

**New Denver Village**  
**November 23, 2021 - Regular Council Meeting - 07:00 PM**

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November 16, 2021

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Mayors and Regional District Chairs of British Columbia

Attendees of October 2021 Regional Meetings with Minister Josie Osborne and UBCM President Laurey-Anne Roodenburg

Dear Mayors and Chairs,

Thank you for taking the time to join Minister Josie Osborne and UBCM President Laurey-Anne Roodenburg for the October 2021 regional meetings. Hearing from UBCM directly on some of its key interests and issues was very much appreciated. As Minister Osborne and President Roodenburg said during the call, these meetings continue to be a great opportunity to hear from you about the key issues and opportunities you are working on in your communities now and in 2022 (in addition to COVID-19).

I first wish to acknowledge the many people and communities in B.C. currently facing emergencies due to severe weather and flooding. I know that in many places you and your residents are under intense stress, facing evacuation orders and alerts and doing everything possible to stay safe. Please know that our thoughts and support are with you, along with our deep gratitude for the courage, tireless work and dedication to community demonstrated by you and your staff in this emergency situation.

There were a number of themes that came up during the meetings, including guidance regarding the implementation of vaccine mandates for local governments, local government finance review, rising infrastructure costs, and protection of old growth forests. This email provides links and resources to some of the topics raised.

## COVID-19 Update

### Federal COVID-19 proof of vaccination for travel

The Government of Canada has created a [federal COVID-19 proof of vaccination](#) document for travel within Canada and internationally. As of October 30, 2021, the federal government requires all travellers 12 years and 4 months of age and older to be fully vaccinated and show proof of vaccination to use federally regulated methods of travel. Note that BC Ferries does not require proof of vaccination.

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People who live in BC have 3 options to get Canada's COVID-19 proof of vaccination for travel:

- Access online through Health Gateway ([gov.bc.ca/covidtravel](https://gov.bc.ca/covidtravel))
- Request by phone ([1-833-838-2323](tel:1-833-838-2323), translators are available)
- Visit most Service BC offices (Vancouver, Burnaby and Surrey locations don't offer printed copies)

The federal government has indicated that it will allow British Columbians to use the BC Vaccine Card to travel within the country until November 30, while the national proof of vaccination is implemented.

More information is available at [gov.bc.ca/covidtravel](https://gov.bc.ca/covidtravel).

### **PHO Order on gatherings and events**

On October 25, an updated [PHO order on gatherings and events](#) was released. Under the updated order, there are no capacity restrictions for indoor or outdoor personal gatherings (unless specified in specific regional health orders).

There is no capacity limit for indoor organized gatherings, including sporting events, concerts, live theatres, movie theatres, dance and symphony events, art events, weddings, funeral receptions outside of funeral homes, and other gatherings such as parties. [Proof of vaccination](#) is required for organized gatherings for more than 50 people. The requirement that individuals must remain seated in pubs and restaurants has been removed in order to allow for more freedom of movement. Note that some organized gatherings have some capacity restrictions and seats must be provided at some events with more than 50 people.

Other public health restrictions remain in place, including [indoor mask requirements](#). Capacity limits also remain in effect where regional orders are in place, including Fraser East and part of Northern and Interior Health regions. More information on provincial and regional restrictions can be found [here](#).

Local governments are not required to obtain proof of vaccination from individuals attending meetings or engaging in essential local government business – including at council/board meetings and public hearings. This means that individuals are not required to show a vaccine card to attend these essential functions. However, local governments must continue to follow their communicable disease plans and applicable provisions of Provincial and Local Orders on Gatherings and Events to ensure health and safety in respect of meetings. In addition, the proof of vaccination requirements for many [non-essential indoor recreational activities](#) remain in place.

While capacity limits no longer apply to council/board meetings or public hearings, local governments may choose to place limits on specific spaces based on their own communicable disease plans. Local governments that place capacity limits on meeting spaces must continue to ensure they are meeting legislated open meeting requirements.

The new legislative framework providing local governments with the authority to authorize electronic regular and committee meetings in their procedure bylaws came into force on September 29. The electronic meetings framework requires local governments to provide a place for the public to attend to hear or watch meetings held electronically to support the principles of accessibility and transparency.



Local governments who want to continue to meet electronically must go through the process of amending their procedure bylaw. The ministry has produced [guidance](#) to assist local governments to understand the new rules and process for amending procedure bylaws.

Note that electronic public hearings are not the same as electronic meetings. Procedures for public hearings are not required in a local government procedure bylaw; however, those local governments that have included public hearing procedures in their procedure bylaw are encouraged to review and update it as necessary to accommodate the new authorities.

Keep watching [BC's Response to COVID-19](#) website for updates, and please encourage your residents to do the same. We will continue to work with you, so that you have the support and information you need to move forward based on the Provincial Health Officer and Medical Health Officer's most recent Orders.

#### **Vaccine mandates for local government elected officials and staff**

There is no public health order requiring proof of vaccination for employees outside of health care settings. Local governments may choose to adopt their own corporate vaccination policies for local government employees and elected officials, taking into consideration the labour and legal contexts within which they operate, including workplace safety, privacy law and employment law.

Several B.C. local governments have implemented policies for staff requiring proof of vaccination by a specific date as a condition of employment (e.g., Victoria, Kamloops, Vancouver, and the Capital Regional District). Other local governments have put in place policies recommending vaccination and in a few cases the vaccination policies implemented by council also apply to locally elected officials (e.g., Penticton). Some councils have "self-declared" that all members are vaccinated (e.g., Victoria, Saanich) where a vaccination mandate policy only applies to employees.

We welcome these employers' leadership, and I would encourage you to connect with your colleagues in communities that have implemented vaccination policies to learn more about the approach they have taken and advice they have received.

#### **2021 UBCM Convention**

Minister Osborne would like to thank the UBCM team for putting on another excellent convention this year. Key topics identified at Convention included the Financial Resiliency Report, responsible conduct, and modernizing forest practices -- which are all of interest to both the province and local governments.

Premier Horgan announced at Convention that the Province will work with UBCM to establish an MOU to review the local government finance system in BC and he has asked Minister Osborne and Minister of Finance, Selina Robinson, to direct respective ministry staff to undertake this work. Work on the MOU is underway, and we will keep you updated in the process.

### Infrastructure Funding

The governments of Canada and B.C. are committing up to \$270 million towards the third and final intake of the Environmental Quality (EQ) Program, under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), which was announced on October 8. Program information can be found [here](#). The third intake of the EQ Program is now open, and the **application deadline is January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 4:00 pm PST**.

The Environmental Quality Program is focused on infrastructure that will support quality and management improvements for drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater. It will also support projects that remediate contaminated sites and divert solid waste from landfill. Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that add value around environmental protection, resource recovery and reuse, climate change adaptation and mitigation and energy efficiency, generation, and recovery. A water conservation plan is a requirement for any drinking water and wastewater projects.

Please email [infra@gov.bc.ca](mailto:infra@gov.bc.ca) to get connected to a program team member who can respond to your questions.

### Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2021 – Bill 26

The Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2021, [Bill 26](#), was introduced by Minister Osborne in the B.C. Legislature on October 26, 2021 and passed 3<sup>rd</sup> reading on November 3, 2021. Upon receiving Royal Assent in the coming weeks, the bill will officially come into effect. Bill 26 proposes amendments to various pieces of provincial legislation including the *Community Charter* and the *Local Government Act* among other Acts. Progress of Bill 26 in the B.C. Legislature can be tracked [here](#).

The amendments address a variety of topics including new tools to help local governments support housing supply by streamlining their development approval processes, modernized public notice requirements, the requirement for councils and boards to consider codes of conduct, and community specific amendments including allowing the dissolution of the Jumbo Glacier Mountain Resort Municipality.

Together, the changes in this bill will have meaningful impact by providing authorities that support efficient and effective local government operations. These amendments address issues not contemplated by existing legislation, and they will enable local governments to respond to circumstances in their community and provide new tools to increase the efficiency and timelines of housing development, allowing for more homes to be built, faster.

I sent a more detailed communication regarding Bill 26 to you on October 26, 2021 and a circular with further technical details on the amendments to local government Chief Administrative Officers and Corporate Officers on October 29, 2021.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed amendments to public notice provisions or the new requirement to consider a code of conduct, please contact our Governance and Structure Branch. You



can reach the Governance and Structure Branch by phone or email at: 250 387-4020 or [LGGovernance@gov.bc.ca](mailto:LGGovernance@gov.bc.ca).

If you have any questions about the proposed changes to public hearings and delegation of development variance permits, please contact our Planning and Land Use Management Branch. You can reach the Planning and Land Use Management Branch by phone or email at: 250 387- 3394 or [PLUM@gov.bc.ca](mailto:PLUM@gov.bc.ca).

### **Forestry Announcement**

On November 2, the Province [announced](#) its intention to work in partnership with First Nations to defer the harvest of ancient, rare and priority large stands of old growth within 2.6 million hectares of BC's most at risk old-growth forests.

These logging deferrals are a temporary measure – recommended by 2020's Old Growth Strategic Review – to prevent irreversible biodiversity loss while the Province, First Nations, and other partners, including local governments, develop a new approach to sustainable forest management that prioritizes ecosystem health and community prosperity throughout British Columbia.

At the same time, the Province is listening to communities, understanding their concerns, and working for them to find the best, feasible, long-term solutions. On November 8, the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development held regional calls with local governments in forestry regions to share details of the announcement, listen to community concerns and answer questions about the deferral process.

The Province is bringing together strategically co-ordinated and comprehensive support to offset job and economic impacts that may follow the new harvest restrictions and has committed to working in collaboration with First Nations, local governments, and industry to provide people and communities affected by the upcoming temporary old-growth deferrals with a comprehensive suite of supports.

Programs include for example:

- An employment program aimed at creating short-term employment opportunities for workers
- Skills training and educational opportunities to support workers for new careers
- Supporting forestry workers 55 and older interested in bridging to retirement
- A community rapid response team that will provide in-community support and will co-ordinate with ministries and organizations to ensure supports are in place for individuals and communities
- Supports for job creation in rural British Columbia through value-added forestry and other manufacturing
- Supports for infrastructure and economic development projects that promote diversification and resilience in communities

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development staff will reach out to communities once specific deferrals are identified to find the best feasible solutions as the Province recognizes that local governments are important partners in sustainable forest management and will benefit from secure, innovative forestry for generations to come.

The next regional meetings with Municipal Affairs will be in December and Minister Rankin will join Minister Osborne to talk about Indigenous relationships and reconciliation. Minister Osborne's office will be in touch about the December date, time, and meeting information. If you are unable to attend the minister's meeting, please feel free to send an alternate elected official or staff member to attend on your behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Faganello', with a stylized, cursive script.

Tara Faganello  
Assistant Deputy Minister

pc: Chief Administrative Officers  
Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, President, UBCM  
Gary MacIsaac, Executive Director, UBCM  
Nancy Taylor, Executive Director, LGMA  
Todd Pugh, Executive Director, CivicInfo BC



## Lisa Scott

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**From:** office  
**Sent:** November 12, 2021 9:34 AM  
**To:** Lisa Scott  
**Subject:** FW: Child Sex Trafficking is increasing- How to Stop It  
**Attachments:** CPeters - Vancouver Police Board meeting.pdf

FYI

**From:** ca.peters@telus.net <cathy@telus.net>  
**Sent:** November 12, 2021 7:30 AM  
**To:** office <office@newdenver.ca>  
**Subject:** Child Sex Trafficking is increasing- How to Stop It

Dear Mayor Leonard Casley and New Denver Village Council,  
ASKS:

1. The **Canadian Center to End Human Trafficking** (CCEHT) recently came out with their first report on Human Trafficking in Canada. Please read this important report to understand the Human trafficking trends in Canada.
2. BC needs a public awareness campaign on Human Trafficking in order to STOP IT. The CCEHT will mail your community posters and postcards (FREE) that can be distributed in the venues where youth and families congregate. The CCEHT operates the National Human Trafficking hotline; 1-833-900-1010.
3. I recently presented to the **Vancouver Police Board**. It is a 5 minute presentation. See attached. Please share this with your policing committee and local law enforcement.
4. Please alert your local MLA and MP that the full decriminalization of prostitution cannot occur in Canada because that policy will cause HARM to the most vulnerable; Indigenous women and girls, new migrants, disabled, LGBTQ2, youth at risk and any child under age 14 years of age. Canada has signed the **Palermo Protocol** which mandates discouraging DEMAND for buying sex (Article 9 section 5). Canada has a legal global obligation to fulfill this commitment. Special Advisor on Human Trafficking Valiant Richey in his recent OSCE (Organization for the Security and Co-operation in Europe- the world's largest security organization) report called "**Discouraging Demand**" cites strategies and examples on how to do so, in order to Stop Human Trafficking globally.
5. Reminder of the **Connecting to Protect Global Summit** addressing the impact of Pornography on Youth (February 16-18, 2022). I will be presenting along with Vancouver Island University student Tagen Marshall. Please attend and alert Health/Wellness Committees of this important Summit.

Thank you to the many City Councils and Regional Districts that have asked me to present.  
I am booking now for mid March.

Sincerely, Cathy Peters  
BC anti-human trafficking educator, speaker, advocate  
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**Vancouver Police Board Meeting**  
**October 21, 2021 @ 1 pm – 5 minutes**

Human sex trafficking and sexual exploitation for the purpose of prostitution is the fastest growing crime in the world and here.

**What is human trafficking? It is the recruiting, transporting, transferring, receiving, holding, concealing, harbouring or exercising control over a person for the purpose of exploiting them. The key word is EXPLOITATION.**

**STATS:**

- 13 years old is the average age of recruitment, much younger for Indigenous girls. In the Lower Mainland the target age is 10-12-year-old girls. CoVid has made this worse; traffickers are organized and sophisticated.
- 54% in the sex trade are Indigenous- 70-90% in urban centers- they are severely over-represented in the sex industry- this is the worst case of systemic racism in the country.
- **82% involved in prostitution had childhood sexual abuse/incest**
- 72% live with complex PTSD
- 95% in prostitution want to leave- it is NOT a choice or a job
- 86% have housing needs
- 82% need drug rehab
- **84% of prostituted persons are pimped or trafficked** so organized crime and International crime syndicates are typically involved. Crime follows the money and traffickers make hundreds of thousands of dollars per victim per year.

I have been raising awareness about sexual exploitation and Child Sex Trafficking, to every City Council, MLA, MP and police agency in BC since [The Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act \(PCEPA\)](#) became Federal Law in 2014, so that police would enforce it, the public would understand it and be able to report it.

**The Law has 4 parts:**

1. **Targets the DEMAND by targeting the buyer of sex. The trafficker, facilitator, john, buyer of sex are criminalized**
2. **Recognizes the seller of sex as a victim; usually female and is immune from prosecution**
3. **Exit strategies are in place to assist the victim out of the sex trade.**
4. **There is a robust prevention education program in place so youth, children and the vulnerable are not pulled into the sex industry.**

This Law focuses on the **source of harm**: the buyers of sex and the profiteers. The clear statement from Parliament was that girls and women in Canada are **NOT FOR SALE**; that they are full human beings, with dignity and human rights.

This LAW is not enforced in BC or Vancouver.

Vancouver and Toronto are global sex tourism hotspots.

Canada is a **Child Sex Tourism** destination.

The global sex trade is growing FAST, targeting our children (children is where the money is), fueled by the internet where most of the luring is taking place.

Contributing factors to a rapidly growing sex industry is **globalization, unregulated technology, limited law enforcement and very little prevention education.**

Canada has a new **National Human Trafficking Hotline number: 1-833-900-1010.** Provincially OCTIP and VictimLink has a helpline.

Pornography is fueling the sex industry and creating the market for commercially paid sex. Men and boys are the buyers of sex and are the KEY to end exploitation. **Boys and men must understand that there is a sacred part of the woman they have no right to.**

### **What Can Vancouver Do?**

**Reduce Demand** by targeting complicit businesses, **Diminish Supply** by Education/public awareness.

The businesses most involved in Vancouver; unregistered massage and body rub parlours- not giving licenses out to these would cut human trafficking drastically.

Nail spas, day spas, modelling agencies, tattoo parlours, escort services, cheap bars and hotels, men's clubs, Airbnb, VRBO, casinos, strip clubs, organized crime club houses, bus stops, homeless camps and tent cities can all be typical covers for sexual exploitation.

Crime club houses can be removed by land use bylaws. This was done in Manitoba. In Ontario, every motel and hotel guest has to be registered who is physically in the room.

The sex industry is targeting our youth, children and vulnerable in every BC community, and schools have become **recruiting grounds for gangs and sex trafficking.** A critical deterrent is the School Liaison Officer Program; the officers prevent crime and protect the vulnerable. An Anti-police narrative harms our communities; and VPD is now removed from Vancouver schools, so organized crime can move in.

BC is behind every Province in Canada by not enforcing the Federal Law or providing prevention education.

### **2 ASKS:**

1. Could I do a deeper dive presentation to the Police Board and do a presentation to Vancouver City Council?

Note: I have presented to over 100 communities in BC.

2. Could you alert the Premier and Solicitor General that this crime is a priority in BC and ask for considerable funding for Provincial law enforcement and a Provincial awareness campaign? BC needs an **inter-agency Human Sex Trafficking Task Force** similar to what is available for drugs and gangs.





*City of Pitt Meadows*  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

November 17, 2021

File: 05-1900-01/21

Selina Robinson  
Minister of Finance  
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Dear Minister Robinson:

**Re: Unfair Taxation Benefitting Railway and Industrial Operations**

Further to your November 4, 2021 letter advising the Province has no plans to explore reclassification with respect to Railway and Industrial Operations, we are writing to express our significant disappointment with this information.

Although your letter is in response to the September 10, 2021 UBCM meeting it does not appear to consider the overwhelming support of over 90% of UBCM members (90.4% for fair taxation from railway operations and 94.9% for fair taxation from industrial parks) requesting a review of the legislation. Given the high level of support from around the province, we were hopeful more due consideration would be given to our request.

Additionally, over 25 years has passed since the legislation was changed. However, over the last 25 years there have been significant changes in the environment, health and safety considerations as well as continued and increasing pressures on local services and infrastructure.

With regards to your comment on reviewing the assessment methodology of linear properties we would appreciate understanding the rationale, approach and expectation of this review.

For clarity, there were two separate requests for legislation review.

1. Railway Operations - Create fairer taxation by removing section 5(e) of the Assessment Act – Prescribed Classes of Property Regulation B.C. Reg. 438/81 endorsed by UBCM under NR23 Fair Taxation from Railway Operations.
2. Industrial Operations - Create fairer taxation by removing section 5(f) of the Assessment Act – Prescribed Classes of Property Regulation B.C. Reg. 438/81 endorsed by UBCM under NR25 Fair Taxation from Industrial Parks.

Your letter appears to address the railway operations fair taxation request by not wishing to reconsider the 1995/96 decision which is specific to railway operations. However, the review of fair taxation in industrial operations does not appear to have been addressed.

We look forward to a favourable response in regards to our concerns.

Yours Truly,



Mayor Bill Dingwall

*BGS, LL.B., CPHR*

cc: UBCM Executive  
UBCM Member Municipalities

**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION**

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Theresa Tremaine, Community Services Manager

**DATE:** Nov. 18 2021

**SUBJECT:** CanadaHelps Fundraising Platform

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**PURPOSE:** To seek Council approval to use the CanadaHelps.org fundraising platform as an additional fundraising option for the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre (NIMC).

**OPTIONS:**

1. **Authorize staff to add CanadaHelps.org as an additional fundraising tool.**
2. Do not authorize the use of this tool.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Village of New Denver add the CanadaHelps.org as an additional method of fundraising for the NIMC.

**BACKGROUND:** CanadaHelps is Canada's destination for donating and fundraising online. CanadaHelps has been the standard and trusted charity online platform that connects charities and donors for over 21 years. Having facilitated over \$1 billion in giving, CanadaHelps also provides donors with charitable tax receipts and many giving options such as a one-time donation or monthly donations.

**ANALYSIS:** Currently the only options are cash, cheque or e-transfers limiting how donors can give to the NIMC. By having an online method for NIMC donations, this provides donors another way to donate to the NIMC, removing any currency, time or payment barriers. By using this platform, donors from across the country (and world-wide) would be able to go to the NIMC page and donate at anytime.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Nil

**COMMUNICATION STRATEGY:** Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

CanadaHelps has a processing fee of 4.0% for one-time donations and 3.5% for monthly donations. There are no hidden fees and no charge to open a CanadaHelps account for donors and charities.



**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION**

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Theresa Tremaine, Community Services Manager

**DATE:** November 18, 2021

**SUBJECT:** 150 Time Immemorial Grant

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**PURPOSE:** To seek Council's approval for an application 150 Time Immemorial Grant.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Village of New Denver submit 2 grant applications under the 150 Time Immemorial Grant program: Cultural Heritage and Infrastructure category and the Community & Heritage Infrastructure category.

**ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS :**

1. **Support the proposal. Staff will submit the applications.**
2. Do not support the proposal. *Staff will not submit applications.*

**ANALYSIS:**

- A. Background:** Administered by Heritage BC, the 150 Time Immemorial grant program aims to advance reconciliation and learning; promote a diverse and inclusive society including honouring underrepresented and marginalized communities in our history (Indigenous people, black people, and people of color (IBPOC), members of the LGBTQ2S+ community, people with disabilities, and women), and support resiliency into the next 150 years.

Projects funded through this program will meet at least one of the objectives listed above. They will raise cultural awareness, educate people about our colonial past and its ongoing impacts, advance reconciliation, and promote inclusivity and diversity as a foundational aspect of British Columbia's (B.C.) future. They will also recognize the diversity that contributes to B.C.'s vibrant social and economic fabric, promote intergenerational transfer of knowledge, skills, and stories, strengthen community dialogue and cross-cultural understanding, and support a vision for a resilient, dynamic and equitable future.

Types of projects fall into three categories:

- 1) Cultural Heritage Infrastructure
- 2) Cultural Heritage Awareness
- 3) Community and Heritage Planning

As an incorporated, local government established under British Columbia statute, the Village of New Denver is eligible to apply. The application deadline is **December 24, 2021**. Announcements of successful projects: May 2022. Approved projects must start before July 30, 2022 and completed by July 30, 2024.

- B. Discussion:** Staff is proposing the submission of the following applications: 1) Cultural Heritage Infrastructure stream: if successful, staff would be able to replace the current fence surrounding the NIMC. After a recent conservation assessment by a heritage consultant, the 27-year-old fence is badly in need of replacement; 2) Community and Heritage Planning stream: if successful, the Village will hire

consultants to help with strategic planning which will involve staff and stakeholders to come up with a strategic plan that focuses on sustainability for the future.

**C. Legislative Framework:** Nil

**D. Attachments:** Nil

**E. Council Strategic Priority:**

**F. Communication Strategy:** Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** The Village of New Denver is eligible for a maximum of \$500,000 in for the Cultural Heritage Infrastructure category and up to \$40,000 in the Community and Heritage Planning category. Projects are eligible for up to 80% of eligible project costs, up to the maximum for each stream, with the applicant contributing 20% of the project costs.

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**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION**

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Jessica Rayner, Community Planner

**DATE:** November 18, 2021

**SUBJECT:** North Slokan Trails Society (NSTS) All Wheels Park Proposal – Request for Support and Funding

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**PURPOSE:** To advise on the North Slokan Trail Society's request for support for an All-Wheels Park in New Denver, through both funding and a letter of support.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** THAT the Village of New Denver provide the North Slokan Trails Society with a letter of support for the New Denver All Wheels Park Proposal

AND FURTHER, THAT the Village of New Denver commit to a funding contribution to the project.

**ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:**

1. Do not commit funding toward the NSTS New Denver All-Wheels Park Proposal. *The amount of funding received for the project by the NSTS from the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) may be affected, as the applicant is required to contribute 25% of the project budget.*
2. Do not provide a letter to the NSTS in support of a New Denver All-Wheels Park. *The North Slokan Trails Society will be advised that New Denver does not support the proposal; this may negatively affect their funding outcome.*
3. Request additional information before making a decision. *Staff will obtain additional information for Council's consideration; time is of the essence as the deadline for the CBT funding being sought is January 14, 2021.*

**ANALYSIS:**

**Background:** The North Slokan Trails Society (NSTS) is a well established, New Denver and Area-based non-profit organization that has worked to improve trail related infrastructure in the North Slokan Valley for several years now. The society has a substantial volunteer base and community support and has demonstrated a commitment to the area's recreational and economic development.

The NSTS presented the concept of an All-Wheels Park on Crown Land south of Carpenter Creek to the Village in May of 2020, at which time the Village expressed an interest in exploring the possibility. The proposed All Wheels Park consists of a professionally designed, paved, multi-use, all-inclusive park to be located on the dike south of Carpenter Creek.

On October 27, 2020, Council resolved to provide the North Slokan Trails Society with a letter of support in principle for the New Denver All Wheels Park proposal. This letter of support in principle was part of a successful application to the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) Basin Plays program, providing funding in the amount of \$25,000 toward the project. While the NSTS has since raised an additional \$20,400 toward the project, larger grant applications by the NSTS to fund the All-Wheels Park proposal were unsuccessful.

A new grant program, the Outdoor Recreation Program, was launched by CBT this fall. CBT staff recommended that the NSTS allow the existing Basin Plays grant to lapse in favour of applying for funding through the new Outdoor Recreation Program, which funds up to 75% of the project costs to a maximum request of \$250,000; much higher than the maximum Basin Plays contribution of \$25,000. Following the advice of CBT staff, the NSTS allowed the \$25,000 Basin Plays Grant to expire on October 31, 2021 and are now intending to seek funding through the CBT Outdoor Recreation Program for a total project cost of \$240,000.



A proposed location for the All-Wheels Park was reviewed through the development of the Centennial Park Master Plan. Support for the All-Wheels Park being located on the Crown Land south of Carpenter was received through the Master Plan process and on October 12, 2021 Council adopted the Centennial Park Master Plan, through Resolution #193, 2021. Please refer to the attached Centennial Park Master Plan – North End / Skills Park Preferred Concept for the supported location of the All-Wheels Park, noting that images provided are placeholders only, with detailed design to be completed prior to development of amenities.

**Discussion:** The Village regularly offers support for projects initiated by non-profit societies that would benefit the community. A letter of support from the Village would strengthen the application the North Slokan Trails Society intends to submit to the Columbia Basin Trust.

Through adoption of the Centennial Park Master Plan with a location for an All-Wheels Park identified, the Village has indicated support for the proposal being considered. Moving forward with funding applications to allow construction of the All-Wheels Park in 2022 is in keeping with Council's 2021 Strategic Priorities and supports the vision outlined in the 2021 Centennial Park Master Plan.

Providing additional infrastructure to support retaining families and youth is beneficial to New Denver's economic development. It is not anticipated that significant staff time will be required to assist the NSTS with the planning and development of the project.

**Legislative Framework:** N/A

**Attachments:**

- Request for Support from North Slokan Trails Society
- Centennial Park Master Plan – North End Preferred Concept

**Council Strategic Priority:** Improving amenities in Centennial Park is identified as a 2021 Council Strategic Priority, specifically to seek grant funding for priority amenities identified in the Master Plan, with the achievement / outcome being construction underway for new amenities. While the location proposed for the All-Wheels Park is not within Centennial Park, it is in the area considered by the Centennial Park Master Plan.

**Communication Strategy:** Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Option to contribute up to \$39,600 in Gas Tax Funding in 2022



November 18, 2021

To the Council of the Village of New Denver,

The North Slokan Trails Society is looking for support with our grant application in regards to the Proposed New Denver All Wheels Park.

The Outdoor Active Recreation grant has been recommended to us by CBT. This looks like a great fit as higher funding percentages are available for smaller communities less than 3000. Bike parks, pump tracks, and skate parks are specifically listed as eligible project types. This grant will cover up to 75% of the project budget. Here is the budget breakdown:

Total budget = \$240,000

We need to cover 25% = \$60,000

So far we have raised = \$20,400

That leaves us with \$39,600 left to raise, to meet the required 25% contribution to the project total.

We had a meeting with acting CAO, Darrell Garceau, in May and he mentioned that there may be some Village of New Denver Gas Tax funding available for our project. We would like to request any amount up to \$39,600 to go towards the All Wheels Park.

We would also like to request a letter from the Village that supports the project and the proposed physical location for the park.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

-North Slokan Trails Society





## PREFERRED CONCEPT ALL WHEELS SKILLS PARK



# CENTENNIAL PARK PREFERRED CONCEPT

## NORTH PLAN VIEW

- LEGEND**
- 01 Future pedestrian bridge
  - 02 Proposed All Wheels Skills Park (AWSP):  
Paved pump track
  - 03 Proposed new gazebo at AWSP
  - 04 Proposed dirt jump area(s)
  - 05 Proposed Adventure Playground +  
Zipline
  - 06 Proposed All Wheels Skills Park future  
expansion area
  - 07 Existing open green space
  - 08 Proposed 2 stall washroom
  - 09 Proposed All Wheels Skills parking  
14 stalls

