



## **CITY OF GREENWOOD**

### **Regular Council Meeting**

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

**Monday, March 13, 2023**

7:00 pm

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### **AGENDA**

#### **1. Call to Order**

#### **2. Adoption of Agenda:** March 13, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

#### **3. Adoption of the Minutes:** February 27, 2023 Pages 1-3

#### **4. Correspondence for Information**

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| a. BC Rural Health Matters – Monthly Update, Open Letter and Budget 2023    | Pages 4-22  |
| b. CivicInfo BC Newsletter – March 3, 2023                                  | Pages 23-26 |
| c. ETSI BC Newsletter   | Pages 27-32 |
| d. Heritage BC – Industrial Heritage Inventory and Cultural Map             | Pages 33-34 |
| e. Interior Health Authority – Public Service Announcement and News Release | Pages 35-37 |
| f. Selkirk College State of the Basin Focus Newsletter                      | Pages 38-41 |
| g. UBCM Compass Newsletters   | Pages 42-48 |

#### **5. Councillor's Reports**

#### **6. Mayor's Report**

#### **7. Administrator's Report**

#### **8. Accounts Payable Report:** February 24 – March 9, 2023 Pages 49

#### **9. New and Unfinished Business**

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| a. Development Variance Permit DVP 2023-01 – McIvor | Pages 50-64 |
| b. Bylaw Officer Report to Mayor and Council        | Pages 65-68 |

#### **10. Question Period**

#### **11. Adjournment**



**CITY OF GREENWOOD**  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 27, 2023

**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****(49-23)**

**Motion: J. Nathorst / C. Huisman**  
THAT the February 27, 2023 agenda be adopted as amended.  
**Carried**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES****(50-23)**

**Motion: J. Nathorst / G. Shaw**  
THAT the minutes of the February 13, 2023 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as amended.  
Motion 35-23 is amended to indicate that Council approves the requested increase to the Greenwood Heritage Society's grant-in-aid request.  
**Carried**

**DELEGATION**

Lorraine Dronen – Small Home and Accessory Dwelling Unit Development

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION****(51-23)**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION****(52-23)**

Discussion. Council will send a reply to G. Carter's letter including souvenirs from Greenwood.  
**Carried**

**COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Jim Nathorst: verbal report presented

Gerry Shaw: verbal report presented

Clint Huisman: verbal report presented

Jessica McLean: verbal report presented

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** verbal report presented

**Motion: J. McLean / C. Huisman**

THAT Council receive the reports as information.

(53-23)

**Carried**

## **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORTS**

**Motion: J. McLean / J. Nathorst**

THAT Council receive the cash disbursement accounts payable report in the amount of \$43,272.57 for the period of February 10, 2023 to February 23, 2023.

(54-23)

**Carried**

## **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Parks and Recreation  
Presentation

b. Development Variance  
Permit DVP 2023-01 -  
McIvor

(55-23)

**Motion: G. Shaw / J. Nathorst**

THAT Council defer their decision regarding DVP 2023-01 and direct staff to obtain a legal opinion regarding the application.

**Carried**

## **BYLAWS**

a. Bylaw No. 1005, 2023

(56-23)

**Motion: J. Nathorst / G. Shaw**

THAT Council give Final Reading and Adopt Bylaw No. 1005, 2023 – Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw Amendment.

**Carried**

## **QUESTION PERIOD**

### **IN-CAMERA**

**Motion: J. Nathorst / G. Shaw**

THAT Council move to In-Camera at 8:25 pm under Section 90 (1) (c) of the Community Charter.

(57-23)

**Carried**

**Motion: J. Bolt / J. McLean**

THAT Council adjourn the In-Camera meeting at 10:13 pm.

(58-23)

**Carried**

**IN-CAMERA  
RESOLUTIONS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**(59-23)**

**Motion: J. Bolt / G. Shaw**

THAT Council adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 10:13 pm.

**Carried**

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Mayor

Certified Correct

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Corporate Officer





## ***Rural Health Matters***

March 2023 Edition

### **Letter from the President**

Hello readers!

We have welcomed new members again this month. More and more municipalities, as well as other health organizations see the benefit of being a part of a Network that is based on sound research and provides positive solutions to meet rural and remote unique health care needs. That shares information and approaches that have worked well in other locations.

Our approach has been getting more recognition from not only rural agencies but also government officials.

We welcome the appointment of Jennifer Rice as Parliamentary Secretary of Rural Health and applaud the creation of this necessary position. It's been said many times before but I will mention again that Rural and Remote health issues are not small urban issues , but have unique difficulties such as travel, cost, and availability of sometimes even basic Primary Health Care service.

It is felt that this position, and Jennifer Rice will bring a much-needed spotlight on the needs of rural residents.

It is also with much pride I want to highlight that Ms. Rice recognises the strength of the BCRHN and of the Implementation Committee and invited both our Executive Director, Paul Adams, and Dr. Jude Kornelsen, Chair of the Implementation Committee, to the Throne Speech in Victoria. They were announced in the BC Legislature and had an opportunity to present to the NDP Rural Caucus.

Thank you for representing us so well!

Your Board of Directors were also very pleased to have a very informative presentation from Stacey Ashton, Chair of the BC Crisis Line Network. The BC Crisis Line is a relatively new member of the BCRHN. The focus of their Network is 24/7 phone line gives support to callers focusing on crisis de-escalation, suicide risk assessment

and services around climate emergencies or natural disasters. This service is available to anyone who has a phone. She also explained that they will be reaching out further to rural and remote communities, cross training crisis responders so rural and remote responders can take calls from urban responders and vice versa. Please feel free to contact them if this is an area that you are interested in. This is such a worthwhile service!

I feel the need to again say how much I am humbled by and in awe of the work that rural and remote communities do daily, mostly as volunteers. That same feeling of amazement is towards our Board of Directors and Implementation Committee members. Again, my thanks to all, and so looking forward to what is ahead as we go forward.

Only the best  
Peggy

Peggy Skelton, President  
email: [info@bcruralhealth.org](mailto:info@bcruralhealth.org)

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### **From the Desk of the Executive Director**

Hello everyone,

I believe I am becoming a broken record on how busy we are and February has beaten all records on being busy! As Peggy mentioned, membership has continued to rise and in addition to the recruitment of more municipalities, we have seen new members join due to the exposure we have gained through the media and have seen additional individual members and new groups join the Network without request. This graphic says it all:



Our most recent member is also our first Regional District to join via resolution and we are delighted to welcome the Regional District of the Central Kootenay! All of our municipal members and now our regional district member have joined through vote at council or at the board and this speaks to their need. Our Provincial Government needs to recognize the unique challenges faced by rural regions and their cries for help!

Speaking of help, the creation of the new role of Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health (PSRH) provides us with some optimism for the future. MLA Jennifer Rice has been appointed to this critical portfolio and we are hopeful this marks a change in direction from the Government and a recognition of the need to address rural healthcare with a rural focus. We hope this role will be effective and will start repairing a neglected and damaged system rural healthcare system.

We thank Premier Eby for creating this role and we will now ensure that we use the PSRH to increase the voice of rural residents and hold the government to account in providing service to rural residents. For this position to be effective, and not just window dressing, the PSRH needs tools, a budget and support, we also hope this will follow and ensure the appointment is a meaningful one for the future. We are cautiously optimistic but want to state that our support of this new portfolio is not one based in politics but in a need for this position. If funded appropriately and given the support necessary, we believe the PSRH will provide benefits to rural communities no matter who is in power.

Our Implementation Committee continues to do incredible work under the leadership of Dr. Jude Kornelsen and each meeting impresses me to the quality of the work produced, the team effort in producing the outputs and the dedication of volunteers who have provided many hours each month to engage in this work. Thank you Jude and thank you to all our committee participants.

At the beginning of the month both Jude and I were invited by PS Rice to attend the Throne Speech and make a presentation to the NDP rural caucus. This was an amazing opportunity to work directly with the Government rural MLAs and meet many folks on both sides of the aisle. Two intense days were spent in Victoria and that

opportunity continues to create opportunities to represent rural wellness with the policy makers in our capital. We look forward to continued presentations to the BC Liberals and to the BC Greens and to ensure our positions remain apolitical and beneficial to all of rural BC. .

I am writing today on Budget Day 2023 and have yet had chance to go through all the details, however, at first glance, rural health care seems to have been forgotten. In spite of 29 references to rural in the budget document none of them refer specifically to the recognition of the need to create rural focused solutions on rural healthcare and none of them provide us with confidence that a sea-change is afoot. I do see some positives for rural BC but they don't appear to have a focus on the rural healthcare crisis specifically. I will spend tomorrow going through details in the hopes of finding good news for our members and rural communities throughout BC. We will also be providing an overview of our findings later this week and again we will highlight the need to engage with rural communities and listen to the local grassroots on community driven solutions. Our membership growth should be viewed as an opportunity for Government to engage with residents through our organization and we will continue to push forward to ensure rural voices are heard.

Our voice is also becoming more diverse and more inclusive. Jane Osborne (Director) is the chair of our Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee (DEIB) and has begun the work of reaching some of the most isolated and vulnerable populations in rural BC. Jane has spent many years building connections to communities across BC and we are truly grateful for Jane, her wisdom and her ability to bring people together and to hear them. Thank you Jane!

Our growth is only limited by our capacity and we need funding to continue to expand effectively. We seek that support from the Government but also from grants, donations and through fundraising as a charity. All of those requests require resources and this often leaves us in a catch-22 situation. This paradox is a challenge and some of our team believe the lack of resource provision is intentional and designed to limit our voice. With continued persistence, we will be recognized for what we are and will continue to be, which is a solutions based, apolitical asset to the health and wellbeing of rural residents and communities across our Province. Premier Eby has several Billion dollars he intends to spend this month and we hope he will recognize the need to invest in the voice of rural communities that so desperately need to be heard! I look forward to that day!

Yours in health and wellness,  
Paul

Paul Adams, Executive Director  
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***The BCRHN is the healthcare voice of the rural residents of British Columbia and seeks better health outcomes for all people, through solutions-based approaches with governments, and information provision to residents.***

***The BCRHN is grateful to live, work, and be in relation with people from across many traditional and unceded territories, covering all regions of British Columbia. We are honoured to live on this land and are committed to reconciliation, decolonization, and building relationships in our communities.***

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### Member of the Month

The BC Rural Health Network Member of the Month for March 2023  
is the

**Autumn Services Centre**

Website: [autumnservices.org](http://autumnservices.org)

*Submitted by Executive director Elaine Storey*

#### **Fraser Lake village**

Fraser Lake is a community which sits geographically in the centre of the province of BC on the lands of the Nadleh Whut'en and the Stellat'en First Nations. The village population is approximately 1,000 with a draw of 2,000 from the surrounding communities of Endako and Fort Fraser, Glennan, North Shore, Stellat'en and Nadleh. This catchment area covers about 1000 square kilometers. We are known for our beautiful scenery, endless backroads, great hiking trails, camping and fishing. There are 170 lakes in a 50-mile radius of town and in fifteen minutes you can be waist deep on the Stellako River -a world-class fly-fishing destination.



Currently with a Coastal GasLink project base camp 5 kilometers east of town that's accommodating between 300 and 700 workers, the community is experiencing an unusual lack of rental spaces. With the rumours swirling of impending 'twinning' of the pipeline, house prices are also on the rise. Just a few years ago, most house prices were between \$150,000 to \$200,000, now most are selling between \$250,000 and \$350,000.





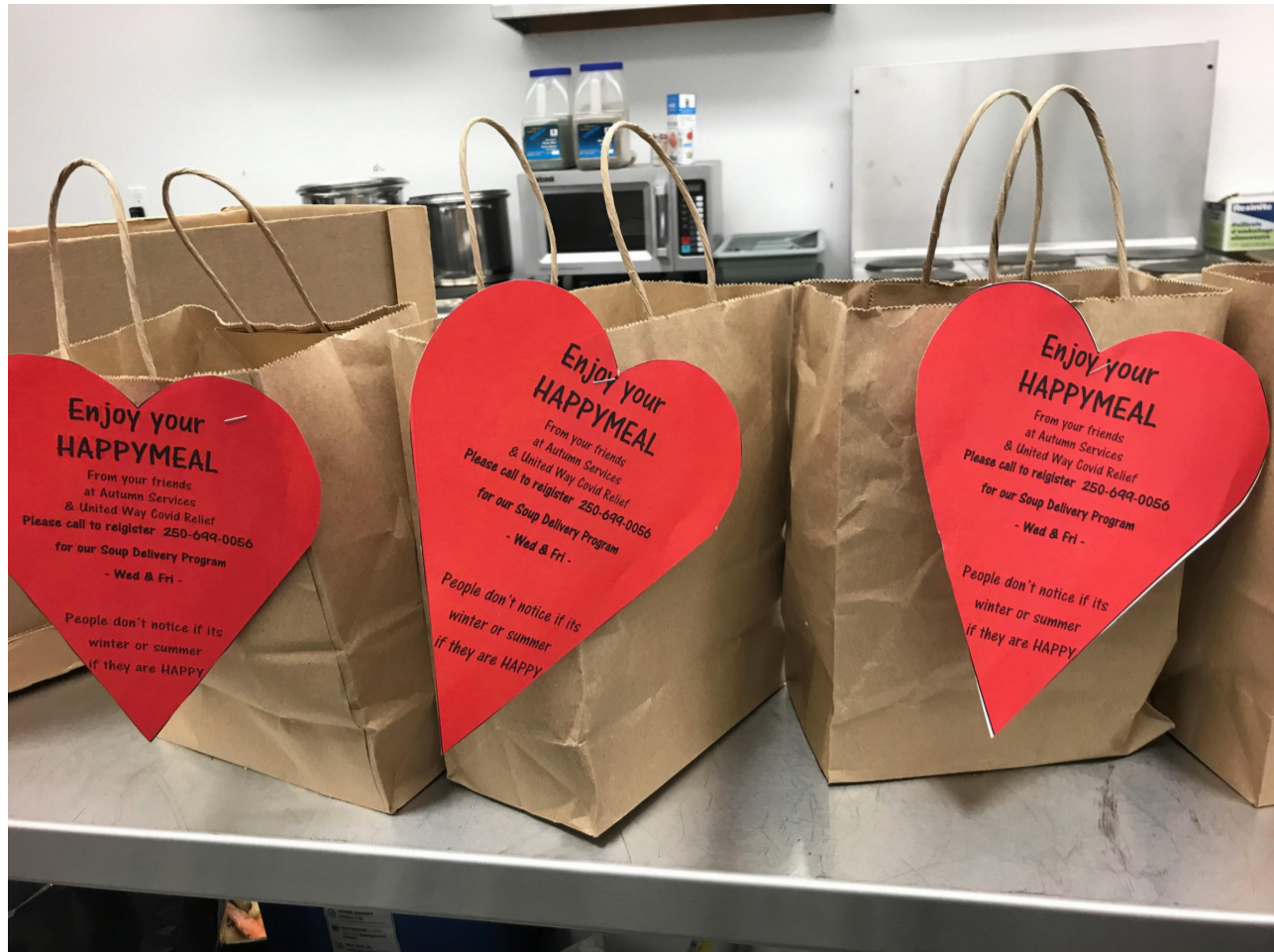
A former mining town, the local economy is driven by one sawmill which is experiencing a diminishing wood supply like all mills in the province. The Artemis Gold property which is four hours south west of town will be pouring gold and silver by 2024, and with a life of 22 years, holds the promise to employ many of the local population. The village of Fraser Lake is undergoing many improvements to its infrastructure and has recently upgraded to a fiber optic network which is considered a necessary upgrade for today's demands for internet, phone and television.

### **Autumn Services-Society for Senior Support**

We formed Autumn Services Society in 2010 and have been providing community support services for over twelve years. Our drop-in centre is situated in an enviable spot right beside the Post Office and with a complete row of large windows, is well-lit and easily accessible for those with mobility issues. We are open for drop-in support services between 9:00 am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday.

We renovated this space in 2019 and offer a commercial full-service kitchen, a Zoom room, offices, lock-up cupboards for storing UPS packages, multiple shelving units for our Food Share program and a huge space for visiting. Considered the hub of the community, we average over 300 visits a month. Those visits are clients seeking technology supports, folks dropping in for a light breakfast, or Soup & a Bun twice a week, bingo on Wednesday afternoon or to enquire about our senior supports or our Get Up & Go transportation services. Adding to our regular clients are hundreds more who visit long enough to pick up a UPS package or to pick up

their weekly food hamper.



In December we prepared a full-course Seniors Christmas dinner for two sittings of 40. We fed all the volunteers as well and delivered some meals to a few who had to cancel at the last minute. West Fraser funded the dinner which made it a free meal for participants. They also buy chocolates for all the seniors in town and we get high school students to go door to door to deliver them. The Fire truck attends with Santa on board and this year at minus 27 it seemed to take forever to get around to those 188 houses.

Our United Way funded programs sustain the work of eleven part time and two full time employees. We offer a Better at Home program, Navigation & Peer Support program and a Therapeutic Activation program. While each program has its unique set of expectations, they meld together nicely as one continuous wrap-around service that is prevention orientated and built to nurture independence and dignity in aging. With a goal of delaying the functional decline of aging adults, our support services are a meaningful investment in the lives of many who choose to remain in their community among family and friends.





These United Way funded programs are everything to us. Before we were granted this line of funding we managed three part time staff – I did everything day to day including granting and reporting, washing walls, and making soup, Debbie did the books, and we had a part time BAH funded housecleaner. Since receiving the TAPS funded 2.5 year pilot, we have grown all the services I refer to above. And now we are in a position to lose all of this IF the BC Government doesn't continue to support United Way with another year of this line of funding. We've been told its very likely to continue, but I am writing grants like crazy to keep us operational just in case. Marcy Cohen and others continue their assault on government to give us this year and follow-up with multi-level funding in the future. But what we know for a fact is all our United Way funded programs must be expensed by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.



Thanks to an 80% / 20% funded partnership through the Northern Communities Shuttle Program, we received a 6-passenger van in April 2022. The Get Up & Go Van transports clients to medical procedures, specialist appointments, x-rays, dental and eye appointments in Prince George, Vanderhoof, Burns Lake and Smithers. Through our partnership with the Village of Fraser Lake, our travel group organized trips to the Ancient forest, the local salmon run, the Christmas Tree of lights with future plans to go to the Pool in Vanderhoof. In nine months, the van has been driven 45,000 km – some weeks, its on the road every day. We charge a nominal fee of \$20 which is waived for medical clients with chronic illnesses who make several trips a week. Some are transported daily for intravenous therapy in town during and to the closest hospital on weekends. With the ambulance staffing shortages, we are getting more and more requests from staff at the medical clinic to transport patients to hospital or to get patients to the clinic for a medical check-up. We've been asked to drive a young patient with a mental health issue to hospital (50 minutes away) at 4:00 am and return to pick her up a few hours later. We were five weeks into a six week daily intravenous therapy program for a diabetic client only to find him deceased one morning in his trailer. Our volunteer driver has no medical training and its not an expectation that a non-profit providing community-based services would be put in this situation. Yet it speaks to the dedication and commitment of our staff and volunteers – we step up to help people when doing otherwise feels like we are failing them.



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**AUTUMN SERVICES**  
SOCIETY FOR SENIOR SUPPORT

**Autumn Services  
your  
Community  
and  
Senior Support Centre**

*Hours: Monday – Friday 9-4pm  
Unit 10, 111 Chowunket Street  
Fraser Lake BC V0J 1S0  
Phone: 250-699-0056  
Email: autumnservicescentre@gmail.com*

## AUTUMN SERVICES MONTHLY UPDATE –NOVEMBER 2022

Thank you to the servers and staff that made the Seniors Christmas Dinner happen Dec 3rd.

**NOON VOLUNTEERS:** Judy, Greg, Mike, Janet, Debbie, Tom, Wendy, Judith, Darel, Karen // **Kitchen Staff:** Diana Briggs, Ciara & Rahf, // **Sawmill staff:** Darlene, Geoff and Tan

**6PM VOLUNTEERS:** (below) Lisa, Greg, Mike, Janet, Kat, Tyrel, Roberta, Amie Cochran // **Kitchen staff:** Diana Briggs, Ciara & Rahf

*November update  
from Board Chair  
John (Jan) Fennema*

The Seniors Christmas Dinner was a huge success. Over 80 seniors signed up for the supper and if you missed out this year –call the Centre at 250-699-0056 and ask to be put on the list for next year. Thank you to sponsors Fraser Lake Sawmill and MHAAC for their financial donations

The kitchen at Autumn Services is now cooking a “Senior’s Breakfast” – one egg, toast and sausage or ham for \$5. We are now open at 9:00 am to accommodate the breakfast traffic.

Autumn Services has officially become a member of Food Banks BC. Hamper schedule will remain the same. They are prepared Wednesday to Thursday and are ready to be picked up Friday between 10&4 pm.

Look for the Seniors Christmas card and gift drop on Sunday Dec 18, AND we are hosting a Christmas dinner on DEC 25@3 pm-please sign up in advance, or call 250-699-0056. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and all the Best for 2023!!

Mike ready to enjoy his turkey dinner.....

Thank you to TC Energy, pipeline managers, staff and employees at CGL Nadle-Macro for donating to the Food Bank

- \* We truly appreciate your community spirit and how much you have assisted families in need this holiday season
- \* Your donations of food have been appreciated by vulnerable families and seniors in the Fraser Lake and catchment area.

**BIG.G.G. THANKYOU!!!!**

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
On Christmas Day at  
Autumn Services Centre  
Dinner at 3:00 pm.  
Please call and sign-up at  
250-699-0056  
Limit of 40  
(if you can help with prep,  
please come early)

### ORGANIZATION MANDATE

The purpose of the society is: (a) To increase the quality of life for older adults and their families in a holistic, ethical and honourable manner. (b) To assist older adults to live comfortably and independently in their own homes by providing service programs. (c) To develop and maintain a Community Social and Service Centre for Fraser Lake and area to educate and support all members of the community and surrounding catchment area.



## Autumn Services Centre

Unit 10, 111 Chowsunket Street,  
Fraser Lake BC  
250-699-0056

Website: [autumnservices.org](http://autumnservices.org)

*Submitted by Executive director Elaine Storey*

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Below are some of February's most popular posts, click here for more



### Concerns Raised After Local Man Dies On Nakusp's Hospital Doorstep

Interior Health and BC's ambulance service say they are reviewing an



### Doctors Of B.C. President Heads To Port Hardy To Help Out, Urges Others To Do The Same

incident where a Nakusp man died late last month on the doorstep of Arrow Lakes Hospital.

“Whenever an event like this occurs, the staff and administration will review to learn if there was anything that we could do to improve, and that is occurring in this situation,” says Lannon De Best, executive director of clinical operations for the Kootenay-Boundary district of Interior Health.

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Dr. Joshua Greggain, who lives in Victoria, volunteered to take ER shifts Saturday through Monday at Port Hardy Hospital to assist with an acute staffing shortage that worsened when one physician lost his ER privileges this month.

Greggain said physicians are needed as locums in the community for the next three to six months to help stabilize the situation. He wants to hear from local health-care staff while he’s in the community. “There’s a level of desperation in the nurses, the physicians, the entire team, where there just simply aren’t enough people here to provide their service.”

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### Open Letter To Premier David Eby – BC Throne Speech And Parliamentary Secretary For Rural Health

Dear Premier Eby,

The BC Rural Health Network and the Centre for Rural Research at UBC were delighted to have been invited to the Throne Speech on February 6th, where we had the opportunity to exchange information with the members of your Rural Caucus, including your newly



### Local doctor says patients who need urgent care won’t survive hours-long trip to next nearest hospital

The mayor of the Village of Masset on the northern coast of Haida Gwaii says their local hospital serves four communities, and she’s worried about what could happen if an ongoing shortage of nurses and locum physicians forces the temporary closure of its emergency room.

On Friday, members of the community who shared Sheri

appointed Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health, Jennifer Rice and the Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Development, Roly Russell.

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Disney's concerns demonstrated outside the Northern Haida Gwaii Hospital (NHGH), in support of health-care workers and to call on the province to step in

[Read more....](#)

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### **B.C. Paramedics Ratify New Contract With Over 96% Support**

British Columbia's paramedics have voted overwhelmingly to ratify a new three-year contract, after months of tough bargaining and the help of a mediator.

The Ambulance Paramedics of British Columbia, which represents 4,600 paramedics and emergency medical dispatchers, voted 96.1 per cent in favour of the three-year deal, the union said Tuesday.

[Read more...](#)



### **Merritt ER Closed For Third Time This Month**

For the third time this month, the emergency room at Nicola Valley Hospital in Merritt is closed due to what Interior Health is calling an "unexpected physician vacancy." As Travis Prasad reports, residents are fed up and are demanding an explanation.

[Watch here...](#)





### **New Denver's Spark in the Dark Lantern Festival 2023 – It's Not All Doom and Gloom!**

Here in New Denver "the village that sparkles" on a frosty January evening the Spark in the Dark lanterns circled our beloved health centre so our staff and extended care residents might also enjoy the spectacle.

[Pictures and Video](#)



### **Bluebirds In February**

Here in New Denver at the Slocan Community Health Centre's extended care facility, the Pavilion, the Bluebird volunteers with our residential buddies have been reading stores, sharing live music and making art. Winter with it's attendant illnesses and vacations has diminished our (already) limited numbers but that hasn't stopped us bringing smiles to elderly faces. And to ours!

[Photos](#)

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The above articles are just a small sample of what is available on our site each month. Most months we have dozens of timely and in depth articles we have sourced from all over the Internet to house them in one place for your ease of reading. We are so glad to have you as a member of our mailing list and please don't hesitate to reach out with any suggestions you may have. [Talk to us anytime, click here](#)

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**BCRHN**

British Columbia  
Rural Health Network

## Open Letter to the Parliamentary Secretary of Rural Health

**Attn: Jennifer Rice**

Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health  
Ministry of Health  
Via: email

**Re: Physician Assistants**

Dear Ms. Rice,

We are writing on behalf of the BC Rural Health Network and the Canadian Association of Physician Assistants to request clarity from the government on the licensing of Physician Assistants (PAs) to practice in British Columbia.

The rural communities in our province have been hit hard by emergency room closures, transfers, and inequitable access to healthcare, and we believe deploying PAs could help address these issues. We are confused by the government's messaging on this issue and urge you to use your role as Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health to push for immediate action.

The BC Rural Health Network has faced criticism for being partisan in its support of the creation of the Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health position. However, we want to clarify that our support for this position is not based on partisan politics, but rather on the importance of ensuring that the voices of rural communities are heard within the Ministry of Health, regardless of who is in power. Our network will both utilize and hold the Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health accountable to ensure that this position is effective in addressing the healthcare needs of rural residents across the province.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to obtain clarity from the Ministry regarding their position on Physician Assistants. We have received mixed messages and confusion, which is why we are requesting direct communication from the Ministry. We were disappointed by MLA Chant's response in the legislature on this subject just last week, as it did not address the issue at hand. While we welcome the investment in Nurse Practitioners and other future healthcare workers, these announcements do not address the immediate need for the deployment of Physician Assistants who are fully trained and ready to serve. If work opportunities were available, many more Physician Assistants would be able to come to BC and help address the healthcare needs of rural residents.

We acknowledge the complexity of team-based care and understand the importance of adding the right tools in the correct way. However, we must emphasize that we are in an emergency situation where many rural residents are unable to receive care due to lack of personnel and exhausted teams. We are not duplicating existing skill sets, but rather addressing the urgent need for support in many rural communities where



and they are actively being sought out by healthcare teams to work in collaborative environments. The Doctors of BC have expressed their support for their inclusion since 2013.

While we recognize the need to establish a regulatory framework for Physician Assistants, we urge the Ministry to urgently request the College of Physicians and Surgeons to commence this process. In the meantime, emergency measures should be put in place to allow for their temporary inclusion in the BC healthcare system, whether through Order in Council or any other means that will enable immediate deployment in understaffed communities across the province. This is a reasonable and necessary response to an urgent situation.

We have been provided with mixed messages regarding licensing, we have reached out to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC to clarify their position on PAs. The response was immediate and direct. Dr. Oetter, CEO, writes on February 27th, 2023 **“The College is prepared to do licensing and regulation of PAs if that becomes a priority of the Ministry of Health. And please tell all your friends. We are getting tired of the false accusations that the CPSBC is a barrier.”**

We have consensus from the BC Liberals, the BC Greens, the rural communities of BC, the Doctors of BC and the body who will be entrusted with the licensing framework in the CPSBC and many other professional bodies! What else does the Ministry need to act?

We write to you with respect and understanding of the major challenge you face with the crisis in rural health in BC, which predates the pandemic. Unfortunately, both our organizations feel unheard and shut out from the conversation, and we hope you can assist us.

We appreciate your ability to meet with the Minister, the Premier, and with senior staff, and unfortunately, to date, that opportunity has not been offered to us. The BC Rural Health Network represents rural residents pan-provincially and is a solutions-based organization. We encourage you to look at our membership map and members and understand the extent of the network's support. The Canadian Association of Physician Assistants is a national organization that advocates for and supports physician assistants across Canada.

We request a full response from you and ask for the Ministry's official position on Physician Assistants being deployed in BC. We are also happy to meet with you and provide additional details, resources, and assistance to move this forward with haste. We see a solution and ask for action.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours in health and wellness,

Paul Adams  
BCRHN

Lisa Stewart  
CAPA

Cc: Premier Eby, Minister Dix, MLA Bond, MLA Fursteneau, Peggy Skelton, Eric Demers, Colin Moss, Bcc: Media, all rural MLAs.



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## **BC Health Budget Breakdown – BC Rural Health Network – Budget 2023**

### **Budget Highlights**

The BC government has allocated \$28.6 billion, more than a third of the provincial budget, for healthcare spending in 2023. This represents an increase of almost \$6.4 billion over three years. The investments aim to improve cancer care, the health-care workforce, mental health facilities and resources, urgent primary care centers, pay for physicians, maternity care, and the parliamentary secretary for rural health.

An initial investment of \$440 million in cancer care will expand cancer-care teams and service hours, introduce revised pay structures, improve screening programs, and support cancer research. Moreover, \$270 million will be added to the BC Cancer's budget to expand access to imaging, treatments, and radiation therapy.

For the health-care workforce, the government has allocated almost \$1 billion to recruit, train, and retain workers, adding 1,700 health care staff and training 3,000 more graduates.

The government has earmarked more than \$1 billion for mental health supports, including capital investments. This funding means that over the next three years, the Province will add \$1 billion in new resources on mental health and substance use care.

To expand urgent and primary care centers, the province will spend \$4 billion over the next three years.

The government has also increased pay for physicians under a new three-year Physician Master Agreement, with a full-time family doctor being paid about \$385,000 a year, up from the current average of \$250,000.

The expansion of maternity care adds 20 new seats to UBC's midwifery program, including 12 new seats in the bachelor of midwifery program and 8 new seats in the Internationally Educated Midwives Bridging Program (IEMBP).

The creation of a new position of Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health (PSRH) is significant and acknowledges the need for a rural focus on rural health. The mandate letter for the PSRH includes B.C.'s Health Human Resources Strategy, working with rural, remote, and First Nations communities to identify gaps in health care services, and reviewing the Travel Assistance Program to improve access to medical appointments.

### **Comments**

The BC Rural Health Network notes that there is no mention of any rural-specific investments in rural healthcare systems outside of the PSRH position and some assistance in travel for oncology needs. The lack of any rural focus to new healthcare worker positions is concerning, as rural areas face closures to emergency rooms and the transfer of patients for routine care due to a lack of staff. The network recommends allocating some seats for rural students, which could result in higher returns of medical staff to rural life.

gap coverage in urban and small urban populations, has not been effective in addressing the needs of rural residents. The network recommends team-based care and longitudinal care, which are essential to rural health systems and desperately needed in all communities that have only one point of access to primary and emergency care.

In conclusion, the BC Rural Health Network commends the government for investing in the future health of British Columbians and acknowledging the need to improve healthcare and mental health access across the province. However, it urges the government to allocate rural-specific investments in rural healthcare systems and to prioritize team-based care and longitudinal care to address the needs of rural residents.

We respectfully remind the Premier and the Minister of Health that we are all afforded equitable access to healthcare under section 12 of the Canada Health Act. Rural specific investment in new systems will be the only way we will achieve this.  
We would like to help in improving the system.

**The BCRHN is the healthcare voice of the rural residents of British Columbia and seeks better health outcomes for all people, through solutions-based approaches with governments, and information provision to residents.**

**The BCRHN is grateful to live, work, and be in relation with people from across many traditional and unceded territories, covering all regions of British Columbia. We are honoured to live on this land and are committed to reconciliation, decolonization, and building relationships in our communities.**

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## News and Announcements

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### Local Government News

#### **Surrey's Children and Youth At-Risk Table reaches 500 interventions**

A first-of-its-kind in British Columbia, CHART involves a multi-disciplinary team of 16 partner agencies that meets weekly to identify children and youth vulnerable for exploitation, including those at-risk for gang affiliation.

*Posted: March 3, 2023*

#### **Upgraded Wastewater Plant in Richmond Will Better Protect People, Environment**

The Province is providing Metro Vancouver with funding to upgrade the Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant in Richmond, ensuring it can meet the demands of the growing population, while protecting the health of people and the environment.

*Posted: March 3, 2023*

#### **Burnaby Launches Review of Historic Discrimination Against Chinese Canadians**

This spring, the City will convene an advisory committee and connect with residents to identify specific recommendations to address historical discrimination, including acknowledgement and a formal apology.

*Posted: February 28, 2023*

#### **qRD's Four Volunteer Fire Departments Receive Combined Grant Funding Through UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund**

The qathet Regional District (qRD) is pleased to announce the receipt of a combined total of \$94,015 in grant funding through the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF): Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training funding program.

*Posted: February 27, 2023*

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#### **IPD & Lean Operating Systems: An Introduction to Collaborative Project Delivery**

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## Announcements

### PLUG IN BC



#### 2023 Community Outreach Incentive Program

##### **Funding available for electric transportation outreach projects.**

On February 13, 2023, funding will open for electric vehicle (EV) education and outreach projects in B.C. communities. [Emotive](#) is an EV education and experience campaign that provides up to \$10,000 per project to enable community organizations, local governments, and companies to demonstrate the benefits of electric transportation. It's not all about personal electric cars either. Emotive funding also supports projects raising awareness for e-bikes, electric car shares, and other electric mobility options.

Read about the funding and apply at <https://pluginbc.ca/community-outreach-incentive-program-2023/>

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### LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES (ONTARIO) / CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CANADA



Local Authority Services, a non-profit created by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, is hosting a series of webinars on programs and services available through Canoe Procurement. While the webinars are mainly for an Ontario municipal audience, they are open to municipal employees in other provinces as well. Please note the listed start times are Eastern Standard.

#### **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.

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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## MUNICIPAL NATURAL ASSETS INITIATIVE



### Make nature visible in decision-making | [Natural Infrastructure in BC: Barriers and Opportunities report](#) now available

Last year, the Province of British Columbia engaged the Municipal Natural Assets Initiative to better understand the regulatory and policy issues for which they are responsible for that interfere with planning, designing, and developing NBS — specifically natural asset infrastructure — across BC. MNAI's report captures the unique legislative challenges and clear, actionable solutions that BC should act on.

Why? While many challenges lie at the provincial level, about 60% of public infrastructure is owned by local governments. With governance barriers reduced, or even removed, more communities can take charge of managing their natural assets and fulfill responsibilities to provide core services such as water filtration, stormwater management and protection from flooding in adaptable, climate-resilient, and cost-effective ways.

The Municipal Natural Assets Initiative encourages you to [check out their report here](#).

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## BC SMALL WATER SYSTEMS COMMUNITY NETWORK



Are you looking for an opportunity to connect with small water purveyors? Do you have resources or expertise to share with decision-makers? Are you interested in increasing the sustainability of clean, safe drinking water in BC?

If your answer to any of these question was YES, the [BC Small Water Systems Community Network](#) — [www.smallwaternet.org](http://www.smallwaternet.org) - would like to invite you to become a member of our growing community! This free, online platform is designed for owners, trustees, contractors, employees, or volunteers of a small water system or those who provide products, services, training, or expertise. On the Community Network you will find places to network, share knowledge, expand your learning, attend events, and participate in interesting opportunities.

Reach out to us at [smallwaternet@bcwwa.org](mailto:smallwaternet@bcwwa.org) if you have questions or want to learn more about the Community Network!

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM



Growing Great Places Together

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More than a Flower Growing Contest

**Growing Great Places Together**

British Columbia Communities in Bloom is an annual recognition program for municipalities of all sizes. Participants are evaluated on the quality of green spaces, diversity and originality of landscaping, overall appearance, environmental awareness, heritage, and the level of community involvement. The evaluation process creates a baseline for future improvement. The updated Communities in Bloom program places a greater emphasis on sustainable horticulture practices and awareness for climate action initiatives.

Participants value the networking and civic pride that results.

**BC COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM | [www.bccib.ca](http://www.bccib.ca) | Register before April 14 | [Volunteer Opportunities](#)**

**More than a Flower Growing Contest**

The past few years have taught us how essential greenspaces and social engagement are to our health and happiness. The Communities in Bloom program provides a proven process to help engage, and activate your residents, service and business groups around a positive message of 'Growing Great Places Together'.

Smaller municipalities may be interested in the new 3-criteria "GROW Modified Evaluation" option to help get an 'in Bloom' program started in their community.

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Welcome to the March ETSI-BC eNews! We've had a lot on the go in the last few months! Aside from the projects we funded just before Christmas, our two newly re-constituted Regional Advisory Committees met in January and appointed 5 new Directors of ETSI-BC who will be attending their first Board meeting later this month.

When you look at this eNews, you'll see we have also been very busy working in collaboration with the Province of BC to support communities impacted by changes in the forest sector. The new Forest Impact Recovery Program will also be a big help to communities to retool and reframe the economic development challenges and opportunities they have before them.

As always, we invite you to follow us on our LinkedIn and Twitter channels for the latest in case studies, good news stories, funding opportunities and more. As we celebrate our second anniversary as ETSI-BC, we continue to work hard to support a Strong Economy and help build Stronger Communities

Sincerely,



Laurel Douglas,  
CEO, ETSI-BC







## In this Edition of our eNews

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4. Funding still available for Mitacs Projects
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### 1. Forest Impact Recovery (FIR) Program opens

We are pleased to announce that ETSI-BC Forest Impact Recovery (FIR) Program will be open for applications from **March 15 – April 15, 2023**.

ETSI-BC, with funding from the Province of BC's Rural Business and Community Recovery Initiative (RBCRI) will provide up to \$1.35 million in grant funding to support rural communities and their business support organizations in the Southern Interior of BC with populations under 25,000 to create Forest Impact Recovery (FIR) Advisor positions.

An Info Session for interested parties will be held on [Wednesday March 8, 2023](#) at 10 am PST.  
[Click here to register.](#)

Interested parties are encouraged to review the Application Guide found [here](#) and speak to an ETSI-BC Project Consultant to confirm eligibility prior to submitting a proposal.

**Read More**

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## 2. Spring 2023 Core Funding Intake

Our Spring 2023 Core Funding Intake will also be open from **April 1 – May 1, 2023**. Learn more about our funding opportunities, how to apply, and get answers to frequently asked questions from Paul & Renata, our friendly Project Consultants. We encourage you to sign up now for an Info Session, planned for [March 28 and March 29](#).

**Read More**

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## 3. Post-Secondary Entrepreneurship & Work-Integrated Learning

Did you know there are 6 public post-secondary institutions in the Southern Interior? We appreciate their work providing quality education and opportunities for hands-on learning to students and adult learners. ETSI-BC is delighted to support these institutions as they help build entrepreneurship skills and work-integrated learning opportunities for students and recent graduates.

During this past Fiscal Year, ETSI-BC supported each one of our region's public post-secondary institutions under our Strategic Pillar 4, Developing Human Capital. We're excited to host a working session on March 8 with post-secondary partners, accelerators and others, where they will share details of this year's projects and their expected impacts. [Contact our office](#) if you're interested in attending, and visit our Stories page for features about several past projects.

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## 4. Mitacs Partnership

Research funding is still available for this year through our partnership with Mitacs.

A total of \$53,750 in funding is available this year for businesses, non-profits, First Nations and municipalities in the ETSI-BC service area. These funds can be used to pay part of their portion of Mitacs research internships that are set up with one or more of the public post-secondary institutions located in our service area, to conduct research that will lead to sustainable economic development outcomes in the ETSI-BC region.



Application deadline for FY2023 Mitacs funding is March 31, 2023.

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## 5. Data 201 Series

Due to the success of the 2022 Data 101 series, we will be offering a Data 201 series beginning May 4, 2023 in partnership with Community Futures East Kootenay. We are actively recruiting organizations to feature that are actively using economic development data to their advantage, especially from the Thompson-Okanagan region. Please [contact our office](#) if you have some examples! More details on the webinar series and how to register will be available soon.

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## 6. New Board Members

In January 2023, the Columbia-Kootenay and Thompson Okanagan Regional Advisory Committees met to appoint new members to the Board of ETSI-BC. We are pleased to welcome the following local government elected officials as new Directors:



- Kevin Acton, Mayor, Lumby
- Alan Harrison, Mayor, Salmon Arm
- Julie Kimmel, Councillor, Sun Peaks
- Sue Cairns, Councillor, Kimberley
- Susan Clovechok, RDEK Area Director

Thanks to each of the new Directors. We will be featuring each of them on our LinkedIn page over the coming months, so you can get to know them better.

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## 7. Featured Stories

Here are a couple projects we funded that were recently featured in the Stories section of our website:





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## About ETSI-BC

ETSI-BC, the Economic Trust of the Southern Interior, was created in 2006 with a \$50 million endowment to help the economies in the Southern Interior of BC to grow and diversify. The Trust is governed by a 13-member Board of Directors, receiving input from Regional Advisory Committees made up of elected officials from both the Thompson-Okanagan and Columbia-Kootenay regions. We help communities in the Southern Interior to achieve their economic development goals, providing funding, resources and knowledge. Our Strategic Pillars include:

1. Building economic development capacity
2. Supporting business resilience and growth
3. Innovating and advancing key sectors
4. Developing human capital
5. Creating value for the economic development ecosystem

For more information about ETSI-BC, visit us at [www.etsi-bc.ca](http://www.etsi-bc.ca).



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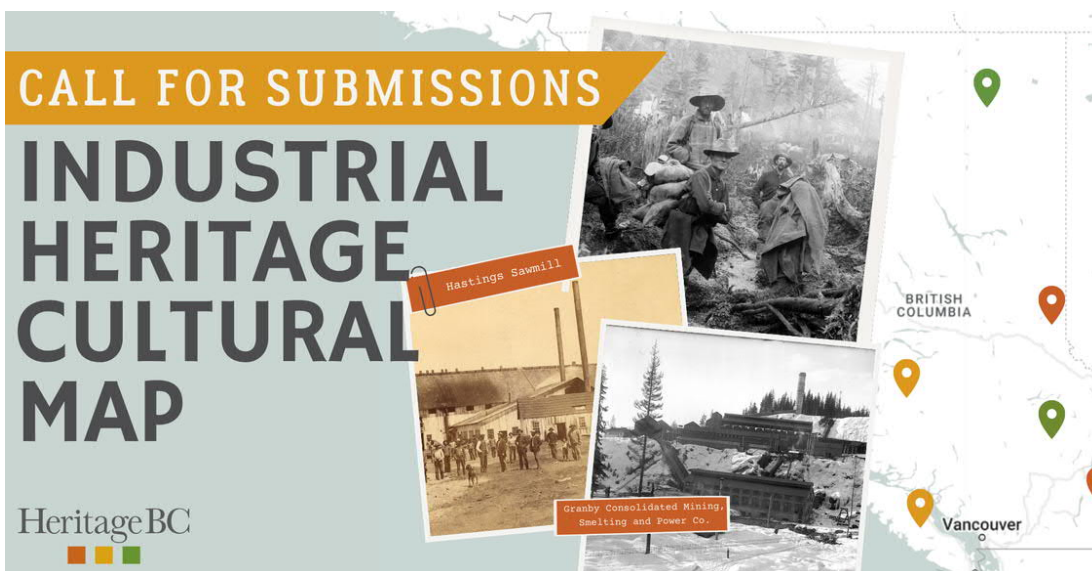
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# Heritage BC



## Call for Submissions

### *Industrial Heritage Inventory and Cultural Map*

We are excited to announce we will be developing a **new interactive map** to geolocate and share BC's industrial heritage. This project will add to our popular online [Cultural Maps series](#).

Industrial growth profoundly changed the province, establishing communities and infrastructure, and contributing to a strong provincial economy, largely from extracting natural resources. This map will aim to look at the full range of legacies from industrial activity, both positive and negative, and seek to better understand how communities are contending with these legacies today.

While industrial activity is usually considered as occurring in the 19th and 20th centuries, Heritage BC's project will be guided by UNESCO's definition of industrial archaeology, which exists in all phases of human development. Submissions from BC indigenous communities with what they value as their industrial heritage will be welcomed.



In our newest Cultural Map, we aim to raise awareness of this narrative through the province's industrial heritage sites, providing a resource for researchers, educators and lifelong learners among others.

[Visit the FAQ](#)

Nominations can be submitted by anyone in British Columbia, including organizations (community, non-profit & charitable); educational institutions; local governments; First Nations; and individuals.



### Submit a Site

Submit industrial sites in your area. We will collate and review all submissions, generating a final shortlist of sites for upload to the new map.

We will also be compiling an inventory of all submissions and aim to make this available publicly outside of the map. Intake closes on **June 9th, 2023.**

[Submit a Site](#)



Or, **register your interest.** We will be in touch soon with more information on submitting your site(s).

[Register your Interest](#)

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### BECOME A MEMBER

Heritage BC is your provincial service organization supporting heritage conservation across British Columbia through education, training and skills development, capacity building in heritage planning and funding through the Heritage Legacy Fund.

Support your provincial heritage organization by becoming a member today. Membership fees start as low as \$35.

[Become a member today!](#)

### Statement of Acknowledgement

*As an organization of provincial scope, Heritage BC recognizes that its members, and the local history and heritage they seek to preserve, occupy the lands and territories of B.C.'s Indigenous peoples. Heritage BC asks its members and all people to reflect on the places where they reside and work, and to respect the diversity of cultures and experiences that form the richness of our provincial heritage. [Learn more about whose land you live on.](#)*



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## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

For Immediate Release | March 3, 2023

# Interior Health Urges Extreme Caution as Avalanche Danger Remains Elevated

**IH WIDE** – Interior Health is urging people to be prepared and extremely cautious in the backcountry, with continued high and considerable avalanche danger forecasted in many areas of the B.C. Interior.

"Being caught in an avalanche is a life-threatening situation that has already claimed twelve lives in the Interior Health region this season," said Dr. Fatemeh Sabet, medical health officer, Interior Health. "Avalanche Canada continues to forecast a dangerous snowpack. There have been more than double the number of avalanche fatalities compared to the previous season and we are only halfway through the season. We urge everyone thinking of venturing into the backcountry to check [www.avalanche.ca](http://www.avalanche.ca) and make conservative choices, avoid dangerous terrain, and consider delaying a backcountry trip until conditions are safer."

Avalanche Canada continues to monitor a deep, persistent slab avalanche problem for many areas across the Interior of B.C. This is causing very dangerous and highly unpredictable avalanche conditions. Avalanche Canada continues to encourage people to stay away from steep slopes and terrain, and to check: [www.avalanche.ca](http://www.avalanche.ca) for avalanche conditions and forecasts.

"We are dealing with a complex and very tricky snowpack. A widespread weak layer exists near the base of the snowpack throughout the Interior and it's been the cause of most of the fatal avalanche incidents this season," said Ryan Buhler, forecast program supervisor, Avalanche Canada. "This layer is deep enough that we are unlikely to see clues of instability, like nearby avalanche activity, 'whumpfing' or cracking snow. The only way to minimize exposure is to select low angle, low consequence terrain and avoid areas where an avalanche could propagate widely. It's likely that this widespread weak layer will persist for the remainder of the season."

Buhler added, "With sunny weather in the forecast, we are expecting the snowpack to become even less stable. We know sunny weather can create a false sense of security and lure people out into avalanche terrain, even though unstable conditions exist. Even 30 minutes of sun can have a significant impact on the snowpack at this time of year. "

Avalanche Canada urges backcountry users to exercise caution and make conservative, low-consequence choices if they decide to travel in avalanche terrain. Backcountry users should always check the avalanche forecast at: [www.avalanche.ca/en/map](http://www.avalanche.ca/en/map) and carry a transceiver, probe and shovel, and be trained to use them.

Avalanche Canada expects these conditions to last for the remainder of the winter season in many areas and potentially into the summer season. They advise using extreme caution if venturing into the backcountry.

Advice from Avalanche Canada:

- Avoid steep, shallow and rocky terrain features where the snowpack transitions from thick to thin.



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- Everyone in a backcountry party needs the essential gear, such as a transceiver, shovel and probe, and the training to use them.
- Adopt a cautious mindset when in avalanche terrain.
- Be diligent about terrain choices. Sticking to slope angles of less than 30 degrees when in clearings, open trees and alpine terrain can help minimize risk.
- Slopes that previously avalanched this season have the capacity to produce additional large avalanches when reloaded with new snow. This means that knowing that a slope already had an avalanche on it does not mean that the slope is safe.
- Follow disciplined group decision-making, ensuring that each group member is engaged in terrain selection.
- Minimize exposure to overhead hazards, given that these avalanches can be remotely triggered and travel far in runout zones.
- Travel one at a time when exposed to avalanche terrain and regroup in safe spots well away from overhead hazards.
- Avoid exposure to terrain traps, such as gullies, cliffs and trees, to reduce the risk of being caught in an avalanche.
- Practise patience, avoid complacency and accept that you may need to manage this risk for weeks or months to come.

### Quick Facts:

- During the past 10 years, approximately 73% of all Canadian avalanche fatalities have occurred in B.C.
- Approximately 85% of Avalanche Canada's services are delivered in this province.

### Learn More:

For the latest avalanche forecasts, visit Avalanche Canada's website: <https://www.avalanche.ca>

PreparedBC's avalanche safety guidance:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content?id=634E0C61240F4A61A0E6D83297A7ADDF>

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**For Immediate Release | March 7, 2023**

## Youth tobacco and vaping poster contest winners announced

**KELOWNA** – Four teens have won Interior Health's *Take a Breath: Teen Voices on Tobacco and Vaping* poster contest. Each winner will receive a \$150 gift card of their choice. The winning posters are being professionally printed, displayed in hospitals and health centres, and shared with schools throughout the region.

"We want to thank everyone who took the time to submit an entry for this poster contest to help raise awareness and help people make informed decisions on this important health topic," says Interior Health medical health officer Dr. Fatemeh Sabet. "Smoking tobacco and vaping have significant, proven negative impacts on our health. These posters by youth for youth provide important information about the health risks, and differences between commercial and traditional tobacco use."

Youth in grades 8 to 12 living in the Interior Health region were invited to participate in the poster contest. Posters were individually evaluated and scored by youth judges from McCreary Centre Society against a list of criteria. Contestant names were kept anonymous from judges. The winning posters were the ones that received the highest scores. This group of young people also collaborated in designing the contest and the evaluation criteria. They each received an honorarium for their efforts.

Fourteen-year-old Salmo resident Ruby was one of the winning artists. "I feel as though it is a real issue in modern day teen life and can be extremely addictive no matter who you are," Ruby says. "There are so many disadvantages to smoking and vaping and it can be harmful to everyone's life and body. It is ultimately your decision what you decide to do with your life, but don't recommend vaping/smoking to anyone, even if you believe it'll boost your popularity or confidence."

Kailyn, 13, from Kitchener, a small community near Creston focused their poster on the importance of ceremonial tobacco for Indigenous traditions and how it differs from every day tobacco use. Kailyn says, "Please don't start because it's hard to stop and bad for your health," regarding commercial tobacco use and vaping.

Other winners include Charzhindawa (Chacha), 15, from Greenwood and Lukas, 14, also from Salmo.

Twelve-year-old artist Elizabeth from Kelowna received an honourable mention. She says: "It sucks to see people younger and older than me smoke and vape. I don't understand why people do this to themselves."

The contest opened October 2022. Interior Health received a total of 18 submissions, and two did not meet the contest criteria. As such, there were 16 eligible posters in the contest.

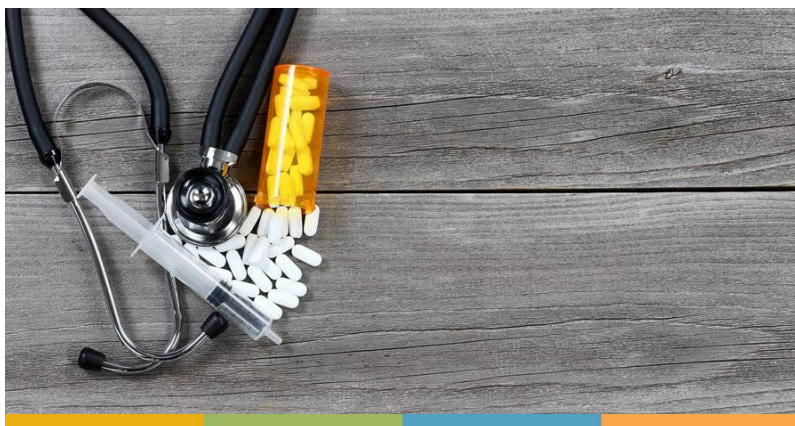
To view all winning posters, learn more about the poster contest, and find tobacco and vaping information for teens, visit [interiorhealth.ca](https://interiorhealth.ca).

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## State of the Basin Focus

*Stories of well-being in our region*

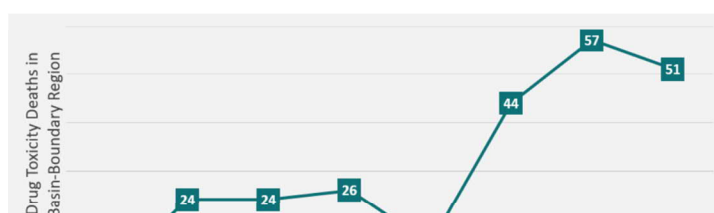
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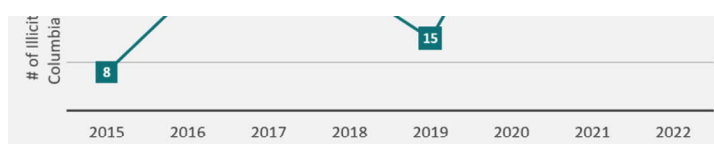


### Illicit Drug Toxicity Deaths Rising in the Region

Deaths from illicit toxic drugs are on the rise across the province. A [recent report](#) by the BC Coroners Service indicates 2,272 suspected illicit drug toxicity deaths in BC in 2022. This works out to approximately 6.2 deaths per day. What does this look like in our region?

In the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region, deaths from illicit drug toxicity have also risen in recent years. The number of illicit drug toxicity deaths within the region jumped from a total of 8 in 2015 to a high of 57 in 2021, with a slight decline to 51 deaths in 2022. See graph below.






To better understand how these drug toxicity deaths compare across locations, the deaths are presented as a rate per 100,000 persons. See the table below for the rates in our region. Caution should be used when exploring these rates, as a small number of deaths in areas with small populations can be challenging to interpret. To help with understanding, the number of deaths in 2022 is also included in the table below.

LHA	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	# of Deaths 2022
Kettle Valley	0	27.6	27.7	0	0	54.7	82.1	54.4	2
Castlegar	14.2	21.0	13.9	0	33.9	20.1	40.4	46.5	7
Grand Forks	0	0	44.6	99.2	33.1	33.1	54.1	42.9	4
Arrow Lakes	44.5	0	21.3	42.1	21.1	41.6	40.6	40.3	2
Nelson	7.6	18.9	14.9	7.4	7.3	25.5	25.1	38.9	11
Cranbrook	7.4	7.3	10.9	7.2	0	35.5	60.0	38.8	11
Revelstoke	0	0.0	0	57.0	0	43.7	44.3	32.9	3
Golden	0	14.0	13.7	13.5	0	13.2	13.0	25.5	2
Trail	0	9.9	24.6	9.8	14.5	19.3	28.9	23.8	5
Creston	0	7.6	0	0	0	7.5	15.1	22.4	3
Windermere	0	40.4	30.2	9.9	0	28.3	9.2	9.0	1
Fernie	0	12.6	0	0	6.0	17.9	0	0	0
Kimberley	0	31.3	0	20.5	0	0	19.3	0	0
Kootenay Lake	0	0	0	0	0	27.6	27.4	0	0

In 2022, the Local Health Area (LHA) in our region with the highest rate of illicit drug toxicity deaths was Kettle Valley at 54.4 deaths per 100,000 persons (2 deaths). This was followed by Castlegar LHA with 46.5 deaths per 100,000 persons (7 deaths) and Grand Forks LHA with 42.9 deaths per 100,000 persons (4 deaths). These three LHAs all had a higher illicit drug toxicity death rate than the provincial rate of 42.7 deaths per 100,000 persons.

The [BC Coroners Service Report](#) provides additional context around the illicit drug toxicity deaths. Of all the unnatural deaths in BC, illicit drugs are the leading cause of death. Across the province in 2022, 79% of those who died were male and 70% were between 30 to 59 years old. Of the drug toxicity deaths in the Interior Health Authority, most deaths (62%) happened in private residences. The drug most involved in drug toxicity deaths was fentanyl and its analogues (found in 86% of deaths). This was followed by cocaine, which was found in 45% of deaths.

These data show part of the impact that illicit drug use is having in our province and region. This can help inform decision-makers. As one example, the BC government recently [decriminalized](#) small amounts of some illicit drugs as one step to address this toxic drug crisis, citing that this will help reduce the barriers and stigma that prevent people from accessing life-saving services. In the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region, organizations such as [ANKORS](#) are working hard to reduce stigma and harm for vulnerable populations.



To learn more about other indicators of well-being, please visit the

State of the Basin website [stateofthebasin.ca](https://stateofthebasin.ca).

## What's in your community's climate profile?

How is the climate expected to change in your local area over the coming decades? What are the expected impacts and what can you do about it? Find your community's climate profile on the Columbia Basin Climate Source in one easy click when you visit <https://basinclimatesource.ca/communities>.

The profiles have just been updated with the latest climate projections and action stories. Columbia Basin Climate Source is a one-stop source for credible climate change information relevant to the Columbia Basin and Boundary regions. It's an initiative of Columbia Basin Trust, developed and maintained by the team at Selkirk Innovates.

## Selkirk College Ranked 29th in Canada's Top Research Colleges List

With more than \$3.7 million in government and private sector funding actioned in the fiscal year ending March 2021, Selkirk College's arm for research and innovation sits 29th in the latest rankings of Canada's top research colleges! During the period of reporting, Selkirk Innovates had 81 research partnerships that included all three levels of government, not-for-profit organizations, and an eclectic mix of private industry clients.

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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 Sḡs̓aḡčkstx (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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## BC Budget highlights

Finance Minister Katrine Conroy tabled the provincial budget earlier today. Budget 2023 projects a series of deficits over its three-year fiscal plan: \$4.2 billion in 2023-24; \$3.8 billion in 2024-25; and \$3.0 billion in 2025-26. The budget also provides \$5.7 billion in contingencies through the fiscal plan period for climate and emergency response; Clean BC and other spending uncertainties. Significant new spending has been earmarked for healthcare and housing.

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## Housing Summit early bird registration extended



Over 200 delegates have registered for UBCM's housing summit *Housing BC Together*, to be held April 4-5 at the Sheraton Wall Centre in Vancouver. *Housing BC Together* will tackle the most challenging issues at the root of the current crisis by drawing on the expertise of government, industry, not-for-profit and Indigenous leaders to identify ways forward. As we finalize our panellists and keynote speakers for our wide-ranging agenda, we are extending our early-bird [registration](#) to March 3rd for those planning to attend. Watch this space for detailed information each week in the lead-up to the summit.

## Regional District forum registration

Registration for the Regional District CAO and Chair Forum is now open. The event will be held at the Hotel Grand Pacific in Victoria, BC, on March 28 (afternoon) and March 29 (morning). Please register by March 21, 2023.

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## Update on RCMP Collective Agreement

With the first RCMP Collective Agreement set to expire on March 31, 2023, the National Police Federation (representing RCMP members) and Federal Treasury Board have recently begun negotiating the second Collective Agreement. Local governments continue to await a decision regarding the payment of retroactive costs, while also seeking improved engagement and communication concerning the current bargaining process.

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## **Local government concerns with medical cannabis conveyed**

In January, UBCM's Cannabis Policy Technical Working Group met with Health Canada regarding the personal and dedicated production of medical cannabis and associated local government concerns. Following this discussion, Health Canada has advised of an opportunity for other local governments to request similar meetings.

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## **Funding & resources update**

Each month we provide an update on UBCM funding programs and information on other programs, events, and resources that may be of interest to local governments and First Nations.

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## **Minister's poverty reduction advisory committee**

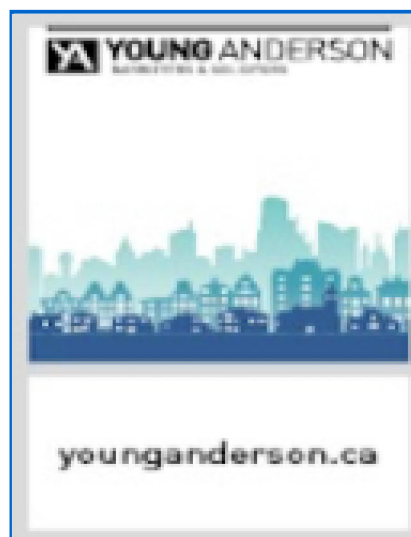
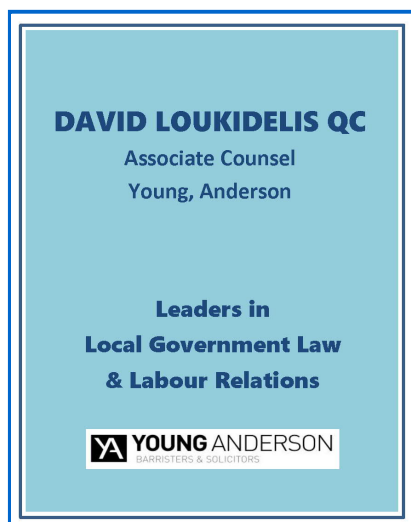
UBCM is seeking expressions of interest from local government elected officials or staff to represent UBCM on the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction's Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee. Interested candidates can submit a resume, outlining relevant experience, to UBCM staff by March 17th.

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## **Appointments to Policing Modernization Roundtable**

UBCM is seeking to fill two vacancies on the Local Government Policing Modernization Roundtable (LGPMR). The LGPMR is a forum for local government issues to be raised as part of broader work to research policing issues, explore options and advise the Province on courses of action. Interested elected officials and senior staff members have until March 10, 2023, to apply.

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## Accelerating housing supply

The opening session at UBCM's housing summit, Housing BC Together, will feature Housing Minister Ravi Kahlon in discussion with local elected leaders from B.C.'s high-growth regions. Mayor Ken Sim (Vancouver), Mayor Brenda Locke (Surrey), Mayor Marianne Alto (Victoria), Mayor Mike Hurley (Burnaby), Mayor Malcolm Brodie (Richmond), Mayor Tom Dyas (Kelowna) and Councillor Jenna Stoner (Squamish) will join with Minister Kahlon to explore how local governments are innovating to accelerate the delivery of homes most needed in their communities and to identify the blocks that are limiting the pace of development.

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## Provincial responses to 2022 Resolutions

Provincial responses to many of the resolutions from the 2022 UBCM Convention are now available.

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## UBCM Executive meeting highlights

The UBCM Executive held its quarterly committee and board meetings in Richmond from February 23-24. A full slate of Committee meetings was held and Executive members welcomed a delegation from Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs.

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## Provincial funding for NG911 implementation

As part of a \$150 million investment towards the implementation of Next Generation 911 (NG911) services, the Province has provided \$60 million to local governments, to be distributed through UBCM. This funding will help local governments address the costs associated with the transition to NG911. A funding program is currently under development.

[Read More](#)

## Housing Summit Hotel Deadline

The deadline for hotel reservations at the UBCM Housing Summit group rate is Friday, March 10th. If you are attending the Housing Summit and have not yet reserved a room at the host hotel, The Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, please do so this week, and reference the UBCM Housing Summit.

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## Accessibility toolkit and hub

The Disability Alliance of BC (DABC) has developed an Accessibility Toolkit and Hub to assist prescribed organizations to come into compliance with the *Accessible BC Act*. DABC is also seeking feedback on the Toolkit, the Hub, implementation progress, and additional tools and resources that are needed. Local government-specific tools will be developed by DABC in the coming months.

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## Inland boater safety project seeks representative

UBCM is seeking one representative to contribute to an inland boater safety project led by the B.C. Injury Research and Prevention Unit (BCIRPU). This 3-year project seeks to increase public education towards recreational boat safety on inland waterways. Interested individuals have until March 17, 2023, to apply.



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## RCMP's elected officials guide

RCMP E Division has recently updated its [Elected Officials Guide](#), which provides an overview of the BC RCMP and the services that are delivered to BC communities. In addition to broad information regarding RCMP policing services and priorities, the document also contains sections specific to each RCMP policing district in B.C.



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## MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

**To:** Mayor and Council

**Date:** March 8, 2023

**From:** Andrea Sherstobitoff, CO

**Date to Council:** March 13, 2023

**Subject:** File DVP-2023-01

**Applicant/Owner:** H. McIvor

**Location:** 868 Boundary Creek Lane, Greenwood BC

**Legal Description:** Parcel A (KG 90994), District Lot 710, Plan KAP364, SDYD (PID: 018-380-689)

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### **Rationale**

The purpose of this report is to present additional information to Council regarding Development Variance Permit application DVP-2023-01 (**Attachment 1**) for review and a decision.

The variance requested is for the development of a fence that does not meet the maximum height requirement as regulated by Zoning Bylaw No. 683, 1997.

### **Options**

1. Council may choose to approve the application subject to the conditions included in the draft permit DVP-2023-01;
2. Council may choose to approve the application subject to the conditions included in the draft permit DVP-2023-01 **as amended**;
3. Council may choose to refer the issue back to staff for additional information; or
4. Council may choose to deny Development Variance Permit application DVP-2023-01 and provide reasons for refusal.

### **Background**

The applicant would like to increase the height of a portion of the existing fence that is constructed along the property's north parcel boundary. The applicant would like to increase the height from 6 feet (1.83 metres) to 10 feet (3 meters) to increase privacy and sound buffering between the adjacent property located at 884 Boundary Creek Lane.

This application was reviewed at the February 27, 2023 Council meeting. Council passed a resolution to obtain a legal opinion regarding the application.

### **Legal Opinion**

Carvello Law Corporation provided the following information:

- *The Local Government Act* s.498 indicates that Council “may” issue a Development Variance Permit (DVP). Council is not obligated to either approve or refuse a DVP; its authority is discretionary.
- Privacy and noise mitigation are legitimate reasons to seek a variance to increase the fence height.
- Increasing the fence height will impact the neighbour’s view; however, the “right to a view” is not protected or regulated by law.
- Increasing the fence height is not inconsistent with s.2.6 of the *Official Community Plan’s* policies regarding community appearance and property maintenance (**Attachment 4**).
- *The Local Government Act* s.458 indicates that compensation is not payable to any person for any reduction in the value of their property resulting from the issuance of a land use permit.
- The applicant has the right to make an application to the Board of Variance if the applicant disagrees with Council’s decision regarding this application.

### **Statutory Regulations, Policies, and Bylaws**

#### **City of Greenwood Zoning Bylaw No. 683, 1997**

The Zoning Bylaw includes the following regulations regarding Screening and Fences:

#### **305. Screening and Fences**

- (1) Subject to clause (3) below screening which is 2 metres (6.5 feet) or less in height may be sited on any portion of a lot provided that such screening shall be limited to a maximum height of 1.3 metres (4 feet) when sited closer to any street than the required setbacks otherwise established for buildings and structures in the respective zone within which the screen is to be located.
- (2) Screening greater than 2 metres (6.5 feet) in height shall be sited in accordance with the setback requirements for a building in the zone within which they are located.
- (3) Open fencing shall not be restricted as to height or location.

The variance requested is from 6.5 feet (2 meters) to 10 feet (3 meters).

### Development Procedures Bylaw No. 676, 1996

This application was processed in accordance with the requirements of Development Procedures Bylaw No. 676, 1996.

This application was circulated publicly according to the regulations of the *Local Government Act* and Development Procedures Bylaw No. 676, 1996. Referral responses have been distributed to Council for their consideration.

### **Application Review and Decision**

Council must provide reasons for their decision to approve or deny this application.

Grounds for refusal of a Development Variance Permit application may include:

- (i) The development variance will result in inappropriate development of the site;
- (ii) The development will adversely affect the natural environment;
- (iii) The development will affect the use and enjoyment of adjacent land;
- (iv) The variance results in changes to the permitted uses and densities under an applicable bylaw;
- (v) The variance defeats the intent of a bylaw;
- (vi) The variance results in changes to an applicable bylaw in relation to residential rental tenure;
- (vii) Options, alternate development sites or amendments to the development plan that comply with the applicable bylaws are available;
- (viii) The variance conflicts with interests registered on title related to the Land Title Act or the Land Registry Act;
- (ix) The variance addresses an issue that is covered by an existing land use permit, land use contract, or phased development agreement;
- (x) The variance will impact floodplain specifications and regulations;
- (xi) The variance and reduction of the setback will encroach onto the local road right-of-way; and
- (xii) The variance will result in danger to the public.



If Council approves this Development Variance Permit application, a draft permit including conditions of approval, is included as **Attachment 3** of this report.

**Attachments**

- Attachment 1:** Development Variance Permit Application
- Attachment 2:** Location Map – 868 Boundary Creek Lane
- Attachment 3:** Draft Development Variance Permit DVP-2023-01
- Attachment 4:** City of Greenwood *Official Community Plan* – Section 2.6

# City of Greenwood

# PERMIT APPLICATION

APPLICATION FOR A:      ☐      **DEVELOPMENT PERMIT**

☒      **DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT**

☐      **TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL  
USE PERMIT**

(This form is to be completed and submitted with all required information, documents, and fees to the Clerk of the City of Greenwood, Box 129, Greenwood, B.C. V0H 1J0)

## APPLICANT AND REGISTERED OWNER(S)

Applicant's Name: Heidi Melvor

Applicant's mailing address: 868 Boundary Creek Lane / [REDACTED]

Postal code: JOH 150 Telephone(s): [REDACTED]

Owners' name(s): Heidi McInov

Owner(s) mailing address: [REDACTED]

Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone(s): (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

As owner(s) of the land described in this application, I/we hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ to act as applicant  
on my/our behalf in regard to this application for a permit.

Owners' signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

(Where the applicant is not the sole registered owner of the land described in this application, the application or the above authorization must be signed by all owners.)

I/we hereby apply for a

☐ Development Permit  
☒ Development Variance Permit  
☐ Temporary Commercial Use Permit  
☐ Temporary Industrial Use Permit

- (a) In the case of a **Development Variance Permit**, for the following variance from the requirements of Section 305 of the Zoning Bylaw:

- maximum fence height - 2 meters (6.5 feet)  
 - proposed fence height - 3.05 meters (10 feet)

or

- (b) in the case of a **Development Permit** or a **Temporary Commercial or Industrial Use Permit**, to permit the following development or temporary use:

(use a separate sheet if necessary to provide full details)

1. Current full legal description of the land: Parcel A (Kc 90994) District Lot 710, SD40, Plan KAP36A
2. Location of the land (street address): 868 Boundary Creek Lane
3. Present zoning of the land: R1 - Residential 1 (Single and Two Family)
4. Description of the existing use/development of the land: residential
5. Description of the proposed use/development of the land: - fence (10' high)  
- height increase along a portion of the (north) interior side parcel boundary  
- increasing the height of the existing fence (6' to 10')
6. Are there any buildings on the land now? Yes ☒ No ☐  
 If yes, list the use, size, and date of construction:
 

	Use	Size	Date constructed
(a)	<u>Residence</u>		
(b)	<u>Detached Garage</u>		
(c)	<u>Detached Car Port</u>		
(d)			
7. If applicable, provide the following information regarding the proposed building or addition:
  - (a) Size: Width \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Area \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) Proposed setback from property lines: (on interior side lot line)

Front \_\_\_\_\_ Back \_\_\_\_\_ Sides \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Maximum roof height: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Use or purpose of proposed building or addition: fence (privacy)

- increase to portion of existing fence

8. Reasons and comments in support of the application (use a separate sheet if necessary):


Increased privacy and sound buffering.

9. The Municipal Act requires that owners and "tenants in occupation" of the subject land and of neighbouring parcels be notified of Council's intention to pass a resolution to authorize the issue of a Development Variance Permit or a Temporary Commercial or Industrial Use Permit. As it is not possible for the City to be aware of the names and mailing addresses of all tenants, the applicant for a Development Variance Permit or a Temporary Commercial or Industrial Use Permit is required to supply, with this application, a full list of all tenants (if any) of each parcel any part of which lies within 60 metres of any land covered by this application and not currently owned by the applicant.

Please print the names and mailing addresses of the tenants on a separate sheet and attach it to this application. Please note that it is **not** necessary to provide the names of **owners** of the properties, as this information is available in the City's records.

I/We hereby declare that all statements and information contained in this application and the material submitted in support of the application are, to the best of my/our knowledge and belief, true and correct in all respects.

Date: February 7, 2023

X   
Signature of applicant or owner(s)]

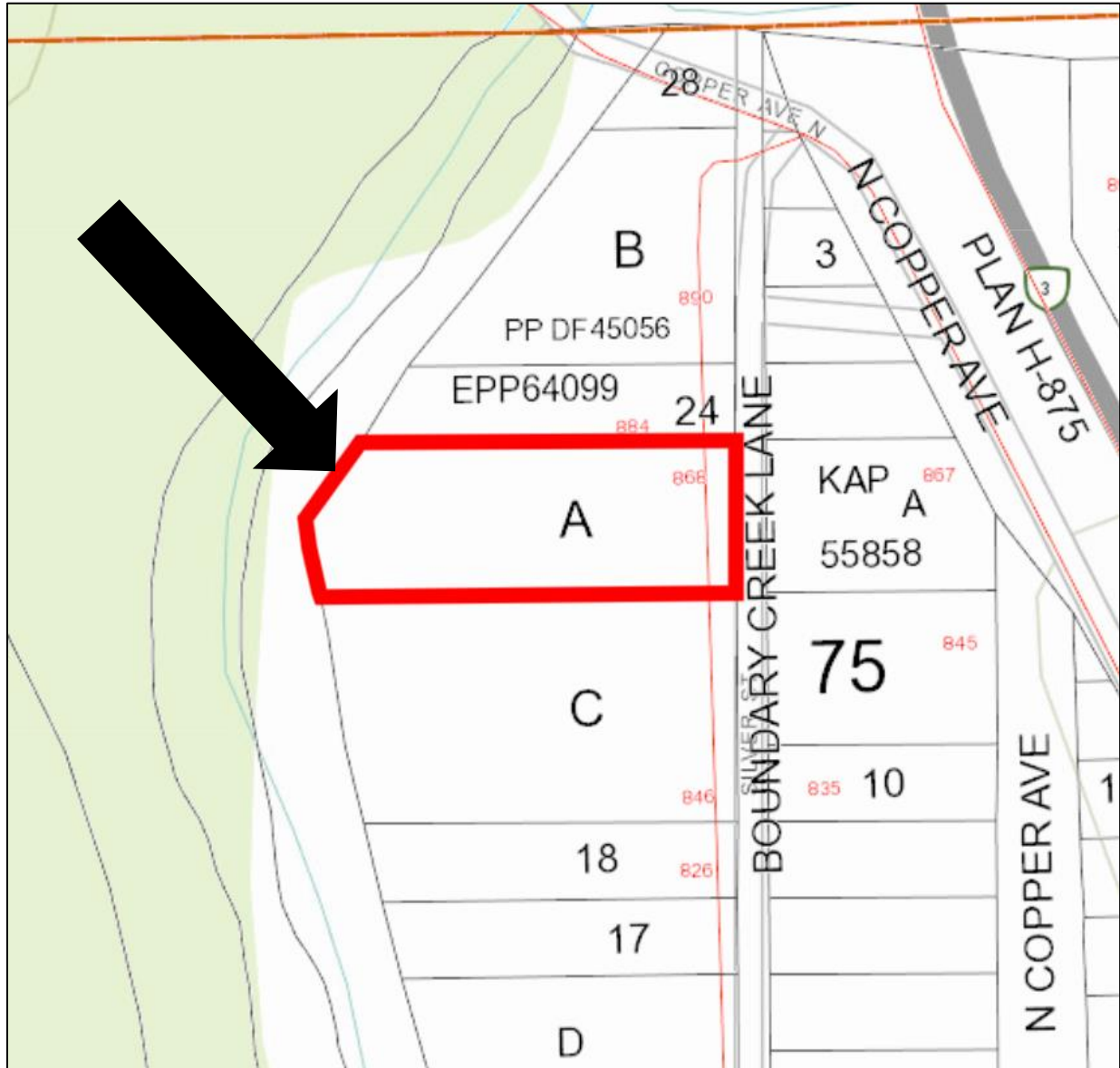
**NOTE: The following must be submitted with this application:**

1. A copy of a State of Title Certificate, or a copy of a Certificate of Indefeasible Title, dated no more than 30 days prior to submission of the application, as proof of ownership of the land covered by the application.
2. A sketch plan, with dimensions and drawn to scale, showing the parcel(s) or parts of parcel(s) covered by the application, and the location of existing and proposed buildings, structures, uses, access roads, parking, driveways, and any screening, landscaping and fences.
3. The fee prescribed for the application in Schedule C of the Development Procedures Bylaw.

## ATTACHMENT 2

## DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION 2023-01 (DVP 2023-01)

**Owner / Applicant:** Heidi McIvor  
**Location:** 868 Boundary Creek Lane  
**Legal Desc:** Parcel A (KG90994), District Lot 710, Plan KAP364, SDYD  
**PID:** 018-380-689  
**Variance Requested:** Zoning Bylaw No. 683, 1997, Section 305 (Screening and Fences)  
**Proposal:** Interior Side Yard Fence (10' high, solid fencing)





DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION 2023-01 (DVP 2023-01)  
AERIAL PHOTO



There is an existing fence along the (north) interior side lot line. The height of the fence will be increased only in the area marked with a yellow arrow. The fence will be solid (not wire or lattice).

## DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION 2023-01 (DVP 2023-01)

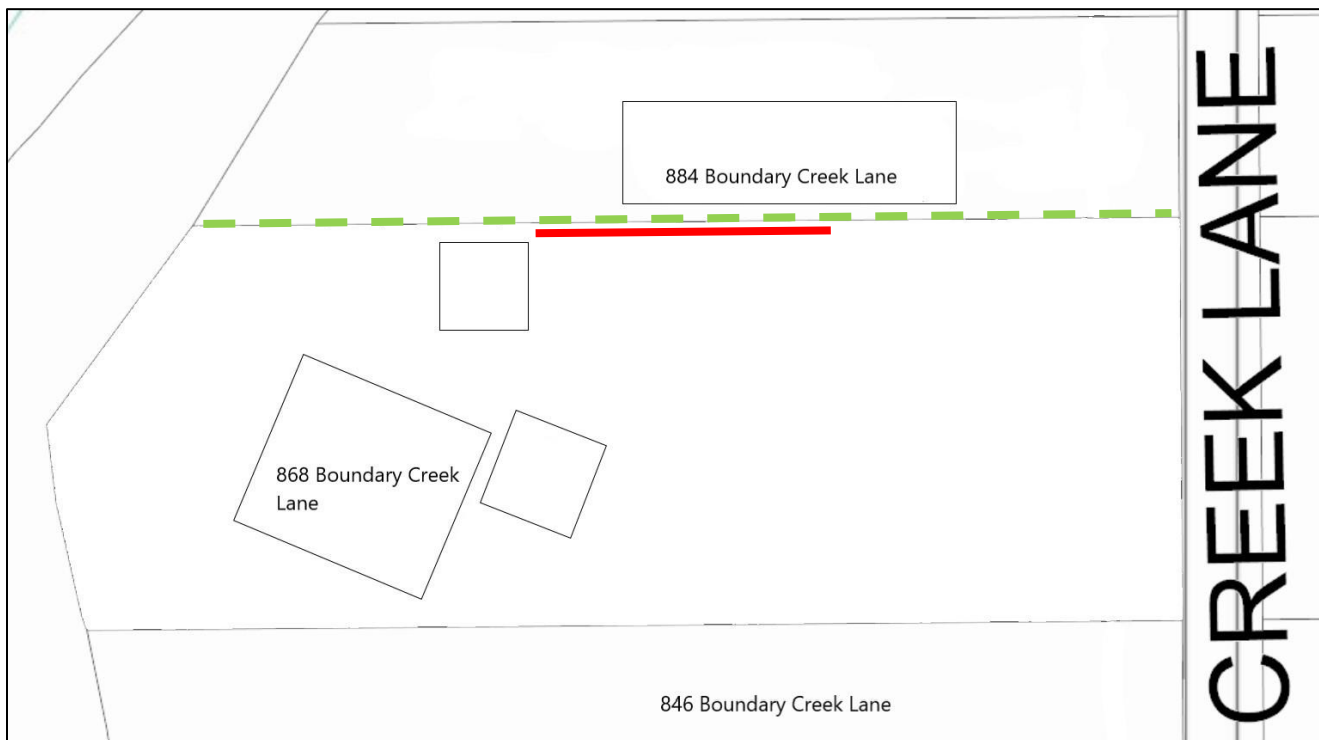
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- (2) Screening greater than 2 metres (6.5 feet) in height shall be sited in accordance with the setback requirements for a building in the zone within which they are located.
- (3) Open fencing shall not be restricted as to height or location.

## DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION 2023-01 (DVP 2023-01)

## SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN



--- Existing fence line (approximately 6 feet in height)

— Portion of existing fence line where the height will be increased to 10 feet in height

## ATTACHMENT 3



# CITY OF GREENWOOD

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## DRAFT DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT NO. 2023-01 (DVP 2023-01)

1. This Development Variance Permit is issued to:

**Name:** Heidi McIvor

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 737  
Greenwood, BC V0H 1J0

2. This Development Variance Permit applies to:

**Address:** 868 Boundary Creek Lane  
Greenwood, BC V0H 1J0

3. This Development Variance Permit is issued subject to compliance by the Owner with all statutes, bylaws, orders, regulations or agreements applicable thereto, except as specifically varied by this Development Variance Permit.
4. This Development Variance Permit applies to that real property including land with or without improvements located in the City of Greenwood, with the legal description as follows:

Parcel A (KG90994)  
District Lot 710  
Plan 364  
SDYD  
PID: 018-380-689  
(the "Land")

5. This Development Variance Permit varies the City of Greenwood Zoning Bylaw No. 683, 1997 as follows:

- a) Section 305. Screening and Fences indicates that:

"(1) Subject to clause (3) below screening which is 2 meters (6.5 feet) or less in height may be sited on any portion of a lot provided that such screening shall be limited to a maximum height of 1.3 meters (4 feet) when sited closer to any street than the required setbacks otherwise established for buildings and structures in the respective zone within which the screen is to be located.

(2) Screening greater than 2 meters (6.5 feet) in height shall be sited in accordance with the setback requirements for a building in the zone within which they are located.

(3) Open fencing shall not be restricted as to height or location."

- b) The variance granted is for a portion of the fence along the interior side lot line (north parcel boundary) as indicated on the attached Schedule "A" Site Development Plan. The fence height is 3 meters (10 feet) for this portion of the fence.
- 6. The terms of this permit, or any amendment to it, are binding on all persons who acquire interest in the Land.
- 7. This Development Variance Permit is not a Building Permit.

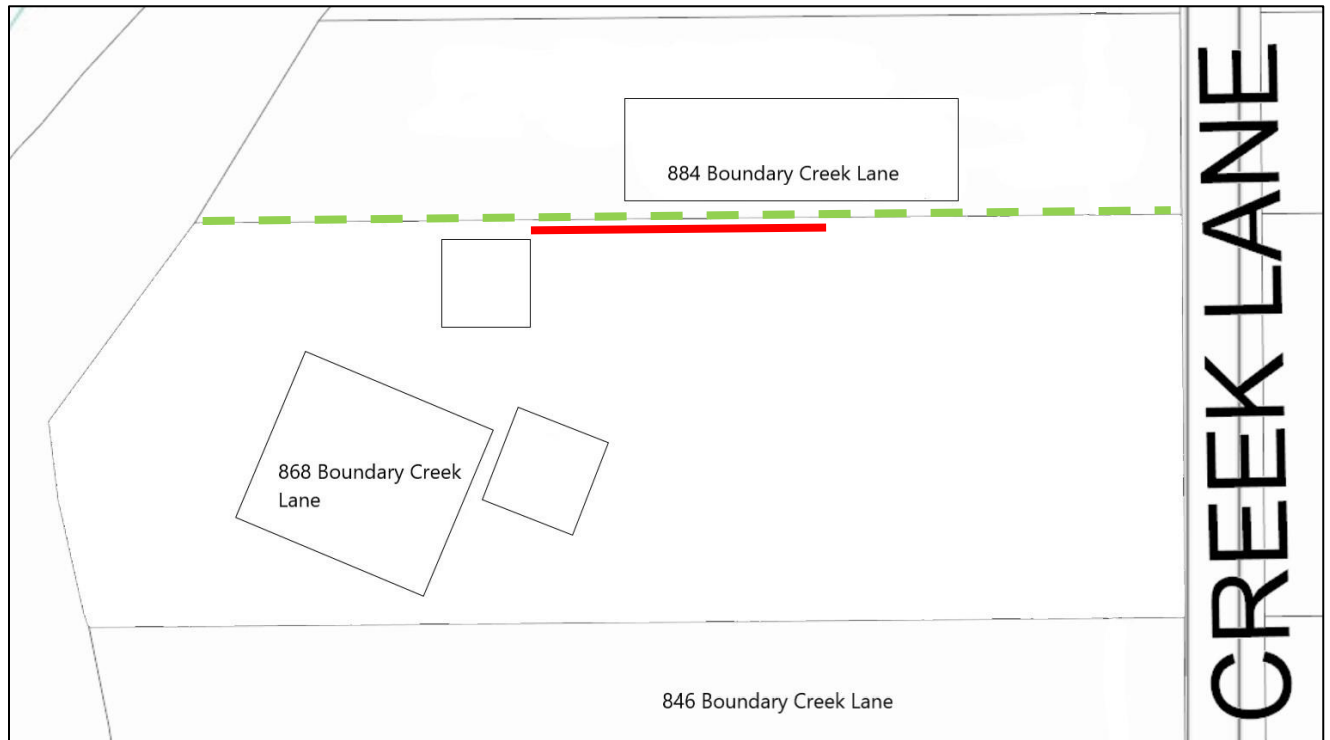
Authorizing resolution passed by Mayor and Council of the City of Greenwood on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Issuance date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorizing Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marcus Lebler, CAO  
City of Greenwood

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION 2023-01 (DVP 2023-01)  
SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

SCHEDULE "A"



--- Existing fence line - approximately 1.83 meters (6 feet) in height

— Portion of fence line where the height will be increased to 3 meters (10 feet) in height

## ATTACHMENT 4

### CITY OF GREENWOOD OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW NO. 682, 1996

#### SECTION 2.6 COMMUNITY APPEARANCE AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

*Property maintenance and occupancy standards in Greenwood are generally high. However, there are isolated examples, structural and visual blight and nuisances which are unnecessary.*

##### 2.6.1 COMMUNITY APPEARANCE AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE GOALS

To create an urban environment which is aesthetically pleasing and reasonably free of unnecessary nuisances.

#### COMMUNITY APPEARANCE AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

##### *ISSUE: PROPERTY MAINTENANCE*

*Despite the fact that the City has a Unsightly Premises Bylaw there are still areas of concern. Such a document can only be applied in extreme cases. The primary responsibility should rest with the individual owner to respect community standards which are informally expressed.*

##### 2.6.2 OBJECTIVE

To maintain a safe and healthy urban environment by preventing unnecessary structural blight and the occurrence of untidy or improperly maintained properties.

##### POLICIES

- 2.6.2.1 Council encourages the proper care and maintenance of private property and may participate in senior government programs which provide financial assistance in this regard.
- 2.6.2.2 Council shall endeavour to maintain public buildings and facilities, within its control, in a sound and tidy condition.
- 2.6.2.3 Council shall review the Unsightly Premises Bylaw with a view towards increasing the property owners' responsibility for compliance and to upgrade standards.
- 2.6.2.4 Council shall encourage the use of physical buffers between incompatible land uses where they cannot be otherwise separated.

##### *ISSUE: COMMUNITY APPEARANCE*

*The appearance of the City is an important source of community pride and contributes towards the tourism junction.*

##### 2.6.3 OBJECTIVE

To improve the appearance of the community

##### POLICIES

- 2.6.3.1 Council shall investigate the feasibility of landscaping boulevards and other public properties.



- 2.6.3.2 Council shall encourage the coordination and improved physical appearance of signs within the City. In order to achieve this, Council may have to, in some instances, regulate signage.
- 2.6.3.3 Council shall support senior government programs offering financial incentives for improving the visual values throughout the community.

## Bylaw Officer Report To Mayor and Council March 13,2023

(For the period October 31,2022 to February 28,2023)

It's been a fast 4 months and we all started our duties with steep learning curves- a new Mayor and Council, new front-end staff, the Bylaw Officer position was vacant for 1 year, and we are faced with a world of systems and procedures impacted by 2 years of Covid Pandemic.

While Council and Staff processed the time sensitive issues surrounding year-end and budget planning, my focus was directed to examining the needs, wants, and methods within our organization and community regarding bylaw development and enforcement issues.

My understanding is that we collectively endorse the following:

- Council is empowered to address the existing and future needs of our community by making collective decisions that are recorded in Bylaws, Policies, and Resolutions.
- Council sets the policy direction, while officers and staff implement that direction.
- The purpose of Bylaw Enforcement is not to punish or penalize the residents of our community but, rather to promote compliance through education and the provision of information in order to maintain the quality of life for each resident.
- Bylaw Enforcement Officers are required to increase public safety within a municipality, uphold established community standards, reduce disruptive social nuisances, minimize liability risks for taxpayers, and ensure that municipal agreements, permits, and process requirements are fulfilled.
- Bylaws enacted by local government reflect community values and standards. They must evolve over time as the community changes and be clear, specific, and enforceable.
- Enforcement capacity issues related to bylaw enforcement can include lack of policy direction, staff, resources, training, lack of understanding of bylaws/policy/process, difficulty in enforcement, limited penalties.

- Lack of follow-through with enforcement actions where necessary reduces the credibility of a local government and reduces voluntary compliance.

What I have done to identify and better understand Community and Corporate needs:

- 2 vehicle patrols per shift meeting constituents, stopping to discuss community issues and promoting awareness/presence of Bylaw Officer.
- Rejoined the Licence Inspector and Bylaw Officers Association (LIBOA) at my own expense, and remain actively involved with Webinars (Animal Control/use of drones/preserving evidence during the great resignations/Section 8-Human Rights Code) Reviewed numerous past workshops relevant to bylaw development and enforcement issues and great networking with member posted questions.
- Completed document reviews on: Community Charter, Fairness in Practice Guide, Ombudsperson Bylaw Guide, Public Engagement Guide, City of Greenwood-Website/Bylaws/Zoning Map/Boundary Housing Needs Report/Official Community Plan /2 years of Bylaw Files found in various locations/100's of bylaws from other governing bodies and selected versions noted for reference to our needs.
- Meet RCMP, Fire Chief, Mayor and councillors, Building Inspector, Public Works team, City staff, Business operators and residents.

Our Current Status relative to Bylaw Compliance/Development/Enforcement

- Official Community Plan Bylaw No.682 is dated Dec.9,1996. Pursuant to Section 1.5 the Plan must be reviewed at least every five years. This document sets out the goals of the community and policies which must be followed in order that those goals may be achieved. Residents are asking where do we stand in relation to our OCP? I don't know how to answer! It is important to current and prospective residents and businesses that we care and are planning for the future of our community.
- We have no Bylaw Enforcement Procedures Policy in place. The purpose of this Policy is to clearly outline and standardize the process of Bylaw Enforcement for Council, Staff, and Citizens. The City will use discretion on a case-by case basis to evaluate contraventions and take reasonable steps

to investigate and enforce in accordance with this policy and the operational guidelines of the City.

- BC Fire Services Act requires a municipal council to provide for a “regular system of Inspection: of hotels and public buildings in the municipality”. How we meet this requirement needs to be outlined in policy or bylaw and documented. Local governments are encouraged to discuss with their legal counsel the subject of standard of care.
- All our current bylaws need to be reviewed/updated. and a clear connection to policy and effectiveness established. This includes our Municipal Ticketing Bylaw and ideally the revision process could be done in relation to a Bylaw Enforcement Procedures Policy.
- We have numerous “open files” concerning unresolved Notices of Remedial Action. These issues are clearly visible to the community. And require review to bring to resolution.

## Moving Forward:

- Could Council please clarify where we are with respect to the Official Community Plan?
- Would Council direct staff to prepare a Bylaw Enforcement Procedures Policy?
- With regards to BC Fire Services Act requirements, I have been registered for Local Assistant to the fire commissioner training (March 27-April 3). This is a no-charge Basic Fundamentals for Inspections course arranged through the Midway Fire Chief. I will also be taking several Emergency Operations Center courses over the next 6 months which will benefit our area.
- With regards to Bylaw reviews and “open files”. Council needs a comprehensive report outlining the issues and prioritizing the actions required. The starting point is to get a clear picture of current compliance issues, historical issues as they relate to moving on, and identify changes needed to make our bylaws more effective. This process can begin by having the Corporate Officer, Bylaw Officer, and Public Works complete a tour together of the City and share their perspectives of Compliance and Enforcement issues on-site. This would give us a more knowledgeable understanding of the issues and bylaw requirements needed and provide

an overall perspective for presentation to the CAO before their subsequent directives to staff.

- I will be attending the Licence Inspector and Bylaw Officer (LIBOA) Annual Training Conference (May 30- June 2) which will be a great opportunity for workshops and networking around many of our Bylaw issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Smythe

Bylaw Officer City of Greenwood