



CITY OF GREENWOOD

Regular Council Meeting

Council Chambers – Greenwood City Hall – 202 S. Government Ave.

Monday, January 9, 2023

7:00 pm

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of Agenda: January 9, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

3. Adoption of the Minutes:

- a. December 12, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes Pages 1-4

4. Correspondence for Information

- a. CivicInfo BC Newsletters Pages 5-15
- b. State of the Basin Focus Newsletter Pages 16-19
- c. Consideration of Zoning Bylaw Amendment Letter (minimum floor area requirement for single family dwellings) Pages 20-21
- d. Interior Health Authority – Op/Ed Submission Pages 22-23
- e. UBCM Compass Newsletters Pages 24-26
- f. BC Agricultural Land Commission Letter Page 27

5. Correspondence for Action

- a. Letter from RDKB to Recycle BC – letter of support Pages 28-32
- b. Greenwood Community Association Letter – Emergency Services banquet donation request Page 33
- c. Vaagen Fibre Canada – letter of support Page 34

6. Councillor's Reports

7. Mayor's Report

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8. Administrator's Report

9. Accounts Payable Report: December 9, 2022 to January 6, 2023

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10. New and Unfinished Business

- a. Greenwood Municipal Pool – 2023 Staffing Discussion
- b. Lion's Park Signage – Sponsor Policy Pages 37-39
- c. Heritage Credit Union – Greenwood (ICBC) Signing Authority amendment

11. Question Period

12. In-Camera Meeting Resolutions

13. Adjournment



CITY OF GREENWOOD
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on December 12, 2022

PRESENT

Mayor J. Bolt
Councillors: J. Nathorst, G. Shaw, C. Huisman, J. McLean

ALSO PRESENT

Marcus Lebler, CAO
Andrea Sherstobitoff, CO

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: J. Nathorst / G. Shaw
THAT the December 12, 2022 agenda be adopted as amended.
The following amendments are added to New and Unfinished Business:
d) Council technology upgrade; and
e) Gift basket – Dan McMaster

(228-22)

Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion: J. Nathorst / J. McLean
THAT the minutes of the October 25, 2022 Special Council Meeting be adopted.

(229-22)

Carried

Motion: G. Shaw / J. Nathorst
THAT the minutes of the November 28, 2022 Regular Council Meeting be adopted.

(230-22)

Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE
FOR INFORMATION**

Motion: J. Nathorst / C. Huisman
THAT correspondence items a. through n. be accepted as information.

(231-22)

Carried

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Jim Nathorst: Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce dinner and AGM

Gerry Shaw: None

Clint Huisman: None

Jessica McLean: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

- RCMP meeting - November 30, 2022
- West Boundary Community Forest Budget meeting - December 1, 2022
- RDKB Director Orientation - December 1-2, 2022
- West Boundary Community Forest Annual Public Meeting - December 7, 2022

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Reminder to the public: City Hall Holiday Season Closure between Christmas and New Year's (Dec. 23 – Jan. 2)
- Annual Christmas donations will be distributed to the Greenwood Community Association and the Kettle River Lion's Club
- Public washroom has arrived adjacent to the campground but will not be operational until Spring 2023. Signs will be posted on-site with this information for the public.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
REPORT****Motion: J. Nathorst / G. Shaw**

THAT Council receive the cash disbursement accounts payable report in the amount of \$76,125.38 for the period of November 29, 2022 to December 8, 2022.

(232-22)**Carried****NEW AND UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

- a. Senior's Centre Lease Agreement Renewal

Motion: J. Nathorst / C. Huisman

THAT Council approve the renewal of the lease agreement with the Greenwood Senior Citizens Association for another five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2023 and concluding on December 31, 2027, maintaining the terms of the current agreement.

(233-22)**Carried**

- b. City of Greenwood Investment Policy

Motion: G. Shaw / J. McLean

THAT Council adopt Investment of Surplus Funds Policy 2022-01 as amended including a stipulation that precedence will be given to local institutions when considering investment options.

(234-22)**Carried**

- c. Community Works Gas Tax Reserve Transfer

Motion: J. Nathorst / C. Huisman

THAT Council authorize the transfer of \$20,865.82 from the Community Works Gas Tax Reserve to the Capital Works Reserve.

(235-22)**Carried**

- d.) Council Technology Upgrade

Motion: J. Nathorst / J. McLean

THAT Council approve a technology upgrade allowance for each Council member in the amount of \$1,500 with funds from the COVID-19 Safe Restart Reserve Fund.

(236-22)**Carried**

- e.) Gift Basket – Dan McMaster (West Boundary Community Forest)
(237-22) **Motion: J. Nathorst / G. Shaw**
THAT Council direct staff to provide a gift basket to Dan McMaster (West Boundary Community Forest) with funds from the Council – miscellaneous expenses budget account.
Carried

BYLAWS

- a. Bylaw No. 998, 2022
(238-22) **Motion: J. Nathorst / G. Shaw**
THAT Council adopt Bylaw No. 998, 2022 – Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw.
Carried

- b. Bylaw No. 999, 2022
(239-22) **Motion: J. Nathorst / G. Shaw**
THAT Council adopt Bylaw No. 999, 2022 – Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw.
Carried

- c. Bylaw No. 1000, 2022
(240-22) **Motion: J. Nathorst / C. Huisman**
THAT Council adopt Bylaw No. 1000, 2022 – Utilities Billing and Payment Schedule Bylaw.
Carried

- d. Bylaw No. 1001, 2022
(241-22) **Motion: J. Nathorst / J. McLean**
THAT Council adopt Bylaw No. 1001, 2022 – COVID-19 Safe Restart Reserve Fund Bylaw.
Carried

- Pre-Budget / Committee of the Whole Meeting – Reserve Funds Management
(242-22) **Motion: J. Nathorst / J. McLean**
THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report to be discussed at a future pre-budget meeting regarding reserve funds management.
Carried

- e. Bylaw No. 1002, 2022
(243-22) **Motion: G. Shaw / J. McLean**
THAT Council adopt Bylaw No. 1002, 2022 – Climate Action Reserve Fund Bylaw.
Carried

NOTICES OF MOTION

- a. Backyard Hens and Beekeeping
(244-22) **Motion: J. Nathorst / C. Huisman**
THAT Council direct staff to prepare separate bylaws for Backyard Hens and Backyard Beekeeping, and to prepare a report considering the following amendments:
- conditions for proper storage of feed and associated materials (to avoid attracting wildlife); and
 - allow raising hens for meat as well as egg production.
- Carried**

- b. Emergency Procedures
Policy

Motion: J. Nathorst / J. McLean

THAT Council direct staff to prepare an Emergency Procedures Policy.

(245-22)

Carried

- c. Founder's Day Committee
Sign Sponsorship

Motion: J. Nathorst / J. McLean

THAT Council direct staff to bring forward a discussion report regarding the Founder's Day Committee using the Lion's park fence for sign sponsorships to an upcoming Council meeting.

(246-22)

Carried

QUESTION PERIOD

IN-CAMERA

Motion: J. Nathorst

THAT Council move to In-Camera at 8:12 pm under Section 90 (1)(c) and 90 (1)(k) of the Community Charter.

(247-22)

Carried

Motion: J. Nathorst

THAT Council adjourn the In-Camera meeting at 8:56 pm.

(248-22)

Carried

IN CAMERA MEETING RESOLUTIONS

Motion: J. Nathorst

THAT the following motions are brought forward from the November 28, 2022 In-Camera Council Meeting:

Avalon *SHIFT* Greenwood Garden City Project Proposal

Motion: G. Shaw / J. McLean

THAT Council does not move forward with the Avalon *SHIFT* Greenwood Garden City Project Proposal.

(249-22)

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: J. Nathorst

THAT Council adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:57 pm.

(250-22)

Carried

Mayor

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December 9, 2022

Local Government News

Surrey Introduces 'Street Smart' Pilot to Support People Experiencing Homelessness

The Surrey Street SMART program has been operating since September 2022 and involves Community Outreach Workers and Surrey Bylaw Enforcement Officers working together in City Centre to support community members experiencing homelessness and other complex challenges.

Posted: December 8, 2022

Central Saanich's Active Transportation Plan Gets Rolling

A new pathway along Benvenuto encourages walking and cycling to Butchart Gardens and Tod Inlet, and two school zones were reconfigured with light-activated crosswalks and additional sidewalks.

Posted: December 7, 2022

Surrey Opens Hygiene Facility With Washroom, Shower and Laundry Access to Support People Experiencing Homelessness

This dedicated facility aims to support the health, hygiene, and well-being of community members experiencing homelessness and other complex challenges.

Posted: December 7, 2022

FVRD Receives \$9.9 Million for New Wastewater Treatment Plant

Funding will support the construction of a new facility to upgrade collection and provide secondary treatment of wastewater, manage sediment, and remove nutrients like nitrogen to control algae growth and protect aquatic habitats.

Posted: December 2, 2022

Town of Ladysmith Taking Action to Address Themes Arising from the Poverty Reduction Strategy

As part of the UBCM grant funding, projects over the coming months include supporting a harvesting/gleaning program to bring additional food to the Ladysmith Resources Centre Food Bank, supporting the delivery of food to Stz'uminus residents in need, and supporting nutritious afterschool snack programs in the community.

Posted: December 2, 2022

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City of Courtenay's Workplace Safety Program Receives Award

The City was recognized at the Joint Public Works Association and BC Municipal Safety Association Annual Conference in October. City staff provided an update on the award and the safety program for Courtenay Council at the December 12 Council meeting.

Posted: December 16, 2022

Housing on the Way to Support People Living on Vancouver's Downtown Eastside

The Province, through BC Housing, in partnership with the City of Vancouver, is starting construction on two temporary bridge-to-housing projects with 90 units.

Posted: December 15, 2022

Colwood Supports New Child Care Facility in Partnership with Hultman Family & Community Services and School District 62

Through this unique collaborative partnership supporting Hultman Family and Community Services Society's request of fee reductions and grant contribution amounting to \$311,667, the City will have the opportunity to assist in the creation of 97 new child care spaces within Colwood.

Posted: December 13, 2022

Surrey Council Approves Plan to Retain RCMP as Police of Jurisdiction

The final report which details how the RCMP will staff up and ensure safety for all residents in Surrey through excellence in policing and well-established crime prevention programs will be sent to the Solicitor General and Minister of Public Safety by Dec. 15 for his review.

Posted: December 13, 2022

City of Richmond Goes Greener with Two Innovative Electric Vehicle Initiatives

The City has added two fully electric cargo vans to its fleet, which already has one of the highest levels of non-combustion engine vehicles among regional municipalities. It has also installed Richmond's first solar powered EV charging station, adding a new dimension to clean energy sources and climate sustainability.

Posted: December 12, 2022

Colwood and View Royal Amateur Radio Operators Join Forces to Strengthen this Critical Role in Emergencies

Building on the successful merger of the Colwood and View Royal Emergency Support Services Teams in 2008, Colwood Council has approved a plan to support and strengthen this service by joining forces with the View Royal radio operators.

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City of Delta Celebrates Soft Opening of Guru Nanak North Delta Food Bank

The Guru Nanak North Delta Food Bank held a soft opening on December 19, 2022, marking the first food bank to open in North Delta that will operate seven days a week.

Posted: December 21, 2022

CVRD and CUPE Reach Four-Year Labour Agreement for Continued Delivery of Services

Financial terms of the new agreement include a per hour wage increases of 3.24 percent plus a .25 cent per hour flat increase in the first year (retroactive for 2022), 4 percent in the second year, 3.5 percent in the third year, and 3 percent in the fourth year.

Posted: December 20, 2022

Northern Rockies Parks and Trails Active Mobility Study Receives \$50,000

The Government of Canada's award of \$50,000 was used to undertake site surveys, public engagement, and community consultation in preparing concept plans highlighting major accessibility improvements and new accessible pathways around Art Fraser Community Park and Andy Bailey Regional Park.

Posted: December 20, 2022

City of Surrey Secures \$207,555 Grant Funding Through the Federal Government's 2 Billion Trees Program

Grant will result in 35,000 new native trees in the community.

Posted: December 20, 2022

Land in the Southern Gulf Islands Donated to CRD for Community Park Purposes

The lands are located at the westerly entrance to Active Pass on Galiano and 207 Cotton Road on Mayne Island.

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Net-Zero Energy Arenas – February 1, 1:00 – 2:00 EST [Registration](#)

Arenas are often big energy users. Join us for a presentation by CIMCO on the different options to make your ice facilities as energy efficient as possible. We'll be looking at case studies of net-zero arenas that show how new technology can work in your community.

Countertop Composting – February 15, 1:00 – 2:00 EST [Registration](#)

Managing organics is a key component of a comprehensive waste strategy, but the same technique doesn't work for all municipalities. Food Cycle Science Corporation will present on their in-home composting solution and share lessons from municipalities who have embraced this method for managing organic waste.

Ambulance Solutions – March 1, 1:00 – 2:00 EST [Registration](#)

Ambulances are critical to community safety but sourcing them can be a challenging and expensive activity. Join our webinar to learn about ambulance procurement options, including refurbishment and remounting.

Electric Fleet Event

New options for powering the vehicles municipalities use in their operations are rapidly coming to market. Knowing how these new pieces of equipment could fit into your operations can be a challenge. The Canoe Procurement Group is bringing together industry experts to let you know what's available today, what's coming in the near future, and how you can ensure any new technologies will be a successful addition to your community.

Fleet and Charging - March 22, 1:00 – 2:30 EST [Registration](#)

Our first day will focus on light duty vehicles and keeping your equipment charged. Enterprise Fleet Management will provide an update on light duty vehicles, including the smaller vehicles that have been available for several years and the pickup trucks just arriving on the market. Siemens and Chargepoint will present on the various options to keep vehicles charged, including both fleet and public charging stations.

Equipment and Recreation - March 29, 1:00 – 2:30 EST [Registration](#)

The second day will look to the unique equipment used by Public Works and other departments to keep communities working. We will hear from suppliers for light-duty grounds maintenance equipment, medium and heavy construction equipment, and ice resurfacers, on the current and future electric equipment available.

Emergency Vehicles and Refuse Collection - April 5, 1:00 – 2:30 EST [Registration](#)

Our third and final day will focus on specialized equipment: Fire trucks, Ambulances, and Refuse Collection vehicles. We will hear updates on electric fire trucks currently undergoing pilot trials, a prototype electric ambulance, and real-world examples from refuse collection vehicles on the road.

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Local Government News

Get your Applications in: B.C.'s New Rural Economic Diversification Program

The first intake for applications to receive funding from the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) will close on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, with a second intake planned for spring 2023.

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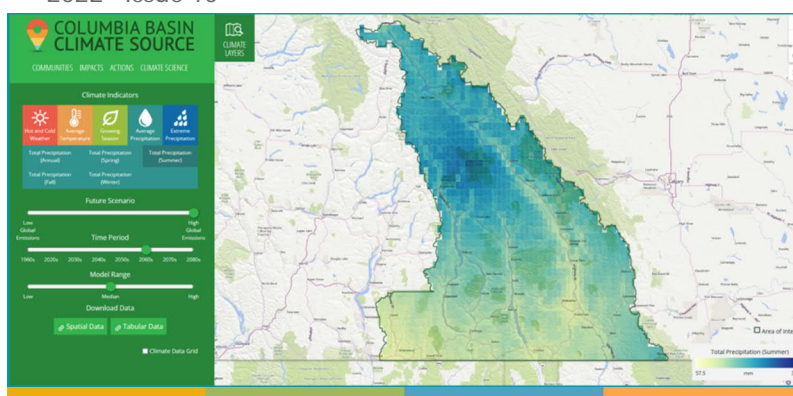
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State of the Basin Focus

Stories of well-being in our region

2022 - Issue 10



New Climate Change Data Helps Columbia Basin-Boundary Communities Prepare and Take Action


This fall, new climate change projections were added to [Columbia Basin Climate Source](#), our region's one-stop source for locally-relevant climate data and impacts information. The new projections are based on findings from the [Sixth Phase of the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project](#) and analysed using a method developed by the [Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium](#). They represent the latest and most scientifically-robust climate change data available for our region.

The projections tell a sobering tale. Climate change is already happening in our region and is expected to get worse with time, bringing wide-ranging impacts on our societies, economies, and the environment. In general, the region's climate is trending toward hotter, drier summers, warmer, wetter winters, and more extreme weather. By the 2030s, mean annual temperature will have increased by about 2

degrees Celsius in Columbia Basin-Boundary communities—a shift that may seem small but actually [produces dramatic impacts](#) in terms of weather. Total annual precipitation is expected to increase for most communities, but the trend does not ring true across seasons. Summer precipitation is projected to decrease and the change will be significant in some parts of the region like the Boundary and South Country. For example, Grand Forks will see about 10-20% less summer rain in the 2060s as compared to 100 years earlier, depending on the trajectory of global greenhouse gas emissions.

The good news is that organizations in our region are ramping up the pace and scale of action. New climate action plans released by Columbia Basin-Boundary local governments set ambitious greenhouse gas reduction targets and outline a pathway to regional climate resilience (such as [Nelson Next](#) and the [Regional District of Kootenay Boundary's Climate Action Plan](#)). Columbia Basin Trust's Climate Resilience and Community Readiness programs are supporting Basin organizations to reduce emissions and prepare for emergencies (such as the [Yaqit ʔa-knuqʔi'it Community Readiness](#) project). Individual businesses are also showing leadership. For example, Teck has [set a goal](#) to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050, a pace that matches the target set by the world's leading climate scientists to avoid catastrophic climate change.

To read more about the climate change indicator visit the [State of the Basin website](#), and to explore detailed projections for your community visit the [Columbia Basin Climate Source](#).



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

2021 Census of Population Data Fully Released

Statistics Canada has now released all the data from the [2021 Census of Population](#), with some additional [related releases](#) scheduled for next year. Community-level data can be acquired through the [Census Profiles](#). State of the Basin indicators will

continue to be updated with the latest information. Stay tuned!

Holiday Greetings from Selkirk College

Sending warm holiday wishes from our team at Selkirk Innovates, the applied research and innovation division of Selkirk College. We extend our gratitude to all the decision-makers, community service providers, organizations, and residents in the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region and beyond.



We want to hear from you! Your feedback matters to us.

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Selkirk Innovates gratefully acknowledges the support of Columbia Basin Trust.

State of the Basin Focus is a monthly e-newsletter highlighting stories of well-being in our region.

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Selkirk College acknowledges the First Nations of the West Kootenay and Boundary regions on whose traditional territories we are honoured to operate: the Sḱwáyčkstx (Sinixt), the Syilx (Okanagan), the Ktunaxa, and the Secwépemc (Shuswap). The State of the Basin initiative also extends to the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation. We are grateful to these Nations as keepers of the lands and value their efforts to enhance resilience and well-being across the region.



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Via Email - Signed Hard Copy Hand Delivered 

**Re: Consideration to Amend Minimum Square Foot Requirement to 400 Sq. Ft.
 for New Builds - Single Family Dwellings**

Dear Mayor Bolt and Councillors:

Our current zoning bylaw stipulates a minimum of 645 sq. ft. for a single family dwelling unit. May I request that Council discuss the benefits of lowering that number to 400 sq. ft., for new builds, at the next Council meeting?

Please note that this is *not* about 'tiny houses'. This is about CSA and / or BC Building Code compliant dwellings on *permanent* foundations, and connected to municipal water and sewer.

As illustrated in the *RDKB Housing Needs Report - Nov. 2020*, we have a province wide housing shortage. In addition to that challenge, the BC Energy Step Code becomes mandatory on January 1, 2023 - presenting even more costs in the development of affordable, quality housing.

The reason for suggesting a 400 square foot minimum is threefold:

1. there are many creative, attractive and efficient, 400 sq. ft. floor plans in the marketplace that provide ample comfort for one or two people. (There are, of course, slightly larger designs to accommodate growing families.)
2. 400 sq. ft. (20' x 20') is a very simple, yet adaptable geometry to work with, and lends itself to all kinds of prefab technologies (or stick build), designs and solutions.
3. this is in line with current trends to smarter and more affordable housing.

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These rationale / bylaw minima are expressed in at least two other jurisdictions: the City of Revelstoke and the Sunshine Coast Regional District stipulate a minimum width of 6 meters (20 ft.) in an R1 Zone. There is no minimum square foot requirement, so the default is 400 sq. ft.

Here are some thoughts for discussion:

- we've greatly improved our bylaws to include carriage houses. A further step like this, to make Greenwood even more building friendly, could potentially increase our population... and by extension, our tax base. (Synchronizing with current bylaws would be required.)

- a 400 sq. ft. minimum is very close to our current minimum for a bachelor unit in a multi family dwelling (431 sq. ft.).

- increasing numbers of people see the existing value - and future potential - in our city. We offer a peaceful, community lifestyle, as well as proximity to an impressive array of spectacular scenery and outdoor activities. Affordable, efficient new build options could add value to our offerings.

- it is to our benefit to attract younger demographics. For example, a significant percentage of Generations X, Millennials, and forward, are oriented to smaller, more cost efficient homes.

- a move forward, like this, would help keep us competitive, with other jurisdictions, in attracting new developments and permanent residents to Greenwood.

- we could explore receiving inter-agency and industry support should we choose to create flagship (small home) projects. These could be incorporated in to marketing Greenwood as a home base destination.... with even further economic / tourism spinoffs.

- I would be happy to attend a City Council meeting to provide further information and background. Prior to my aviation career, I served as a residential architectural designer / draftsman. Since that time, I have maintained an ongoing interest in building innovation and technologies.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Thank you for your time, and best regards,



Lorraine Dronen

Greenwood, British Columbia

For Immediate Release | Dec. 21, 2022

Interior Health Board Chair Dr. Doug Cochrane reflects on 2022

As I mark my fifth year as Board Chair of Interior Health (IH), I reflect on the highlights and challenges of 2022. Undoubtedly, times have been difficult for many people in the Interior, and especially tough on health-care workers. Our staff experienced the pressures to organize and deliver care in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, respond to the toxic drug crisis, and handle an unusually early and more powerful respiratory virus season.

Health care is made up of people – your family, your friends, your neighbours – doing their best in their jobs to care for people in very trying times. I am extremely proud of our staff, medical practitioners, physicians and volunteers who, through their dedication to providing quality patient care, live our vision of health and well-being for all, every day.

It wasn't long ago we were banging on pots in our driveways to celebrate health-care workers. For many, those days are a distant memory as our staff face emotional exhaustion, moral distress and the added impact of mistreatment from the public at times. On behalf of the Board of Directors at IH, I want our staff to know that we and your Senior Executive Team see and appreciate what you are going through. We are committed to working for you to make your workplaces better. I also want to thank our patients and clients for your kindness, patience and insightful feedback as we continue to work together.

In addition to our people, our partnerships have made great things happen this year.

We continue to work hand-in-hand with Aboriginal partners to achieve equitable treatment and improved health outcomes for everyone in the Interior. As part of our commitment to implement anti-racism and culturally safe care, we have strengthened our partnerships with Aboriginal communities.

2022 marked the 12-year anniversary of Interior Health's Aboriginal Patient Navigator (APN) program; there are now 13 APNs at IH sites who support patients and families. Eight new Nation-IH Partnership positions were also created. All these positions help connect Aboriginal patients to appropriate health-care services, provide emotional and cultural support, and ensure advocacy for Aboriginal patients receiving care in IH's facilities and services. Nation engagement on priority areas, including mental health and substance use (MHSU) and creating seamless transitions from hospital to community, go hand-in-hand with our partnerships as we together implement key recommendations within the *In Plain Sight* report.

In July, with funding from our partners Thompson Regional Hospital District and Royal Inland Hospital (RIH) Foundation, we welcomed the first patients to the new Phil & Jennie Gagliardi Tower at RIH in Kamloops. In collaboration with stakeholders, we opened an urgent and primary care centre to support our residents in Ashcroft, and completed construction on the pharmacy, oncology department and cast clinic at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital in Trail. We are working with partners to re-establish health services in Lytton and surrounding areas. We also announced long-term care projects underway across the region, and new MHSU services in a number of communities.

Interior Health would like to recognize and acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Dākelh Dené, Ktunaxa, Nlaka'pamux, Secwépemc, St'át'imc, Syilx, and Tsilhqot'in Nations, where we live, learn, collaborate and work together.



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We continue to develop new ways to use technology to support patients as they navigate health services. IH's Digital Health Support Desk allows patients, caregivers and their families to more easily access IH virtual and digital tools, including lab appointment bookings.

There is much to celebrate, but we also have much to accomplish; at the forefront are the staffing challenges across health care. Our leadership has worked tirelessly to fill unplanned vacant shifts to maintain services throughout our region. We launched a new, improved careers website that makes it faster and easier for job seekers to apply for careers with IH. We also continue to encourage people seeking health-care careers, such as through the Health Career Access Program and the new Associate Physician program.

While there is much work ahead, it has never been more important we acknowledge our staff and their work. Your dedication, expertise and commitment to the care of others are the foundation upon which IH can offer health and well-being for all.

Thank you, lim lemp̓t.

Best wishes to you and yours this holiday season.

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MEDIA, FOR INFORMATION:

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Intake opens for the Poverty Reduction program

A new intake for the Poverty Reduction Planning and Action program is now open. The deadline for the intake is March 17, 2023.

[Read More](#)

RCMP Contract Management Committee update

On November 1, 2022 the RCMP Local Government Contract Management Committee met with provincial government and RCMP representatives to discuss issues related to the Municipal Police Unit Agreements and policing more broadly in British Columbia. Key issues discussed at the meeting are summarized in this article.

[Read More](#)

Local Government Fact Sheets

UBCM has updated a set of [fact sheets](#) that provide foundational information on local government operations in an easy-to-read format. Subjects include the role and powers of elected officials, taxation, planning process, policing, and bylaws. Fact Sheets are updated after each local government election cycle.

Local government appointment sought for Real Estate Foundation of BC

UBCM is seeking expressions of interest from elected officials for the local government appointment to the Board of Governors of the Real Estate Foundation of BC. The Foundation's mission is to fund projects, connect people and share knowledge to

advance sustainable land use and real estate practices across BC.

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News and information from the Union of BC Municipalities

Canada Community-Building Fund annual report

The 2021 Annual Expenditure Report for the Canada Community Building Fund is now [available](#). The report provides comprehensive information on the use of this federal transfer program by B.C. local governments. In 2021, the program contributed funds to over 900 capital and planning projects across the province. Since its inception, the Canada Community Building Fund has delivered close to \$4.4 billion to our members, making it the largest infrastructure program administered by UBCM.

2023 UBCM Wall Calendars

The 2023 UBCM Wall calendars are on their way! After some unexpected delays at the printers our UBCM team are busy stuffing envelopes ready to be picked up by BC Mail for delivery to municipalities. Weather permitting they should be on their way before the winter break in time for delivery close to the New Year.

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December 22, 2022

Hi Mayor and Council, City of Greenwood ,

RE: Congratulations from the Agricultural Land Commission

As Chair of the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) I would like to congratulate you and your colleagues on your election to your respective Regional Board/Council(s). Some of you may have a long history of participation in local government and a wealth of knowledge about the BC local government land use regimes, whilst others may be new to the role and unfamiliar with the intersection of local government and provincial land use planning processes.

This letter is to confirm that the ALC's role is to administer the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and work with the local governments and First Nation governments with ALR land in their jurisdiction to enable and encourage farming. Local governments have an important role to play in the administration of the provincial zone which protects farmland for future generations.

The ALC would be happy to meet with newly elected and returning Board/Councils and their staff upon request to provide information about ALC application and planning processes and discuss how the ALC interacts and collaborates with communities in the administration of the ALR.

If your Board/Council wishes to meet with our representatives, please contact Kim Grout, CEO of ALC at Kim.Grout@gov.bc.ca

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Jennifer Dyson, Chair

December 15, 2022

Recycle BC
405-221 West Esplanade
North Vancouver BC

Sent by Email: consultation@recyclebc.ca

Dear Recycle BC,

Re: Comments on Recycle BC Packaging and Printed Paper Extended Producer Responsibility Plan – Consultation Draft, September 29, 2022

On behalf of the Board of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, thank you very much for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Packaging and Printed Paper Extended Producer Responsibility Plan – Consultation Draft, September 29, 2022 document (Draft Program Plan). The Board discussed the draft at its meeting yesterday and has serious concerns which are outlined below.

Background

The RDKB operates four Recycle BC depots for the collection of residential recycling at the McKelvey Creek Landfill (Trail), Christina Lake Transfer Station, West Boundary Landfill (Greenwood) and Rock Creek Transfer Station. A private depot is located in Grand Forks.

The RDKB also operates a depot at the Beaverdell Transfer Station, which collects packaging and printed paper materials from residential sources. It is not funded by Recycle BC, even though for many years we have requested that this depot be included in our agreement.

Under your EPR program, Recycle BC is responsible for costs associated with collection, transportation, processing, etc. The RDKB is paid a financial incentive based on a per tonnage rate, to offset operational costs at the collection depot. However, the incentive is not sufficient to cover actual depot costs.

Key Points and Associated Comments Identified in the Draft Program Plan:

1. Definition of Packaging and Printed Paper and Impacts of the 2020 amendments to BC Recycling Regulation

- Beginning January 1, 2023, additional materials, including designated single-use products and designated packaging-like products, will be included in the definition of packaging and printed paper products.
- Comments:

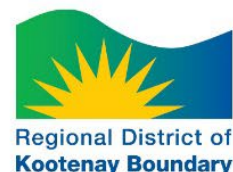
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- The definition of Packaging and Printed Paper encompasses a varied and significant product list for which materials are regularly and frequently purchased by residential customers and require frequent and ongoing access to recycling options.
- The collection of the most challenging products and those with the most significant and harmful impacts to the environment are completed primarily through the use of depot collection.
- The addition of these products to the BC Recycling Regulation is fully supported, and it is appreciated that Recycle BC is taking on the collection of these products.
- It is essential to maintain and or even expand the depot collection network to ensure that these problematic plastic products are collected appropriately for recycling.

2. New community eligibility criteria for Integrated Recycle BC Collection Services are being proposed, which apply to both new and existing depots.

- Taken directly From the Draft Program Plan:
 - "At present, depot collection service (whether combined with curbside and multi-family collection or as a stand-alone service) is the primary method through which Recycle BC provides Integrated Recycle BC Collection Services."
 - "Recycle BC will honour existing depot agreements with collectors that provide collection services in communities that do not meet the eligibility criteria outlined in Appendix C but may not take steps to replace this service if the current collection partner decides to no longer provide this service."
 - "Recycle BC will also permit local governments to establish and operate satellite depots in communities that do not meet the eligibility criteria outlined in Appendix C, subject to Recycle BC review and approval. A satellite depot is an approved depot operating to specific standards, from which the collector (depot operator) transports the PPP to their principal depot for pick-up by the designated post-collection service provider."
- Comments:
 - As a result of the new criteria, a significant number of Recycle BC depots operated by local governments across the province are at risk of being eliminated from the program once existing agreements expire, including two in the Boundary region of the RDKB.
 - Should these depots be closed, it will create cascading impacts to surrounding depots, which may not be able to appropriately manage the additional materials. For example: increased traffic and line ups, greater volumes of materials to process, and complaints due to limited hours of operation, especially from residents who have had to travel 40km to access recycling opportunities.

- Closure of depots will also have the following unintended (or maybe intended) consequences: transfer of greenhouse gas emissions and fuel costs to residents and local governments.
- How exactly did Recycle BC determine that a 40km distance from an established depot was a reasonable distance to travel for recycling opportunities? If a resident has a grocery store (or equivalent place to purchase PPP) in their community, should they not be provided an equal opportunity for recycling?
- Utilizing population statistics in determining service level provision may not be a representative way of determining depot viability. We would like to see a breakdown of all of the depots across BC and the tonnages that have historically been diverted through these depots.

3. Financial Incentive Methodology

- Taken directly from the Draft Program Plan:
 - "Costs associated with collection in communities that do not meet the eligibility criteria outlined in Appendix C, including the operation of applicable depots and satellite depots, will be excluded from collection cost studies."
 - "Once new collection service agreements have been published inclusive of the revised financial incentives, each applicable collector must then decide whether to renew its collection service agreement with Recycle BC."
- Comments:
 - It could be argued that the collection costs for existing depots that do not meet the eligibility criteria in Appendix C are higher than depots that would meet the criteria. Assuming costs are presented on a \$/tonne basis, and considering fixed costs of depot operation, those depots that collect lower tonnages would have higher operational costs. These costs will no longer be considered in collection cost studies.
 - Although Recycle BC has indicated an intent to honor existing depot agreements for those depots that do not meet the eligibility criteria, the language in the current Draft Program Plan would potentially allow Recycle BC to offer incentive rates that are significantly lower than would be acceptable to existing depots.
 - Once a depot has been established in a community it is almost impossible to remove that service without significant impact to residents. A local government would be placed in the position of having to accept the incentive rates from Recycle BC and ultimately pay a greater portion of the depot operating costs.
 - Should a private depot choose to not accept the incentives offered by Recycle BC, this would result in the local government having to step in to establish a satellite depot, wherein even more costs (capital, operations, transportation) are paid for by the general taxpayer. In addition, the local

government would also be obligated to track and report on the resulting green house gas emissions.

- The Recycle BC Program is already not a full producer-pay program and in essence, Recycle BC is setting up the ability to further transition costs to the taxpayer for the collection and recycling of packaging and printed paper. This is in direct conflict with the basic principle behind the BC Recycling Regulation.

4. Performance Targets

- Comments:
 - We appreciate that Recycle BC has been transparent in identifying the historical method for calculating recovery rate and the inclusion of collected non-program materials (garbage) in this analysis.
 - Looking at the program recovery rates presented in Appendix D of the Draft Program Plan, it appears that garbage (non-PPP) has been utilized in the past to inflate the recovery rate achieved for program materials. If garbage is removed from the calculation, Recycle BC did not meet the required 75% recovery rate for the years 2016-2019, as is legislated in the BC Recycling Regulation. While we appreciate that moving forward is potentially more important than focussing on the past, this accounting practice should be clearly addressed by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, to ensure that all Stewardship programs have a clear and equal understanding of how recovery rates are calculated and that all expectations are met. From a public perspective, the inclusion of non-product materials to artificially inflate recovery numbers creates a lack of trust in the system.
 - The RDKB supports the transition to utilizing an "Aligned RR methodology".
 - Recycle BC proposed recovery rates are dismal for the "hard to manage and collect" materials such as Styrofoam and flexible plastics. Furthermore, the majority of these types of materials cannot be effectively collected at curbside; as such, an extensive and comprehensive depot network is required to minimize the environmental impacts of mismanagement of this product.
 - In looking at the performance targets set, it seems that Recycle BC is setting the highest target rates for those products that are the easiest to collect (curbside) and have the greatest and most consistent market value. While it is appreciated that the market value of the products collected does have financial influence on program funding, more focus and effort (in the commitment to higher targets) should be put toward the collection of plastic film and Styrofoam products that have the greatest environmental impact when not managed properly. Given all the controversy and concerns surrounding plastic pollution, a proposed target of 25% by 2027 for Flexible Plastic would be viewed by many as sub-standard at best, especially since the previous target was 27% by 2023.

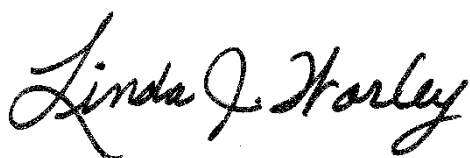
- Please confirm that the material category performance targets will be calculated similarly to the program recovery target in that collected “garbage” will not be utilized to arbitrarily inflate the recovery numbers.

5. General Comments

- The addition of single-use packaging and packaging-like products will increase the amount of materials generated by residents to be recycled. This is viewed as a positive; however, the accessibility outlined in the Draft Program Plan is far from adequate to provide reasonable access to recycling services.
- It is unacceptable for Recycle BC to reduce the depot collection network that already exists. The goal of continuous improvement should not be for Stewards to figure out innovative ways of transitioning costs back to the taxpayer.
- In various areas of the document, the language “reduce green house gas emissions” is utilized, but with no supporting evidence or examples of how this is to be achieved. It is suggested that greater clarity be provided around this, as one could interpret the potential closure of depots or transition of transportation requirements to local governments as one methodology being utilized. It would be more acceptable to have language such as “encouraging the use of electric or RNG vehicles for transportation as much as possible”
- Overall, the Draft Program Plan as currently worded does not meet the Program Delivery Principle of “enhance resident service levels”.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. The RDKB looks forward to reviewing future versions of the Draft Program Plan wherein changes are made to adequately address the concerns identified in this letter.

Sincerely,



Linda Worley
Board Chair

cc Mark Andison, CAO
Janine Dougall, General Manager of Environmental Services
Roly Russell, MLA—Boundary Similkameen
Katrine Conroy, MLA—Kootenay West
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (Email: extendedproducerresponsibility@gov.bc.ca)



Greenwood Community Association

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January 5, 2023

City of Greenwood
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Dear Greenwood City Council,

Re: Emergency Services Appreciation Banquet

The Greenwood Community Association has hosted this annual banquet for over 30 years. The last one was in 2019 due to Covid. It started with appreciation to the Greenwood Fire Department and honorary members for their services and over 10 years ago has extended to:

Midway Fire Department
Officials from the Grand Forks Fire Department
Midway RCMP
Greenwood/Midway Ambulance
Victim Services – Cathy Riddle
Greenwood City Councilors
Midway Village Councilors

We have had anywhere from 60-80 people attend previously.
This year the banquet will be held on Sunday January 22, 2023.

The Greenwood Community Association received a very generous donation from West Boundary Community Forest to help put towards this banquet and in the past, the City of Greenwood has donated the cost of roast beef from McMynn's Family Foods.

I am writing to ask for your financial support to cover the cost of the roast beef again as in the past.

Thank you very much for your consideration for this request.

Donna Durban
Greenwood Community Association
Secretary

Mayor John Bolt
City of Greenwood
Box 129, Greenwood, BC, V0H 1J0
greenwooddirector@rdkb.com

January 5, 2023

Re: A Message from the Vaagen Family Regarding the Shut Down of Vaagen Fibre Canada

Dear Mayor Bolt,

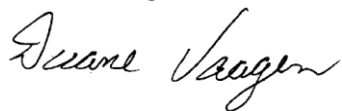
Today we let our dedicated mill staff of 85 people, as well as almost 100 contractors, vendors, and/or suppliers know that we will be shutting down our Midway mill Vaagen Fibre Canada, indefinitely. Hundreds of our employees, their families, suppliers, and contractors will be impacted, not to mention the countless businesses our employees support like local restaurants, stores, and other general services in the rural communities in the local area. Although the news we are sharing is not good news, we are steadfastly committed to continuing to look for solutions for every possible way forward.

As you know, Vaagen Fibre Canada is a non-tenured mill and has been operating in Midway without forest tenure for the past 10 years. As a non-tenured mill, we don't have licences to manage Crown forests, which means we must purchase all our logs on the open market including the procurement of logs from local private landowners and woodlot owners. Although our team has been creative for years in finding logs to run our mill, there are a few challenges that have compounded for us, and without resolution, the future of our operation is uncertain. This is an access to wood fibre at market price issue.

We have presented several solutions to the Ministry of Forests to help us reopen Vaagen Fibre Canada. These are outlined in a letter we originally sent on September 15, 2022, to then Minister of Forests Katrine Conroy (attached). Our Vaagen family and leadership are committed to finding solutions and doing all we can to keep Vaagen Fibre Canada viable, providing quality, good paying jobs, and supporting our rural communities.

We are asking for the assistance of you and Greenwood Council to help advocate on our behalf to reach out to MLA Roly Russell. We ask you to share your concerns about the closure and ask him to bring the voice of his constituents to the new Minister of Forests and his team to find solutions to help Vaagen Fibre Canada re-open to get people back to work as quickly as possible. We are confident there are solutions to turn this situation around so that we may continue to work together, providing good jobs to the people and families of the Boundary, West Kootenay, and Okanagan regions.

With much gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Duane Vaagen".

Duane Vaagen, President Vaagen Fibre Canada
c: 1.509.684.5071 | drvaagen@vaagenbros.com

January 9th, 2023 – Mayors Report

The old Council tablets were successfully gifted to the Board of Trade (1x) and the Greenwood Public Library (3x). Both organizations are grateful for this contribution from the City. The Board of Trade will utilize their tablet for running their meetings and the Library will be renting them out to the public.

Cheque Register-Summary-Bank



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MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and Council **Date:** January 6, 2023

From: Marcus Lebler, CAO/CFO **Date to Council:** January 9, 2023

Subject: Lions Park Fence – Founders Day Sponsorship Signs

Rationale

The purpose of this report is to follow-up with Council's request from the December 12, 2022 Regular Council Meeting that staff prepare an agreement between the City and the Board of Trade Founders Day Committee for use of the Lions Park Fence for placement of sponsorship signage as a fundraising opportunity towards the annual Greenwood Founders Day event.

Recommendations

That Council discuss the details surrounding the use of the Lions Park Fence for placement of sponsorship signage and determine the stipulations they wish to see in the agreement between the City and the Founders Day Committee.

Background

During the 2022 Founders Day event the Board of Trade Founders Day Committee (BTFDC) approached AM Ford requesting sponsorship of the event. AM Ford donated \$2k towards the event and tentatively confirmed \$2.5k annually for the foreseeable future. In return, the City and the BTFDC agreed to install sponsorship signage on the highway facing fence of Lions Park. AM Ford's response is attached to this report (attachment #1).

At the December 12, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, Janet Matsalla of the BTFDC requested use of the Lions Park Fence for placement of sponsorship signage as a fundraising opportunity towards the annual Greenwood Founders Day event. Staff subsequently reached out to Janet to gather additional information on the Committee's requirements. The following are the basic requirements of the BTFDC to effectively use the Lions Park Fence as a viable fundraising opportunity:

- Sign dimensions (5'X7') and placement would be similar to the AM Ford sign currently installed at Lions Park.
- Depending on the demand, full utilization of the highway facing fence of Lions Park would be utilized (approximately 200m).
- The BTFDC would be solely responsible of administering the sponsorship sign project. They only ask that the City Public Works department install the signs as they become available.
- Replacement and maintenance of the signs would be the sole responsibility of the BTFDC.
- All funds generated from this fundraising stream would exclusively be used towards Founders Day.

Staff are asking Council to discuss this potential fundraising opportunity for the Founders Day event and provide direction to staff so an agreement can be drafted. Some important items to consider are:

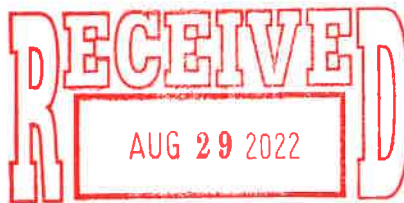
- The percentage of the funds the BTFDC are authorized to utilize. For example, a portion could flow back to the City for use toward Lions Park beautification.
- Aesthetics to the Park.
- Stipulations on the size and content of the signage.

Attachment #1

AM Ford - Sponsorship Sign Letter



August 22, 2022



By: _____

The Corporation of the City of Greenwood
Greenwood City Hall
202 South Government Avenue
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Greenwood, BC V0H 1J0

RE: FOUNDER'S DAY 2022

Thank you for reaching out to A.M. Ford Sales Ltd. and inviting us to be a sponsor for Founder's Days. The Greenwood community has been a part of A.M. Ford's territory for the last 38 years. I recently drove by and happened to notice our corporate sign and it is very prominent. The Greenwood community can count on A.M. Ford's support for years to come. Please advise us of other future events that we may be able to attend.

Regards,

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