

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY MARCH 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm
IN THE SEA VIEW ACTIVITY CENTRE



(1) CALL TO ORDER

We are privileged to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Quatsino First Nations.

(2) RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO CLOSED MEETING (6:30 pm)

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to consider matters pursuant to the following sections of the Community Charter:

Section 90 (c) labour relations or other employee relations;

Section 90 (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;

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(3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

THAT the Agenda for the Meeting of the Village of Port Alice for March 24, 2021, be approved; AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence, and other information set to the agenda be received for information.

(4) DELEGATIONS: N\A

(5) MINUTES:

a.) *THAT the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2021, be approved.*

(6) OLD BUSINESS:

(7) COMMUNICATIONS:

a.) Street Lighting rate application update
March 11, 2021,

(8) NEW BUSINESS:

(9) REPORTS:

a.) Fire Chief's Monthly Report for February
March 1, 2021, Report from Fire Chief Gerry Rose

b.) Marina Rates
March 9, 2021, Report from Tanya Spafford, Administrative Assistant

c.) Accounts Payable Listing for February 2021
March 19, 2021, Report from Bonnie Danyk, CAO/CFO

d.) ICET Rural Business & Community Recovery Program
March 19, 2021, Report from Bonnie Danyk, CAO/CFO

(10) BYLAWS:

a.) Bylaw 665, 2021 – Port Alice Financial Plan 2021-2025

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Recommendation

THAT Bylaw 665 – Financial Plan 2021-2025 be given third reading.

(11) QUESTION PERIOD:

(12) ADJOURNMENT:

THAT the meeting of the Village of Port Alice Council held March 24, 2021, be adjourned

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a.) March 5, 2021, Letter from Town of Spallumcheen re: Support for 988 Crisis Lin
- b.) March 10, 2021, Letter from City of Victoria re: Request for support to endorse the Help Cities Lead campaign.
- c.) March 10, 2021, Letter from Village of Belcarra re Endorsement of 988 Crisis Line Initiative
- d.) March 11, 2021, Letter from City of Pitt Meadows re: Fair Taxation from Railway Operations & Industrial Parks
- e.) March 17, 2021, Letter from the City of Prince George re: BC Hydro and Power Authority: 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY MARCH 10, 2021
AT SEA VIEW ACTIVITY CENTRE



Present Acting Mayor Sean Watson
Councillor Holly Aldis
Councillor Bruce Lloyd
Councillor Angela Yunker

Staff Bonnie Danyk CAO / CFO

Absent Mayor Kevin Cameron

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm

24/21
Adoption of
Agenda

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Agenda for the Meeting of the Village of Port Alice for March 10, 2021, be approved with the addition of Bylaw No. 664 under BYLAWS ;AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence, and other information set to the agenda be received for information.

CARRIED

DELEGATION: N/A

25/21
Minutes
February 24

MINUTES:

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on February 24, 2021 be adopted.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

COMMUNICATIONS:

Gwa'ni Project, the first Modernized Land Use Planning MOU

February 26, 2021, Letter from 'Namgis Councillor Speck and MFLNRORD Director Coster

Letter sent to Hon Josie Osborne re: Emergency Fire Equipment & Facilities funding

March 3, 2021, letter from Mayors Cameron, Dugas and Wickstrom

Celebrate Canada Funding Application - \$1,100 approved funding

February 15, 2021, Letter from David Burton, Canadian Heritage

Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program - Unsuccessful Arena Tourism Retrofit

February 24, 2021, Email from Suzanne Ferguson, Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORTS:

BYLAWS:

26/21
Bylaw 665
Financial
Plan

Bylaw 665 – Financial Plan 2021-2025

THAT bylaw 665 – Financial Plan for 2021-2025 be given first and second reading.

QUESTION PERIOD:

27/21
Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

***THAT** the Regular meeting of the Village of Port Alice held March 10, 2021, be adjourned at 7: 25 pm*

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular meeting of the Village of Port Alice Council held March 10, 2021.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

From: lightingsupport=bchydro.com@bchydro.com on behalf of BC Hydro
<lightingsupport@bchydro.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 1:00 PM
To: info@portalice.ca
Subject: Street lighting rate application update



Street lighting rate update

[Read this email online](#)

Update

Hi Tanya,

On November 12, 2020, we submitted our **application** [PDF] to the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) to update the current Overhead Street Lighting rate (Rate Schedule 1701) to better reflect the costs of our street light replacement project and on-going operations, which is subject to their approval.

The regulatory proceeding is in progress and the BCUC has not yet issued a final decision on the application. However, the BCUC has approved the following charges on an interim and refundable basis until the proceeding is complete.

Interim temporary supplemental charge

The BCUC has approved an interim temporary supplemental charge intended to recover the undepreciated value of current street lights being removed before their end of life.

- An interim charge of \$2.06 per month, per street light for all street lights (including LED, high pressure sodium, and mercury vapour lights) billed to your account under Rate Schedule 1701
- Will be in effect from May 1, 2021 through March 31, 2024

Interim LED street light rate

The BCUC previously approved an interim LED street light rate. We notified you about this approval on December 7.

- You'll only see the interim LED street light rate on your bills after we've started replacing street lights in your community with LEDs.

The interim rate billed each month depends on the wattage of the LED lights as shown below.

Fixture type	Price per month per fixture
<51 watt LED	\$15.08
51-80 watt LED	\$18.77
81-120 watt LED	\$23.50
>120 watt LED	\$27.57

Keep up to date with the **regulatory proceeding** and see the **BCUC's Order on our application** [PDF].

We'll be in touch again once the BCUC has issued their decision on the application.

Thank you,
BC Hydro street light replacement team

Log in to MyHydro	Accounts	Energy Savings
Outages & Safety	Contact Us	Unsubscribe

You've received this email at info@portalice.ca because you're our identified key contact for managing your street light account.

No longer interested? [Unsubscribe](#).

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VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE

Port Alice Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief's Monthly Report For the month of February, 2021

Active Members	11	Number Of False Alarms	0
On Leave	1	Mutual Aid Calls	0
Rescue Calls	1	Lift Assist Calls	0
Fire Calls	2	Public Relation Events	0

Practices / Events:

Date	Attendance	Purpose
02/01/21	6	Set up truck 2 with extra equipment.
02/08/21	9	Smoke in boiler room 1101 marine drive.
02/09/21	9	Scba practice
02/16/21	8	Internal search practices
02/17/21	4	MVA highway #30
02/18/21	3	First-Aid course
02/23/21	10	Truck checks
02/26/21	5	Power line down

Public Relations Events:

Situation Responses:

Fire Chief:

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Administrator:

_____



VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE

Report to Council

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Tanya Spafford, Administrative Assistant
DATE: March 9, 2021
SUBJECT: Marina Rates

Background

In 2020 an amendment was made to the fees and charges bylaw to change the Rumble Beach Marina parking fee structure. The change implemented a daily \$10 fee for non-resident users with an \$80 annual fee for Port Alice residents only. Without moorage being possible last summer we have had some questions arise as we enter 2021 with a fully operating Marina. Are boaters expected to pay \$10 a day to park at the marina if they pay for a month of moorage? This would be an additional \$300 on top of moorage fees.

Staff has been asked to investigate similar situations at North Island Marinas and at what options Council can decide is best for Rumble Beach. The following information shows the difference in the three local municipalities.

Port Hardy

Launch Fees

Daily Launch Fee \$5.60

Annual Launch Fee –
Residents Only \$112

Parking Fees

Single vehicle Daily \$5.60

Single vehicle monthly \$66

Annual vehicle annual \$96

Port McNeill

Launch\Park

Daily \$10

Annual Resident \$100
Annual non-resident \$160

Parking: Single Vehicle

Daily \$5\day

Monthly \$75

Annual \$225

Port Alice

Launch\Park

Daily \$10

Annual Resident \$80

Each of the other communities have resident rates for launch only. Port McNeill has the closest set up to Port Alice, offering combined parking\Launch fees and have included both resident and non-resident annual fees.

Rumble Beach options

1. Leave fees as they are;

Possible implication: this may deter out of town visitors, staying at local businesses, to use the launch for extended periods of time. This could result in lower moorage revenues.

2. Add a non-resident parking\launch fee;

Possible implication: many out of town visitors appreciate the convenience of only having to purchase a pass once and would choose this route over \$10 daily parking, even if the cost is a bit higher for them. As well, it would create a more reasonable cost for those choosing to use the marina for a month at a time.

3. Add a parking rate for month long moorage users;

Possible implication: this would give incentive for long term marina usage. It could also create issues for the Marina manager if people decide to argue the rates when staying for 2 or 3 weeks.

Respectfully,

Tanya Spafford, Admin Assistant

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTING FOR FEBRUARY 2021**

Total Payment of Accounts: \$69,846.02

Wages Payable: \$29,344.54

Total Accounts Payable Listing **\$99,190.56**

If you have any questions regarding the cheques on this month's Accounts Payable Listing, please ask me.

Respectfully submitted



Bonnie Danyk
CAO / CFP

Cheque #	Bank	Pay Date	Vendor #	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Description	Invoice Amount	Hold Amount	Paid Amount	Void
020007	001	01/02/2021	C-222	CIBC CORPORATE VIS	Refund	Refund	27.17-		27.17-	
020008	001	01/02/2021	C-222	CIBC CORPORATE VIS	9887233-Jan	Marina Security	58.79		58.79	
02001	001	01/02/2021	C-222	CIBC CORPORATE VIS	webhost 01/21	January Webhosting	19.04		19.04	
02002	001	01/02/2021	C-222	CIBC CORPORATE VIS	EOCP - 2021JY	EOCP Annual Fees	103.95		103.95	
02003	001	01/02/2021	C-222	CIBC CORPORATE VIS	P-3099	GFAO Annual Dues	243.60		243.60	
02004	001	01/02/2021	C-222	CIBC CORPORATE VIS	Jan 21 Intern	Internet	369.60		369.60	
02005	001	01/02/2021	C-222	CIBC CORPORATE VIS	P-2251	LGMA Dues	324.45		324.45	
02008	001	01/02/2021	C-222	CIBC CORPORATE VIS	cell 01/21	January cell phone	263.20		263.20	
02009	001	01/02/2021	C-222	CIBC CORPORATE VIS	550544-8069A	PW and VO Supplies	236.82		236.82	
02010	001	01/02/2021	C-222	CIBC CORPORATE VIS	12780275	Generator Maintanc	351.45		351.45	
047101	001	03/02/2021	B-001	BUILDERS WAREHOUSE	562536 562537 562538	CC Roof supplies Road paint and Mai Road Paint, STP &	88.81 2,460.65 521.65		3,071.11	
047102	001	03/02/2021	D-003	DISTRICT OF PORT H	10208	Building Inspectio	228.51		228.51	
047103	001	03/02/2021	F-005	F.P. FOODS LIMITED	242339 242511	PW Coffee Supplies Recycling Bleach	46.65 5.24		51.89	
047104	001	03/02/2021	F-047	FARRELL, MARIA	FD Dec 2021	FD Batteries	117.80		117.80	
047105	001	03/02/2021	M-001	MACANDALES	302678	Cutquik Cart	992.31		992.31	
047106	001	03/02/2021	M-011	MINISTER OF FINANC	94716052	Courier Service	262.98		262.98	
047107	001	03/02/2021	O-345	ORACH ENTERPRISES	3906	Port-a-Potty renta	633.15		633.15	
047113	001	03/02/2021	V-003	VOLUNTEER FIREFIGH	2021 Dues	Annual Dues	140.00		140.00	
047112	001	03/02/2021	P-101	PORT ALICE PETROLE	5621	January Fuel	732.95		732.95	
047111	001	03/02/2021	I-101	INNOV8 DIGITAL SOL	IN263046	Copy Charges Janua	64.15		64.15	
047110	001	03/02/2021	F-004	FOX'S DISPOSAL SER	32618 32619 32620	Wood Bin rental an Sludge Bin Removal Bin rental and pic	434.53 210.82 434.53		1,079.88	
047109	001	03/02/2021	B-001	BUILDERS WAREHOUSE	562540	Heat Pump	3,022.88		3,022.88	
047108	001	03/02/2021	A-045	ALSCO UNIFORM & LI	LNAN778734	PW Coveralls	73.59		73.59	
047114	001	17/02/2021	C-010	CAN.UNION OF PUBLI	Jan 2021	January Union Dues	475.47		475.47	
047115	001	17/02/2021	H-006	HOME HARDWARE	335962	CC & PW Supplies	474.78		474.78	
047116	001	17/02/2021	N-072	NORTH ISLAND WASTE	Jan 2021	January Garbage Co	7,000.36		7,000.36	
047117	001	17/02/2021	S-018	SCOTIABANK	Jan 2021	Kapersky Security	157.99		157.99	
047118	001	17/02/2021	W-101	WORTHINGTON, JOANN	Reimburse 012	Travel Reimburseme	110.00		110.00	
047119	001	26/02/2021	A-045	ALSCO UNIFORM & LI	LNAN777132	PW Coveralls	75.96		75.96	
047120	001	26/02/2021	A-071	ACE COURIER SERVIC	14297356 14298490	Pump Courier Water Supplies	78.97 51.92		130.89	
047121	001	26/02/2021	C-008	A-MAIS TECHNOLOGIE	2021038	Finance Software	11,260.06		11,260.06	
047122	001	26/02/2021	g-060	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS	011-806775 011-807544 011-807543 011-808694	Paint PW Masks PW Mask - Backorde Mitre Saw Stand	115.26 27.72 27.72 327.67		498.37	

Cheque #	Bank	Pay Date	Vendor #	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Description	Invoice Amount	Hold Amount	Paid Amount	Void
047123	001	26/02/2021	H-006	HOME HARDWARE	335051	CC Sign Supplies	68.79		68.79	
047124	001	26/02/2021	I-101	INNOV8 DIGITAL SOL	IN267497	Copy Charges Jan 2	42.40		42.40	
047125	001	26/02/2021	M-009	MUNICIPAL INSURANC	33479	2021 Insurance	33,861.00		33,861.00	
047126	001	26/02/2021	M-153	BUREAU VERITAS CAN	VA10297412	Effluent Samples	107.52		107.52	
047127	001	26/02/2021	T-173	THINK COMMUNICATIO	106918 107182	Vo Computers and I Vo Computer Replac	1,225.00 1,125.00		2,350.00	
047128	001	26/02/2021	T-684	TIBERGHIE, SHANE	Feb MT 2021	Meal Ticket - Snow	33.00		33.00	
047129	001	26/02/2021	W-100	WESTWOOD TREE SERV	18022021	Removal of Hemlock	735.00		735.00	
047130	001	26/02/2021	Y-005	Yunker, Jason	Feb MT 2021	Meal Tickets - Sno	49.50		49.50	
Total:							69,846.02	0.00	69,846.02	

Payment Summary		
Description	Qty	Amount
Cheque	30	67,902.29
EFT	10	1,943.73
Direct Deposit	0	0.00
Credit Card	0	0.00
Void	0	0.00
Total:	40	69,846.02

*** End of Report ***

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor & Council
From: CAO / CFO
Date: March 18, 2021
Subject: ICET Rural Business & Community Recovery Program


On February 18, 2021 the Island Coastal Economic announced the Rural Business & Community Recovery Program. This is an application-based grant program for Vancouver Island Communities to help fund economic recovery and resilience.

Attached to this report is the application guide. The first intake was February 18 – March 12. I called ICET before March 12 and was strongly encouraged to apply jointly with the Regional District of Mount Waddington rather than submit a single application.

I spoke to Pat English about their application which is for a coordinator Business Retention and Expansion Program. (emailed attached).

The second intake for the ICET program closes on April 9, 2021. If Council is interested the Village of Port Alice could either apply jointly with the RDMW or we could apply as a single applicant to fund an Economic Development person for a maximum of \$70,000.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie Danyk
CAO / CFO

Building a diverse and sustainable economy.

RURAL BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY RECOVERY PROGRAM APPLICATION GUIDE

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Rural Business and Community Recovery Program has been designed to address the capacity challenges in rural, remote and Indigenous communities by providing funding for temporary employment to support business and community economic recovery and resilience.

Funds may be used to hire new staff to provide one-on-one business supports, implementation of community, regional or sub-regional economic recovery strategies and initiatives or to deliver innovative approaches to rural economic recovery and resiliency.

Funding is provided by the Province of British Columbia and delivered by the Island Coastal Economic Trust. Projects should be fully developed and ready to proceed as soon as possible.

PROGRAM GOALS

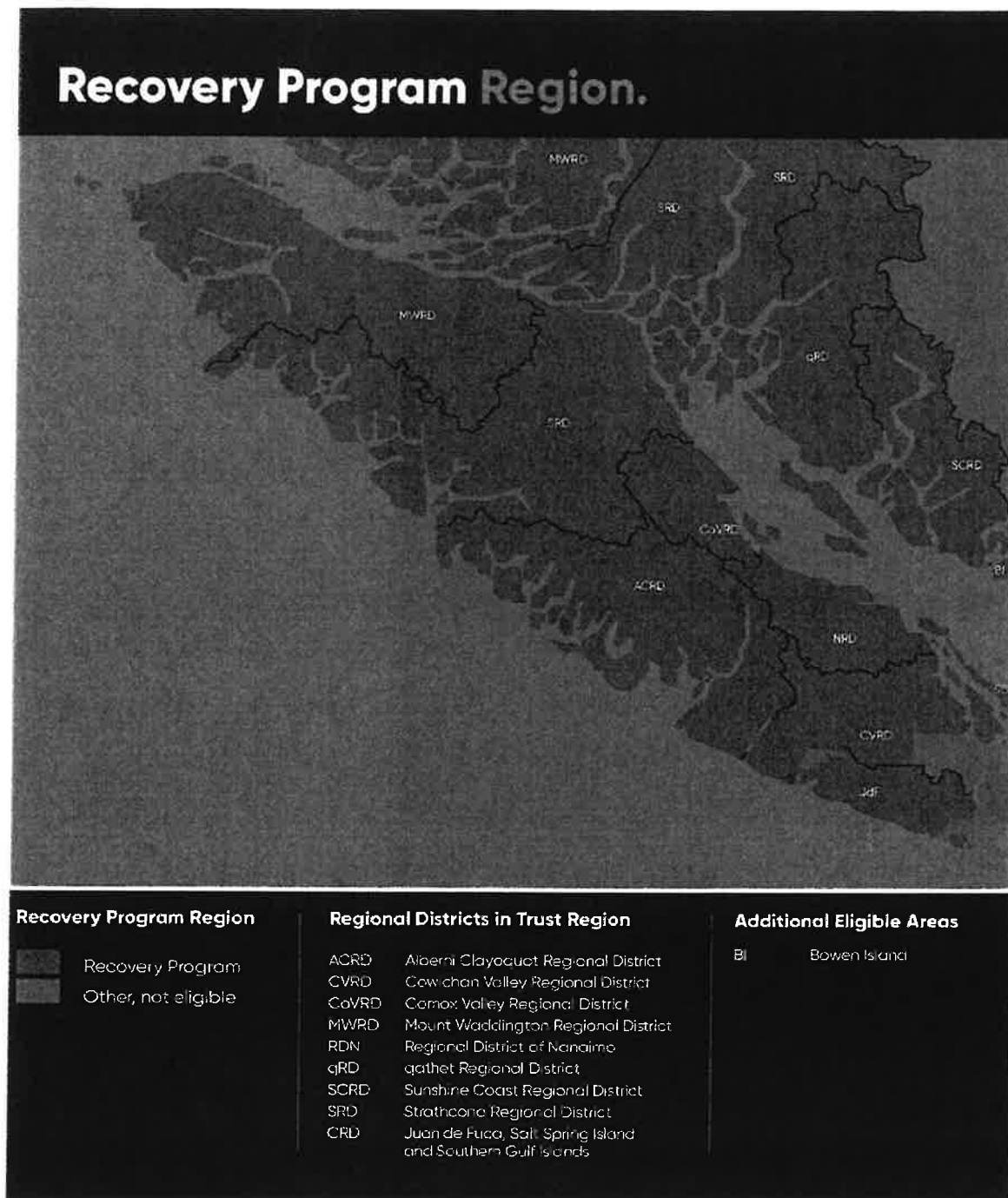
- To create new employment in rural and remote communities
- To support nimble community-based and regional economic recovery
- To support business and sectoral adaptation, resilience and sustainability
- To increase community and regional economic capacity
- To leverage existing community/ organizational capacity to create incremental supports
- To support and encourage cost-efficient, regionally relevant deployment of resources

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Local governments (municipalities, regional districts, incorporated areas)
- Indigenous Communities (bands, corporations controlled by First Nation)
- Legally incorporated not-for-profit organizations including:
 - Economic Development Organizations
 - Industry Associations
 - Business support organizations

ELIGIBLE COMMUNITIES

Project must be located in, or primarily serve the **eligible rural areas** in the Vancouver Island and Coast region as defined by the map below, including rural areas in the ICET region as well as Bowen Island.



ELIGIBLE RURAL AREA is defined as a community or electoral areas with a population of 25,000 or less. Population size will be determined using Statistics Canada 2016 Census Data – (<https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm?Lang=E>)

FUNDING TERMS

ELIGIBLE USE

The hiring of **new, temporary, term** positions to support:

- Direct one-on-one community-based business recovery and advisory services
- Pooled, specialized or sectoral business recovery and advisory services
- Implementation of community or regional economic recovery strategies
- Supply chain management/coordination for local businesses

Remote communities of less than 5000 residents, and Indigenous communities, may be eligible to use funding for a broader range of economic diversification and economic development activities, where there is no pre-existing economic development function or staff.

INELIGIBLE USE

- Service duplication
- Activities with no business or community economic recovery and resiliency focus
- Positions receiving Province of BC or ICET funding
- Displacing funding already in place for existing employment positions

MAXIMUM FUNDING

- Up to 100% of eligible costs:
 - Up to \$70,000 per organization (one or more FT or PT positions)
 - Up to \$125,000 for pooled/specialized services serving a broader regional or subregional geographic area (at least 2 FT or PT positions)
- UNIQUE, regionally significant initiatives may be considered for larger funding allocations subject to regional support and availability of funding
- Positions which exceed the maximum of funding per position should demonstrate confirmed matching funding from the applicant or funding source other than the Province of BC or ICET.

ELIGIBLE COSTS

- NEW full time or part time term staffing wages fully dedicated to recovery/support activities (*positions should be in-house or salaried term contract positions*)
- Statutory employment costs
- Recruitment costs (*Advertising or other recruitment costs not to exceed 10%*)
- Travel directly related to recovery/support activities

INELIGIBLE COSTS

- **Existing** FT staff costs
- Medical, dental, pension or other non-statutory benefit costs
- Hourly consulting services
- Office equipment and overhead costs
- General administration costs

TIMELINES AND PROCESS

APPLICATION INTAKE DATES

- 1st intake: February 18th – March 12th
- 2nd intake: March 15th – April 9th
- 3rd intake: * TBA subject to funding availability

APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP 1: VALIDATION OF CONCEPT

It is highly recommended that applicants attend a Zoom information session and then contact staff prior to submitting an application, to validate their concept and ensure eligibility.

STEP 2: APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The application must be submitted within the required timelines, on the proper application form. Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding. Projects must be ready to proceed with all matching funding or other required approvals in place.

STEP 3: DECISIONS

Final decisions will be provided within 10 business days of the close of the intake period. If the intake is oversubscribed, eligible applications not receiving approval may be automatically reconsidered at the next intake.

STEP 4: IMPLEMENTATION

Projects should begin as soon as possible. Projects must be fully completed by November 1, 2022 and final claims and reporting submitted no later than December 1, 2022.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

- ✓ Organization, community and/or regional need
- ✓ Creation of new employment positions in rural areas
- ✓ Geographic areas and target group distribution
- ✓ Measurable outcomes tied to economic recovery
- ✓ Demonstrates local and/or regional capacity building
- ✓ Aligns with local, regional, provincial future focused trends and strategies
- ✓ Capacity to implement, value for money, cost efficiency

REPORTING AND REIMBURSEMENT

All approved projects are subject to the execution of a funding agreement, which will include the terms and conditions of approved funding. Direct employment costs will be reimbursed on a quarterly basis. To request a payment, approved applicants are required to submit quarterly progress reports which include a description of activities to date as well as payroll records and other receipts for the funded position(s).

All funded positions must be completed by November 1, 2022. The final report is due within 30 days of project completion.

SUBMISSION

Completed application forms with all supplementary materials should be provided electronically to ICET by email to info@islandcoastaltrust.ca.

Supplementary information must include a copy latest annual report and financial statement and any other information as may be relevant.

APPLICATION SUPPORT AND PROGRAM ENQUIRIES

Island Coastal Economic Trust

info@islandcoastaltrust.ca

250-871-7797

From: Pat English <penglish@rdmw.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 2:33 PM
To: Heather Nelson-Smith ; Lyle McNish; Pete Nelson-Smith ; Bonnie Danyk
Cc: Elizabeth Aman-Hume; Executive Director
Subject: ICET Funding

Hello,

I'm writing to enquire if your community has plans to submit a funding request to Island Coastal Economic Trust Rural Business and Community Recovery Program. If you are not planning to submit an application, would you consider joining with the Regional District to submit an application to fund a coordinator for a Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) program? A sub-committee of the Vancouver Island North Training & Attraction Society (VINTAS) has been working on creating a BRE strategy for the past couple of months and recently coordinated a webinar hosted by the BCEDA on the importance of business retention and expansion.

The ICET funding would support a coordinator to provide the following services:

- Develop, coordinate and implement business retention and expansion program activities.
- Develop a database of project leads and business prospects.
- Coordinate with economic development partners to provide training to existing companies.
- Develop and maintain close relationship with key industries in the region.
- Help implement a business visitation program and collect data from individual visits.
- Report on findings though visitation program and address issues and concerns of existing companies.
- Serve as a contact for existing companies to recommend resources to solve problems or challenges that hinder their growth in the community.

We are planning to schedule a zoom conference call on March 23rd at 2:00 to discuss this proposal and if your community is interested in participating in a joint initiative, I will send you an invitation for the meeting. If you are not available at the proposed time, please consider having another staff person join the call. We would also be happy to speak to you individually at a time that is better for you.

Pat English
Manager, Economic Development
Regional District of Mount Waddington
250-956-3301

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
BYLAW NO. 665, 2021

BEING A BYLAW FOR THE VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE FINANCIAL PLAN 2021 - 2025

WHEREAS, under section 165 of the Community Charter the Council of the Village of Port Alice is required to adopt a financial plan before the annual property tax bylaw is adopted.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Port Alice, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this Bylaw is the Village of Port Alice Financial Plan 2021 – 2025, Revenues and Expenditures.
2. Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this Bylaw is the Village of Port Alice Financial Plan 2021 – 2025 Statement of Objectives and Policies.
3. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Village of Port Alice Financial Plan 2021 - 2025 Bylaw No.664, 2021".

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 10th DAY OF MARCH 2021.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION HELD FROM MARCH 17 to MARCH 24, 2021.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH 2021.

RECONSIDERED, AND ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL 2021.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No.665, as adopted by Council on the 14th day of April 2021.

Chief Administrative Officer

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
BYLAW NO. 665, 2021**

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE FINANCIAL PLAN 2021 - 2025
Bylaw No. 665, 2021 - Schedule 'A' REVENUES**

REVENUES	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Property Taxes	\$620,450	\$776,571	\$777,581	\$788,702	\$799,934
Utility/Grant in Place of Taxes	\$22,500	\$22,725	\$22,953	\$23,182	\$23,413
Total Taxation	\$642,950	\$799,296	\$800,534	\$811,884	\$823,347
Fees and Charges					
Garbage Rates/Penalties	\$65,000	\$65,650	\$66,307	\$66,970	\$67,639
Recreation Supplies and Services	\$5,400	\$5,454	\$5,509	\$5,564	\$5,619
Recreation Facilities Rentals	\$13,750	\$13,888	\$14,026	\$14,167	\$14,308
Licenses/Permits	\$8,500	\$8,585	\$8,671	\$8,758	\$8,845
Water Utility	\$61,000	\$61,610	\$62,226	\$62,848	\$63,477
Sewer Utility	\$142,000	\$143,420	\$144,854	\$146,303	\$147,766
Other Revenue	\$51,000	\$51,510	\$52,025	\$52,545	\$53,071
Total Fees and Charges	\$346,650	\$350,117	\$353,618	\$357,155	\$360,725
Other Revenue					
Federal Govt Grants	\$1,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Provincial Govt Grants -	\$3,616,530	\$426,989	\$427,079	\$427,170	\$427,261
Regional District of Mt. Waddington	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Other Revenue	\$3,620,130	\$426,989	\$427,079	\$427,170	\$427,261
Appropriation from Reserve					
Appropriation from NICF Funds	\$56,670	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriation from Surplus	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriation from Deferred Revenue: Gas Tax Fun	\$275,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriation from Covid Recovery Funds	\$90,000				
Total Appropriation from Reserve	\$491,670	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funds Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE	\$5,101,400	\$1,616,402	\$1,581,231	\$1,596,209	\$1,611,333

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
BYLAW NO. 665, 2021**

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE FINANCIAL PLAN 2021 - 2025
Bylaw No. 665, 2021 - Schedule 'A'**

EXPENDITURES	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Debenture Debt Interest					
Community Centre Upgrades Matures - 2036	\$33,900	\$34,239	\$34,581	\$34,927	\$35,276
Total Debenture Debt	\$33,900	\$34,239	\$34,581	\$34,927	\$35,276
Capital Expenditures					
General	\$3,338,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Utility	\$50,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sewer Utility	\$145,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Capital Expenditures	\$3,533,800	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Municipal Purposes					
General Government, & Fiscal Services	\$405,800	\$409,859	\$403,858	\$407,898	\$411,974
Fire & Protective Services	\$78,000	\$78,780	\$79,568	\$80,363	\$81,167
Public Works	\$338,100	\$345,441	\$348,895	\$352,384	\$355,908
Health & Environmental Services	\$212,500	\$204,620	\$206,661	\$208,723	\$210,805
Recreation Services	\$213,300	\$215,433	\$217,587	\$219,763	\$221,960
Water Utility	\$54,500	\$55,045	\$55,595	\$56,151	\$56,713
Sewer Utility	\$105,900	\$106,959	\$108,029	\$109,109	\$110,200
Total Other Municipal Purposes	\$1,408,100	\$1,416,137	\$1,420,193	\$1,434,391	\$1,448,727
Transfers to Reserves					
General Fund	\$83,000	\$83,000	\$83,000	\$83,000	\$83,000
Water Fund	\$6,500	\$6,565	\$6,631	\$6,697	\$6,764
Sewer Fund	\$36,100	\$36,461	\$36,826	\$37,194	\$37,566
Total Transfer of Funds	\$125,600	\$126,026	\$126,457	\$126,891	\$127,330
GRAND TOTAL	\$5,101,400	\$1,616,402	\$1,581,231	\$1,596,209	\$1,611,333
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Schedule B
Statement of Objectives and Policies

In accordance with Section 165 (3.1) of the Community Charter, the Village is required to include in the Five-Year Financial Plan, objectives and policies regarding each of the following:

1. The proportion of total revenue that comes from each of the funding sources described in Section 165 (7) of the Community Charter;
2. The distribution of property taxes among the property classes, and
3. The use of permissive tax exemptions.

Funding Sources

Table 1 shows the proportion of total revenue proposed to be raised from each funding source in 2021. Property taxes normally contribute to the greatest proportion of the Village's revenue, however, in 2021 the largest proportion is Grant Revenue which is directly related to Capital Projects. The property tax revenue source offers several advantages. For example, it is simple to administer, and it is easy for residents to understand. It offers a stable and reliable source of revenue for local government services that are simply not practical or undesirable to fund on a user-pay basis. These services include general administration, fire protection, police services, bylaw enforcement, solid waste management, recreation, and local transportation services (i.e) maintenance & upkeep of local roads and streets.

User fees and charges form the fourth largest portion of planned revenue. Many services can be measured and charged on a user-pay basis. Services that are effectively charged on a user fee basis include water and sewer services, garbage collection, building permits, and the sale of other goods and services such as recreation and cemetery services. Village Council and Staff support the value of user fees that are relative to the cost of the service to avoid the service being subsidized by taxation.

Objective

Over the next 5 years, the Village of Port Alice will review the proportion of revenue that is received from user fees and charges and increase current levels as required.

Policies

The Village will annually review all user fee levels to ensure they are adequately meeting the delivery costs of service.

Where possible, the Village will endeavor to supplement revenues from user fees and charges, rather than taxation, to lessen the burden on its limited property tax base.

Table 1: 2021 Sources of Revenue

Revenue Source	Revenue: Percentages of Total Budget	Dollar Value
Taxation	13%	642,950
Fees, Charges & Other Revenue	7%	346,650
Federal & Provincial Grants	71%	3,620,130
Appropriation from Reserves & Surplus	9%	491,670
Total	100.00%	\$ 5,101,400

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Schedule B Continued

Distribution of Property Tax Rates

Table 2 outlines the distribution of property taxes among the property classes. Historically the major industrial property class provided the largest proportion of property tax revenue. This was appropriate as this class formed the largest portion of the assessment base and was the main reason for the existence of the community. BC Assessment changed the Class of the Major Industrial property to Business in 2020 and significantly reduced the value.

Objectives

The Village Council continues to work with all levels of government and local business to attract additional economic opportunities.

The Village also recognizes the need to maintain the property tax rate for business (class 6) at a low rate.

Policies

Supplement, where possible, revenues from user fees and charges to help offset the tax burden on all property classes. This will provide some relief and reduction of dependency on the pulp mill and other rate payers.

Council will continue to maintain and encourage economic development initiatives designed to attract more retail and commercial business to invest in the community. New business investments will help offset revenue dependency on all taxpayers by providing a broader tax base.

Align the distribution of tax rates among the property classes with the social and economic goals of the community, particularly to encourage a range of employment opportunities

Regularly review and compare the Village's distribution of tax burden relative to other BC municipalities.

**Table 2: 2021 Distribution of Property Tax Rates
Based on Preliminary Values**

Property Class	Percentage of Total Property Taxation	Dollar Value
Residential (1)	79.9%	\$ 491,546
Utilities (2)	8%	\$ 51,173
Major Industrial (4)	0%	
Light Industrial (5)	5%	\$ 33,012
Business (6)	7%	\$ 44,439
Recreation (8)	0.1%	\$ 280
Total	100.00%	\$ 620,450

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Schedule B Continued

Permissive Tax Exemptions

The Village of Port Alice Council reviews all existing permissive tax exemption bylaws on an annual basis. Council bases their consideration on the following criteria:

The tax exemption must demonstrate benefit to the community and residents of Port Alice by enhancing the quality of life (economically, socially and culturally) within the community.

The goals, policies and principles of the organization receiving the exemption must not be inconsistent or in conflict with those of the Village of Port Alice.

The organization receiving the exemption must be a registered non-profit society, as the support of the municipality will not be used for commercial or private gain.

Permissive tax exemptions will be considered in conjunction with: (a) other assistance being provided by the Village; (b) the potential demands for Village services or infrastructure arising from the property; and (c) the amount of revenue that the Village will lose if the exemption is granted.

Objective

The Village of Port Alice will continue to provide permissive tax exemptions to non-profit societies that contribute social, economic and cultural benefits to the community.

Policies

Council will continue working with all the non-profit societies for the betterment of the Community.

Reviewed and adopted by Council on 10th March 2021.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer



Gateway to the Wild West Coast

INFORMATION ITEMS

THE CORPORATION OF THE
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OUR FILE NO.



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March 5, 2021

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

File: 0320-20-01

The Honourable Patty Hajdu

sent via email

House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario,
Canada
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Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca

Re: Support for 988 Crisis Line

Please be advised that at the Monday, March 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, the Township of Spallumcheen Council passed the following resolution:

"THAT the Township of Spallumcheen Council pass the following motion and direct a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MPP, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities as outlined in the letter from Member of Parliament Mel Arnold, North Okanagan - Shuswap for support for a National Suicide Prevention Hotline:

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 percent;

AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Spallumcheen Council recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Spallumcheen Council endorses this 988 crisis line initiative."

Council understands, now more than ever, that Canadians may need access to additional resources amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. It is imperative, we as elected officials, do everything that we can to help everyone come out stronger on the other side of this unprecedented and challenging time.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, if you have any questions in this regard please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Fraser".

Christine Fraser
Mayor

cc. Member Municipalities
 MP Todd Doherty
 MP Mel Arnold
 Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)



March 10, 2021

Dear Colleagues.

On behalf of Victoria City Council, I am writing today to inform you that Council has voted to endorse the Help Cities Lead campaign and to request that your city consider doing the same. Emissions from buildings account for about 11% of the province's GHG emissions. This is the third highest source of GHG emissions in BC after road transportation (27.1%) and the oil and gas sector (17.6%). For municipalities, GHG emissions from existing buildings account for 40-60% of community emissions. In Victoria, this number is around 50% of our community GHG inventory.

In British Columbia, the regulation of buildings typically occurs at the provincial level. For the past two decades British Columbia has been at the forefront of action and policies taken in Canada to reduce energy use and GHG emissions from buildings. The 2018 CleanBC Plan moved the province further in this direction with key commitments for the building sector such as a net-zero energy building standard by 2032, a building upgrade standard by 2024, and exploring building energy labelling options.

A number of local governments, including Victoria, are keen to take even bolder action, and have set ambitious targets of our own to significantly reduce GHG emissions from buildings over the next 10 years in alignment with climate emergency declarations. The success of the Province in achieving deep emissions reductions from the building sector are directly connected to the success of local governments to achieve their own targets because most buildings are situated within these communities. However, tools currently available to local governments to pursue these ambitious reduction targets are largely limited to information campaigns and incentives. Although helpful, on their own these tools are insufficient to achieve broad and deep energy and GHG reductions given limited budgets.

Help Cities Lead (helpcitieslead.ca) is an education and awareness campaign working to build support for more focused collaboration between the Province of British Columbia and local governments on building climate policy.

The campaign project team identifies five regulatory measures where additional authority would be instrumental for municipalities in accelerating climate action:

1. Regulating GHG emissions for new buildings – the BC Energy Step Code only regulates energy efficiency in new buildings. Leading local governments would also like the ability to regulate GHG emissions from new buildings.
2. Mandatory home energy labelling - In Canada and British Columbia, legislation requires energy labelling for a broad range of consumer products including motor vehicles, furnaces, windows, lightbulbs, and kitchen appliances. However, there are no labeling requirements for the single largest purchase a given Canadian is likely to make—their home.

3. Property assessed clean energy (PACE) financing - programs allow property owners to finance the up-front cost of building energy efficiency upgrades—such as more efficient heating systems, or windows—by paying the costs back over time via a voluntary property tax assessment. The assessment is attached to the property, not an individual; if, and when, the property is sold, the financing carries on with the new owner.

4. Regulating GHG emissions for existing buildings – this would include the development of a new regulation that would set greenhouse gas emissions targets from existing buildings.

5. Mandatory building energy benchmarking and reporting - Energy benchmarking is the process of collecting and monitoring energy data from a large number of buildings over time so that governments and the private sector can compare the performance of any one participating building against similar properties.

Direction to implement the first three of these measures – enabling local governments to regulate GHG emissions for new buildings, home energy labelling, and PACE financing – were included in the ministerial mandate letters issued in November 2020. Help Cities Lead encourages the Province to move as quickly as possible and in close consultation with local governments to develop and implement these measures.

Help Cities Lead would also like the Province to enable local governments to choose, when ready, to opt into the remaining two measures not addressed by the mandate letters – namely, regulating GHG emissions for existing buildings and building energy benchmarking and reporting.

The suite of initiatives is intended to compliment what the provincial government and utilities are already doing in this area and help to lay the groundwork for eventual province-wide adoption of these measures.

These actions would let municipalities, ready to take bolder action on climate, lead the way in regulating emissions in buildings. This would provide a template for action for other jurisdictions and even for provincial regulation in the future.

As such, we are requesting that your city consider endorsing the Help Cities Lead campaign and that you communicate this support directly to the Province by writing to the below Ministers:

- Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca
- Minister of Municipal Affairs, MAH.Minister@gov.bc.ca
- Minister of Energy, Mines, and Low-Carbon Innovation, EMPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca
- Minister of Finance, FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca
- Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing, AG.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor



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March 10, 2021

Honourable Nelly Shin
Member of Parliament
Port Moody – Coquitlam
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Via email: nelly.shin@parl.gc.ca

Dear Honourable Nelly Shin,

Re: Belcarra Council Motion – Endorsement of 9-8-8 Crisis Line Initiative

Please be advised that at a Regular meeting of Belcarra Council held on March 8, 2021, the following motion was passed:

“That the Village of Belcarra endorse the 9-8-8 crisis line initiative; and
That staff be directed to send a letter indicating support to the local MP, MPP, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and UBCM municipalities to indicate the support of Belcarra.”

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of Belcarra Council. 2021 has been an unprecedented challenge. There have been considerable impacts from the COVID-19 Pandemic on the mental health of Canadians. Through unanimous consent, Belcarra supports the creation of a National 3-Digit Suicide Prevention Hotline in Canada.

Sincerely,

Jamie Ross
Mayor

cc Hon. Adrian Dix, Minister of Health
Rick Glumac, MLA
CRTC
UBCM Member Municipalities



March 11, 2021

File: 01-0390-20/21

UBCM Member Municipalities

Sent via email

Dear UBCM Members:

Re: Fair Taxation from Railway Operations & Industrial Parks

At its March 2, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, Pitt Meadows City Council endorsed two resolutions related to fair taxation from railway operations and industrial parks for inclusion and discussion at the upcoming LMLGA Convention, in advance of the UBCM Convention this fall. Certified copies of both resolutions and background information regarding same have been enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,
City of Pitt Meadows

Kate Barchard
Corporate Officer

Enclosure



City of
Pitt Meadows
THE *Natural* PLACE

CERTIFICATION

I, TANYA BARR, Deputy Corporate Officer for the City of Pitt Meadows, HEREBY CERTIFY that the following is a true and exact extract of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Pitt Meadows City Council held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 regarding the Proposed Lower Mainland Local Government Association Resolution - CP Rail:

"It was MOVED and SECONDED THAT Council approve the following resolution and submit it to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) for consideration:

- A. *WHEREAS section 5(e) of the Assessment Act - Prescribed Classes of Property Regulation B.C. Reg. 438/81 mandates that land or improvements used for transporting of products or used for the storage of products are classified as Class 5 Light Industry, but specifically excludes land or improvements held for purposes ancillary to the business of transportation from railway operations;*

AND WHEREAS this legislation creates unfair taxation from railway operations because they are reflective of a class 5 Light Industrial use and require high level City service support including Fire Services and road infrastructure use;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UBCM urge the Provincial Government to repeal section 5 (e) from the Assessment Act - Prescribed Classes of Property Regulation B.C. Reg. 438/81 in order to create fair taxation from railway operations.

CARRIED."

Tanya Barr
Deputy Corporate Officer
City of Pitt Meadows

March 4 / 21
Date Signed

CERTIFICATION

I, TANYA BARR, Deputy Corporate Officer for the City of Pitt Meadows, HEREBY CERTIFY that the following is a true and exact extract of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Pitt Meadows City Council held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 regarding the Proposed Lower Mainland Local Government Association Resolution - Golden Ears Business Park:

"It was *MOVED* and *SECONDED* THAT Council approve the following resolution and submit it to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) for consideration:

- A. *WHEREAS* section 5 (f) of the Assessment Act - Prescribed Classes of Property Regulation B.C. Reg. 438/81 mandates that land or improvements used for transporting of products or used for the storage of products are classified as Class 5 Light Industry, but specifically excludes land or improvements being used principally as an outlet for the sale of a finished product to a purchaser for purposes of his or her own consumption;
- B. *AND WHEREAS* this legislation creates unfair taxation from industrial parks which are a heavy burden on City infrastructure through heavy trucking activity in movement of product;
- C. *THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT* the UBCM urge the Provincial Government to repeal section 5 (f) of the Assessment Act - Prescribed Classes of Property Regulation B.C. Reg. 438/81 to create fair taxation from industrial parks.

CARRIED."



Tanya Barr
Deputy Corporate Officer
City of Pitt Meadows



Date Signed

Fair Taxation from Railway Operations

Backgrounder

At the March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting, Council passed a resolution seeking endorsement by the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) regarding ending unfair taxation benefitting CP Rail.

CP Rail is in the business of moving goods for a wide range of industries. The Assessment Act categorizes property held for transporting products as Class 5 Light Industry.

However, the Assessment Act – Prescribed Classes of Property Regulation B.C. Reg. 438/81 section 5 (e) specifically excludes property held for purposes ancillary to business related to transportation from railway operations. The existence of this section results in creating unfair taxation by moving CP Rail property to Class 6 Business.

Recognizing the burden on city services in the provision of Fire Services and road infrastructure, removal of section 5 (e) would result in railway operations being more appropriately included within the Class 5 Light Industry classification. This action would create fairer taxation by including railway activities within the property class more relative to the nature of the operations.

Additional background information may be found in the January 19, 2021 Council Agenda package:

https://pittmeadows.ca.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=1208&meta_id=143659

Fair Taxation from Industrial Parks

Background

At the March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting, Council passed a resolution seeking endorsement by the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) regarding ending unfair taxation benefitting Industrial Parks.

Industrial parks are an area zoned and planned for the purpose of industrial development. Also, an industrial park is a more 'heavyweight' version of a business park or office park. The Golden Ears Business Park is a large-scale industrial park in Pitt Meadows. The concentration of industry in an industrial park raises environmental concerns from the heavy transportation volumes as well as the burden on road infrastructure with the constant movement of cargo on semitrailers.

The Assessment Act categorizes property held for transporting products as Class 5 Light Industry.

However, the Assessment Act – Prescribed Classes of Property Regulation B.C. Reg. 438/81 section 5 (f) specifically excludes property being used as an outlet for the sale of a finished product to a purchaser for purposes of his or her own consumption. The existence of this section results in creating unfair taxation by moving Industrial Park operations to Class 6 Business.

Recognizing the burden on city services in the provision of road infrastructure, removal of section 5 (f) would result in Industrial Park operations being more appropriately included within the Class 5 Light Industry classification. This action would create fairer taxation by including industrial park activities within the property class more relative to the nature of the operations.

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March 17, 2021

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BC Utilities Commission
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RE: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro): 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Prince George Council, please accept this letter in opposition to BC Hydro's proposed 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application (Application).

The Application, submitted by BC Hydro in November 2020, seeks approval for an increase in the monthly rate charged per street light which includes a surcharge to recover the costs incurred by BC Hydro to convert existing High Pressure Sodium (HPS) light fixtures to LED fixtures.

While the City of Prince George supports the environmental benefits that will result from the conversion to LED technology, we are not in support of a surcharge rate downloaded to municipalities to cover the disposal of existing lights and their associated depreciation costs.

As such, we respectfully request that the City's concerns be considered in the evaluation of BC Hydro's Street Lighting Rate Application.

Sincerely,

Mayor Lyn Hall

cc: All UBCM Member Local Governments

