



AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 26, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:** - Resolution required to add late items, if any

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** - Resolution to adopt the Agenda for the May 26, 2020, Regular Meeting

**MINUTES:**

- Resolution to adopt the Minutes of the May 12, 2020, Regular Meeting
- Resolution to adopt the Minutes of the May 14, 2020, Special Meeting
- Resolution to adopt the Minutes of the May 22, 2020 COTW Meeting

**PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:** - Nil

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:** -

**OLD BUSINESS:** - Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION:**

- Resolution to receive the following items for information:
  - ESS Modernization 2020 Grant (*UBCM, Rebecca Bishop, CEPF Program Officer*)
  - Columbia River Treaty Update (*CRT Local Governments Committee - Linda Worley, Chair*)
  - Infrastructure Planning Grant (*BC Infrastructure & Engineering - Renee Audy, Acting Director*)
  - Slocan Valley Wildfire Resiliency Program 2020-22 (*SIFCo - Stephan Martineau, Manager*)
  - SVCC Regular Meeting Minutes (*SVCC - Emma Beaton, Manager*)
  - Wildfire News (*BC Wildfire Services - Ashley Davidoff, Southeast Fire Centre Information Team*)
  - Supporting Businesses by Making Liquor Licensing More Flexible (*City of North Vancouver - Linda Buchanan, Mayor*)



- Healthy Communities Newsletter (*Interior Health*)
- Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Community Housing Fund (*BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Selina Robinson, Minister*)

**STAFF REPORTS:**

- Nil

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Verbal Reports -

Regional District of Central Kootenay -

West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District -

Recreation Commission #6 -

Economic Development Commission -

Rosebery Parklands & Trail Commission -

Treaty Advisory Committee -

Fire Department Committee -

Health Advisory Committee

**NEW BUSINESS:**

LACE - Lora Lee Brekke, President - Request for temporary road closure

**MOTION TO EXCLUDE:**

- Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded that the public interest requires that, as per section 90(1) (a) of the *Community Charter*, persons other than members of Council and the CAO be excluded from the meeting.

**RECONVENE IN CAMERA:**

- Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded that Council recess and reconvene in camera at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING:**



- Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded that Council reconvene in open meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

**RESOLUTIONS BROUGHT  
FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA:**

- Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded that Resolution# \_\_\_\_\_ be brought forward to the public portion of the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Resolution to adjourn the meeting at \_\_\_\_ p.m.





MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING

DATE: May 14, 2020  
TIME: 1:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Council Chambers

PRESENT:

- Mayor Leonard Casley
- Councillor John Fyke (via Skype)
- Councillor Vern Gustafson
- Councillor Colin Moss
- Catherine Allaway, CAO
- Colin McClure, CFO (via phone)

Press: Nil  
Guests: Nil

Regrets: Councillor Gerald Wagner

CALL TO ORDER:

- Mayor Casley called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

**RESOLUTION #119**

- Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that the agenda for the May 14, 2020 Special Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION #120**

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that the Report to Council – Audit Strategy and Results for the year ended December 31, 2019 from Grant Thornton be received by Council.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #121**

Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that Council receive and approve the Village of New Denver 2019 Draft Audited Financial Statements audited by Grant Thornton.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

**RESOLUTION #122**

- Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

CARRIED

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MAYOR CASLEY

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CORPORATE OFFICER

DRAFT





MINUTES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

DATE: May 22, 2020  
TIME: 10:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Council Chambers

PRESENT:

- Mayor Leonard Casley
- Councillor John Fyke (via Zoho)
- Councillor Vern Gustafson
- Councillor Colin Moss
- Councillor Gerald Wagner
- Catherine Allaway, CAO
- Press: Nil
- Guests: New Denver & Area Housing Society –  
Kathy Hartman, Jan McMurray (via Zoho), Keith  
Dewey (via Zoho), Wendy Harlock (via Zoho), Dion  
Whyte (via Zoho)

CALL TO ORDER:

- Mayor Casley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

**RESOLUTION #123**

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the agenda for the May 22, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Affordable Housing Development

- The New Denver & Area Housing Society outlined their approach to using grant funds from CMHC and New Commons Development/New Market Funds to prepare preliminary designs and feasibility analysis for the proposed affordable housing development, and their desire to work collaboratively with the Village.

ADJOURNMENT:

**RESOLUTION #124**

- Moved by Councillor Wagner and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

CARRIED

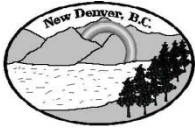
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MAYOR CASLEY

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TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: Corporate Officer  
SUBJECT: Communications for Information  
DATE: May 22, 2020

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### RECOMMENDATION:

That the following correspondence be received for information:

- ESS Modernization 2020 Grant (*UBCM, Rebecca Bishop, CEPF Program Officer*)
- Columbia River Treaty Update (*CRT Local Governments Committee - Linda Worley, Chair*)
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- Healthy Communities Newsletter (*Interior Health*)
- Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Community Housing Fund (*BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Selina Robinson, Minister*)

April 24, 2020

Catherine Allaway  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Village of New Denver  
Box 40  
New Denver, BC V0G 1S0

**RE: CEPF: 2020 Emergency Support Services Program – Approval Agreement & Terms of Conditions of Funding – IN CONFIDENCE**

Dear Catherine Allaway,

Thank you for submitting an application under the 2020 Emergency Support Services funding stream under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund.

I am pleased to inform you **in confidence** that the Evaluation Committee has approved funding for your project, *ESS Modernization 2020*, in the amount of \$15,625.00.

As outlined in the Program & Application Guide, grant payments will be issued when the approved project is complete and UBCM has received and approved the required final report and financial summary.

The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General has provided funding for this program and the general Terms & Conditions are attached. In addition, in order to satisfy the terms of the contribution agreement, we have the following requirements:

- (1) This approval agreement is required to be signed by the CAO or designate and returned to UBCM;
- (2) To provide the Province of BC with the opportunity to make announcements of funding approvals under this program, please keep information regarding this funding approval in confidence until May 15, 2020;
- (3) The funding is to be used solely for the purpose of the above named project and for the expenses itemized in the budget that was approved as part of your application;
- (4) All expenditures must meet eligibility requirements as defined in the Program & Application Guide;
- (5) All project activities must be completed within 12 months and no later than April 30, 2021;
- (6) The Final Report Form is required to be submitted to UBCM within 30 days of the project end date and no later than May 31, 2021;

*The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund is funded by the Province of BC*

- (7) Any unused funds must be returned to UBCM within 30 days of project end date;
- (8) Applicants who submitted funding requests for Justice Institute of British Columbia Emergency Support Services courses are advised that if a course is approved for funding under the regular Provincial ESS training program, this cost will no longer be eligible through the CEPF grant. Applicants are also advised that the ESS Director's Course is funded by the Province and is not eligible for funding under CEPF. For more information on ESS training provided by EMBC please contact your EMBC regional manager.
- (9) The approved public bodies are required to comply with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FolPPA) and ensure that any collected personal information about an identifiable individual as part of the approved project is compliant with the residency and sovereignty requirements of that legislation.

Please note that descriptive information regarding successful applicants will be posted on the UBCM and/or the provincial government websites, and all final report materials will be made available to the provincial government.

On behalf of the Evaluation Committee, I would like to congratulate you for responding to this opportunity to develop ESS capacity to support the resiliency of BC communities. If you have any questions, please contact Local Government Program Services at 250-387-4470 or [cepf@ubcm.ca](mailto:cepf@ubcm.ca).

Sincerely,



Rebecca Bishop, CEPF Program Officer – *VIA EMAIL*

*Enclosure*

**Approval Agreement** (to be signed by the CAO or designate)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and agree to the Terms & Conditions, and the requirements for funding under the 2020 Emergency Support Services funding stream.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature, Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Please return a scanned copy of the signed Approval Agreement to [cepf@ubcm.ca](mailto:cepf@ubcm.ca)*

# COLUMBIA River Treaty



**To:** Regional Districts, Boards of Directors  
Valemount Town Council

**Date:** May 12, 2020

**From:** Linda Worley, Chair  
Columbia River Treaty Local Governments Committee

## **Subject: Update on Committee Activities**

Since our last update in February, the Committee has held its annual strategy session and two meetings.

### **Highlights for mid-February to April 2020**

- **Annual strategy session** – The Columbia River Treaty Local Governments Committee (the Committee) meets face-to-face annually to prepare for the next fiscal year. This year the session was held on March 2 – 3 in *ᐱᐱᐱ*, near Cranbrook.

Jeremy Benson, Manager of Planning and Licensing in Generation Resource Management with BC Hydro provided a presentation and answered questions about flood risk management under the Columbia River Treaty now and with Called Upon operations after 2024, as well as BC Hydro decision processes weekly, monthly, annually and for longer periods. The Committee agreed that this was one of the most informative presentations they've had on these topics.

There was also an open discussion with Lawrence Pillon, BC Hydro's Senior Manager of Communities and Capital Projects, as well as East Kootenay and Columbia Region Community Relations Managers, Diane Tammen and Dag Sharman respectively, about opportunities to improve communications and engagement with local governments. The Committee was very encouraged by this discussion.

The Committee spent several hours in discussions with Kathy Eichenberger, Executive Director and Brooke McMurchy, Policy Analyst with the BC Columbia River Treaty (CRT) Team. Actions to address community specific interests and issues related to the Treaty; thoughts about the governance framework needed with a modernized Treaty; and outreach plans to communities, local governments and youth during 2020-21 were discussed in detail. The Committee will continue to work with the BC CRT Team and others to seek solutions to priority community specific issues. The Committee has created a Task Group of Committee members to research and bring forward information to the Committee to contribute to the design of a governance framework under a modernized Treaty.

The Committee met for a half day on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss appropriate roles for the Committee during the ongoing Treaty negotiations; the input received on their September 2019 draft recommendations and revisions or further information needed to respond to this input; priorities, actions and funding for the 2020-21 fiscal year; and plans for hosting a session on the Treaty at the AKBLG AGM in April – which has since been postponed.

- **March 12 and April 9 meetings** – The Committee met by telecon for these meetings. The March 12 meeting was focused on final discussions on the appropriate roles for the Committee during the ongoing Treaty negotiations, finalizing priorities and actions for the 2020-21 fiscal year, review of the Committee's communications strategy and discussion about CBT's upcoming Our Trust – Our Future

engagement on their Management Plan – which has since been postponed. A Code of Conduct for the Committee, the Terms of Reference for a Finance Committee and activities during COVID-19 pandemic constraints were the primary topics for the April 9 meeting.

- **Continuing activities during COVID-19 pandemic** – As Committee members are located across the Basin the Committee has always functioned through remote communications, making the transition to distancing relatively easy. Other than some delays while everyone adjusted to changes from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee plans to continue its work.

Kathy Eichenberger, the Executive Director of the Provincial Columbia River Treaty Team has stated: *'Work on the Treaty is proceeding during the COVID-19 pandemic. Though the next round of Canada-U.S. negotiations has not yet been scheduled, Canada, B.C. and Columbia Basin Indigenous Nations are collaborating through remote technology to refine Canadian positions and advance ecosystem function work. The provincial Columbia River Treaty Team is focused on addressing Treaty-related community interests, finalizing the summary report for last fall's Columbia Basin community meetings, and exploring new ways of connecting with Basin residents.'* You can read her full statement at: <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/columbiarivertreaty/>.

### Ongoing

- **Negotiations** – The 9<sup>th</sup> round of negotiations was held on March 11 and 12 in Washington, D.C. The Committee was updated by the Lead Negotiator on March 17 and CBRAC was updated on March 18 – see the attached summary. You can also read Minister Conroy's statement at: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/21793>.
- **Updating our recommendations** – Input from the community meetings and direct input to the Committee on our [draft recommendations](#) has been compiled. Further information is being gathered to support the Committee to make final decisions on revisions to complete the update process over the summer. Final recommendations will be shared with local governments and regional Indigenous Nations, MLAs and MPs as well as made available to the public.

The Committee has initiated two task groups to: 1) explore options to include local governments and Basin residents in the governance structure for a modernized Treaty; and 2) work with the BC CRT Team to update information about the distribution of benefits in BC from the CRT and make this information easily accessible as a first step to understand the current sharing of benefits and, if needed, explore options for changes.

- **Community interests** – Committee members continue to follow-up with the province on actions requested by community members at the 2018 and 2019 community meetings.

One of the priorities is the CRT Heritage Project which is designed to recognize how implementation of the CRT impacted the Canadian Columbia Basin, including acknowledging what was lost as a result of the Treaty dams. The CRT Heritage Project proposes a touring route linking a series of information stops at key locations in the Columbia Basin communicating Indigenous and non-Indigenous place-based stories of impacts and loss due to the implementation of the Columbia River Treaty. Basin communities will decide on what stories they want to include in the project and how those stories will be expressed.

The CRT Heritage Project Steering Committee directs the CRT Heritage Project. The CRT Local Governments Committee Vice Chair Stan Doehle is the LGC representative on the Committee (Regional Director, RDEK [director.doehle@rdek.bc.ca](mailto:director.doehle@rdek.bc.ca)). Other Committee members are Columbia Basin heritage and tourism professionals (Revelstoke Museum, Kootenay Rockies Tourism), Indigenous Nations representatives (Ktunaxa Nation, Secwepemc/Shuswap Nation and Syilx/Okanagan Nation) and representatives from B.C. government agencies (Heritage Branch, Tourism Branch, Columbia River Treaty



Branch, and Rural Development Unit). A representative of the Sinixt people from the Lakes Tribe of the Colville Confederated Tribes is monitoring the project.

The Steering Committee contracted with Denise Cook Design to develop a detailed project plan report. The report will be used to support applications to federal, provincial and regional funding programs. This work was made possible with funding from Community Futures East Kootenay and the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and is close to being completed. From February to April the contractor team, which includes Denise Cook, Eileen Delehanty Pearkes, Stephanie Fischer and Eden DuPont, has been communicating with key Columbia Basin stakeholders to gather information for the project plan. Heritage content for the project will be gathered during community consultations, planned for late 2020 and 2021.

- **Communications:** The Committee continues a dialogue with BC Hydro about improving communications and engagement with local governments and Basin residents about ongoing operations.
- **Columbia Basin Regional Advisory Committee (CBRAC)** – CBRAC and the LGC members participated in two webinars in February and March about the current CRT governance framework. A CBRAC meeting was scheduled for early May in Valemount but this has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The CBRAC Secretariat and Steering Committee are working on a series of webinars with information on topics that had been scheduled for the meeting. The next face-to-face CBRAC meeting will depend on when COVID-19 pandemic constraints are lifted.

CBRAC terms of reference, membership and meeting summaries as well as presentations and reports discussed at these meetings are available on the [CBRAC webpage](#).

### Upcoming

- Webinar on the [BC Hydro Review Phase 2 Interim Report](#). (May)
- Gather updated information on BC Hydro Payments/Grants in Lieu of Taxes, CBT Programs and other regional benefits followed by consideration of options to improve supports for smaller communities adjacent to impacted segments of the river. (May-September)

I encourage you to stay informed about CRT negotiations by visiting the [CRT engagement website](#) and signing up for the CRT e-letter. This site will be the source of accurate, updated information as negotiations progress.

The next Committee Update will be sent to you in September.

### Committee Members

RDKB - Linda Worley, Regional Director (LGC Chair) and Diane Langman, Village of Warfield Mayor/RDKB Chair

RDEK - Stan Doehle, Regional Director (LGC Vice Chair) and Jane Walter, Regional Director

RDCK – Aimee Watson, Regional Director/RDCK Chair, Ramona Faust, Regional Director

CSRD – David Brooks-Hill, Regional Director and Mayor Ron Oszust, Town of Golden

Village of Valemount – Donnie MacLean, Councilor

AKBLG – Ange Qualizza, Mayor of Fernie



# Columbia River Treaty Update

March 23, 2020

## Columbia River Treaty Negotiations Update – Round 9

*From Sylvain Fabi, Lead Negotiator for the Columbia River Treaty, Global Affairs Canada*

- The 9<sup>th</sup> round of Columbia River Treaty negotiations took place in Washington, D. C. on March 11-12, 2020.
- Negotiations are starting to advance as the U.S. is beginning to share its options on the issues, such as Flood Risk Management, power and ecosystems.
- Discussions are becoming more sensitive and remain confidential, but we can provide a high-level update.
- More details will be shared once the Canadian negotiating team has specific choices or decisions to make.
- At this moment, the U.S. proposed options are not agreeable to the Canadian team.
- They prefer the current level of flood control.
- They continue to claim that the U.S. pays too much for hydroelectric power generation. We have heard this repeated at bilateral conferences and in U.S. media.
- The Canadian negotiating team does not agree with these claims and will continue defending Canadian interests.
- The next round of negotiations has not been scheduled yet due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Negotiators have considered video conference options, though nothing has been confirmed at this point.
- In the meantime, the Canadian negotiating team will work with B.C. and the Indigenous Nations over the coming months to articulate positions that are beneficial to Canada.
- The ecosystem work led by the Indigenous Nations is proceeding and we should be in a better position to define Canadian objectives on this important issue later this year.
- Canada will be pressing to increase flexibility in the Treaty to allow operations that meet domestic environmental, societal and economic needs more effectively, addressing a number of Columbia Basin residents' goals.



May 19, 2020

Catherine Allaway  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Village of New Denver  
Box 40, New Denver BC

Dear Catherine Allaway

Re: Infrastructure Planning Grant: Terms and Conditions  
Project # P205625 – Water Conservation Plan

Further to your recent approval of an Infrastructure Planning grant, I enclose a schedule that sets out the terms and conditions (T&C) that the Province attaches to the grant.

Please ensure the T&C is circulated to all affected parties and indicate your acceptance of these terms and conditions by printing, signing and returning the T&C to the Ministry by June 15, 2020. Please email the signed T&C to [INFRA@gov.bc.ca](mailto:INFRA@gov.bc.ca).

If you have any questions concerning the Program, including the information on how to make a claim, please refer to the program website at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/grants-transfers/grants/infrastructure-planning-grant-program>, or contact us at: [INFRA@gov.bc.ca](mailto:INFRA@gov.bc.ca).

Sincerely,

Renee Audy  
Acting Director  
Infrastructure and Engineering

Attachment



## 2020-22 Slocan Valley Wildfire Resiliency Program

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### Program Overview

In the spring of 2020, the villages of Slocan, Silverton and New Denver partnered again to access provincial funding for a second year under the Community Resiliency Investment Program (CRI) for the purpose of reducing the risks and impacts of wildfire to the three communities. The application was successful.

SIFCo was hired to administer the Program and continue the deployment of the Slocan Valley Wildfire Resiliency Program (SVWRP). The SVWRP aim is to empower community members and local governments with the knowledge and tools needed to be more resilient in the event of the wildfire. The following table explains the components of the 2020-22 program and provides an overview of planned actions and activities in order to meet the goals of: raising awareness and information sharing with the public, promoting a responsible attitude towards wildfire and fuel management among private land owners and beginning to make some concrete steps building on Year 1 of the program. New this year is the two year time frame for delivery of the program. I have talked with Peter Ronald (CRI program Manager) at UBCM and due to Covid-19, delivery of programs have been extended, upon request, by one year (request sent).

New this year is that some aspects of the program will be delivered by the villages directly (more on this in the table below). All activities lead by the Villages will still be reported on to UBCM by SIFCo as part of the overall project management.

Please also take note that the 2019 program due to completion this June as now also been extended to June 2021 for completion (again due to Covid-19), so the 2019 program completion and the 2020-22 new program will overlap.

As you will see below the 2020-22 program is much more action based ... less talking, more doing!

## 2020-22 Program Components

What	Lead by	Action
Education	SIFCo	Human Caused Wildfire Educational Signage for campgrounds, rest areas, parkland and rec sites + training for campground attendants, Fire warden, and trail volunteers. (Fall 2020)
Education	SIFCo	FireSmart Awareness Workshop for interested resident groups and early summer wildfire season open houses (Involve BCWS and child specific activities) (postpone to 2021)
Development Consideration	New Denver Silverton Slocan	Develop three reports for councils that would support the future establishment of a Development Permit Area for Wildfire Hazard (incl. exterior design and finish - landscaping - access/ egress etc...)
Inter-agency cooperation	SIFCo	Slocan Valley Wildfire Preparedness Planning Table meetings (next meeting planned for Fall 2020)
Emergency Planning	New Denver Silverton Slocan	Review water supply capacity - Objective is to identify water system requirements and deficiencies that may require replacement or upgrades
Education	SIFCo	Wildfire Preparedness Cross-Training (postpone to 2021)
Fire Smart Demonstration project	Silverton	Complete retro-fits of Silverton Fire Hall used as EOC and an emergency Support Services Facility
Fire Smart Demonstration project	Slocan	Complete retro-fits of Slocan Village Office used as EOC and an emergency Support Services Facility
Fire Smart Demonstration project	New Denver	Complete retro-fit on Health Centre Community Gym that is an Emergency Support Services facility
Private lands	SIFCo	Offer Free Wildfire Hazard assessments of private lands (ongoing)
Private Lands	SIFCo	Offer Local Fire Smart Rebate of up to \$500 to people undertaking activities outline is free assessments above (50 rebates available total)
Private Lands	SIFCo	Resident Support Program will offer chipping days and off-site organic waste disposal (postpone to 2021)
Wildland Urban Interface	SIFCo	23.4 Hectares to be treated west of the Village of Slocan (Prescription completed in Spring 2020, field work due to begin Fall 2020)



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

Thursday, April 9, 2020

6:30 p.m.

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**ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS:** Jan McMurray, Janice Gustafson, Daphne Budding, Colin Moss, Leanne Robson, Tamara Barkowsky.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Emma Beaton (Minutes)

Meeting called to order by chair Jan McMurray at 6:45 p.m.

1. Moved by Colin, Seconded by Jan: "THAT the Agenda of the April 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be Adopted as Presented." CARRIED.
2. Moved by Jan, Seconded by Colin: "THAT the Minutes of the February 16, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be Adopted as Presented." CARRIED.
3. Moved by Janice, Seconded by Tamara: "THAT the Financials be Received." CARRIED.
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
  - a) Get Your Just Desserts to be cancelled
  - b) Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives Grant Applications: believed to be declined due to a lack of reporting on a past grant
  - c) Budget moved to next meeting: to be revised by Emma and Jess due to COVID 19
  - d) Invoices to be sent by Emma and Jess including letter to update website, COVID 19 info and contact to be made if consideration needed for payment, can offer December 31st 2020 deadline for those needing assistance.
  - e) Dark Water Support Letter moved by Janice, seconded by Colin, Carried.
5. Reports
  - a) Membership: Jan and Colin working to collect those in arrears, waiting due to COVID 19
  - b) Health: COVID 19 response group formed, otherwise on hold due to COVID 19
  - c) WKRTA / ASTA: Branding closing, Website coming, Jan and Daphne to winddown.
  - d) Website Committee: Awaiting updated member listings, Yasmin to be contacted.
  - e) Resident / Business Attraction Project: Check with Jess per our request to amend scope, Colin may join committee if time permits.
  - f) Winlaw Committee: No report
  - g) Christmas/Merchants Night Committee: To be returned to the agenda.
  - h) Staffing Committee: Moved by Daphne, Seconded by Janice: " THAT chocolates from Linny and \$100 gifts be purchased for Jess." Emma to carry out.

Moved by Daphne, Seconded by Tamara: "THAT Emma Beaton be hired as Chamber Manager and Visitor Center Manager." CARRIED.

6. Correspondence

- a) COVID 19 updates from Destination BC and Community Futures

7. New Business

- a) 2020 SVCC Budget: On Hold for COVID 19 review
- b) Visitor Center - Revamp of plans and expectations due to COVID 19 committee created (Daphne, Tamara, Emma, Jan) moved by Colin, Seconded by Daphne, Carried.
- c) New Denver downtown tree light up: No Updates
- d) KSCU account access Emma to talk to Jess
- e) Credit Card access Emma to talk to Jess

8. Strategic Planning

- a) Contribute to Economic Stability
- b) Post regarding COVID 19 and our support to our local business, info, updates, links on the website

9. Moved by Tamara that the meeting be adjourned at 7:42 p.m. CARRIED

### IN THIS ISSUE

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- 2020 Contact Information

### CURRENT STATISTICS

Fires to-date: 13

Hectares burned: 19

Human-caused: 13

Lightning-caused: 0

### BANS AND PROHIBITIONS

**Campfire:** No Ban

**Category 2:** In Effect

**Category 3:** In Effect

**Forest Use Restrictions:** No Ban

[Prohibitions section of bcwildfire.ca](https://bcwildfire.ca) for full

## Fire Centre Update

There are currently no active wildfires in the Southeast Fire Centre (SEFC). Fire activity this year has been slightly above the 10-year average in number of fires but well below average in area burned throughout the region. All fire starts in the SEFC this season have been human-caused and there have been no Fires of Note to date.

Open burning activities have been prohibited in the SEFC (and throughout British Columbia) since April 16, 2020. These prohibitions apply to all public and private land within British Columbia and will remain in effect until the public is otherwise notified.

The SEFC continues to prepare for the 2020 wildfire season. New and returning staff are undergoing annual training and fitness testing and resources are coming on-line. In response to the COVID-19 situation pre-season activities have been modified to ensure the health and well-being of staff while maintaining readiness to respond to wildfires. Read more on the ways that BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) is adapting to COVID 19 on Page 4.





## Preparing for the 2020 Wildfire Season

### Introduction to Predictive Services

The Predictive Services unit (PSU) is a growing business area within the BC Wildfire Service. It is a multi-disciplinary team of fire behaviour specialists, weather forecasters, and information technology and data analysts working to deliver information and intelligence in innovative and practical ways. The PSU helps with risk-based decision making for wildfire prevention, preparedness, response and recovery through information and analysis using best available science, technology and human expertise.

Wildfire preparedness and response products provide valuable information for forecasting fire behaviour in different fuel types, terrain and fire weather conditions in British Columbia. The PSU prepares several products that provide timely advice to provincial, regional and incident management teams to support decision making before, during and after a wildfire event. Some examples of these products include:

Product	Description
External seasonal update	A summary of proceeding conditions and forecasted fire weather conditions for the short-term, current season and long-term outlook.
Fire growth maps and reports	Short-term (one to three days) reports and long-range fire growth projections. The maps and accompanying reports document the process (assumptions, weather, fuel types, etc.) used to derive the products.
Fire behaviour forecast	The fire behaviour forecast provides information regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Forecasted weather;</li><li>• actual and forecasted fire weather indices values;</li><li>• fire behaviour general and specific information; and</li><li>• safety messages as they pertain to fire behaviour.</li></ul>
Weather values maps	Maps include: temperature; relative humidity; wind speed ; wind direction; and precipitation.
Climatology reports	Graphs mapping historical records of the values recorded at weather stations. Each weather station has its own set of graphs. The current year is tracked along with percentile figures from the historic records for comparison.



## Preparing for the 2020 Wildfire Season

### Spring 2020 Seasonal Outlook

Toward the end of 2019, some areas of the province experienced persistent and extended drought conditions. However, the snowpack in those areas (the far north, northwest, far southeast and the Okanagan) are now at or above normal levels. As a result, wildfire fuel conditions are near normal throughout the province this spring.

B.C. has started to experience grassfire activity. These fires are occurring in valley bottoms where light fuels, such as grasses, can dry out quickly in sunny or windy conditions. This is a typical pattern for this time of year. The BC Wildfire Service is expecting wildfire activity to increase in snow-free areas where these light fuels (grasses and needles) are present. Current fire suppression tactics are successfully holding most of these wildfires to a small size.

Seasonal temperature forecasts for May indicate a moderate probability of normal temperatures for this period. Precipitation patterns are more difficult to predict. Current forecasting data indicates that May will experience “normal to dry” weather patterns.

Considering the current forecasts and fire activity levels, the BC Wildfire Service expects a spring wildfire season that will be consistent with long-term patterns in B.C.

### SEASONAL OUTLOOK

Find the latest seasonal outlook on our BC Wildfire website at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-situation>.



## Preparing for the 2020 Wildfire Season

### COVID-19 Adaptations

The COVID-19 situation remains dynamic in British Columbia and elsewhere around the world, and the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) is continually adapting to changing conditions. BCWS has implemented appropriate measures to protect its employees, while ensuring that it [remains prepared to deal with whatever this year's flood and fire seasons may bring](#).

The BC Wildfire Service has a first responder mandate to address natural hazards (first and foremost, those related to wildfire) and it supports the government's emergency response efforts in many other ways. When planning for operational continuity, BCWS staff look at how the organization as a whole should be managed in light of the COVID-19 situation.

The BC Wildfire Service has established an Adaptation and Continuity Team (ACT) to ensure continuity and to expedite decision-making related to COVID-19. This team meets regularly and is divided into four subgroups: Operations; Government Support; Communications and Secretariat; and Business and Workforce.

Their work includes the review and adaptation of training methods, fire crew response, staff travel, fire camp accommodations and hygiene protocols, resource tracking systems, wildfire prevention and related prohibitions, and more.

They are considering all guidelines and recommendations made by the Provincial Health Officer.

The BC Wildfire Service's goals related to its staff and COVID-19 include:

- keeping staff members informed;
- reducing the risk of staff exposure to COVID-19;
- maintaining a supportive, healthy and resilient workforce; and
- adapting our operations and our response to risk, as necessary.

As a result of the COVID-19 situation, some project and public engagement work that BCWS had committed to complete in 2020 may:

- proceed using a different method;
- be postponed or re-scheduled; or
- be halted for the foreseeable future.

Details of any changes to project and engagement work will be provided to affected groups. The BC Wildfire Service remains focused on ensuring it's ready to respond to wildfires and other land-based emergencies, while maintaining the safety and well-being of firefighting crews and all other staff members.

### Weather

The cool, wet weather of spring is upon us. Two main systems last week brought significant rainfall to the SEFC area. The Boundary area, in particular, saw the most significant rainfall with amounts tapering towards the southeast corner of the SEFC.

The weather forecast shows the Centre moving towards a seasonal trend of unsettled conditions as we move into late spring. These unsettled conditions often bring scattered or a few showers of a relatively regular frequency with some days of warmer, dryer weather in between.

After a bit of a break in the weather last weekend, forecasts suggest that unsettled weather returns this week.

### What you can do to help?

As spring and summer conditions arrive in the SEFC, this is a great opportunity to help reduce wildfire risks through FireSmart activities. The BC Wildfire Service is urging all British Columbians to take steps to make their properties and communities more fire-resilient.

Many FireSmart activities do not require open burning (as is currently prohibited). some examples include: road-side pick up of yard waste; drop-off at waste facilities; or piling of yard waste away from priority zones. There are also many other actions you can take that don't involve waste removal. Visit [firesmartbc.ca](https://firesmartbc.ca) for more information about the FireSmart program.

Wondering what else you can do to help? Abiding by current open burning prohibitions reduces the number of unnecessary, human-caused wildfires and supports the BC Centre for Disease Control's recommendation to help reduce excess air pollution in airsheds throughout the province.

### Contact Information

**Report a Wildfire: \*5555 on a cell or 1 800 663-5555**

**Wildfire Information Line: 1 888 3FOREST**

**Burn Registration Number: 1 888 797-1717**

**Information Officer Phone Number: 250-608-4813**

**Email: [BCWS.SEFCInformationOfficer@gov.bc.ca](mailto:BCWS.SEFCInformationOfficer@gov.bc.ca)**







## New Mobile App Now Available

The official BC Wildfire Service mobile app is now available, providing real-time wildfire information and an interactive map that users can customize to display a variety of fire related data. It is free to download in the App Store and Google Play.

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



## FireSmart BC

To effectively reduce wildfire risk, it is important that the public gain a better understanding of what it means to be FireSmart. Check out FireSmart BC's amazing resources online:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/firesmartbc/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BCFireSmart>

Website: [FireSmartbc.ca](https://firesmartbc.ca)



## Livelt

The BC Wildfire Service has partnered with [Livelt](https://www.liveit.earth/firesmart-week) for [#FireSmart Week](https://www.liveit.earth/firesmart-week)! Re-live this amazing event and check out their website to learn about forest ecology and how to increase the resiliency of your home in the event of a wildfire.

<https://www.liveit.earth/firesmart-week>



## Interactive Map Updated Symbolology

On April 15, 2020, the BC Wildfire Service made changes to how wildfire information is displayed on the Public Interactive BC Wildfire Dashboard. Fires will now be displayed on the map by their stage of control.

[Interactive Map Reference Guide.](#)

[Interactive Map.](#)



May 8, 2020

Hon. David Eby  
Room 232 Parliament Buildings  
501 Belleville St.  
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Dear Minister Eby:

**RE: Supporting Businesses by Making Liquor Licensing More Flexible**

As Mayor of the City of North Vancouver I want to start by thanking you for the work you have done to serve British Columbians.

I appreciate how quickly your government has responded to the needs of people and businesses. This pandemic has highlighted, among other things, the agility and speed of our public service when they are needed urgently.

It is with that same urgency I ask you to consider examining how we can increase flexibility in outdoor seating and liquor licensing in support of our businesses.

I have been hosting business round tables to learn about the unique needs of our business sectors. From these conversations I have learned of a few actions that could be taken immediately to ensure restaurants, pubs, and breweries can be resilient businesses as we begin to re-open gradually.

As you are aware, the current liquor licensing regulations for pubs, breweries and restaurants requires only permanent changes when adding potential capacity such as increased outdoor patio space.

Our City is in the process of revising our outdoor dining process to allow these businesses to expand their patio areas on a temporary basis as we begin BC's restart plan. This will assist these businesses to be able to serve customers on their premises while meeting safe distancing requirements.

My understanding is that the current provincial licensing requirements will not permit temporary changes, therefore I am concerned this will negatively impact these businesses and discourage many from being able to open up to serve the public on their premises.

Changing this model to allow greater flexibility could be the difference in countless businesses being able to keep their doors open and expanding their service from their current significantly reduced levels.

We have seen new challenges like never before, and your government has acted swiftly to deliver results. I urge you to consider what I have detailed to you in this letter. We now know

changes can happen quickly when they are needed, and these changes are needed immediately to support our food and liquor industry.

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

Yours Truly,



**Linda Buchanan**  
**Mayor of the City of North Vancouver**

c.c. All B.C. municipal governments  
Bowinn Ma, MLA for North Vancouver-Lonsdale  
BC Restaurant & Food Services Association  
Alliance of Beverage Licensees  
BC Craft Brewer's Guild  
North Vancouver Chamber of Commerce  
Lower Lonsdale Business Improvement Association

Thank you!

The IH Healthy Communities team would like to thank all our local government and community partners who have gone above and beyond to support our health care system and citizens during these uncertain times. Your hard work does not go unnoticed!

## Community Recognition

### PLAY Kits During COVID

City of Penticton is offering [PLAY kits](#) to families on a weekly basis, free of charge, to help keep families physically active and engaged during COVID restrictions. The kits will have different themes such as sport and adventure, and will contain resources for games, physical literacy tools, printable worksheets, crafts and equipment. Pick-up will be curbside with all items cleaned and sanitized before being offered to another family.

### Support Farmers Markets - They Are Still Operating!

Did you know that Farmers' Markets are considered an essential service in BC and are safe to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic? Farmers' markets are very important because they can increase community access to and availability of fresh produce and they support the sustainability of local food supplies while boosting incomes of local farmers!



BCCDC has developed [guidelines](#) to follow during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the safety of all who participate. The BC Association of Farmers' Markets has written a [letter](#) describing the importance of Farmers' Markets and all the health and safety interventions that are being undertaken to support their continued operation across BC.

## Events & Learning Opportunities

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### Your Story, Our Future – COVID-19 Survey

The Province is looking for your input as action plans are developed to re-start services, the economy and our lives. This survey is the first of several activities that will strengthen our pandemic response and our understanding of the impacts of COVID-19 to date (social, economic, mental wellness and community wellness). The survey will take 10-15 minutes and will be open until May 31<sup>st</sup> on the [BCCDC website](#).



### Rural Evidence Review & BC Rural Health Network COVID-19 Survey

This short, anonymous [online survey](#) asks rural communities across BC about their experiences of COVID-19. The findings of the survey will be used to understand rural community innovation and resiliency in the face of the pandemic. The findings will be shared with rural and remote BC communities to support learning and collaboration across communities, and with health care decision-makers to support rural health care planning.

### Conversations on Health Equity, Determinants of Health and COVID-19

Throughout the month of April, the National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health (NCCDH) hosted a series of one-hour conversations on health equity, determinants of health and COVID-19. Check out the recordings:



National Collaborating Centre  
for Determinants of Health  
Centre de collaboration nationale  
des déterminants de la santé

- [Conversation 1](#): Primary health care responses, infectious diseases and equity, policy responses, pandemic planning with First Nations communities
- [Conversation 2](#): Community impact and responses to COVID-19
- [Conversation 3](#): Indigenous perspectives on COVID-19
- [Conversation 4](#): Community impacts and responses related to food insecurity, disability and ethics.
- [Conversation 5](#): Health equity, determinants of health and COVID-19



## Building Knowledge and Capacity for Affordable Housing in BC Small Communities



Hear the results from an engaging workshop series that aims to identify the affordable housing issues and capacity needs of small communities in B.C. This research focuses on forums, surveys and interviews with local governments, developers, builders and non-profit organizations, to better understand the issues from each perspective and to create a scan of leading practices. Learn about proven strategies in building affordable housing, and how to co-develop specific tools that will translate to more homes on the ground. [Register here](#).

## The Bicycle Friendly Communities (BFC) Program Goes National!



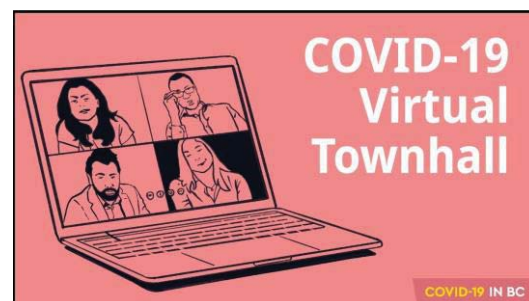
The [Share the Road Cycling Coalition](#), an Ontario based cycling advocacy organization, is taking their [Bicycle Friendly Communities \(BFC\)](#) municipal awards program national!

The BFC Program is available for **free** to all Canadian municipalities. The application process helps to build partnerships, establish a baseline for the state of cycling in your area and to promote the successes achieved to date for cycling. The BFC Program is a proven approach to make cycling better in communities. Visit the [Getting Started page](#)

for tips to prepare the application. Find out more about the program and the application [here](#). The first application deadline for Canada-wide BFC Applications is **Friday July 3rd, 2020**.

## Government of B.C. COVID-19 Townhalls

A new series of virtual townhalls on BC's Restart Plan kicked-off on Friday, [May 8th](#), with Premier John Horgan and Minister of Finance Carole James. On [May 11th](#) a virtual townhall took place with Minister Adrian Dix and Dr. Bonnie Henry, who answered health-care related questions about BC's Restart Plan and the Surgical Renewal Plan. All recorded townhalls are available to watch on [YouTube](#).



# Healthy Public Policy Resources

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## Reallocation of Roadway Space for Physical Distancing

Physical distancing from others is important during COVID-19. [These guidelines](#) will help local governments ensure space is available for active transportation opportunities in your community.

## Walking, Cycling & Physical Distance During COVID-19

With various municipalities in BC reallocating road space for cycling and walking — and especially as spring weather and a holiday weekend challenge us to stay indoors — we must recognize that any significant increases in cycling and walking traffic volumes may bring together people with a very wide range of fitness levels and objectives, speeds, and bicycle control abilities. As a result, our ability to safely maintain sufficient physical distancing may also be challenged. Check out [these recommendations](#) for how we can safely share spaces.

## Thinking About Community Engagement During a Pandemic



During this time of physical distancing some community engagement processes have moved online. Does this make sense for your official community plan update or new transportation strategy? Take a look at [these considerations](#) for engagement and [these resources](#) to support you in adapting plans for public participation.

## Okanagan Flood Story - A Regional Success

The Okanagan Basin Water Board recently released their new valley-wide flood maps and [launched](#) the “[Okanagan Flood Story](#)” website, helping residents and local governments understand flood concerns and prepare. The project was managed by the Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) and supported by the Regional Districts of North Okanagan, Central Okanagan and Okanagan-Similkameen, and the Government of B.C. Numerous local and First Nations governments also supported the project.



## Vaping & E-Cigarettes: A Policy Paper for Municipal Governments

This [policy discussion paper](#) was prepared by Vancouver Coastal Health's Office of the Chief Medical Health Officer with support from UBCM as local governments consider responses to public concerns about vaping. There is also a [British Columbia Policy Resource Hub](#) from Action on Smoking & Health that you may want to check out.

## Funding News

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### Virtual Innovations in Care (VIC) Grant Program



Mental health and substance use support systems across Canada have needed to move quickly to develop, accelerate and implement virtual responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. This has resulted in innovative responses and challenges for the mental health and substance use community in implementing virtual services.

To support learning and understanding about the process of implementing virtual services, Frayme will be providing [formative evaluation grants](#) to youth mental health and substance use service organizations across Canada, focused on supporting the implementation of virtual mental health and substance use supports for youth and families. Expressions of interest are due on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### PlanH Healthy Community Grants- Deadline Extended

BC Healthy Communities has made adjustments to the [2020 PlanH Healthy Communities Grant](#) program in response to COVID-19 and is currently accepting applications. If you are planning to apply for a PlanH grant, here's what you need to know:



- Application due dates are extended until July 15 for both streams.
- In response to the ongoing situation, the existing Social Connectedness stream has been retitled the [Community Connectedness](#) stream. The objective of this stream remains to enhance a sense of belonging within local communities. BC Healthy Communities now welcomes project proposals which support people to be connected even if they are physically distanced, and project proposals in which local governments start developing strategies and plans to address the [mental health](#) implications of the COVID-19 pandemic.

To find more information, check out the [updated FAQs](#) or email [grants@planh.ca](mailto:grants@planh.ca)

**Sincerely,**

*Your Healthy Communities Team*

[healthycommunities@interiorhealth.ca](mailto:healthycommunities@interiorhealth.ca)

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May 21, 2020

Ref: 254635

Dear Local Government Leader:

During these uncertain times, it is clearer than ever that safe, secure, appropriate, and affordable housing is critical for all British Columbians.

I am writing today to share with you that we will be opening the next Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Community Housing Fund, working with our partners to deliver more homes for the people of B.C.

The Community Housing Fund helps to create affordable rental homes for middle and low-income British Columbians. The fund supports projects that are a mixed-income model, with 20% of the housing in each building for low-income households, 50% rent geared to income (housing income limit) and 30% for moderate income households (up to \$74,000). Proponents must be a non-profit housing society, Indigenous housing society, First Nation, housing co-operative or municipality, which want to develop and operate rental housing projects for individuals, seniors and families with low to moderate incomes.

BC Housing will issue the Request for Proposals on May 27, 2020, and it will be open until mid-January 2021, giving proponents time to prepare their submissions. While the RFP will be open until mid-January, BC Housing will proceed with pre-allocation to successful proponents as early as September 2020. For more information, please visit <https://www.bchousing.org/projects-partners/funding-opportunities>.

These homes are the next step in our 10-year housing plan. In just over two years we've already made great progress together, providing thousands of secure homes to families, individuals and seniors in communities across the province through our housing programs:

- **Community Housing Fund** will provide close to \$1.9 billion over 10 years to build and operate 14,350 affordable new rental homes for seniors, families, low-income and middle-income earners. As of December 31, 2019, 5,200 units are complete or in progress.
- **Indigenous Housing Fund** will provide \$550 million over 10 years to build and operate 1,750 units of social housing for projects for Indigenous peoples both on and off Nation. As of December 31, 2019, 1,165 units are complete or in progress.

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**Women's Transition Housing Fund** will provide \$734 million over 10 years to build 1,500 new supportive homes for women and children fleeing violence, including transition houses, safe homes, second-stage and long-term housing. As of December 31, 2019, 679 units are complete or in progress.

- **Programs for supportive housing** will provide \$1.4 billion over 10 years to build and operate 4,900 units of supportive housing for those who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. As of December 31, 2019, 3,072 units are complete or in progress.
- **HousingHub**, a new branch of BC Housing, promotes, facilitates and coordinates housing partnerships to create affordable homes. As of December 31, 2019, 2,800 units are complete or in progress.

In addition to the Community Housing Fund RFP, there are other ongoing opportunities available to partner with BC Housing:

- **Building BC funds:** BC Housing welcomes discussions with partners interested in developing new housing through the Supportive Housing Fund and the Women's Transition Housing Fund. Visit <https://www.bchousing.org/partner-services> to learn more or contact your local Director of Regional Development (contact list below).
- **Major Repairs for Existing Social Housing:** The Province is providing \$1.1 billion over 10 years to non-profit housing providers and housing co-operatives to support capital projects that maintain or benefit an existing social housing building's condition or improve the building's seismic or fire safety, as well as for projects focused on energy performance. Visit <https://www.bchousing.org/partner-services/asset-management-redevelopment/capital-planning-repairs> to learn more about eligibility criteria and how to apply or speak with your local Regional Non-Profit Portfolio Manager.
- **HousingHub** was established to seek innovative partnerships with local housing organizations, community land trusts, Indigenous groups, faith-based groups, charities, the development community, financial institutions and other industries to create affordable rental housing and homeownership options for middle-income British Columbians. As a centre for housing expertise and collaboration, affordable housing will be developed through the HousingHub either through new construction or through the redevelopment of existing sites. Partners bring suitable land, equity and/or the catalyst for development. The HousingHub can provide:

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- Expertise and assistance in the planning and development process
- Access to pre-development funding
- Low-cost financing
- Project coordination advice
- A place for organizations to collaborate

To learn more, visit: [www.bchousing.org/partner-services/housinghub](http://www.bchousing.org/partner-services/housinghub)

There are many ways that municipalities can help to partner with BC Housing, such as providing city-owned land, waving Development Costs Charges and prioritizing affordable housing projects in the development approvals process. We also hope that you will help share these opportunities to partner with BC Housing with organizations in your area.

If you are interested in providing housing but are unsure of how to connect with non-profit housing operators, BC Housing or the [BC Non-Profit Housing Association](#) can help you identify housing non-profits in your region.

If your government or a stakeholder in your community has a housing proposal of any kind, please contact your local Director of Regional Development for more information:

Region	Director of Regional Development	Email
Interior Region	Danna Locke	<a href="mailto:dlocke@bchousing.org">dlocke@bchousing.org</a>
Northern Region	Amy Wong	<a href="mailto:awong@bchousing.org">awong@bchousing.org</a>
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	James Forsyth	<a href="mailto:jforsyth@bchousing.org">jforsyth@bchousing.org</a>
Vancouver Island	Malcolm McNaughton	<a href="mailto:mmcnaughton@bchousing.org">mmcnaughton@bchousing.org</a>
HousingHub	Raymond Kwong	<a href="mailto:rkwong@bchousing.org">rkwong@bchousing.org</a>

Thank you for all you are doing to bring more affordable housing to your community.

Sincerely,



Selina Robinson  
Minister



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**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION**

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Catherine Allaway, CAO

**DATE:** May 22, 2020

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

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**PURPOSE:** To seek Council authorization for a temporary road closure in front of the Bosun Hall

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That LACE be granted permission to close Bellevue Street in front of the Bosun Hall on June 13 and 14, 2020, subject to their submission to the Village of a safety plan outlining the policies, guidelines and procedures that have been put in place to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.*

**ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:**

If Council does not approve the temporary road closure request the event will need to be rescheduled or reimagined for an alternate venue.

**ANALYSIS:**

- A. Background:** The LACE volunteers wish to use the road allowance in front of Bosun Hall for drop-off of donated items on the weekend of June 13-14, 2020. Closing the street to allow the LACE volunteers to work in the open air will reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. A Council resolution is required to authorize the temporary closure of municipal streets.
- B. Discussion:** WorkSafeBC has mandated that all employers create a COVID-19 Safety Plan to assess the risk of exposure at their worksite and implement measures to keep their workers (including volunteers) safe. A plan template is available from WorkSafeBC as are industry-specific guidance documents. Once a draft plan has been developed, Village staff will review the document to ensure that it addresses areas of concern and meets the guidelines set by WorkSafeBC and the Provincial Health Officer
- C. Legislative Framework:** Traffic and Streets Regulation Bylaw No. 558, 2002, WorkSafeBC requirements
- D. Attachments:** Letter from LACE dated May 8, 2020
- E. Council Strategic Priority:** Nil
- F. Communication Strategy:** If approved, the road closure will be advertised in the June 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Valley Voice

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Nil



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May 8, 2020

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

In anticipation of the re-opening of the Donation Store at the end of June, LACE is expecting a large amount of donations of clothing and household goods from the public.

The volunteers are working out a plan for how to deal with these donations, and are planning to hold an "open house" for donations on the street in front of Bosun Hall to accept donations from the public the weekend of June 13-14. The idea is to have tables set up to allow social distancing while still being available for drop-offs. The volunteers would be able to sort through the donations and dispose of any unusable articles before putting the items into the Donation Store.

Will we be allowed to do this, and if so, we are requesting the closure of Bellevue St between Slocan Ave and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave for those two days of June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your consideration to this request, and for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Lora Lee Brekke  
President