

CITY OF GREENWOOD

Regular Council Meeting

**Monday, February 28, 2022
7:00 pm**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. Question and Answer Period – Open for questions and answers related to the current agenda only – maximum time period is 15 minutes.

4. Adoption of the Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 15, 2022

5. Correspondence for Information

- a. Route 3 Racing Club letter
- b. Vaagen Fibre Canada
- c. UBCM – The Compass newsletter
- d. Interior Health Authority information bulletin
- e. Ministry of Municipal Affairs information
- f. Selkirk Innovates State of the Basin Focus newsletter
- g. Town of Oliver – BC Wildfires Petition letter of support

6. Councillor's Reports

7. Mayor's Report

8. Accounts Payable

9. New and Unfinished Business

- a. School Board 51 – proposed Midway Elementary School closure letter of support
- b. City of Greenwood – Reservoir funding and grant

10. In-Camera Resolutions

11. Late (Emergent) Items**12. Discussion of Items for Future Agendas****13. Question Period****Excerpt from Council Procedures Bylaw 674 Section 14**

Immediately prior to the adjournment of every regular meeting of Council, questions, but not statements, relating to matters dealt with at that meeting may be directed to Council by members of the public then present. All such questions shall be directed to the Mayor and will, where possible and appropriate, be answered by the Mayor or a member designated by the Mayor.

A maximum period of 15 minutes shall be provided for considering question from member of the public; however, that maximum may be extended to 30 minutes with the unanimous consent of all Council members present.

14. Adjournment



CITY OF GREENWOOD
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 15, 2022

PRESENT

Mayor B. Noll
Councillors: C. Lang, J. Nathorst, J. Bolt, M. Seymour

ALSO PRESENT

Marcus Lebler, CAO/CFO
Christine Spears, Deputy Finance Clerk

ABSENT

Andrea Sherstobitoff, CO

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor B. Noll called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

(22-22)

Motion: J. Nathorst / J. Bolt
THAT the February 15, 2022 agenda be adopted as presented.
Carried

**QUESTION & ANSWER
PERIOD**

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2022

(23-22)

Motion: C. Lang / M. Seymour
THAT the minutes of the January 24, 2022 Regular Council
Meeting be adopted.
Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR
INFORMATION**

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| a.) | RDKB Board Highlights – January 26, 2022 | Information |
| b.) | UBCM – The Compass newsletter | Information |
| c.) | Ministry of Municipal Affairs | Information |
| d.) | District of Stewart – BC Wildfires Petition
letter of support | Information |
| e.) | Interior Health information | Information |
| f.) | Girl Guides of Canada request for support | Information |
| g.) | Heritage BC – Heritage Week 2022
information | Information |
| h.) | BC Epilepsy Society request for support | Information |
| i.) | Selkirk Innovates – State of the Basin Focus
newsletter | Information |
| j.) | Vaagen Fibre Canada | Information |

- k) Village of Chase – BC Wildfires Petition Information
letter of support

Motion: J. Nathorst / M. Seymour

THAT the correspondence items a.) through k.) be accepted as information.

(24-22)

Carried

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Lang:

Attended a Greenwood Historical Society meeting. A grant to has been received in recognition of the 80th anniversary of the Japanese-Canadian internment in Greenwood.

Councillor Nathorst:

Attended the school board meeting (via Zoom) regarding the possible closure of the Midway elementary school.

Motion: J. Nathorst / C. Lang

THAT Council request staff to provide additional information to Council regarding the proposed Midway elementary school closure.

(25-22)

Carried

Councillor Bolt:

The West Boundary Community Forest provided a dividend cheque in the amount of \$500,000 to the City of Greenwood.
The West Kootenay Boundary Hospital Board will be moving and is purchasing new equipment.

Councillor Seymour:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

RDKB budget highlights, regional funding for cemeteries, and the diversion of food from the landfill to local foodbanks.

Motion: J. Nathorst / C. Lang

THAT the reports be accepted as presented.

(26-22)

Carried

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion: J. Nathorst / C. Lang

THAT Council receive the cash disbursement accounts payable report in the amount of \$5,785.32 for December 31, 2021.

(27-22)

Carried

Motion: J. Nathorst / C. Lang

THAT Council receive the cash disbursement accounts payable report in the amount of \$40,622.64 for the period of January 22 to February 11, 2022.

(28-22)

Carried

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) City of Greenwood – Reservoir funding and grant
- Motion: J. Nathorst / C. Lang**
THAT Council approve an application through Canada's Infrastructure Program, Green Infrastructure, Environmental Quality fund, requesting 73.33% of costs of \$2,933,200 towards the Water Reservoir Replacement Project and to allocate the City's 26.67% portion of \$1,066,800 to be funded from the Community Works Gas Tax reserve and borrowing; and
- To grant permission for Sean Annan of ISL Engineering and Land Services to apply for the Water Reservoir Replacement Project through Canada's Infrastructure Program, Green Infrastructure, Environmental Quality fund on behalf of the City of Greenwood.
- (29-22) **Carried**

QUESTION PERIOD

- IN-CAMERA**
- Motion: B. Noll**
THAT Council move to In-Camera at 7:38 pm.
- (30-22) **Carried**
- Motion: J. Nathorst / M. Seymour**
THAT Council adjourn the In-Camera meeting at 8:44 pm.
- (31-22) **Carried**
- ADJOURNMENT**
- Motion: M. Seymour**
THAT Council adjourn the regular meeting at 8:44 pm.
- (32-22) **Carried**

Barry Noll, Mayor

Certified Correct

Andrea Sherstobitoff, Corporate Officer

January 30, 2022

Dear City of Greenwood

We are Route 3 Racing Club, a non profit, registered club here in Greenwood, B. C.

We would like to officially thank the City of Greenwood for supporting our efforts. Obtaining a licence to occupy from the city, enabled us to go forward with this project, that of constructing a racetrack and hosting a race in September 2021.

To update you on our progress, let us just say that we accomplished much this past season. Complete tear down of the existing condemned arena, removing all walls, fencing and concrete footings, clean up of track and surrounding land, painting of storage building on property, creation of dirt section of the racetrack, repairs to the asphalt section of the track, spreading of wood chips, landscaping, creating planters and signage were the main accomplishments. The icing on the cake though, was the race weekend that we pulled together, organized, raised funds for, and orchestrated in September 2021!

We are proud of our efforts and believe that Phase I has mostly gone as planned. The track is usable for event days, practise days, and well on its way to becoming a multi use facility for Greenwood and surrounding areas. There is still much to be done and we are looking forward to another great season!

We have many people and organizations to thank. There were countless man hours of volunteer labour, donations of heavy duty equipment, donations of wood chips and gravel, not to mention the granters. We have made public acknowledgement of our granters and the City of Greenwood on our Facebook page as well as by signage at the site. We will be adding more signage in acknowledgement of others who have contributed, as we progress.

The City of Greenwood has been a great supporter of our project. We are looking forward continuing this project, improving the facility and making it more usable for multi use activities.

Cheers to next season, 2022!

Sincerely,

Angus MacNeil
R3RC

News

Greenwood race track hosts weekend festival

LAURIE TRITSCHLER
Grand Forks Gazette

Supermotard racers descended on Greenwood's Route 3 race track for two days of races and music last weekend.

The small track is the brainchild of city residents Angus MacNeil and his wife Dale Robins, who petitioned city council last year for a licence of occupation to a patch of asphalt and dirt on Highway 3, west of Nikkei Park.

"This has been an overwhelming success," MacNeil told The Times Sunday, Sept. 26. It was day two of Route 3 Racing Club's Motard and Music Festival and the air was thick with the sounds of revving engines and screaming spectators.

Fans had come to see racers like Anaconda's Casper Henry, Regina, Sask's Robyn Ham and six-year-old Martina Cardenas of Coquitlam, possibly the cutest human ever to ride on two wheels.

MacNeil said he'd pushed for the racetrack as much for his love of motorcycle racing as for his hopes that the space would be used in the off-season for other outdoor sports. Throw up some ramps and, boom: You'd have a BMX track or a skateboard park, he said. Flood it in the winter, and you'd have an ice rink.

"I don't care what they do with it — as long as they don't hurt it," he said, adding that the track's licence of occupation runs through the end of 2023.

Stressing that neither the track nor the festival would have gone ahead without his wife and the likes of Greenwood's Brian "Flathead" Smith and Jeff Fraser, MacNeil went on to explain that Route 3 Racing Club is a registered non-profit society.

"No one's making a dime off this," he said.

Having taken out a comprehensive liability insurance policy, Route 3 has invited to share the track with the Greenwood Activities Aboard Society, whose GoldRush-Speedway was recently closed across the highway.

This weekend marks the track's grand opening, as well as its last hurrah before next summer, when MacNeil said Route 3 hopes to put on races for Greenwood's 125th Founder's Day celebration.



(L-R) Greenwood's Dale Robins, Angus MacNeil, Brian Smith and Jeff Fraser pose for a group photo as the race day gears up Sunday, Sept. 26.

PHOTOS BY LAURIE TRITSCHLER



Regina's Kevin Ham rounds a corner on Greenwood's Supermotard track Sunday, Sept. 26. Ham is followed by Dexter Falkenberg, Rob Ross, Robyn Ham and Anaconda's Casper Henry.



Anaconda racer Casper Henry gives a thumbs-up before hitting the track.

Six-year-old Martina Cardenas whips around a corner at Greenwood's motocross track Sunday, Sept. 26.



Robyn Ham came all the way from Saskatchewan to take part in this weekend's races.





February 11, 2022

Re: Vaagen Fibre Canada and the Osoyoos Indian Band are Doing Things Differently

Dear Mayor Barry Noll and Greenwood (City) Council,

Vaagen Fibre Canada is a small, family-run mill in the rural community of Midway in the Boundary region of British Columbia. Our mill employs 88 local workers, and we hire another 100 people through direct contracting with the mill. Our two guiding values are **Sustainable Forestry** and **Supporting Our Local Indigenous and Rural Communities**.

We work hard to find unique and creative approaches to forest management with partners like the **Osoyoos Indian Band**, the **West Boundary Community Forest**, **private land owners** and **woodlot owners**, and **other forest licencees** to secure sustainable and reliable access to fibre. We are always interested in making new connections to help our partners and create mutually beneficial opportunities.

We are aligned with key objectives and directives from our Indigenous partners and our Provincial government and go above and beyond in the areas of stewardship, building social license, engaging in public consultation and involvement, and building local employment opportunities.

We are proud to feature how we are working alongside our First Nations partners in this second newsletter. These stories provide strong examples of our values in action and the overall impact and benefit of true collaboration—to our environment and our communities.

Connect with us today and let's talk! We'd love to show you the work we are doing to create **Sustainable Forestry to Support Our Local Indigenous and Rural Communities**.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Macmaster".

Dan Macmaster, RPF, Fibre Manager
Vaagen Fibre Canada

dmacmaster@vaagen.ca | 250.528.0344

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Vaagen Fibre Canada's Spring 2022 Achievement Report

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Read the [Achievement Report](#) online.

Sincerely,



Dan Macmaster, RPF, Fibre Manager

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Front Desk

From: Union of BC Municipalities <ubcm@ubcm.ca>
Sent: February 16, 2022 12:41 PM
To: frontdesk.greenwoodcity@shaw.ca
Subject: Internet speed report out; Funding for homelessness; Watershed security webinar; Physical capital workshop; C2C Reconciliation funding; PRIMECorp representative

THE COMPASS

News and information from the Union of BC Municipalities

Internet speed study report now available



In 2021, the provincial Ministry of Citizens' Services, UBCM, and the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) collaboratively launched an independent study to better understand the factors contributing to the difference in internet speeds between data published on the federal government's National Broadband Internet Service Availability Map and some community experiences in BC. [Read more](#)

Funding intake addressing unsheltered homelessness

A second intake of the Strengthening Communities' Services Program, a component of the Canada-BC Safe Restart Agreement, has been announced. The program aims to address unsheltered

Webinar on watershed security strategy & fund

The BC Government launched engagement on a new provincial Watershed Security Strategy and Fund on January 25th, and has prepared a discussion paper to provide background information and enable input on

homelessness that has been exacerbated by COVID-19 and related community impacts. [Read more](#)

a broad range of watershed security related themes. The themes include watershed governance, data and science, reconciliation, drinking water, land use planning, supply and demand, and funding. The engagement period closes March 18, 2022. [Read more](#)



Asset Management BC workshop on physical capital

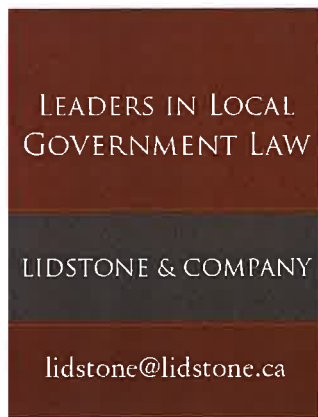
Asset Management BC is hosting a series of virtual workshops in March, June, and September that build on the structure of the 2021 Risks and Rewards conference with sessions on Physical, Natural, and Human Capital. AMBC kicks off the series with a Physical Capital Workshop on March 10th from 9:30 - noon PST. [Read more](#)

C2C Reconciliation Forum Funding

The next application deadline for 2022-2023 funding for the [C2C Reconciliation Forum Funding](#) is April 8, 2022. The program's goal is increased understanding and improved overall relations between First Nations and local governments. Forum events with elected officials and senior staff provide a time and place for dialogue to build on opportunities, support reconciliation efforts, resolve issues of common responsibility, interest or concern, and/or to advance tangible outcomes.

PRIMECorp Board seeks representative

Nominations are being sought for one UBCM representative on the PRIMECorp BC Board of Directors. PRIMECorp is the organization that manages PRIMEBC, the information management system used by police agencies to access data and critical information. The successful applicant shall be subject to approval by the Board. Nominations will be accepted by UBCM until 4:30 p.m. on March 4, 2022. [Read more](#)



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Interior Health resuming temporarily paused services

IH WIDE – Interior Health is taking a phased approach to resume services that were temporarily paused last month due to COVID-19. The service adjustments, announced Jan. 18, were implemented to preserve safe and reliable access to patient care across the Interior region.

"The Omicron-driven COVID-19 staffing impacts on the health system are beginning to subside and Interior Health can now resume services that were temporarily paused last month," said Interior Health president and CEO, Susan Brown. "We are working with impacted communities this week and assigning staff back to their regular roles throughout the region following a phased approach that brings services back in a safe and planned way."

The following services will begin returning to normal as follows:

- Two new registered nurses have been recruited to Lillooet and inpatient services will reopen on Mar. 14;
- One new registered nurse has been recruited to Clearwater and inpatient services to reopen on Feb. 23;
- Nurse provided primary care services at the Barriere and District Health Centre will return to normal on Feb. 23;
- Outpatient lab services in Barriere will return to five days per week, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
- Scheduling non-urgent elective surgical procedures will resume on Feb. 23, and phase back to full services across Interior Health over a two week period;
- Varying by community, select outpatient services, adult day programs and non-urgent home health services will resume. Impacted clients will be contacted directly.

The following services remain temporarily reduced:

- Overnight services at the Ashcroft Community Health Centre and the Slocan Community Health Centre in New Denver remain reduced to stabilize daytime services in those communities.

"While staffing is not stable enough to safely restore all services next week, we are pleased to take initial steps and resume non-urgent elective surgeries for people throughout Interior Health. We will be rescheduling postponed procedures to catch up with the backlog as quickly as possible," added Brown.

We recognize and acknowledge that we are collectively gathered on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the seven Interior Region First Nations. This region is also home to 15 Chartered Métis Communities. It is with humility that we continue to strengthen our relationships with First Nation, Métis, and Inuit peoples across the Interior.

MEDIA, FOR INFORMATION:

PHONE 1.844.469.7077 EMAIL media@interiorhealth.ca

Interior Health is reaching out to local leaders and partners to answer questions and work together as services resume. Regular communications and updates are located here: www.interiorhealth.ca/temporary-service-changes.

"We would like to thank the public for their patience and understanding as Interior Health took swift action last month to manage the COVID-19 driven staffing crisis. Safety is our highest priority and as sick calls begin to diminish and this COVID-19 wave subsides, we are pleased to lift these emergency measures throughout the region."

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Mayors and Regional District Chairs of British Columbia
Attendees of the February 2022 Regional Meetings with Minister Josie Osborne

Dear Mayors and RD Chairs:

Thank you for taking the time to join Minister Josie Osborne for the February 2022 regional meetings. As Minister Osborne said, these meetings continue to be a great opportunity to hear from you about key issues and initiatives in your communities and for you to hear from each other and share your experiences.

Minister Osborne addressed a number of topics during the meetings, including updates on flood response/recovery, COVID-19, local government finance review, and a few funding opportunities. This email provides links and resources to the topics addressed.

Flood Response/Recovery

As you all well know, the atmospheric river weather events in November caused floods and landslides crippling critical transportation infrastructure, causing extensive losses to the agricultural sector; prompting the evacuation of over 17,000 people; and the tragic loss of five lives.

Local, provincial, and federal governments and our partners, including First Nations and NGOs, are working with affected communities. While some communities have moved into flood recovery, we heard during the meetings how others are still struggling with flood response issues.

Through all of this we have all been keeping in mind the human aspect of this emergency and the toll it has taken on the physical and mental wellbeing of you and your staff. I continue to be humbled and impressed by the flexibility and resilience of local government officials and staff during this difficult time, recognizing the incredible hard work you are doing, dealing with so many "on the ground" issues. Across the Ministry, we also were impressed by the inter-community support across BC that is happening, communities offering support to their colleagues whether in the EOCs or in the field with repairs.

This event has challenged all of us, but we are leveraging the relationships and learnings gained from this experience, recognizing that climate related events like the ones we experienced in 2021 will most likely happen again.

2022 Spring Freshet and Snow Survey

The February 1st snow survey is now complete and the full report is [available online](#) and a map of the current snow basin indices can be found [here](#).

Generally, the province has above normal snowpack for this time of the year, with the average of all snow measurements across the province at 110%. Seasonal weather forecasts from late January by Environment and Climate Change Canada indicate an increased likelihood of colder than normal temperatures from February through April for the entire province. There is an increased likelihood of greater than normal precipitation in the Northeast, Peace and Upper Fraser East for February to April, whereas there is a greater probability of below normal precipitation for Vancouver Island and the South Coast.

The River Forecast Centre will continue to monitor snowpack conditions and will provide an updated seasonal flood risk forecast in the March 1st, 2022, bulletin, which is scheduled for release on March 8th, 2022.

COVID-19 Update

Easing Restrictions

Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry announced earlier this week that starting on February 17, 2022, many province-wide restrictions will be eased. With proof of vaccination and masks as well as COVID-19 safety plans in place where applicable, these activities can return to normal.

This includes no restrictions on indoor and outdoor personal gatherings, full capacity allowed for indoor and outdoor organized events, indoor events at venues, exercise and fitness, adult sports activities, tournaments and swimming pools, full capacity and fewer restrictions in restaurants, bars, pubs, and nightclubs, including no limits on table size, normal liquor service hours, customers don't have to remain seated, and dancing is allowed when wearing a mask indoors.

Restrictions and safety measures that remain in place will be reviewed in March and April 2022. [Masks](#) continue to be mandatory for all indoor public spaces. The requirement to [show proof of vaccination](#) to access many businesses, events, and services also remains in place.

Local Government Meetings and Public Hearings

The easing of restrictions does not significantly impact local government business (including meetings and public hearings) as these essential functions have already been exempt from the restrictions under the Gatherings and Events Order, including in-person attendance at open meetings.

Local governments' decisions around electronic or in-person public attendance will depend on the unique circumstances in each community. Based on individual community needs, this could include a hybrid of virtual and in-person attendance at meetings. Local governments are encouraged to review their meeting rules and update them accordingly.

I would encourage local governments to continue considering enhanced safety measures where in-person attendance is required to support the health and safety of staff and the public. Note that proof of vaccination still does not apply to public attendance at local government meetings.

COVID-19 Safety Plans

On January 7, 2022 Dr. Bonnie Henry announced an order requiring employers (which includes local governments) to re-activate their COVID-19 Safety Plans to reduce the spread of the highly transmissible Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus and the [Workplace Safety Order](#) has been posted on the government website. Note that this order does not have an expiry date and remains in force until repealed.

WorkSafe BC has provided guidance on reactivation or development of these plans and further information can be found on the [WorkSafe BC website](#). As a reminder, COVID-19 Safety Plans are formal, written plans with more rigorous controls than communicable disease prevention plans and are more appropriate for periods of elevated risk.

I recognize that many of you had COVID-19 Safety Plans earlier in the pandemic, and you may have maintained all or many of the measures from your COVID-19 Safety Plans. WorkSafe BC strongly recommends reviewing your COVID-19 Safety Plans to ensure that they are current and aligned with all guidance and orders from the Provincial Health Officer.

[COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses](#)

People 12 years and older will get a booking invitation 6 months after the date of their second dose for a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Please encourage your residents to get a booster dose as this is helping to protect your communities from COVID-19 and vaccination continues to be our primary protective measure.

Keep watching [BC's Response to COVID-19](#) website for updates, and please encourage your residents to do the same.

[Local Government Finance Review](#)

In January 2022, Municipal Affairs Minister Josie Osborne, Finance Minister Selina Robinson, and UBCM President Laurey-Anne Roodenburg signed a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) (MOU) on local government financial resiliency.

Over the past several years, local governments have been faced with multiple new financial challenges around the costs of attainable housing, community safety, and climate change. The Province and UBCM will work together to review the local government finance system in BC to ensure that local governments remain resilient in the face of economic changes. This will include discussions about cost pressures local governments may be experiencing around attainable housing, community safety and climate change, and the impact of the new economy. These issues were identified in a UBCM membership-endorsed [report](#) and published in August 2021. The report included 20 recommendations that focused on strengthening the municipal and regional district finance system.

Progress under the MOU will be made through the creation of a Local Government Financial Review Working Group made up of staff from the Province and UBCM. The working group will review the recommendations and develop a work plan for short, medium, and long-term consideration.

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Update

Environmental Quality Program

The final intake for the **ICIP Environmental Quality Program** has been **extended to February 23, 2022, at 4 pm PST**. Program information can be found at: www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program

As a reminder, 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.

CleanBC Communities Fund

The third intake for the **ICIP CleanBC Communities Fund** is now open for applications **until May 25, 2022, at 3:00 pm PST**. This intake supports projects starting in 2023 and must be completed by March 2027. Program information can be found [here](#).

The CleanBC Communities Fund is a foundational component of the province's CleanBC plan, which puts BC on the path to a cleaner, better future with a low-carbon economy that creates opportunities for all while protecting our clean air, land, and water.

It funds infrastructure projects that reduce Canada's net greenhouse gas emissions and provide "public use for benefit". The four project outcomes are energy efficiency of buildings, generation of clean energy, management of renewable energy, and access to clean energy transportation.

The CleanBC Communities Fund is a collaboration between the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in close partnership with Infrastructure Canada.

Please email infra@gov.bc.ca to get connected to a program team member who can respond to your questions.

Strengthening Communities' Services Program

The second intake for the **Strengthening Communities' Services Program** opened on February 8, 2022 and **will accept applications until April 22, 2022**. This means that communities can continue to respond to peoples' unique needs, especially those who are most vulnerable.

The fund is open to all local governments and modern Treaty Nations to support unsheltered homeless populations and address community impacts caused by COVID-19. For the second intake, the program guidelines have been updated to clarify that supports to address extreme weather events, such as temporary warming and cooling centres, are eligible for funding. Although these services were eligible during the program's first intake, the guidelines did not specifically mention them.

UBCM is administering the program on behalf of the province. For more information visit the [UBCM website](#).

The next round of regional meetings will take place during the first week of March. Minister Osborne will be joined by Minister Beare to provide an update on connectivity. Minister's Office staff will have been in touch this afternoon with invitations to the next meetings.

Sincerely,

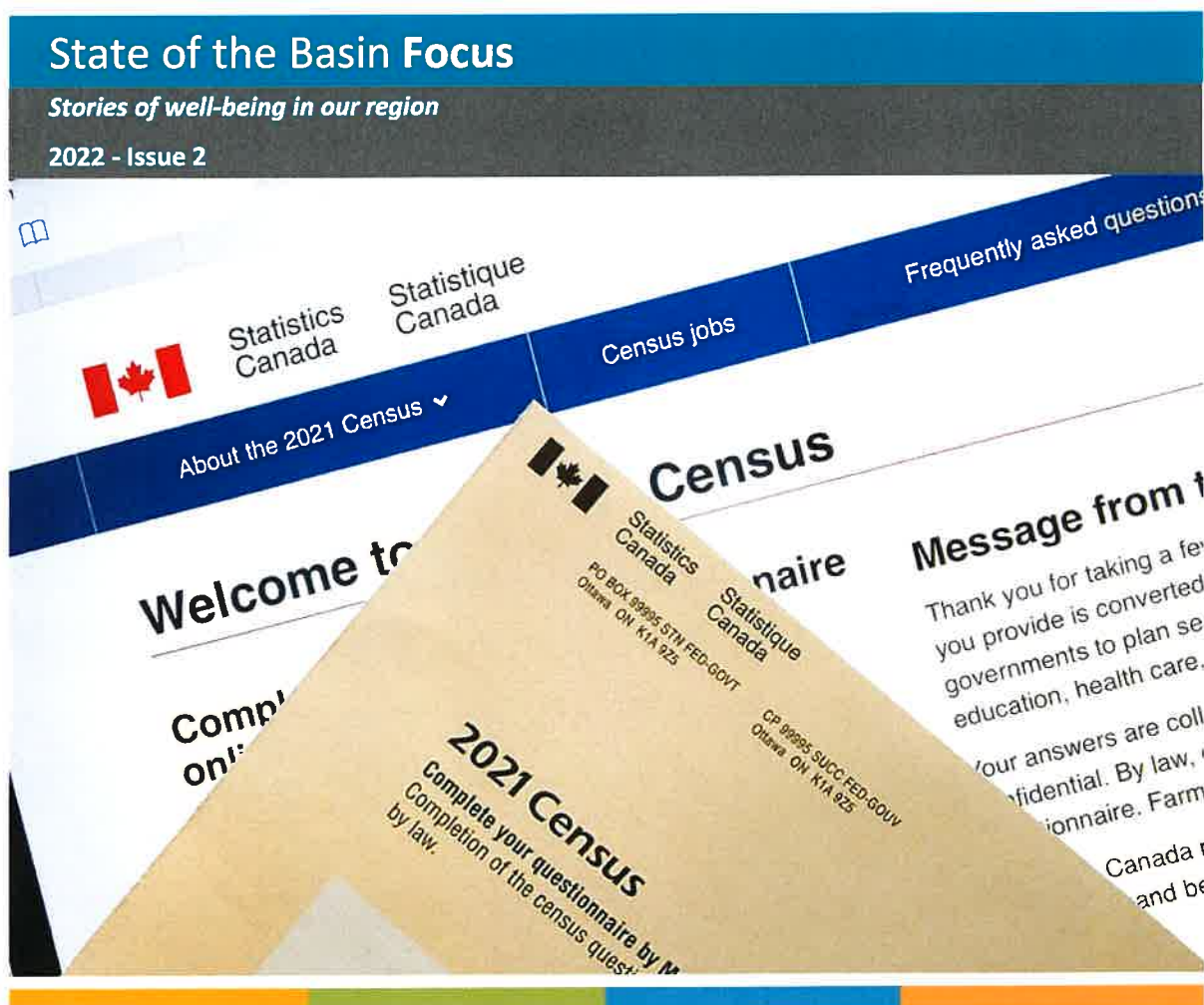
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Tara Faganello
Assistant Deputy Minister

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

Front Desk

From: Selkirk Innovates <jjones1@selkirk.ca>
Sent: February 22, 2022 8:01 AM
To: frontdesk.greenwoodcity@shaw.ca
Subject: State of the Basin Focus - Pondering About Your Community's Census Population Count?



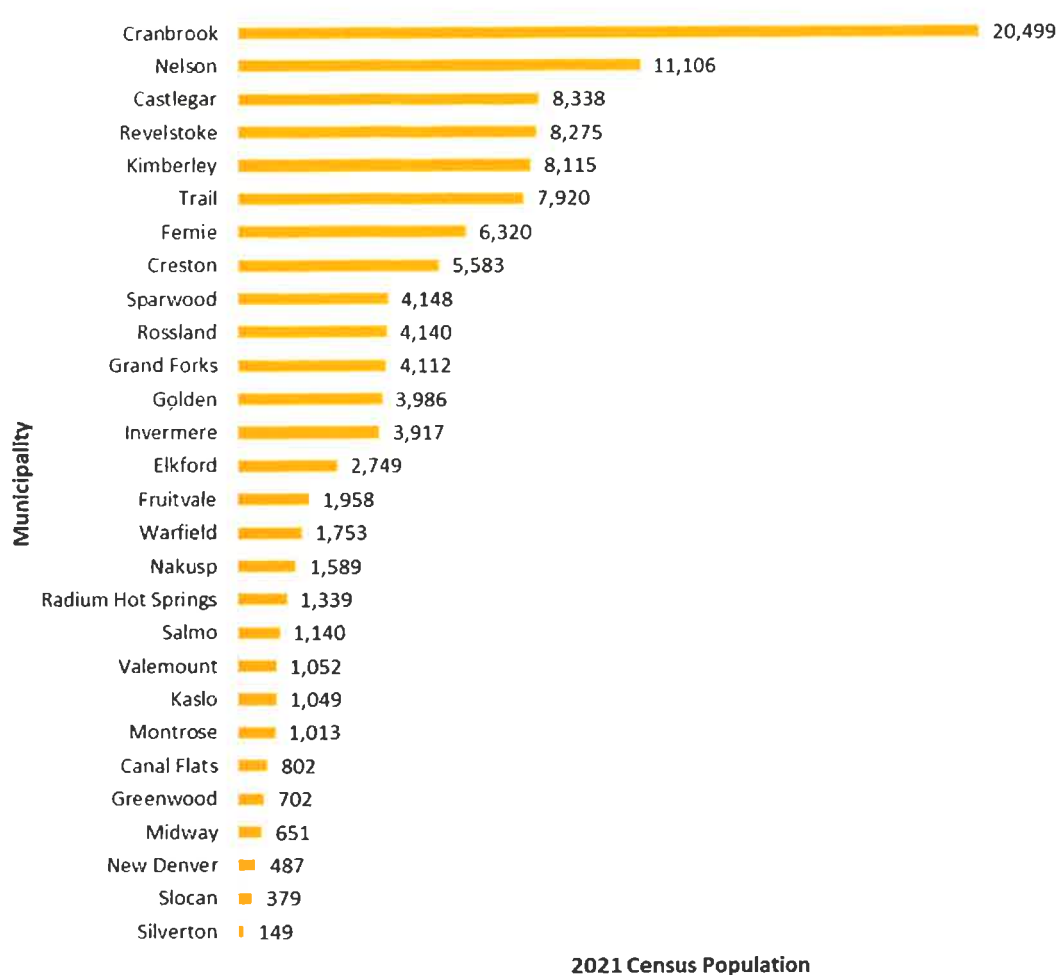
Pondering About Your Community's Census Population Count?

Statistics Canada recently released population data from the [2021 Census of Population](#). The [Census took place on May 11, 2021](#). Required by law, the Census is conducted every five years to count the population of all Canadian communities. Other socio-economic data about specific population components are also collected during the Census (e.g., Indigenous peoples, families) and results will be released by Statistics Canada at intervals throughout the year. Collectively, these data are important because they support informed decision-making by organizations, businesses, and local governments when developing programming and services.

The 2021 population of the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region is 178,858. This is a 6.8% increase since the 2016 Census. This compares to a 7.6% population increase in British Columbia and 5.2% increase in Canada. As shown in the table below, between 2016 and 2021 the population increased in all regional districts that are entirely within or partly within the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region. The largest population increases occurred in the Columbia-Shuswap (11%) and the East Kootenay (9%).

Geography	2011	2016	2021	Percent Change 2016 to 2021
Canada	33,476,688	35,151,728	36,991,981	5.2%
British Columbia	4,400,057	4,648,055	5,000,879	7.6%
Central Kootenay	58,441	59,517	62,509	5.0%
Columbia-Shuswap	50,512	51,366	57,021	11.0%
East Kootenay	56,685	60,439	65,896	9.0%
Fraser-Fort George	91,879	94,506	96,979	2.6%

Of the municipalities in the region, the population of Radium Hot Springs increased the most between 2016 and 2021 at 73% (563 people), followed by Slocan at 31% (90 people) and Canal Flats at 20% (134 people). The City of Cranbrook has the highest population in the region at 20,499, followed by Nelson and Castlegar (see the graph below). Of the electoral areas in the region, the population of Kootenay Boundary Area E increased the most at 39% (849 people), followed by East Kootenay Area F at 29% (795 people) and Kootenay Boundary Area C at 22% (290 people).



For a full analysis of populations counts for the last three Census years (2011, 2016, 2021) and the population change from 2016 to 2021 in the municipalities, electoral areas, and First Nations communities of the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region, please visit the [Population](#) indicator at the State of the Basin website (www.stateofthebasin.ca).

The next [Census data release](#) from Statistics Canada is scheduled for April 27, 2022, and will examine Canada's shifting demographic profile.

To learn more about other indicators of well-being, please visit the State of the Basin website stateofthebasin.ca.

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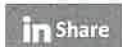
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February 22, 2022

Email: Richard.cannings@parl.gc.ca

Mr. Richard Cannings, MP
South Okanagan-West Kootenay
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Cannings:

Re: BC Wildfires Petition – Letter of Support

At the February 14, 2022 Regular meeting Oliver Council resolved to support the BC Wildfires Petition originally from the District of Lillooet, and to further request our Member of Parliament to present this letter to the Clerk of Petitions and upon receiving certification, to the House of Commons.

The BC Wildfires petition that was previously sent to BC Municipalities from the District of Lillooet, is addressed to the Government of Canada and asks for the Government of BC and Canada to empower local persons, those working with licensees, industry and contractors, Indigenous communities, ranchers and workers such as fire fighters, forestry workers, and all those that see the day-to-day issues and have front line knowledge to provide feedback on the inconsistencies and shortcomings with regard to forest management and wildfire prevention in order to help bring about much-needed change.

Inspired by the Ontario government who assembled an 'All Hazards Agency' that employs people to manage fire, flood and slides, we believe that BC needs this type of agency as well.

The Town of Oliver supports the District of Lillooet's belief that impacts to lumber prices and job availability, mill closures, current and future mudslides, damage to critical habitat, and house insurance increases are trickle effects that will continue to have detrimental effects on BC's future if we do not make necessary changes to current forest practice procedures.

Consequently, the Town of Oliver calls upon the Provincial and Federal Governments to provide better forest management and wildfire protection by assessing the current policies and guidelines to enhance those that are working to re-evaluate and change those that are not.

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We respectfully request that you present our letter supporting the District of Lillooet's BC Wildfires petition to the Clerk of Petitions and upon receiving certification, to the House of Commons.

On behalf of Council, thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Johansen', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Martin Johansen
Mayor

cc Council
Councils of BC Communities

City of Greenwood

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Noll and Council Date: February 24, 2022

From: Marcus Lebler, CAO

Subject: Investing in Canada's Infrastructure Program Fund – Reservoir Replacement Update

Location: City of Greenwood

Rationale:

At the February 14th 2022 Regular Council meeting, Council passed resolution 29-22 authorizing a grant application through the Investing in Canada's Infrastructure Program, Green Infrastructure, Environmental Quality fund for funding towards the replacement of the City's water reservoir. The application has now been submitted, however, some last minute changes were required to finalize the application and a new Council Resolution is now necessary.

Options:

1. Council may choose to support the recommendation.
2. Council may choose to refer back to staff for additional information.
3. Council may choose to not support the recommendation.

Recommendations:

That Council repeal resolution 29-22 and pass the following resolution: "That Council approve an application through Canada's Infrastructure Program, Green Infrastructure, Environmental Quality fund, requesting 73.33% of costs of \$3,076,332 towards the Water Reservoir Replacement Project and to allocate the City's 26.67% portion of \$1,118,857 to be funded from a combination of the Community Forest, Capital Works and Water Infrastructure Reserves and borrowing, and;

To grant permission for Sean Annan of ISL Engineering and Land Services to apply for the Water Reservoir Replacement Project through Canada's Infrastructure Program, Green Infrastructure, Environmental Quality fund on behalf of the City of Greenwood."

Background / Report:

Since the previous Regular Council meeting, ISL Engineering worked with staff to finalize a grant application through Canada's Infrastructure Program towards the replacement of the City's water reservoir.

During the grant application process there were some changes that needed to be made and a new Council resolution is now required. The following is a summary of those necessary changes:

- 1) After ISL did their final analysis of the project, a revised budget was created to reflect the expected costs more accurately. The total budget was increased \$195,189 from \$4,000,000 to \$4,195,189. The City's portion consequently increased \$52,057 from \$1,066,800 to \$1,118,857. This is reflected in the new proposed Council resolution.
- 2) Funding sources for the City's portion needed to be adjusted due to the disqualification of the use of Gas Tax funds towards this project. Staff are recommending the use of a combination of the Community Forest, Capital Works and Water Infrastructure Reserves and borrowing. A breakdown of the funding including borrowing options will be presented to Council at a later meeting. These alternative funding sources has been reflected in the new proposed Council resolution.