. UBCM will be initiating discussions with Federal and Provincial Governments with regard to relief to municipalities for retroactive costs of the new RCMP contract recently signed.**
    - ii. AVICC AGM was held with financial reports presented and passed.**
    - iii. Workshop – “Affordable Housing – An Essential Community Infrastructure”**
      - 1. Most communities have completed a local housing needs report.**
      - 2. The 2021 census was not available for these reports so there will be some changes to data moving forward.**
      - 3. Secondary rentals is the dominant form of rental – suites, homes of friends etc.**
      - 4. There will need to be affordable housing options for the growing older population.**
      - 5. There is significant rising rental costs across the rental market.**

6. The Provincial Government will be reviewing development processes and 2021 legislative changes.
- iv. Workshop – Leaders in Resilience
  1. The discussion topic is a result of the past and ongoing Pandemic ramifications and the physical and mental toll that has taken place on the general public and elected officials.
  2. Resiliency is defined as “the ability to bounce back’ from adversity.
  3. The question is, will life be the same (resilient) as before the COVID crisis?
  4. Public officials and staff were expected to show stoicism and grit through all situations.
  5. The key was the ability to continue to show respect for one another in order to foster a rebound from adversity. It was found that there was a general tension and underlying frustration (sometimes expressed in anger) during the crisis.
  6. Elected officials and staff had to stoically understand that “criticism” comes with the territory and had to keep an attitude of caring and understanding in tension filled circumstances.
- v. Consideration of Resolutions (two sessions) for presentation to the Provincial or Federal Governments.
- c. Sunday, April 3/22
  - i. Session number three of late resolutions was considered.
  - ii. Final Executive Nominating Report was presented. Please note that ACRD Director Penny Cote is the new incoming President of the AVICC. Congratulations to Director Cote.
  - iii. Conference was adjourned at 12:00 PM.
3. Wednesday, April 13/22 – Attended a City Council, Tseshaht Council gathering.
  - a. Full introductions of both Councils for this first meeting (one of many, we hope).
  - b. An opportunity to meet and discuss topics of mutual interest.

## Council report

4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - I met with Mark Gisborne, Electoral Area B Director, qathet Regional District, and Travis Hall, Electoral Area B Director, Central Coast Regional District, and AVICC Director-at-Large. We discussed local government issues of shared interest.

7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - I attended the Air Quality Council meeting.

9<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - I met with Ange Qualizza, Mayor, City of Fernie. We discussed local government issues of shared interest.

13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - I attended the ACRD 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration to commemorate 10 years of First Nations at the table.

13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - Along with City Council members I attended a Council to Council dinner meeting with the elected Council of Tseshaht First Nations where we discussed topics of mutual interest.

Helen Poon  
Councillor, City of Port Alberni