



THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016 at 7:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 CENTRE ROAD, LIONS BAY

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Public Participation**
- 4. Delegations**
- 5. Minutes**
 - A. January 19, 2016 – Regular Council Meeting (Page 3)
RECOMMENDATION: THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2016 be approved as circulated.
 - B. Parking Plan Committee – January 7, 2016 Minutes (Page 9)
RECOMMENDATION: THAT the Parking Plan Committee Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2016 be received for information.
 - C. Infrastructure Committee – December 14, 2015 Minutes (Page 13)
RECOMMENDATION: THAT the Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2015 be received for information.
- 6. Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - A. Action Items Report (Page 19)
- 7. Unfinished Business**
- 8. Reports**
 - A. Staff
 - i. CAO – Hall Floor Report (Page 21)
RECOMMENDATION: THAT staff proceed with getting the Community Hall flooring repaired (as opposed to replaced).
 - B. Mayor
 - C. Council
 - D. Committees
 - E. Emergency Services
- 9. Resolutions**

10. Bylaws

- A. Village of Lions Bay Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Repeal Bylaw No. 498, 2016 – First, Second, Third Reading (Page 27)

RECOMMENDATION: THAT Village of Lions Bay Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Repeal Bylaw No. 498, 2016 be given first, second and third reading.

- B. Utility User Rate Amendment Bylaws No. 499, 500 and 501, 2016 – First, Second, Third Reading (Page 31)

RECOMMENDATION: THAT the following bylaws be read a first, second and third time:

- (a) Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 2, 1971, Amendment Bylaw No. 499, 2016;
- (b) Garbage and Recycling Collection Bylaw No. 455, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 500, 2016;
- (c) Sewer User Rates Bylaw No. 122, 1984, Amendment Bylaw No. 501, 2016.

- C. Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 493, 2015 – Adoption (Page 43)

RECOMMENDATION: THAT Official Community Plan No. 493, 2015 be adopted.

11. Correspondence

- A. List of Correspondence to January 28, 2016 (Page 57)

12. New Business

- A. Appointment of Alternate to Mayor's Council

13. Public Questions & Comments

14. Resolution to Close Meeting

THAT the meeting be closed to the public under the authority of the Community Charter, section 90(1) (i) and 90(2) (b)

15. Reporting Out from Closed Portion of Meeting

16. Adjournment



THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 CENTRE ROAD, LIONS BAY

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Council: Mayor Karl Buhr
Councillor Fred Bain (arrived at 7:11 p.m.)
Councillor Jim Hughes (arrived at 7:18 p.m.)
Councillor Ron McLaughlin
Councillor Helen Waterson

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer Peter DeJong (Recorder)
Chief Financial Officer Pamela Rooke

Delegations: Mr. Catalin Vlad

Public: 2

1. Call to Order
Mayor Buhr called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda
Moved/Seconded

THAT the closed agenda be approved as submitted.

CARRIED

3. Public Participation

A. Ms. Ruth Simons

Ms. Simons queried whether the Village would contribute to the Syrian family sponsorship fundraiser by loaning tables from the Hall for her private event. She also notified Council of a minor correction in the last meeting minutes regarding a presentation on LNG. Lastly, Ms. Simons discussed the OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 420 and had concerns that Council and Staff may not have been aware of the 2010 amendment.

B. Mr. George Kobasew

Mr. Kobasew spoke to Public Works Manager's report in this package regarding the second phase of work on the road to Magnesia Water Intake that was not approved by Council, and which was therefore not carried out.

Councillor Bain joined the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

4. Delegations

A. Mr. Catalin Vlad

Mr. Vlad requested that a restriction be put into effect for specific watering hours at the Native Plant Garden, which is next to his home, and that parking be restricted along the street. He notified Council that the encroachment onto municipal property is non-permanent and can be removed if requested.

Councillor Hughes joined the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

5. Adoption of Minutes

A. December 15, 2015 – Regular Council Meeting

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2015 be approved as amended with the following:

- Item 8Ci – amend the action item to read “Mayor Buhr to speak to CN regarding safety aspects of rail traffic through the Village.”
- Item 8E – amend the action item to read “Staff to request that the fire response report indicate whether MVA’s are in the Village or on the highway, inside or outside municipal boundaries.”
- Item 10A – amend the action item to include the word “future” before “CAO DeJong”.
- Item 10C – add the word “future” before “CAO DeJong”.

CARRIED

B. January 7, 2016 – Special Council Meeting

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Special Council Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2016 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

A. Action Items Report

Council reviewed the action items report.

7. Unfinished Business

None

8. Reports

A. Staff

i. Review of Tree Committee and Application #64 – Request for Decision

Moved/Seconded

THAT Village of Lions Bay Tree Bylaw No. 393, 2007 (the “Tree Bylaw”) Terms of Reference, attached to the Tree Bylaw as Schedule D, be amended to provide that the presence of any 3 members of the Tree Committee at an open meeting thereof shall constitute quorum;

THAT Tree Cutting Application #64 be referred back to the Tree Committee to formulate a valid recommendation after posting a notice of open meeting;

THAT the draft minutes of the Tree Committee meetings be appended to future Council meeting agendas for information; and

THAT the Tree Committee consider whether and how it may be able to address the issues identified in sections 3 (a) to (j) of this report for this and future Tree Cutting Applications.

CARRIED

ii. BDO Planning Report

Moved/Seconded

THAT the BDO Planning Report be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

iii. Rock Stack Wall at Magnesia Water Intake

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Information Report, Rock Stack Wall at Magnesia Water Intake, be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

B. Mayor

i. Standing Committee Appointments

The existing members of the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee were thanked by the Mayor and relieved of their duties. The new members, appointed by the Mayor, consist of Mayor Karl Buhr and resident Ian Mackie, with a quorum requirement of two.

C. Council

None

D. Committees

i. Water, Sewer, Solid Waste Draft Budget

This item was brought forward from the earlier Council Strategy Committee Meeting of January 19, 2016.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the proposed percentage increases for water (12%), sewer (5%), and solid waste (2%) be used for 2016 draft budget purposes.

CARRIED

E. Emergency Services

Moved/Seconded

THAT the RCMP Report and Lions Bay Fire Department Report be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Resolutions

A. Appointments

Moved/Seconded

THAT Peter DeJong be appointed as Chief Administrative Officer;
 THAT Peter DeJong be appointed as Corporate Officer;
 THAT Peter DeJong be appointed as Approving Officer;
 THAT Peter DeJong be appointed as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer;
 THAT Peter DeJong be appointed as a Bylaw Enforcement Screening Officer;
 THAT Peter DeJong be appointed as the Head for the purposes of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA);
 AND THAT Peter DeJong be added as a banking signatory in accordance with the requirements of the Bank of Nova Scotia;
 WITH ALL appointments effective immediately.

CARRIED

B. Acting Mayor Schedule

Moved/Seconded

THAT the following [2016, 2017 and 2018 (up to date of the general local election)] schedule for the Office of Acting Mayor, in the event the Mayor is absent, approved for 2016, 2017 and 2018:

January – March:	Fred Bain
April – June:	Jim Hughes
July – September:	Ron McLaughlin
October – December:	Helen Waterson

CARRIED

10. Bylaws

A. Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 493 - Adoption

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 493, 2015 be adopted.

**ALL OPPOSED
 MOTION FAILS**

Moved/Seconded

THAT third reading of Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 493, 2015 be rescinded.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 493, 2015 be amended by adding the words “as amended after each citation of OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 408, 2008.”

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 493, 2015 be read a third time, as amended.

CARRIED

11. Correspondence

Moved/Seconded

THAT the correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

12. New Business

None

13. Public Questions & Comments

None

14. Closed Council Meeting

Moved/Seconded

THAT the meeting be closed to the public under the authority of the Community Charter, section 90(1) (c), (e), (f), (i), and (n).

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 9:03 p.m.

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 10:13 p.m.

15. Reporting Out

That staff seek legal clarification as required with respect to a proposal regarding 63 Brunswick Beach Road.

16. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Mayor

Corporate Officer

Date Adopted by Council:	
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DRAFT

Minutes
Lions Bay Parking Plan Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers

In Attendance:

Helen Waterson (HW), Councillor and Committee Chair; Ruth Simons (RS), Resident; Resident; Michiel Roell (MR), Resident; Kambiz Azordegan (KA), Resident; Karl Buhr (KB), Mayor

Regrets: Leslie Nolin (LN); Andrew Oliver (AO), Fire Chief and Resident, Nikii Hoglund, Public Works Manager

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Appointment of Recorder** – Ruth Simons appointed
3. **Approval of the Agenda** – Approved
4. **Public Participation** - Doug Pollack – no comment
5. **Approval of the minutes from November 7th** – Approved
6. **Business arising from the minutes – review of action items:**
 - Ruth handed out copies of what is printed from Eventbrite when guest parking is purchased on-line. There is no restriction on-line as to who can purchase.
 - Ruth handed out the updated Signage discrepancies report and explained that three items were added. This report is based on a drive around of the entire village noting obvious discrepancies in signage.
 - Current inventory of signs sitting at the Public Works Yard is still outstanding.

Action: HW to follow up on obtaining an inventory of what the Village current owns in terms of signs in storage.

6.A Identification of parking classes.

- KB explained his report was intended to ensure all types or classes of parking were identified. Committee members had no more to add. He confirmed the report was to list all possible types of parking and signage and was referenced from BC Highway parking specifications. KB envisions changing all signage to more positive messaging, but Committee and Council must first agree on the philosophy. This recommendation could go into the report as a long term objective. KB reported the Infrastructure Master Plan will be completed very soon and will influence parking in the future.

6.B Metered parking.

- KB sent committee members a report summarizing his research on options for simple pay parking (refer to copy at end of minutes). Pay By Phone appears to be the simplest and least expensive but may require installation of a pay phone as backup for people without cell phone. KB agrees that any pay parking solution requires enforcement.
- RS suggested the quote obtained from Precise Parking in 2012 be considered, but KB said they would only provide update by meeting first in person.
- KB's provided a financial model (attached).
- **Action: Committee members to review the report and simple pay parking options.**
KB to confirm set up costs.

6.C Parking Survey Presentation.

- LN was unable to make the meeting due to illness but did pass along concerns about timeline requesting more time to analyse the survey results.
- HW presented the survey results as provided by Survey Monkey and handed out printed copies of all the comments. Ranking of priorities is still being compiled. LN will present further results next meeting.
- HW would like to present results from the survey to the Residents of Lions Bay. Format to be determined. Not all committee members support an open house or public meeting. It was suggested that we publish the results on-line.

Actions:

- **LN to provide detailed analysis and report on the Parking Survey by next meeting.**
- **LN to confirm if responses were one per household and how this was managed.**
- **HW to do further analysis and find any correlations to help the analysis.**
- **Members to review comments which will be sorted and categorized.**
- **HW and committee to further consider the public presentation of the Parking survey results.**

6.D Summary of historical parking reports.

- Hard copies of a spreadsheet compiled by HW and RS were handed out. This sheet references available previous year's studies and resulting recommendations and categorizes the issues indicating the year and if the recommendations were implemented.
- RS commented that this list is not complete but helps to indicate the amount of work previously done on reviewing parking concerns, the common issues and what is still outstanding.

Action: KB offered to scan the binder of previous reports and emails and share the information with committee members.

6.E Project Timeline.

- HW handed out updated timeline for the committee's Strategic Parking Plan. Timeline is tight to complete the report and HW was recently informed the next meeting date of Jan. 18 needs to be moved due to chambers being booked.
- Timelines to be further considered incorporating a phased approach.

7. **Unfinished business** – Writing of the final report was discussed.

- HW had provided by email examples of reports from other communities and an outline of Key Components employed by other plans.

Action: RS offered to provide draft report outline using other Parking Plans as a benchmark.

8. New Business –

- A. IMP Consideration – Infrastructure committee is meeting on January 18th and report will follow.
- B. Future consideration – HW explained that models of plans from other communities include future considerations which is something, other than the IMP, the committee has not discussed.
- C. Meeting dates – Next meeting is changed from January 18 to January 25th.

Action:

- **HW to advise office staff of change to meeting date.**
- **Committee members to think of future considerations and report next meeting.**
- **Each committee member to prepare their initial thoughts on all the information provided. Each committee member will be given 5 minutes, uninterrupted to present, prior to discussion.**

9. **Public Comment and Questions** – During the meeting Doug Pollock commented on concerns regarding pay parking for residents at parking lots. He provided personal examples and wishes that family and his members would not be inconvenienced by further parking restrictions. He currently purchases guest passes as needed.

10. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

KB's Report re. Simple Pay Parking

Fellow Committee members and staff, through the Chair:

As tasked by the Chair, I made brief enquiries at three paid parking system vendors to gather preliminary information on the types of paid parking offerings available, preparatory to our meeting this evening:

1. Precise Parklink has asked for a meeting, but I have not yet had substantive discussion.
2. The offering of Pay-By-Phone is surprisingly simple: for a \$1000 startup fee covering signage and back-end setup, users with the Pay-By-Phone smartphone app can pay for parking at Lions Bay lots, under any charge structure we want. Parkers not wishing to use the app can call an toll-free automated voice-rec system to pay by credit card on the municipality's merchant account. There are no monthly operating costs other than a \$100 minimum charge and we keep all revenue other than a \$0.35 per transaction convenience fee. Enforcement is simple too: our bylaw officer securely logs in with a smartphone or tablet for a list of valid parkers--all others are issued parking tickets. This solution only works for those with access to a phone.
3. Impark offers a hardware parking meter taking credit cards (85% of BC usage) and coins (15%). Meters cost \$11,000-14,000, and can be purchased outright, or rented over 3-5 years at approx. 20-80 revenue split (see business model analysis below). Monthly operating costs are around \$100/mo. The units utilise solar power and cellular modems, and most owners just take license numbers, no longer requiring a ticket on the dash or a stall number. Enforcement is again simple: our officer prints a list of valid parkers' license plates out of the meter (I believe integrated with the Pay-By-Phone offering above). Impark are the exclusive suppliers for T2-Systems machine, made in BC:
4. A simple business case shows good breakeven before enforcement, and if the main driver for paid parking is to control non-resident/guest parking, anything better than breakeven is good. It may be that the Committee recommends a non-metered Pay-By-Phone solution for one year to gauge demand. Upfront costs to resurface, line and sign paid parking areas may be in the \$25k range.

REVENUE PER YEAR	Beach PBP only	Trailhead PBP only	Beach PBP + meter	Trailhead PBP + meter
Spaces	40	15	40	15
Average daily charge	\$ 30	\$ 12	\$ 30	\$ 12
Annual utilisation	10.0%	10.0%	12.0%	12.0%
	43,800	6,570	52,560	7,884
COSTS PER YEAR				
Pay-by-Phone usage	100%	100%	70%	70%
5-year meter rent	-	-	2,730	2,730
Meter operating	-	-	1,200	1,200
Payphone/landline	1,200	1,200	-	-
PBP convenience + min.	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
20% rev share			3,154	473
	2,400	2,400	8,284	5,603

LIONS BAY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 14 DEC 2015 AT 7:00 PM
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LIONS BAY COMMUNITY CENTER

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

In Attendance:

Fred Bain – Councilor and Committee Chair
Karl Buhr – Mayor
Nikii Hoglund – Public Works Manager
Tony Greville – Resident
Jim Hughes – Councilor
Brian Ulrich – Resident
James Brotherson – AECOM - invited guest participant

Regrets:

Ann Yanciw – Interim CAO
Greig Garland – Resident

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

2. **Appointment of Recorder**

Regular recorder: Brian Ulrich

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

The Agenda was approved as is.

4. **Public Participation**

No questions or comments from the gallery.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as tabled at the meeting.

6. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- Ownership of #6 Bridge still unknown – Nikii still investigating, with support from Fred.
– The missing third party validation report for our UV treatment systems was finally located and provided by James at the meeting.

ACTION: Brian to review and comment.

7. **Unfinished Business**

A. Infrastructure Master Plan – Report from AECOM

An update to the previous progress chart was provided by James as well as village maps for the village water (desalination idea) and sanitary network proposals. Highlights from the update are as follows:

We went through each item on the progress chart again in order.

James quickly recapped our discussion of the Public Realm Corridor Management issue from last meeting – the proposal to enforce property lines so the Village can manage the use of road right of way for drainage, sidewalks, parking and services.

The update discussion started with Drainage given it is one of the pressing issues identified in the Public Realm. Each street in the Village has different nature and severity of drainage issues that will have to be prioritized. Tony suggested that it would be useful to have a street by street drainage strategy that uniquely addresses each specific drainage situation. James agreed that each drainage situation could be identified on the village map with color coding or other means to identify the priority of each area. He has identified the obvious drainage scenarios but suspect that there may be other less evident ones that the IC or residents know about, and would appreciate input on those for inclusion on the map.

ACTION: James to provide village map of drainage situations (issues) with priority (color code) and strategy for remediation identified for each. (i.e. street-by-street drainage strategy).

ACTION: IC and residents to provide input to James to be included on the drainage strategy map, if any are known.

ACTION: James to provide a cumulative properties serviced report (traffic, water, etc).

The IC marked up a village map with preliminary indication of the highest pedestrian routes where sidewalks would likely be needed first if they were to be installed. This will be included in James' cumulative properties serviced report (map).

Water

The opening comments to this item were that we have again, since the last meeting, had water system issues. Magnesia creek intake was still down as of this meeting and could not yet be safely accessed to evaluate the damage. Progress-wise, there was little new material to report from previous meeting. For a safe, quick preliminary assessment of the Magnesia intake situation, it was suggested that we send a camera drone up to photograph or video the area. At least we could then begin planning what will be need to be done once we can safely access it again.

ACTION: Nikii would be putting forward a budget request to procure a drone to enable quick and safe preliminary assessments of areas (in the specified instance Magnesia) when crews cannot investigate in person due to our safe working protocols.

ACTION: Nikii also to provide the IC information on infiltration galleries.

Karl would like to continue investigation of vaults under the streets for services despite previous indications that it was not practical. If we are digging up the roads we should also put in the power and utilities (underground). What all can be included in the vaults is central to this question. Can sanitary (sewer) lines be placed in the same vault as potable water lines? If the answer is 'no' then the idea is a non-starter. Without vaulting, Lions Bay is not likely to go to underground power lines in the near or even long term.

The next item, proposal to raise procurement level from \$2K to \$10K and the establishment of a preferred vendor list were noted to be more of an Administration task than an IC task. Move item off IMP and transfer to Village staff.

Metering

Per last meeting, Zone metering locations will be suggested by AECOM in the IMP. New to the discussion on metering is the consideration of the requirement for backflow prevention to avoid contamination of the mains by water flowing back into them from private residence lines. Meters generally prevent backflow and would address this requirement. If the type of meters considered do not prevent backflow, a check-valve would be mandated with any installation of meters.

Karl also observed that our conclusion that residential water metering is not worthwhile may change in the face of a central sewer project. In that situation we would be paying to process all the water in the sewage plant therefore we would definitely want to minimize consumption.

Treatment

James had looked into a single desalination plant as our primary treatment system with UV as backup, and indicated that there are lots of provincial hoops to jump through. This is not really what the IC was thinking or expecting but per his understanding of our requirements, it is definitely a more reliable and secure system, albeit more costly to implement. Even with filters upstream of our UV systems to reduce turbidity (which we all agree we should have), debris coming down the creek can still plug or damage our intakes, render the system inoperative. Safety issues to access the current intakes is still an ongoing issue as well.

In the interim, Karl suggested that our safety of access problem could be addressed by installing avalanche sheds over the access roads in the sketchy areas.

The IC recapped the main goal of the water treatment section of the IMP: we're looking for a plan that deals with our overall supply issue, dealing with safety, quality and reliability of our supply. So far the only options different from what we have now are:

- One primary UV plant with filtering – (and one backup)
- Permanent Desalination plant
- Temporary Desalination plant for peak shaving

The problem with one UV system on standby (backup) is that it takes up to 5 days to get water samples processed and approved before the unit can go online.

Although we all like the idea of a dedicated desalination the initial cost is a big concern. In view of this, James recommended that he do a detailed evaluation of a desalination solution that could be in place 5 years from now – separately from any proposal to address our immediate needs.

ACTION: James to provide an option for desalination, but he felt that (should the Village still wish to pursue the concept) detailed design might be better spent in 5 years' time – when there might well be more options available.

Sanitary

James tabled a diagram (map) with the concept for a village-wide sanitary network with estimated costs.

As mentioned in previous discussions, many if not most, septic systems in the village are near or at end of life and need to be replaced at an average cost of \$40K-\$50K, and residents will be hesitant to then spend another \$12K afterward to connect to a new central system. Tony pointed out that \$20K from each residence avoids a full replacement cost and generates \$10M that could pay for a full central sewer system. Timing is the issue and such a plan would have to be implemented as soon as possible before more residents replace their own systems. Further consideration required.

The IMP update was concluded with agreement that James needed some help from us to prioritize the issues. A quick discussion made it clear that we were not sure which issues were priority:

- Roads/drainage (surprisingly this is probably #1 given discussion to date)
- Water (previously thought to be #1, but now likely is not)
- Sewer
- Other

ACTION: Nikii to help James prioritize the issues for final report.

The final IMP from AECOM is a few weeks late. However, the IC acknowledged that we did not provide direction as was specified in the contract that we would. We (the IC) all agree that we would rather the Plan be done right rather than delivered prematurely so we are ok with it being a few weeks late.

In view of this, the revised due date for the IMP was set at 14 January 2016.

Next meeting will therefore be moved from the 2nd Monday to the 3rd Monday (January 18th) to accommodate the new due date but still provide review before submitting it to council.

8. New Business

None

9. Public Questions & Comments

None

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Thanks to James for the good progress report.

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Type	Report to Council		
Title	Action Items Report		
Author	S. Gilroy	Reviewed By:	
Date	January 21, 2016	Version	
Issued for	February 2, 2016 Regular Council Meeting		

For Council's review, these are the action items carried over from all previous Council meetings, including the most recent meeting.

#	Meeting Date	Action Item Details
1	September 1, 2015	<i>4B – Delegations – Mr. David Shore</i> (No fixed deadline) Staff to craft a report to evaluate the existing suite of bylaws to see if a loophole exists against residential zoning; Council to then look at changing bylaws to close loopholes.
2	October 6, 2015	<i>8Ai – Reports – CAO</i> Item 9 – Emergency Planning Committee to be struck and the emergency siren to be deferred to that time.
3	November 17, 2015	<i>8Di – Reports – Trees, Views & Landscapes Committee – Tree Application #63</i> Staff to bring forward the Terms of Reference for the Trees, Views & Landscapes Committee.
4	December 15, 2015	<i>8Ci – Reports – Emergency Preparedness & Business Continuity Report</i> Mayor Buhr to speak to CN regarding safety aspects of rail traffic through the village.
5	December 15, 2015	<i>8E – Reports – Emergency Services</i> Staff to request that the report indicates whether the MVA was in the village or on the highway.
6	December 15, 2015	<i>10A – Bylaws – Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 497 – First and Second Reading</i> CAO DeJong to review the Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 497 before it comes to third reading at the January 19, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.

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Type	Request for Decision			
Title	Community Hall Flooring			
Author	P. DeJong	Reviewed By:		
Date	January 29, 2016		Version	
Issued for	February 2, 2016 Regular Council Meeting			

1. Recommendation

THAT staff proceed with getting the Community Hall flooring repaired (as opposed to replaced).

2. Attachments

BC Hardwood quotes for:

- (a) Replacement;
- (b) Repair (Option 1 and Option 2)

3. Background

As Council is aware, the floor boards in the Community Hall have shrunk/shifted. Staff have obtained quotes for repair or replacement, as attached.

4. Options

- (a) Replace;
- (b) Repair;
- (c) Do nothing.

5. Preferred Strategy

Staff recommend repairing the floor and will investigate the pros and cons of Options 1 and 2 before deciding and moving forward with the work.



BC Hardwood Floor Co. Ltd.
1977 Triumph Street
Vancouver, British Columbia, V5L 1K6
Telephone: 604-255-7375
Fax: 604-254-2364

January 15, 2016

Attn: Andrew Oliver

Village of Lions Bay Community Center
Gymnasium Hardwood Floor Replacement Quote

BC Hardwood Floor Co. is proud to present the following quote for your consideration based on our site assessments.

Scope of work

- Remove and dispose of existing flooring system.
- Evaluate concrete substrate to be within industry specifications of $\frac{1}{8}$ " in 10'.
- Install Tarkett Clutch Court Performance System, please see attached information.
- 6 mil. poly, taped joints over concrete subfloor.
- 55 durometer CoreCushion pads at 12" O.C.
- 2 layers of $\frac{1}{2}$ " plywood exterior grade, Fir sheathing.
- Wax paper.
- 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x $\frac{3}{4}$ " 1st grade Maple T & G flooring (same or better grade as existing).
- Game lines to be redone as existing in epoxy paint.
- Finish to be 3 coats of RJC Low V.O.C. Moisture Cured Urethane (see attached product information).
- New primed base, aluminum thresholds included.

Price complete \$34,985.00 plus GST.

Acceptance: _____ Date: _____

Notes:

- Terms 50% deposit required in order to schedule manpower and order materials, balance to be paid upon completion.
- Duration of work 3 weeks approximately.
- Finish is odorous and we recommend that no one be in the vicinity during application.
- HVAC system to be turned off at time of application in order to reduce airborne particulate.
- BC Hardwood to supply electrical pigtails to be connected to 220 volt 30 amp breaker by others, unless a stove/dryer plug is in the vicinity.

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- Finish will require a minimum of 72 hours after final application in order to cure before use.
- Final dust clean up and painting of base moulding by others.
- Substrate remediation if required to be performed on an hourly cost plus materials bases. Daily sign off forms to be utilized. No work to proceed without owners authorization.
- Quote valid for 6 months.

We trust this is the information that you require and thank you for the opportunity to quote this project.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should any questions arise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Hook". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" and the last name "Hook" clearly distinguishable.

Richard Hook & Dino Bettamin
rhook@bchardwood.com
dbettamin@bchardwood.com



BC Hardwood Floor Co. Ltd.
1977 Triumph Street
Vancouver, British Columbia, V5L 1K6
Telephone: 604-255-7375
Fax: 604-254-2364

January 18, 2016

Lions Bay Community Center

Attn: Hayley Cook

Re: Gymnasium Hardwood Floor Repair Quote

BC Hardwood Floor Co. is proud to present the following quote for your consideration based on our site assessment Jan. 15, 2016.

The floor has pulled away from the Maple reducers in front of the kitchen and storage closet and the reducer to the hall leading to washrooms has cracked. We have two options in regards to repair:

Option #1 – Aluminum Thresholds

Scope of work

- To remove existing wide Maple reducers in all three doorways and then drive up the flooring board to eliminate/reduce gaps and reaffix to sleeper and then install a 8 →10" wide aluminum threshold. This method of repair could be completed in one visit. It would also allow the floor to move without obstruction as the threshold would overlap the hardwood.

Price complete \$885.00 plus GST.

Acceptance: _____ Date: _____

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Option #2 – Hardwood floor board repair

Scope of work

- To remove one board and replace it with a wider board in front of the existing Maple thresholds to the closet and kitchen doorways.
- This will require local sanding and finishing which would result in multiple visits in order to build up finish. However this will not allow the floor to have the ability to move with seasonal change.

Price complete \$865.00 plus GST.

Acceptance: _____

Date: _____

We trust this to be the information that you require and thank you for the opportunity to quote this repair.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should any questions arise.

Sincerely,



Richard Hook
Technical Services Manager
D 604-216-3306
rhook@bchardwood.com

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THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

Type	Report to Council		
Title	Village of Lions Bay Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Repeal Bylaw No. 498, 2016		
Author	S. Gilroy	Reviewed By:	P. DeJong
Date	January 29, 2016	Version	
Issued for	February 2, 2016 – Regular Council Meeting		

1. RECOMMENDATION

THAT Village of Lions Bay Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Repeal Bylaw No. 498, 2016 be given first, second and third reading.

2. BACKGROUND

A resolution was passed at the December 15, 2015 Regular Council Meeting to proceed with the process of repealing Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985 in order to consolidate cost recovery for water services within the Village of Lions Bay, and apply a consolidated water rate to all residents of the Village of Lions Bay, including residents of Brunswick Beach.



THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY



Village of Lions Bay Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Repeal Bylaw No.498, 2016

Adopted:

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Bylaw No. 498, 2016

Village of Lions Bay Water Parcel Tax Bylaw Repeal

A bylaw to repeal Village of Lions Bay Water Parcel Tax By-law No. 130, 1985

WHEREAS the Village of Lions Bay wishes to consolidate its water cost recoveries under an amended Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Lions Bay, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Village of Lions Bay Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Repeal Bylaw No.498, 2016."
2. Village of Lions Bay Water Parcel Tax By-law No. 130, 1985, as amended, is hereby repealed.
3. The following amending bylaws are also hereby repealed:
 - (a) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 489, 2015;
 - (b) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 471, 2014;
 - (c) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 460, 2013;
 - (d) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 388, 2007;
 - (e) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 366, 2005;
 - (f) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 358, 2004;
 - (g) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 348, 2003;
 - (h) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 340, 2002;
 - (i) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 323, 2001;
 - (j) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 311, 2000;
 - (k) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 293, 1999;
 - (l) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 282, 1998;
 - (m) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 263, 1997;
 - (n) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 248, 1996;
 - (o) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 237, 1995;
 - (p) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 224, 1994;
 - (q) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 213, 1993;
 - (r) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 200, 1992;
 - (s) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 191, 1991;
 - (t) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 182, 1990;
 - (u) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 173, 1989;
 - (v) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 160, 1988.

READ A FIRST TIME

February 2, 2016

READ A SECOND TIME

February 2, 2016

READ A THIRD TIME

February 2, 2016

ADOPTED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

**Certified a true copy of
Village of Lions Bay Water
Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 130, 1985,
Repeal Bylaw No.498, 2016 as adopted.**

Corporate Officer



THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

Type	Request for Decision			
Title	Utility User Rate Amendment Bylaws 499, 500 and 501			
Author	P. DeJong	Reviewed By:		
Date	January 29, 2016		Version	
Issued for	February 2, 2016 Regular Council Meeting			

1. Recommendation

THAT the following bylaws be read a first, second and third time:

- (a) Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 2, 1971, Amendment Bylaw No. 499, 2016;
- (b) Garbage and Recycling Collection Bylaw No. 455, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 500, 2016;
- (c) Sewer User Rates Bylaw No. 122, 1984, Amendment Bylaw No. 501, 2016.

2. Attachments

Bylaws 499, 500 and 501 as set out above.

3. Background

At the January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting, Council directed staff to prepare utility user rate bylaws for water, sewer and solid waste in accordance with the draft budget indicating the overall amounts required for each service.

4. Options

- (a) Approve the recommendation above;
- (b) Refer one or more of the bylaws back to staff for revision;
- (c) Instruct staff otherwise.

5. Preferred Strategy

Proceed with first three readings of the bylaws as presented. If revisions are required, a special meeting would likely be needed in order to get the utility billings out to the residents in time.



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Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 2, 1971, Amendment Bylaw No. 499, 2016

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Bylaw No. 499, 2016**Water Rates and Regulations Amendment****A bylaw to amend Water Rates and Regulations By-law No. 2.**

The Council of the Village of Lions Bay, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 2, 1971, Amendment Bylaw No. 499, 2016".
2. Schedule "A" attached to Bylaw No. 2, as amended, is hereby deleted and the attached Schedule "A" is substituted therefore.
3. This bylaw shall take effect upon adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME	February 2, 2016
READ A SECOND TIME	February 2, 2016
READ A THIRD TIME	February 2, 2016
ADOPTED	x

Mayor

Corporate Officer

**Certified a true copy of
Bylaw No. 499, 2016 as adopted.**

Corporate Officer

SCHEDULE "A"**Attached to and forming
part of Bylaw No. 499, 2016****WATER USER RATES****Prompt Payment Discount**

1. Single Family Residence	\$1,418.00 per year	2.0%
2. Condominiums, Apartments	\$1,418.00 per year	2.0%
3. Businesses – café/restaurant	\$3,709.00 per year	2.0%
4. Businesses – marina	\$3,709.00 per year	2.0%
5. Businesses – other	\$976.00 per year	2.0%
6. Schools	\$3,709.00 per year	2.0%



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Garbage and Recycling Collection Bylaw No. 455, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 500, 2016

Adopted:

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Phone: 604-921-9333 Fax: 604-921-6643
Email: office@lionsbay.ca Web: www.lionsbay.ca

Bylaw No. 500, 2016**Waste Collection Amendment****A bylaw to amend Garbage and Recycling Collection Bylaw No. 455, 2013.**

The Council of the Village of Lions Bay, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Garbage and Recycling Collection Bylaw No. 455, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 500, 2016".
2. Schedule "A" attached to Garbage and Recycling Collection Bylaw No. 455, 2013 is hereby deleted and the attached Schedule "A" is substituted therefore.
3. This bylaw shall take effect upon adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME	February 2, 2016
READ A SECOND TIME	February 2, 2016
READ A THIRD TIME	February 2, 2016
ADOPTED	x

Mayor

Corporate Officer

**Certified a true copy of
Bylaw No. 500, 2016 as adopted.**

Corporate Officer

SCHEDULE "A"**Attached to and forming
part of Bylaw No. 500, 2016**

	<u>Maximum Amount</u>	<u>Annual Charge</u>	<u>Discount</u>
<u>Waste & Recycling</u>			
1. Single Family Residences	Garbage: 154L/bi-weekly Recycling: unlimited weekly Green waste: unlimited weekly	\$363.00	3.5%
2. Strata Condominiums (Crosscreek Road)	Common bins/totes	\$350.00	3.5%
3. Schools	Common bin (equivalent to 4 cans)	\$650.00	3.5%
4. Extra garbage containers	\$4.00 each can		
<u>Recycling Only</u>			
1. Store or business premise		\$468.00	3.5%
2. Marina		\$665.00	3.5%
3. Strata Apartments (350 Centre Road)		\$161.00	3.5%



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Sewer User Rates Bylaw No. 122, 1984 Amendment Bylaw No. 501, 2016

Adopted:

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Bylaw No. 501, 2016

Sewer User Rates Amendment

A bylaw to amend Sewer User Rates By-law No. 122, 1984.

The Council of the Village of Lions Bay, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Sewer User Rates Bylaw No. 122, 1984, Amendment Bylaw No. 501, 2016".
2. Section 2 of Sewer User Rates By-law No. 122, 1984 is hereby amended as follows:
 - (a) in subsection (a), strike the words "14th of July" and substitute the words "31st day of March of each year";
 - (b) add the words "of each year" to the end of subsection (b); and
 - (c) in subsection (c), strike the words "before the 15th of July" and substitute the words "on or before the 31st day of March of each year".
3. Schedule "A" attached to Bylaw No. 122, 1984, as amended, is hereby deleted and the attached Schedule "A" is substituted therefore.
4. This bylaw shall take effect upon adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME

February 2, 2016

READ A SECOND TIME

February 2, 2016

READ A THIRD TIME

February 2, 2016

ADOPTED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

**Certified a true copy of
Sewer User Rates Bylaw No. 122, 1984,
Amendment Bylaw No. 501, 2016 as adopted.**

Corporate Officer

SCHEDULE "A"

**Attached to and forming
part of Bylaw No. 501, 2016**

SEWER USER RATES**Prompt Payment Discount**

1. Single Family Residence	\$533.60 per year	3.5%
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A true copy of By-Law No. 122
registered in the office of the Inspector
of Municipalities this 18th day of
July 1984.

Deputy
Inspector of Municipalities

MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF
LIONS BAY

By-Law No. 122 - Sewer User Rate

A by-law to provide for the imposition
of a charge against the owner or occupier
of real property for the use of the sewer
system of the municipality.

The Council of the Village of Lions Bay, in open meeting
assembled, enacts as follows:

1. There is hereby imposed and levied a sewer user charge against owner or occupier of land or real property whose property is connected to the sewer system and the clerk shall classify each consumer in accordance with the categories set out in Schedule "A", attached to and forming part of this By-law.
2. (a) The rates shall be due and payable at the office of the Collector, Municipal Office by the 14th of July.
(b) The period the rates cover is from January 1st to December 31st.
(c) A prompt payment discount shall be allowed, as set out in Schedule "A", if payment is made before the 15th of July.
3. Any rate remaining unpaid on the thirty-first of December shall be deemed to be taxes in arrear on the property concerned and shall be forthwith entered on the real property tax roll by the Collector as taxes in arrear.
4. This by-law may be cited as the "Sewer User Rates By-law No. 122,1984".

READ a first time this 11th day of May, 1984.

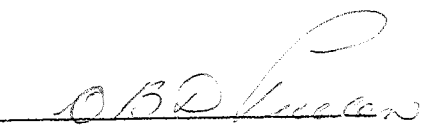
READ a second time this 11th day of May, 1984.

READ a third time this 11th day of May, 1984.

RECEIVED the APPROVAL of the MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS
this 12th day of June, 1984.

RECONSIDERED and FINALLY PASSED AND ADOPTED
this 9th day of July, 1984.

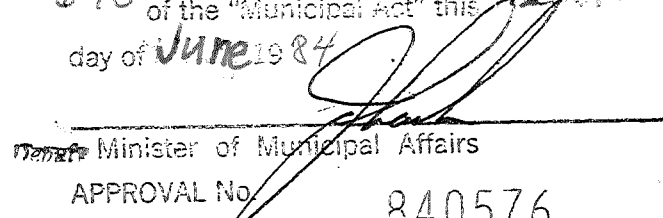

Mayor


Clerk

Certified a true copy of
By-law No. 122 at third
reading.


Clerk

APPROVED pursuant to the provisions of section
640 of the "Municipal Act" this 12th
day of June 1984.


Minister of Municipal Affairs

APPROVAL No.

840576

SCHEDULE "A"

Attached to and forming
part of By-law No. 122

USER RATES

		Prompt Payment <u>discount</u> \$10.00
1.	Single family residence \$110.00	
2.	Multiple Occupancy residence (per unit) \$110.00	\$10.00



THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

Type	Report to Council		
Title	Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw		
Author	S. Gilroy	Reviewed By:	P. DeJong
Date	January 29, 2016	Version	
Issued for	February 2, 2016 Regular Council Meeting		

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 493, 2015 be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS

- OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 493, 2015

BACKGROUND

Council passed third reading of the OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 493 at the December 15, 2015 Regular Council Meeting. At the January 19, 2016 Regular Council Meeting, a technical amendment regarding the citation of Village of Lions Bay Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 408, 2008 was inserted to incorporate by reference any subsequent amendments of that bylaw.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 493, 2015
2. Refer Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 493, 2015 back to staff:
 - (a) to draft substantive amendments to the Regional Context Statement with respect to climate change provisions of Village of Lions Bay Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 408, 2008 Amendment Bylaw No. 420, 2010;
 - (b) to coordinate a new Public Hearing with respect to any Regional Context Statement amendments arising from option 2(a); and
 - (c) to bring Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 493, 2015 back for the further consideration of Council.

PREFERRED STRATEGY

Given that Council intends to re-visit the OCP in 2016 and any substantive amendments will require a further Regional Context Statement amendment after that point in time, and given that the technical amendment incorporates the 2010 amendments by reference, and given that Metro Vancouver has been awaiting the current Regional Context Statement OCP Amendment Bylaw for some time, staff recommends that the current version of Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 493, 2015 be adopted by Council at this time.



THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY



Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw

Bylaw No. 493, 2015

Amending Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 408, 2008, as amended

Adopted:

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Bylaw No. 493, 2015**Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 2015**

A bylaw to amend Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 408, 2008, as amended.

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Lions Bay has adopted Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 408, 2008, as amended;

AND WHEREAS Section 877(3) of the *Local Government Act* requires local governments to incorporate within their official community plans targets, policies, and actions for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions;

AND WHEREAS a Public Hearing has been held in accordance with Section 890 of the *Local Government Act*;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Lions Bay, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as “Village of Lions Bay Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 493, 2015.”
2. “Village of Lions Bay Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 408, 2008, as amended” is hereby amended by:
 - a) replacing section 6.0 Regional Context Statement with the attached Schedule A: Regional Context Statement.

READ A FIRST TIME	June 2, 2015
READ A SECOND TIME	June 2, 2015
PUBLIC HEARING held on	September 16, 2015
READ A THIRD TIME	December 15, 2015
THIRD READING RESCINDED	January 19, 2016
RECONSIDERED AND READ A THIRD TIME	January 19, 2016
ADOPTED	x

Mayor

Corporate Officer

**Certified a true copy of
Bylaw No. 493, 2015 as adopted.**

Corporate Officer

Schedule "A"

Regional Context Statement

Municipality of Lions Bay Amended Regional Context Statement

Section 866 of the BC *Local Government Act* requires that every municipality's Official Community Plan (OCP) include a Regional Context Statement (RCS) to demonstrate how the OCP supports the local Regional District's Regional Growth Strategy (RGS). Lions Bay is unique in its Regional District, Metro Vancouver, in that it is located within the defined Urban Containment Boundary but outside the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District and Greater Vancouver Water District. Lions Bay completed its current OCP in 2009. The next iteration is planned for 2016. This amended RCS therefore includes work-towards statements that will inform the next OCP.

At the 2011 federal census, Lions Bay had 1,318 people living in 556 private dwellings, a slight decline in population, and increase in age, from the censuses of 2006 and 2001. Lions Bay seeks to reverse this trend, to maintain a thriving "complete community." In mid-2015, the Village had four commercial enterprises (a marina, a boat service centre, a general store & café, and a real estate office), plus numerous home-based businesses. Due to topography and limited supply of land, there are limitations to growth. Long term (2040) potential population may be 1600-1800 residents and 700-800 residences. Village attributes include:

- Magnificent views
- Abundant trees
- Adequate clean water
- A modern highway accessing downtown Vancouver in 30 minutes (and Squamish in 40, Whistler in 70)
- School District 45's Lions Bay Elementary School with capacity for 60 K-3 students (enrollment in 2015 was 32).

Municipally-owned assets include:

- Lions Bay Village Hall
- Klatt Public Safety Building¹
- Frank Smith Works Yard
- Lions Bay Field (a joint use soccer-size playing field shared with the school)
- Sand or gravel beaches at Main Beach (up to 50 resident parking spaces, 30 potentially paid non- resident parking spaces, washroom and three separate play structures), Kelvin Grove (15 free parking spaces, washroom, off leash dogs allowed) and Brunswick (limited non-resident parking).

¹ Which houses Lions Bay Fire & Rescue's Fire Hall 1 (2 engines, 1 rescue truck and a wildfire trailer), a BC Ambulance station, and Lions Bay Search and Rescue.

- Three buildable lots, plus six in the Crystal Falls neighbourhood currently overlaid by a private road and bridge
- A single unlit tennis court (limited on-street parking, single, recently resurfaced and unlit)
- Centennial Trail, Pride Trail, Isleview Trail and numerous volunteer-maintained trails outside the Village limits.
- Wade Park
- A small secondary WWTP serving 100 of the Village's 550 homes.
- A fire-training facility on Crown leased land at the "Upper Brunswick" gravel pit.

The Greater Vancouver Regional District's RGS, *Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping Our Future*², outlines a regional vision—unanimously endorsed by all member municipalities--of achieving "the highest quality of life embracing cultural vitality, economic prosperity, social justice and compassion, all nurtured in and by a beautiful and healthy natural environment." *Metro 2040* lays out five fundamental goals to achieve this vision. Lions Bay's current OCP and future update addresses these goals with the following approaches:

GOAL 1: Create a Compact Urban Area. Metro Vancouver's growth is concentrated in compact communities with access to a range of housing choices, and close to employment, amenities and services. Compact transit-oriented development patterns help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and pollution, and support both the efficient use of land and an efficient transportation network.	The intent of this goal is to focus urban development within the "Urban Containment Boundary" in "Urban Centres" and "Frequent Transit Development Areas," with access to a range of housing choices close to employment, amenities and services. Although Lions Bay is designated "General Urban" in <i>Metro 2040</i>, it has no Urban Centres or Frequent Transit Development Areas. Lions Bay is surrounded by Electoral Area A, and is separated from its nearest Metro neighbour municipality, West Vancouver, by 12 km of highway. With its small size (2.53 sq.km) Lions Bay's impact on regional growth is low, and it is unlikely to draw significant urban development. Nevertheless, Lions Bay is open to densify, both to increase the tax base, and to produce a more complete community, and has recently formalized secondary suites. The 2016 OCP update will explore if there are suitable parts of Lions Bay for rezoning to multi-family, Crown lands to extend municipal boundaries into, and land grants and swaps to achieve. The future OCP will consider steps that are consistent with this goal, considering development applications in the Upper
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² Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy: *Metro Vancouver 2040 – Shaping our Future* was adopted in July 2011 after unanimous acceptance by the 23 local governments in the region.

	Brunswick, Crystal Falls, and Kelvin Grove neighbourhoods.
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STRATEGY 1.1: Contain urban development within the Urban Containment Boundary	While Lions Bay will attempt to densify its housing stock within the existing urban Village boundary there is very limited undeveloped land within the boundary for new development (RCS Map 1: Lions Bay Regional Land use Designations and Goods Movement Network). Therefore, Lions Bay may elect to expand its municipal boundaries through the provincially administered boundary adjustment process and possible <i>Metro 2040</i> Urban Containment Boundary amendment application. <i>Municipal Population, Dwelling and Employment Projections</i>			
	Year	Population	Dwellings	Employment
	2011	1,318	556	310 ³
	2021	1425	600	350
	2031	1650	675	460
	2041	1700	750	570
STRATEGY 1.2: Focus growth in Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas	Most RGS policies are not applicable in Lions Bay, which has no Urban Centres and no Frequent Transit Development Areas. However, the existing OCP does encourage secondary suites and exploration with the community of modest increases in residential density (policy 4.3 a, b).			
STRATEGY 1.3 Protect Rural areas from urban development	Not applicable in Lions Bay: no Rural areas.			
GOAL 2: Support a Sustainable Economy. The land base and transportation systems required to nurture a healthy business sector are protected and supported. This includes supporting regional employment and economic growth. Industrial and agricultural	Lions Bay's location, small population and limited infrastructure constrain its ability to contribute to the larger regional economy. Lions Bay has no industrial or agricultural lands. However, many people in Lions Bay work from home (185 according to the 2011 census³) and there is a policy in the current OCP (4.3d) that encourages home-based businesses. Nonetheless, recognizing that residential is the lowest property tax rate classification, the 2016 OCP update will seek to encourage opportunities for business and			

³ 2011 National Household Survey shows that 175 Lions Bay residents worked from home and 85 had no fixed place of work.

land is protected and commerce flourishes in Urban Centres throughout the region STRATEGY 2.1 Promote land development patterns that support a diverse regional economy and employment close to where people live STRATEGY 2.2 Protect the supply of industrial land STRATEGY 2.3 Protect the supply of agricultural land and promote agricultural viability with an emphasis on food production	commercial development in suitable spaces.
GOAL 3: Protect the Environment and Respond to Climate Change Impacts. Metro Vancouver's vital ecosystems continue to provide the essentials of life – clean air, water and food. A connected network of habitats is maintained for a wide variety of wildlife and plant species. Protected natural areas provide residents and visitors with diverse recreational opportunities. Strategies also help Metro Vancouver and member municipalities meet their greenhouse gas emission targets, and prepare for, and mitigate risks from, climate change and natural hazards. STRATEGY 3.1 Protect Conservation and Recreation lands STRATEGY 3.2 Protect and enhance natural features and their connectivity STRATEGY 3.3 Encourage land use and transportation infrastructure that reduce energy consumption and	Regional strategies to achieve this goal focus on protecting Conservation and Recreation lands, which includes enhancing natural features and their connectivity. The intent is also to encourage land use and transportation patterns that reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions and enable municipalities to mitigate and adapt to climate change and withstand risk of natural hazards. As identified on RCS Map 1, there are no regionally-designated Conservation and Recreation areas within Lions Bay, but Lions Bay is surrounded by regionally-designated 'Conservation and Recreation' lands and supports the principles behind the designation, including a buffer for urban growth as stated in OCP Policy 4.2. Lions Bay plans to explore expanding its municipal boundary to provide more municipal influence over its 'green belt' in meeting environmental protection objectives, not for urban development. Policies 4.2 (a) and (b) of the current OCP encourage conservation and stewardship of the watershed areas both inside and outside the village boundaries. Lions Bay's three watersheds with provincial water licenses on Magnesia, Alberta and Harvey Creeks are designated Conservation and Recreation in <i>Metro 2040</i>. Harvey and Magnesia creeks have wide riparian areas designated as Conservation/Watershed Protection on the 2008 OCP Land Use Map. None of these streams are salmon-bearing, and all three were channelized in the 1980s with large debris catchment basins built on

greenhouse gas emissions, and improve air quality	Harvey and Magnesia. The 'Watershed' zone in the Zoning Bylaw is now obsolete since the water intakes have moved higher upstream. The 2016 OCP update will further address how the streams will be protected to prevent erosion and provide a channel for potential debris flows. Since Lions Bay is not supplied with natural gas, home heating is a combination of oil furnace, electric baseboard and wood. Both wood and oil produce GHGs, so Learn to Burn, woodstove upgrade and oil furnace replacement campaigns will be undertaken as resources allow. With the advent of the BC Hydro Net Metering program, mini- and micro-hydro projects become more feasible, and Lions Bay will investigate opportunities for generating energy using its water intake piping and nine large pressure- reducing valves. Policy 4.7i of the current OCP commits the municipality to explore opportunities for small-scale renewable power generation. Policy 4.7i states a continued focus on reduction, re-use and recycling of solid waste resources, aimed at addressing GHGs from solid waste, focusing on increasing waste diversion through recycling and organics pickup, now a mandatory part of Metro Vancouver solid waste bylaw. Through protection policies and implementation tools to be implemented in a new "Trees, Views and Landscapes Bylaw," Lions Bay will address the management of its significant tree resources. Climate change impacts are hard to quantify, but Lions Bay is aware of the risks of sea-level rise, more intense flooding, erosion, subsidence, mudslides, and fire. The 2016 OCP update will work towards policies that address the management of riparian areas, ravines, steep slopes, other hazard areas, and intertidal areas through the application of Development Permit Areas. The 2016 OCP update will also consider additional non-vehicular GHG reduction targets and actions.
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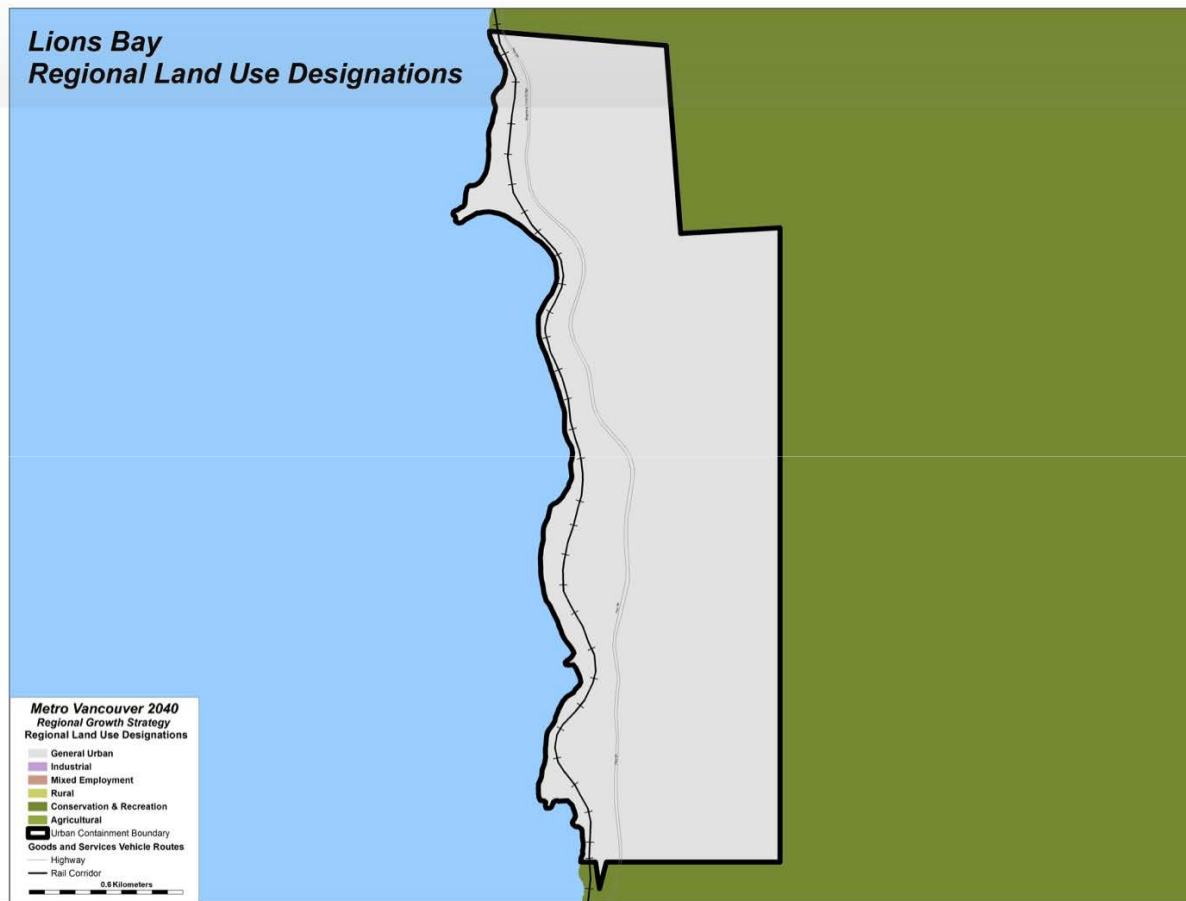
STRATEGY 3.4 Encourage land use and transportation infrastructure that improve the ability to withstand climate change impacts and natural hazard risks	Policies 4.2a and b of the current OCP encourage conservation and stewardship of the watershed areas both inside and outside the village boundaries. Policy 4.2d states the municipality should create a plan for Wildfire Interface protection. Through policy changes in the OCP update, Lions Bay will encourage modest intensification of its existing residential areas and avoid development of areas associated with landslide and wildfire risk. Update(s) will also address flood control and oceanside setback requirements to address risks of sea-level rise. As stated in policy 4.2 n, Lions Bay will continue to protect the riparian area of its creeks and the creeks themselves as channels for potential debris flows. As funding permits, Lions Bay will continue to consider improvements to road drainage to address potential increases in storm-water runoff resulting from higher rainfall intensities associated with climate change.
GOAL 4: Develop Complete Communities. Metro Vancouver is a region of communities with a diverse range of housing choices suitable for residents at any stage of their lives. The distribution of employment and access to services and amenities builds complete communities throughout the region. Complete communities are designed to support walking, cycling and transit, and to foster healthy lifestyles. STRATEGY 4. 1 Provide diverse and affordable housing choices STRATEGY 4. 2 Develop healthy and complete communities with access to a range of services and amenities	<i>Metro 2040</i> identifies a need for complete communities, with a balance of jobs, housing opportunities, and services. Lions Bay is largely residential, and most residents access employment and services outside the Village. Currently, the housing stock is largely single-detached and 86% is owner occupied with the remaining 14% rented. Only 25 of 550 units are condominium. 23% of tenant households spend 30% or more of household total income on shelter⁴. Policies 4.3a and 4.3b of the current OCP speak to providing for secondary suites and exploring limited opportunities for development to increase housing options. A draft land use strategy explores a variety of additional housing forms and will be considered as part of the 2016 OCP update. Lions Bay's 2016 OCP update may designate new development areas, consider redevelopment of the Public Works yard, and possible long term use of the Upper Brunswick, Crystal Falls and Brunswick Hill (the "gravel pit") for a range of municipal and residential alternatives. The 2016 OCP will further consider providing for secondary

⁴ 2011 National Household Survey

	suites, rezoning single family to duplex, and limited development opportunities that will enhance housing options. Policy 4.4(e) of the OCP provides for enhancing school viability and the provision of other social, recreational, and cultural activities for an increased population. Lions Bay's vision is of residents living out their whole lives here, with in-Village shuttle assisting people to get around the steep terrain, aged- and assisted living facilities, entry-priced housing, and enhanced hiking trails. The 2016 OCP update will set out a vision for Lions Bay that seeks to: • Define and foster community values • Grow tax base, and accommodate a wider cross-section of population. Possible avenues include amalgamation, encouraging selective development and densification. • Promote active lifestyles • Become financially sustainable. • Clarify land use and rezoning policy for new housing options
GOAL 5: Support Sustainable Transportation Choices. Metro Vancouver's compact, transit-oriented urban form supports a range of sustainable transportation choices. This pattern of development expands the opportunities for transit, multiple-occupancy vehicles, cycling and walking, encourages active lifestyles, and reduces energy use, greenhouse gas emissions, household expenditure on transportation, and improves air quality. The region's road, transit, rail and waterway networks play a vital role in serving and shaping regional development, providing linkages among the region's communities and providing vital goods movement networks.	<i>Metro 2040</i> promotes land use and transportation planning that enables alternative choices to the private automobile, such as transit, cycling and walking, while ensuring the efficient movement of people and goods throughout the region. Due to Lions Bay's location, most residents depend on private vehicles, but the municipality has worked and will continue to work with TransLink to enhance transit service to the Village. The municipality will also look at an in-Village on-demand shuttle service to enhance mobility. A ride-share parking program is in place, and Lions Bay will look to add paid parking lots. Section 4.6 of the current OCP includes policies that recognize the role, jurisdiction and access to the Sea to Sky Highway 99 (4.6a), encourage multi-modal transportation solutions in the corridor (4.6b), greater transportation choice including car pooling, park & ride, shuttle buses (4.6c) and further development of linked pathways (4.6e) and hiking trails (4.6f). The 2016 OCP update will consider policies related to goods movement.

	The 2016 OCP update will consider policies related to electric vehicle charging stations and an anti-idling policy or bylaw. CN's rail line that runs through the Village provides an important corridor for goods movement and may provide a future opportunity for a passenger rail service with a station at Lions Bay.
STRATEGY 5. 1 Coordinate land use and transportation to encourage transit, multiple-occupancy vehicles, cycling and walking STRATEGY 5. 2 Coordinate land use and transportation to support the safe and efficient movement of vehicles for passengers, goods and services	The 2016 OCP update will work toward enhancing the in-Village trail network. The 2016 OCP update will work toward enhancing bus service provided by TransLink

Map 1: Lions Bay Regional Land Use Designations and Goods Movement Network

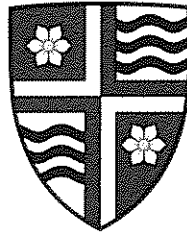


VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

Incoming Correspondence - February 2, 2016

General Correspondence:

- G-1: Build Canada Grant Funding Resolution
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- G-5: Status of the Syrian Refugees
- G-6: Heritage BC Poster
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- G-10: SARA Schedule Amendment Consultation



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January 14, 2016

Metro Vancouver Municipalities
Via email distribution

File 0440-40

Dear Metro Vancouver Municipalities,

Re: 2016 FCM Resolution – Build Canada Grant Funding

Township of Langley Council, at its Regular Afternoon Council meeting held on January 11, 2016, adopted the following resolution requesting Metro Vancouver municipalities' endorsement:

THAT Council make the following motion to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities:

WHEREAS the Federal Government's Build Canada Grant Program generally shares the costs of all approved infrastructure projects equally between the province or territory, and local jurisdiction at one third each;

AND WHEREAS for nationally and regionally significant projects, where projects provide a greater national and regional benefit, and where communities are disproportionately and directly impacted by such projects, the burden of one third of the cost is inequitable and too high for the local jurisdiction;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal Government's Build Canada Grant Program's National Infrastructure Component be amended to fund a greater percentage share than the current one-third component by the Federal Government, based on criteria including affordability of the community in which the project is to be constructed;

THAT this motion be forwarded to Metro Vancouver municipalities to request their endorsement; and

THAT this motion be forwarded to local members of parliament.

Yours truly,

Wendy Bauer, CRM
Deputy Township Clerk

From: [Cathy Peters](#)
To: [Council @ Lions Bay](#); [Shawna Gilroy](#)
Subject: Email #7; Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation in BC
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2016 12:23:38 PM
Attachments: [HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION Resources and Summaries.docx](#)
[UBCM Resolutions on HT and Rape Culture- B53 and B80.docx](#)

Dear Mayor and Councillors,
Happy New Year!

As we begin 2016, we want to continue to raise awareness on the issue of Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation in BC and locally.

I was asked to compile all of my information on Human Trafficking by a national NGO.

I have included the attachment, and please use any of the information.

Also, I have included the 2 Resolutions that passed in September at the UBCM.

Please NOTE: with the focus on a National Inquiry on Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women; the key is their **vulnerability**. They are the most vulnerable group in this country to be controlled, used, abused, trafficked, prostituted and ultimately murdered. IF prostitution was EVER decriminalized or legalized, the First Nations girls and women would be hit like a TIDAL WAVE...making the Residential School situation look insignificant.

You have a very important role as civic leaders! Thank you for all that you do to serve your communities! You are the men and women who make this country vibrant, healthy, working and safe. THANK YOU.

It is a pleasure to hear from you, and let us know if we can provide more information.

Most Sincerely, Cathy and Allan Peters

From: Cathy Peters [mailto:ca.peters@telus.net]
Sent: November-01-15 7:28 AM
To: council@lionsbay.ca; office@lionsbay.ca
Subject: Email #6; Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation in BC

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

The United Nations Trafficking in Persons Protocol has established the most widely accepted international definition of human trafficking and a **4 pillar approach** to combat human trafficking. (Their link:

<http://www.unodc.org/undoc/en/treaties/CTOC/index.html>)

The 4-P's are:

1. **Prevention** of human trafficking
2. **Protection** of victims
3. **Prosecution** of offenders
4. **Partnerships** with others

We would encourage your Council to evaluate specifically what you are doing in each of these areas.

Prevention involves raising awareness; which is what we are trying to do throughout BC with our information emails. Reaching out to the schools in your communities will be a key. Our youth are very vulnerable. **We believe education is our greatest weapon.**

Protection of victims and **Prosecution** of offenders is the intent of Bill C-36 (a form of the Nordic Model of Law) "The Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act". We believe police forces and judges need to be mandated to enforce this Federal Law. Until they do, trafficking will continue unabated in BC, because Human Trafficking is very lucrative and traffickers will have no incentive to curb their activities

and criminality.

Partnerships are crucial to stopping Human Trafficking. We are grateful for the passing of the Resolution B53 (and B80) at the recent UBCM Convention, but would now encourage cities and municipalities **to implement** these Resolutions, and to **prepare a Resolution for the National FCM**.

The 2 reports with complete and specific Action Plans (referred to in the UBCM Resolution B53) are below:

<http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/octip/docs/action-plan.pdf>

<http://canadianwomen.org/sites/canadianwomen.org/files/NO%20MORE.%20Task%20Force%20Report.pdf>

Also, in your individual Government Associations around the Province of BC, we encourage you, as Councils to put together a delegation to speak to the issue of Human Trafficking at your Annual Conventions. Share your stories, your issues, your solutions. **Collaboration is key**.

OCTIP (Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons) in Vancouver is an excellent resource, as is the BC/Yukon RCMP Coordinator for Human Trafficking, Jassy Bindra (jassy.bindra@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) . Both will put on presentations and workshops.

Please watch an exited prostitution survivor speak; Trish Baptie for NGO “Exploited Voices Now Educating” at her SFU TED talk:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wzC7BU6m7gg>

An excellent resource for men is from Dr. Jackson Katz in the USA. Please watch his timely TED talk on “Men, Violence and Silence”:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KTvSfeCRxe8>

And lastly, I (Cathy) presented to the Nanaimo City Council last Monday evening.

Here is the link, FYI.

<http://www.nanaimo.ca/meetings/VideoPlayer/Index/COW151026V?time=190139>

We hope to hear from you.

We do not want to be complicit, complacent or silent.

We are asking for your help.

Most sincerely, Cathy and Allan Peters

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN CANADA AND LOCALLY

Topic Summary:

This would be an executive summary (2 paragraphs maximum) of the issue of Human Trafficking. It can be updated/adjusted over time.

Human Trafficking is the recruitment, transportation, or harboring of persons for the purpose of **exploitation**, typically in the sex trade or forced labor. It is the fastest growing and one of the most lucrative criminal enterprises globally. This form of **modern day slavery** occurs daily in Canadian communities.

The Criminal Intelligence Service of Canada estimates that a single Canadian victim of sex trafficking is worth approximately **\$280,000 per year** to her exploiter. Middle class females between ages 12-25 years of age are being recruited by male peers. Victims are controlled through direct (rape, assaults) and indirect (threatening family members) forms of coercion. The daily earning off of one victim can range from \$300-\$1500 and the average age of entry into the sex trade in North America is 12-14 years of age.

Action Victories-

This is where you record victories that have taken place, from little wins, to campaign highlights to legislation changes.

Bill C-36 passed by the Federal Government in December, 2014.

To address the issue of prostitution, The Federal Government of Canada passed Bill C-36 December, 2014 which

1. Targets the buyer of sex; the predator, pimp, trafficker, john are criminalized
2. Recognizes the seller of sex is a victim; usually female and is not criminalized
3. Exit strategies put in place to assist the victim out of the sex trade.

It is called the “Nordic Model of Law” and is successful in Sweden. This is in contrast to “the New Zealand Model” or decriminalization of prostitution, or legalization of prostitution as currently exists in the Netherlands and Germany.

The Facts-

Here you can give background facts on the issue, with downloadable fact sheets. We can add to this section as more info becomes available.

Facts: about Prostitution and Sex Trafficking

Human sex trafficking is the fastest growing crime in the country and the world.

People everywhere in this world are being bought and sold like merchandise. Men, women, children. 30 million to date is a conservative estimate. This is **MODERN DAY SLAVERY.**

Today’s new slavery has low costs and huge profits. In Canada, a pimp, trafficker or predator will earn about \$280,000 per year, per victim. The average pimp will have 4-5 girls working for him as prostitutes.

In Canada the average age of entry into prostitution is 14-16 years of age. However, every year it is younger and younger. Johns, pimps and predators prefer younger girls because they are disease free and easy to manipulate. For aboriginal girls it can be as young as 7- 11 years old.

The vast majority (89-98%) of prostituted women are lured, tricked or trafficked into prostitution. **It is not a choice.** The pro-prostitution lobby is strong and well financed. They have “prostitutes” or “sex workers” speak publicly that they “chose” this profession; but they only represent 2-8 % of prostituted women. 89-98% who did not choose prostitution as a lifestyle cannot speak for themselves. They are the voiceless majority.

92% of prostituted women would quit immediately if they could. It is easy to enter prostitution and very difficult to get out.

85% of the prostituted were sexually abused as children.

In BC, as in most of Canada, Aboriginal women are grossly overrepresented in prostitution and trafficking. In BC, look at the Downtown Eastside in Vancouver and the Highway of Tears (the long isolated stretch of Highway #16 from Prince Rupert to Prince George).

Trafficking of girls and women is driven by the demand to buy sex. The internet is fueling this demand through pornography. Pornography creates sexual appetite, and this causes a dramatic demand for sexual services. Result? The supply has to increase. Where does this supply come from? Local girls and women are now being targeted here in Canada to satisfy the rapidly growing demand for paid sex. Sex recruiters even stand outside high schools and in malls...

In the countries where prostitution is legalized: the Netherlands, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, human trafficking has exploded. Child prostitution has exploded, and sex tourism has exploded. Organized crime increases and crime syndicates move in.

Since we have such a long border with the USA, if Canada legalized prostitution, Americans would come to Canada in huge numbers for sex tourism.

The pro-prostitution lobby state that prostitution can be “safe” with appropriate employment laws. Employment laws do not apply to prostitution because prostitutes are “independent contractors” and do not fall into traditional employer/employee roles.

The magic trio: wherever there are drugs, gangs and prostitution, there is trafficking. There are serious gang issues in all of our Canadian cities.

RCMP estimate 15,000-20,000 missing children in Canada currently per year. This is considered a conservative estimate. These children are probably trafficked. In the USA it is 100,000-300,000 missing children per year. Think about that number; it is the size of a good-sized city.

Of deepest and recent growing concern is the sudden and dramatic increase in child porn: production and consumption. Statistics show that once men start

viewing child porn, a very high percentage will act out and assault a child with 1 year ("Pornland", by Dr. Gail Dines- expert in the world on pornography research).

The average life span of an adult in the sex trade is 7 years; then they are murdered, commit suicide, become mentally ill or are drug addicted. Very few escape the lifestyle successfully. The average life span of a child caught up in the sex trade is 2 years; they are beaten to death, contract HIV/AIDS, contract bacterial meningitis, or overdose on the drugs forced on them.

When children are involved in the sex industry, this is an indication that society at its core is no longer vibrant, healthy, safe or working.

Nail spas, massage parlours, casinos, escort services, modelling agencies with their ads are popping up everywhere. There is "brothel" activity often associated with these "businesses". Municipalities issue the business licenses.

Politicians, law enforcement and judges need to make the connections between pornography, prostitution and trafficking. They form a toxic lucrative mix that profits organized crime.

There is only 1 human trafficking conviction in BC (compared to numerous convictions in all the other provinces); Reza Moazami, a 29 year old male from North Vancouver. He had a "stable" of 11 girls, 9 of them underage. He had these girls sexually servicing men from hotels and condos in North Vancouver, Vancouver, Richmond, and Nanaimo.

According to Vancouver police officer, Rich Akin, human trafficking is happening in every community in BC. Every home has a computer. **Every computer has a red light district.**

The pro-prostitution pro-brothel lobby is strong and well-supported financially. This lobby frequently overwhelms the media with their point of view. There is a huge effect and influence of pornography, prostitution, trafficking and the sex industry on our culture today. These activities must not become "normalized". With the apparent re-sexualisation of women and girls today, this is a very real and tangible fear.

Language is very important. Pro-prostitution lobbyists call prostitution “sex work”. It is not work; it is exploitation, degradation, commodification of women and girls (in its most heinous form) in order to please men.

Action Options-

This becomes a growing collection of ways that people can impact this issue. Every time the issue comes up on our radar, this section could be reviewed and updated if needed.

A link to the main Action Options page that explains all the standard ways an active citizen can make a difference, complete with tips (e.g. how to write an effective letter, etc.)

2 major Canadian reports with complete and specific Action

Plans: <http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/octip/docs/action-plan.pdf>

<http://canadianwomen.org/sites/canadianwomen.org/files/NO%20MORE.%20Task%20Force%20Report.pdf>

A (Personal) Action Plan: What can be done to stop Human Trafficking

1. Tell someone: share what you have learned with your family, friends or colleagues.
2. Help frontline workers, NGO's and the organizations that help survivors by volunteering your time, language abilities, or professional skills. Donate money, clothes, or equipment to them, and perhaps plan a fundraising event to help one of the organizations listed.
3. Raise awareness; host an awareness event with your friends, work associates, church group, or service club to tell them about human trafficking and commit to doing something to address the problem. Have a movie night, ie. “Red Light, Green Light”, with discussion afterwards.
4. Call for change; email, call, and/or write a letter to your municipal, provincial/territorial, and federal politicians asking what they are doing to address the problem of human trafficking, and ask them to implement the

recommendations for government shown above- the are supposed to be working for you, after all. (ie. We have new Federal MP's now).

5. Take a stand; become an advocate for Bill C-36, for any anti-human trafficking policies, and support exit programs for prostituted/trafficked women.
6. Buy fair trade products where possible.
7. Speak up; raise the issue of human trafficking in letters to the editor, at political debates, in the classroom and at town hall meetings.
8. Be a woman against human trafficking; talk to you husband, boyfriend, partner, or male friends and family members about the realities of women and girls exploited in the sex industry.
9. Be a man against human trafficking; Don't pay for sex or go to places where commercial sex acts take place, either in Canada or when travelling abroad, and discourage your friends from doing so if you are invited to go along to such places. Explain your concerns. Watch Dr. Jackson Katz TEDtalk on men, violence and silence.
10. Report it. Know the warning signs of human trafficking in your community, at work, and when travelling. Call the police immediately.

What parents can do to protect their children:

Educate yourselves about the issue. Read the resource page included here.

If you have concerns about someone being trafficked or sexually exploited, call Crime-Stoppers to report: 1-800-222-8477, Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868.

Take the BC OCTIP Human Trafficking Awareness Online Program offered for free by the BC Ministry of Justice. Google it- it is easy to find!

Research anti-trafficking organizations in this community. Get involved with the human trafficking/sexual exploitation issue by supporting organizations who are addressing it; volunteer, fundraise, lobby on their behalf.

Watch videos (most can be Googled), for example: Hope for the Sold's documentaries' "Enslaved and Exploited" and "Red Light Green Light". Shared

Hope International documentary, "Chosen". Documentary "Nefarious", National film Board Documentary "Buying Sex".

Online watch 2015 CNN special report called "Children for Sale: The Fight to End Human Trafficking" produced by Jada Pinkett Smith.

Educate your children. Pimps and predators will recruit children as young as 10 years of age. Give your children and grandchildren the love and hope they need so they can dream, thrive and reach their individual and awesome potential.

Monitor your children's outings: Are they with a trusted adult? Are they alone? Stay connected with your children. Know where they are and what they are doing.

Hang out with your children and grandchildren. Sit and listen to your children. Let them talk to you. If you don't, some "pimp" will.

Know your children's friends and their parents.

Watch your daughters, specifically for older boyfriends. Older boyfriends can be pimps who do not kidnap, but who manipulate.

Internet safety- There are websites to help parents protect their children. Learn how the internet works, and its strengths and weaknesses. Be computer literate, for your children's sake.

Children need to understand the danger of posting pictures online. These photos can put children at risk.

Have open communication with your children and build bridges of trust and unconditional love for your children.

Key Dates

- This would be a historical timeline of important dates for this topic (e.g. Legislation dates, Supreme Court decision dates, dates, rallies,

major media attention events, etc.). Every time you get new facts and info on a topic, this section would be added to.

Historically: First Study of Human trafficking in Canada and Original Offence in **2005**, Standing Committee on the Status of Women's February **2007** Report "Turning Outrage into Action to Address Trafficking for the Purpose of Sexual Exploitation in Canada" by MP Joy Smith, Bill C-268 in **2010** by MP Joy Smith, which gave a minimum sentence for offences involving trafficking of persons under the age of 18 years, Canada's First National Action Plan (a comprehensive blueprint to guide the fight against the crime of human trafficking in Canada) in **2010** called "Connecting the Dots" by MP Joy Smith, and Bill C-310 in **2012** by MP Joy Smith allows the long arm of the Canadian law into other countries by allowing Canadian police to go abroad and bring back to Canada for trial any suspect who was trafficking people overseas. **February 22** is Canada's National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Videos With Information on This Topic-

A link to any YouTube videos you may have done that include info about this (your presentations?).

2nd: October 26, 2015 Nanaimo City Council Presentation on Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation in BC and locally

<http://www.nanaimo.ca/meetings/VideoPlayer/Index/COW151026V?time=190139>

1st: October 6, 2014, Nanaimo City Council Presentation on Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation in BC and locally

<http://www.nanaimo.ca/meetings/VideoPlayer/Index/COW141006V?time=180459>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KTvSfeCRxe8>

YouTube video produced by NGO Hope for the Sold; "**Enslaved and Exploited; the story of sex trafficking in Canada**".

It is 46 minutes long and is an excellent summary of what is happening in Canada.

<http://www.google.ca/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0CB0QtwlwAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DkothPyoyvDE&ei=NjrVPfWFMLwoAT89IHIDg&usg=AFQjCNFLzz6NzL TR0Cr9qEdRf1Z3aqjKQ&bvm=bv.86475890,d.cGU>

CBC aired this program on human trafficking April 12, 2015: <http://www.cbc.ca/fifth/episodes/2014-2015/too-young-to-lose>

Key Contacts for Action- Government contacts (e.g. PM, Opposition a Leader, cabinet minister, etc.)

In the fight to end Human Trafficking in Canada, it is important to involve all 3 levels of government; **municipal, provincial and federal**. This issue can only be solved with a **collaborative approach**. Police, Educators, Judges, Health Practitioners also have contributing roles in exposing and addressing human trafficking in their respective domains. Please write these leaders!

Education is our greatest weapon. Raising awareness of the problem is a first step. A robust letter writing campaign has huge impact. Concerned citizens need to contact their local City Councillors and Mayors, their local MLA's and MP's, as well as Provincial/Federal Ministers of Justice, Ministers of Health, Ministers of Education, Ministers of Family and Child Development, Ministers of Aboriginal Affairs, and Ministers of Public Safety. Write to your Provincial Premier and to the Federal Prime Minister. It is easy to Google their contact information, email addresses and street addresses. Courteous, factual emails and letters go a long way to effect change. We have a "working democracy" and it is important that citizens use their rights to access and inform elected officials.

This letter below is a sample of what can be written and mailed or emailed (do both!) to local municipal City Councillors and Mayors, MLA's, and MP's., Premiers and the Prime Minister.

Letter to Government leaders in Support of Abolition and Bill C-36; the "Nordic Model of Law"

Dear _____

Date: _____

I write with regard to the December 2014 decision by the Canadian Parliament establishing Bill C-36 "The Protection of Communities and Exploited Person Act". I strongly urge you to work with your colleagues to enforce and endorse this law addressing prostitution based on the legal

and social framework of the Nordic Model of Law implemented in Sweden in 1999. This Model of Law, often called the Nordic Model, is based on the recognition that prostitution is a form of sexual exploitation and violence against women and girls. It penalizes the buyers of sex (johns, pimps, predators), while decriminalizing those who are being sold.

I ask you to support the lead of Sweden, Norway and Iceland (nations with stable democratic traditions) who have this legislation successfully in place that follows this model. Each country has seen a reduction in prostitution and sex trafficking and increase in the stigma of buying and selling of people for sexual acts since enacting this legislation.

We must continue to take a firm stand against the demand for paid sexual access to women and children.

Countries that have legalized or decriminalized prostitution (New Zealand, Australia, Netherlands, Germany etc.) have seen a dramatic increase in Human Trafficking, child and juvenile prostitution, illegal brothels and organized criminal activity.

The former mayor of Amsterdam called the experiment with legalization “an abysmal failure” due to the increase in organized crime, human trafficking and drug trafficking. The city of Amsterdam has already closed one third of the Red Light Districts in hopes of curbing criminal activity. In New Zealand, the Legal Brothel Owners Association has complained of Chinese women being trafficked into the country, undercutting their prices, and being coerced to offer riskier sex acts. These are just two current examples that demonstrate the fact that any time prostitution has been legalized there is an expansion of both the legal and illegal industry, an increase in human trafficking and a normalization of sexual exploitation.

Prostitution is a form of systemic violence against women and children and a major deterrent to women’s equality. As a world leader, Canada has the opportunity to model sexual equality because it has clearly named prostitution as a violation of women and children’s right to safety. The Government of Canada has rewritten our laws to reflect this fact, and we request all levels of government (municipal, provincial, and federal) to continue to support these laws, raise awareness about these laws and to train our police forces and judges in the prosecution of these laws. I desire to see **Prevention** and increased education about this issue, **Protection** of victims, **Prosecution** of traffickers and an increase in **Partnerships** that promote cooperation among countries in order to stop prostitution and sexual exploitation.

In the vast majority of cases, prostitution cannot be viewed as a choice but rather a lack of choice due to systemic issues including-but not limited to- gender inequality, poverty and racial discrimination. The laws of Canada must protect victims of exploitation rather than reinforcing their marginalization.

Aboriginal women and children are disproportionately overrepresented in street prostitution as a result of far reaching systemic injustices. These same injustices have also resulted in the hundreds of missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls that have recently been brought to international attention. In criminalizing the demand for prostitution and decriminalizing the prostituted, Canada has an opportunity to demonstrate its commitment to addressing the systemic injustices that so profoundly affect all Aboriginal peoples, but Aboriginal women and children in particular.

The September 2014 UBCM (Union of British Columbia Municipalities) convention for civic leaders recently passed the following B53 on Human Trafficking: **Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the RCMP, local police forces and local governments to continue to work**

collaboratively in order to implement the recommendations found with in the National Task Force on Sex Trafficking of Women and Girls in Canada's recent report (NO MORE" Ending Sex-Trafficking in Canada) as well as the Province of British Columbia's Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking.

As a constituent, I strongly urge you to speak out and act to protect the vulnerable (especially women and children) by actively endorsing and enforcing the Criminal Code (Bill C-36) to criminalize the purchasing of sex and decriminalize the person being sold. I encourage you to read and implement the recommendations in the above 2 reports.

Please advise me as to the actions you choose to take in bringing this to pass.

Signed: _____

Additional Resources-

British Columbia has an excellent Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking, put together by the **OCTIP (Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons).**

This office, which is a part of the Provincial Ministry of Justice has a wealth of resources and information on this issue (for free).

OCTIP office: 1-604-660-5199; OCTIP email: octip@bc.ca

Here are links to their **Action Plan, Toolkit and recent update on trafficking in BC.** Every City Councillor and Mayor in BC should be aware of this contact and information. You all will be "up-to-date" on the subject Human trafficking and Sexual Exploitation if you go through these excellent links. The OCTIP is the only office of its kind in Canada. Please contact them!

<http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/octiptraining/toolkit/index.html>

<http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/octip/docs/2014StatusReport.pdf>

ORGANIZATIONS COMBATTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING (Google any of these organizations and there is a wealth of information on the topic)

Local: BC Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons, REED (Resist Exploitation, Embrace Dignity), Servants Anonymous Society, Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter, Covenant House, Safe Online Outreach Society, Children of the Street, Children of the Street is an excellent and effective organization that has programs for schools. Please check out their website.

Their founder is Dianne Sowden, whose daughter was trafficked 20 years ago at age 14 years. Dianne is doing her best to equip young people to protect themselves from predators.

<http://www.childrenofthestreet.com/celebrate.html>.

EVE (Exploited Voices Now Educating), Mothers Against Trafficking Humans, Safe Online Outreach Society

National: Canadian Association of Sexual Assault Centres, Canadian Centre for Child Protection Inc., Stop the Trafficking Coalition, The Salvation Army, Beyond Borders, Walk with Me, The Joy Smith Foundation, RCMP Human trafficking National Coordination Center, Free-Them, Help us help the Children Anti-Trafficking Initiative, Ottawa Coalition to End Human Trafficking, PACT Ottawa- Persons against Crime of Trafficking Humans, Alliance Against Modern Slavery, Chab Dai Canada, International Justice Mission, MSAST- Men Against Sex Trafficking, Chrysalis Network and National Human Trafficking Support Line, Crime-Stoppers, London Abused Women's Center, Sextrade 101, Northern Women's Connection, The Future Group, Defend Dignity, End Modern Slavery- Canadian Advocacy, Face It Canada, Hope for the Sold

International: International Justice Mission, Not for Sale, World Vision, Shared Hope International, The Ratanak Foundation, Human Smuggling and Trafficking Center (Washington, DC), Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking, Free the Slaves, Love 146, Polaris Project, Stop Child Trafficking, Stop the Traffick, Ukrainian World Congress Taskforce to Stop Human Trafficking.

RCMP Human Trafficking kit (phone in Ottawa 613-993-2325). These are available to pass on to your local schools, youth workers, or any victim service groups. Excellent 14 minute DVD.

Crime-Stoppers pamphlet on Human Trafficking

References-

Books: “Invisible Chains” by Benjamin Perrin. This book is the first comprehensive book (of research) on human trafficking in Canada.

“Half the Sky” by Nicolas Kristoff- New York bestseller describing the global sex trade.

“The Natashas” by Victor Malarek, “The Johns” by Victor Malarek- Fifth Estate and W5 Investigative Reporter on CBC/CTV. Both books give research on the victims and the perpetrators globally.

“Not for Sale” by David Batstone- founder of the American NGO who works on stopping human trafficking internationally.

“Pornland” by Dr. Gail Dines- New York bestseller that exposes porn culture and how it is mainstream.

“No Choice, No Job” by Dr. Janice Raymond- expert in global sex trade research.

“Prostitution in Nevada” by Dr. Melissa Farley- a 2 year study of the prostitution culture in Nevada, USA

“Girls Like Us” by Rachel Lloyd- a memoir by a prostituted sex survivor who helps others exit the sex industry.

More Information- links to news articles, links to other webpages, recommended reading materials

Recent Reports, Articles on Human Trafficking in Canada:

“Tipping Point” Report by MP Joy Smith

“Oldest Profession or Oldest Oppression” Report to the MacDonald-Laurier Institute by Benjamin Perrin

Janine Benedet’s legal report opinion to the Bedford case, Supreme Court of Canada.

Nanaimo Daily Newspaper: January 27, 2014 article by Ben Ingram

CTV news September 15, 2014 Dene Moore, Canadian Press on the recent Reza Moazami case.

CTV W5 program with Victor Malarek; “How porn effects young minds”.

This link in the New York Times endorses Canada’s Bill C-36, the “Nordic Model of Law” in addressing prostitution/exploitation.

<http://mobile.nytimes.com/2015/08/29/opinion/buying-sex-should-not-be-legal.html?mwrs=Facebook&r=1&referrer=>

Air Canada has run these videos on their flights:

<http://www.beyondborders.org/wp/air-canada-flight-videos/>

News articles/videos on Human Trafficking:

<http://bc.ctvnews.ca/mobile/accused-pimp-convicted-on-30-charges-including-human-trafficking-1.2007662#>

<http://www.ipolitics.ca/2014/06/05/call-prostitution-what-it-is-sexual-abuse/>

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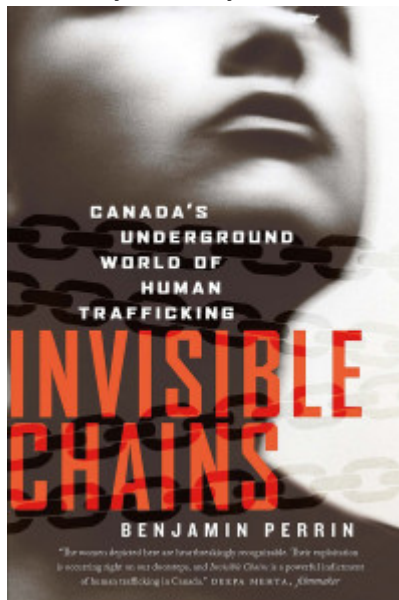
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<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/halifax-police-lay-human-trafficking-charges-against-teen-man-1.3047474>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/pimps-target-teens-at-montreal-malls-1.3017126>

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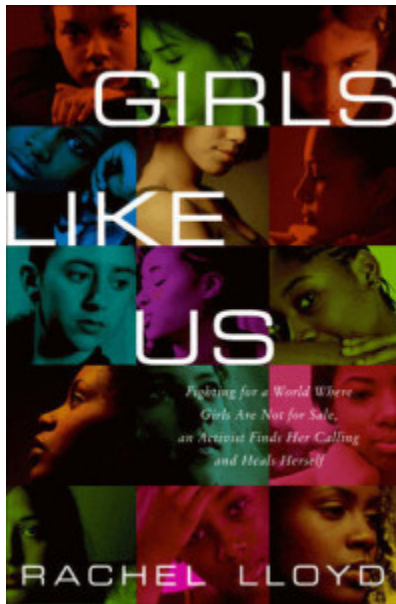


Invisible Chains: Canada's Underground World of Human Trafficking

BY BENJAMIN PERRIN

[LEARN MORE!](#)

An award-winning law professor and policy expert exposes cases of human trafficking, recording in-depth interviews with people on the front lines—police officers, social workers, and the victims themselves—and bringing to light government records released under access-to-information laws.



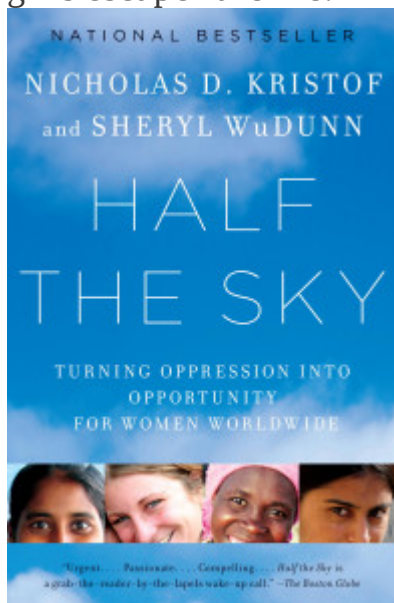
Girls Like Us: Fighting for a World Where Girls Are Not for Sale (A Memoir)

BY RACHEL LLOYD

[LEARN MORE!](#)

Rachel Lloyd's riveting survivor story is the true tale of her hard-won escape from the commercial sex industry and her bold founding of GEMS, New York

City's Girls Education and Mentoring Service, to help countless other young girls escape "the life."

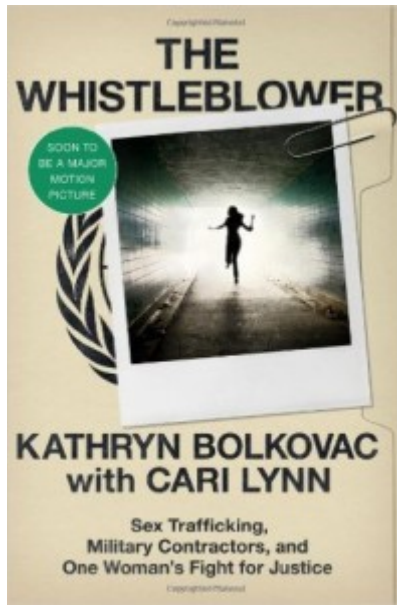


Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide

NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF & SHERYL WUDUNN

LEARN MORE!

From two of our most fiercely moral voices, *Half the Sky* is a passionate call to arms against our era's most pervasive human rights violation: the oppression of women and girls in the developing world. With Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn as our guides, we undertake an odyssey through Africa and Asia to meet with extraordinary women struggling there. Deeply felt, pragmatic, and inspirational, *Half the Sky* is essential reading for every global citizen.



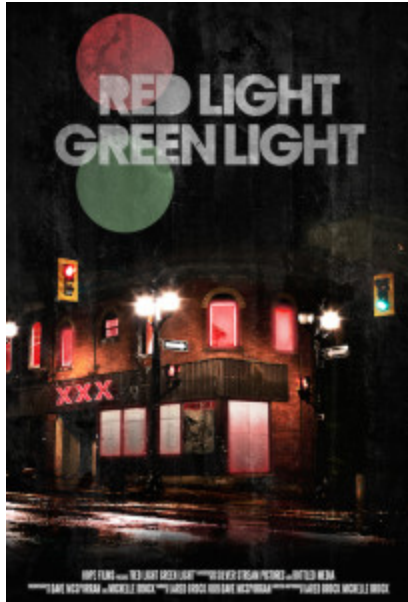
The Whistleblower: Sex Trafficking, Military Contractors, and One Woman's Fight for Justice

BY KATHRYN BOLKOVAC WITH CARI LYNN

LEARN MORE!

When Nebraska police officer Kathryn Bolkovac saw a recruiting announcement for private military contractor DynCorp International, she applied and was hired. Bolkovac was shipped out to Bosnia, where DynCorp had been contracted to support the UN peacekeeping mission. At great risk to her personal safety, she began to unravel the ugly truth about officers involved in human trafficking and forced prostitution and their connections to private mercenary contractors, the UN, and the U.S. State Department.

FILMS:

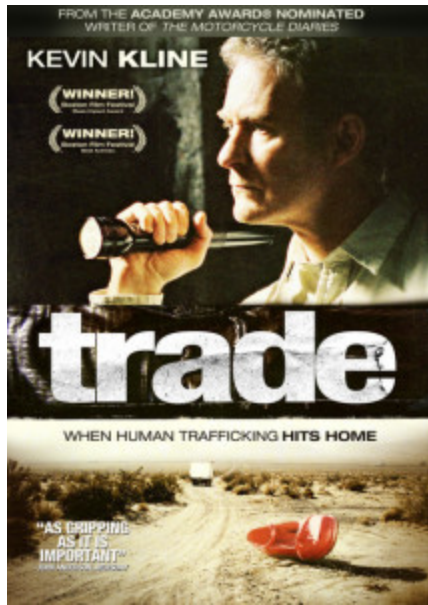


Red Light Green Light

DOCUMENTARY

LEARN MORE!

As nations around the globe attempt to fight sex trafficking, many consider legalizing prostitution. Two filmmakers travel across ten countries to explore the issue, attempting to answer the question: *How can we prevent sexual exploitation before it happens in the first place?* Though governments are getting better at prosecuting traffickers and providing aftercare to victims, it is time we begin to ask the question of what lies at the root.



TRADE

FEATURE FILM

LEARN MORE!

When 13-year-old Adriana is kidnapped by sex traffickers in Mexico City, her 17-year-old brother, Jorge, sets off on a desperate mission to save her. As Jorge dodges overwhelming obstacles to track the girl's abductors, he meets Ray, a Texas cop whose own family loss leads him to become an ally. This film is a thrilling story of courage and a devastating expose of one of the world's most heinous crimes.

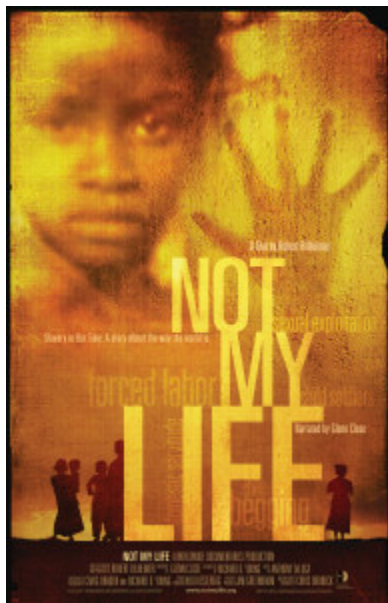


Very Young Girls

DOCUMENTARY

LEARN MORE!

Critically acclaimed by the *New York Times* and film festivals around the world, *Very Young Girls* is an expose of human trafficking that follows thirteen and fourteen year old American girls as they are seduced, abused, and sold on New York's streets by pimps, and treated as adult criminals by police.



Not My Life

DOCUMENTARY

LEARN MORE!

Filmed on five continents, in a dozen countries, *Not My Life* takes viewers into a world where millions of children are exploited, every day, through an astonishing array of practices including forced labor, domestic servitude, begging, sex tourism, sexual violence, and child soldiering.



The Whistleblower

FEATURE FILM

LEARN MORE!

Inspired by actual events, Kathy (Academy Award winner Rachel Weisz) is an American police officer who takes a job working as a peacekeeper in post-war Bosnia. Her expectations of helping to rebuild a devastated country are dashed when she uncovers a dangerous reality of corruption, cover-up and intrigue amid a world of private contractors and multinational diplomatic doubletalk.



Nefarious: Merchant of Souls

DOCUMENTARY

LEARN MORE!

From the first scene, *Nefarious* gives an in-depth look at the sex trafficking industry, showing where slaves are sold (often in developed, affluent countries), where they work, and where they are confined. With footage shot in over nineteen different countries, *Nefarious* exposes the nightmare of sex slavery as experienced by hundreds of thousands daily, through the eyes of both the enslaved and their traffickers.

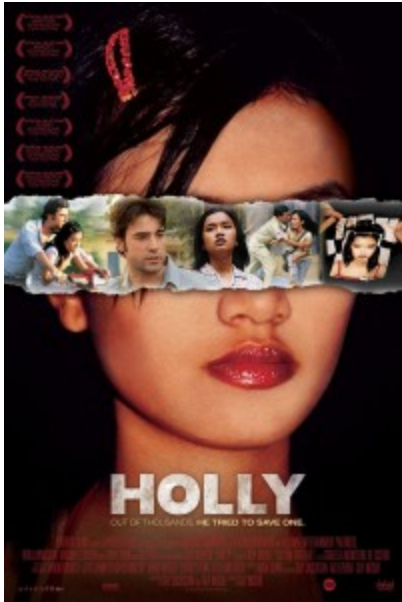


It's a Girl

DOCUMENTARY

LEARN MORE!

In many parts of the world today, girls are killed, aborted and abandoned simply because they are girls. The United Nations estimates as many as 200 million girls are missing in the world today because of this so-called gendercide. Shot on location in India and China, *It's a Girl* tells the stories of abandoned and trafficked girls, of women who suffer extreme dowry-related violence, of brave mothers fighting to save their daughters' lives, and of other mothers who would kill for a son. Global experts and grassroots activists put the stories into context, and advocate different paths towards change.

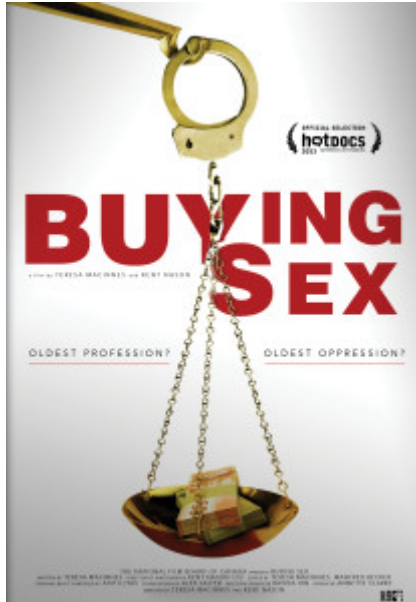


HOLLY

FEATURE FILM

LEARN MORE!

Patrick (Ron Livingston), an American card shark and dealer of stolen artifacts, has been 'comfortably numb' in Cambodia for years, when he encounters Holly (Thuy Nguyen), a 12-year-old Vietnamese girl in the K11 red light village. Holly's virginity makes her a lucrative prize, and when she is sold to a child trafficker, Patrick embarks on a frantic search in an attempt to bring her to safety.



Buying Sex

DOCUMENTARY

LEARN MORE!

Timely and wise, this feature documentary explores the state of prostitution laws in Canada. *Buying Sex* captures the complexity of the issue by listening to the frequently conflicting voices of sex workers, policy-makers, lawyers and even the male buyers who make their claim for why prostitution is good for society. With the landmark Supreme Court decision in Canada, the film examines the realities in Sweden and New Zealand. The film also challenges us to think for ourselves and offers a gripping and invaluable account of just what is at stake for all of us.

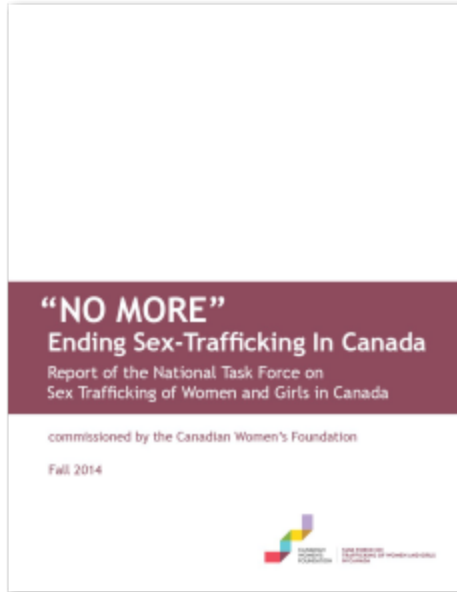


Born Into Brothels

DOCUMENTARY

LEARN MORE!

Winner of the 2005 Academy Award for Best Documentary Film, *Born Into Brothels*, was produced and directed by Ross Kauffman and Zana Briski. Zana Briski, a New York based photographer, gives each of these youngsters a camera and teaches them how to take pictures, simultaneously causing them to look at their world with new eyes. Their photographs are prisms into their souls, rather than anthropological curiosities, and a true testimony to the power of the indelible creative spirit.



No More: Ending Sex Trafficking in Canada

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL TASKFORCE ON SEX TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN CANADA (2013)

LEARN MORE!

This report thoroughly highlights what sex trafficking looks like in Canada, addressing issues like recruitment methods, prevention strategies, demand for paid sex, Indigenous vulnerabilities, the child welfare system, and best practices. Survivor stories bring in a human element as well, making this one of the most comprehensive reports on sex trafficking in Canada.



Targeting the Sex Buyer: The Swedish Example -Stopping Prostitution & Trafficking Where It All Begins

BY KAJSA CLAUDE (2011)

LEARN MORE!

Swedish law focuses on the men who purchase sex rather than on the young girls and women they exploit. Why? The thinking behind the law is that it is the demand for sexual services that maintains prostitution and human trafficking for sexual purposes. The legal approach to this problem is often referred to as “the Swedish example.”



Why Do Some Men Use Violence Against Women and How can We Prevent It?

QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS FROM THE UN MULTI-COUNTRY STUDY IN ASIA & THE PACIFIC (2013)

LEARN MORE!

This UN Study looks at the prevalence of violence and rape in Asia & the Pacific, highlighting factors associated with violence perpetration. What makes a man more likely to use violence? What percentage of men who rape experience legal consequences? How do these trends vary across regions? Understanding these issues helps the effort to promote gender equality and prevent violence against women.

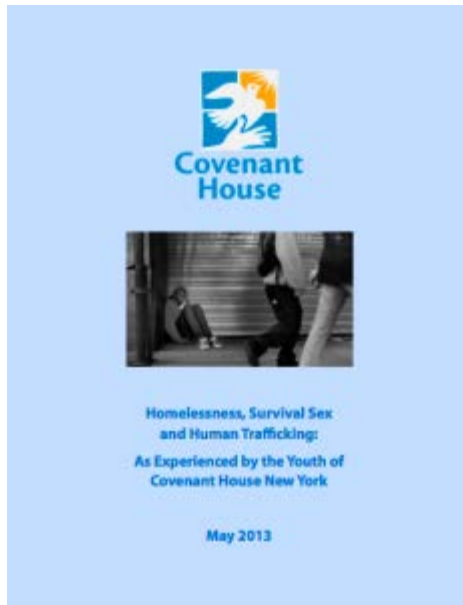


Apparel Industry Trends: The Truth Behind the Barcode

BY BAPTIST WORLD AID AUSTRALIA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NOT FOR SALE (2015)

LEARN MORE!

Companies are beginning to see the importance of preventing slavery and exploitation in their supply chains, but it's easier said than done. This report grades companies in four areas: policies, traceability & transparency, monitoring & training, and worker rights. In each stage of the manufacturing process (raw materials, textiles & cut-make-trim), these critical elements come into play.



Homelessness, Survival Sex & Human Trafficking: As Experienced by the Youth of Covenant House New York

COVENANT HOUSE REPORT (2013)

LEARN MORE!

Shelter is the number one commodity traded in return for for sexual activity. Of the youth who engaged in commercial sex activity, almost half said they did it because they did not have a place to stay. This report examines the overlap between homelessness and sexual exploitation.



Forgotten No More: Male Child Trafficking in Afghanistan

HAGAR INTERNATIONAL REPORT (2013)

LEARN MORE!

In Afghanistan, trafficking in persons is still viewed primarily as a problem for Afghan women and girls. However, as early as 2004, reports began to emphasize that boys were potentially more at risk of trafficking than girls. Based on the existing gaps in knowledge, Hagar Afghanistan conducted a qualitative research study of male child trafficking in the region.

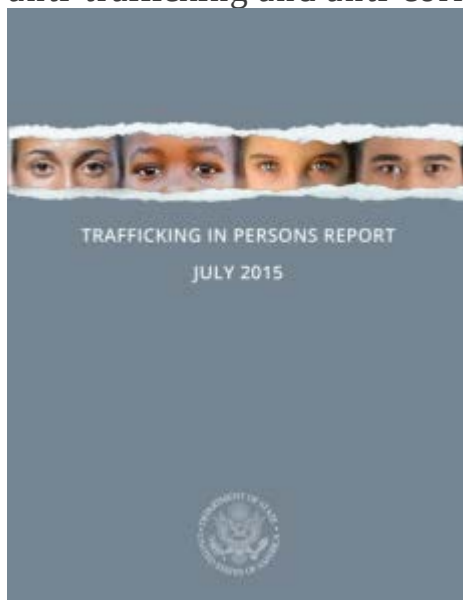


The Role of Corruption in Trafficking in Persons

BY THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME (2011)

LEARN MORE!

Corruption is central to the success of traffickers and therefore criminals consider it a necessary investment. Bribery in its various forms is possibly the main cost factor for traffickers, requiring a renewed, united response from anti-trafficking and anti-corruption departments.



Trafficking in Persons Report

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT (2015)

LEARN MORE!

The annual TIP report is the world's most comprehensive resource of governmental anti-human trafficking efforts, representing a global look at the nature and scope of human trafficking and the broad range of government actions to confront it. Complete with country profiles, global updates, and statistics, the TIP report is one of the most important resources for governments and NGOs.

UBCM Resolutions on Human Trafficking and Rape Culture- September 2015

B53

HUMAN TRAFFICKING; NCLGA Executive

WHEREAS human trafficking is a real and devastating issue in British Columbia;
AND WHEREAS significant work & research has been done as of late to aid in the prevention and prosecution of human trafficking throughout Canada:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the RCMP to work collaboratively with respective local governments in order to implement the recommendations found within the National Task Force on Sex Trafficking of Women and Girls in Canada's recent report ("NO MORE' Ending Sex -Trafficking In Canada") as well as the Province of British Columbia's "Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking."

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIO

B80

RAPE CULTURE IN CANADA; NCLGA Executive

WHEREAS sexual assaults continue to be committed across Canada, and victims are of every age, race, income and gender;

AND WHEREAS sexual assaults are under reported, and prosecution and conviction rates are low:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM advocate for an intergovernmental task force to be convened to determine the steps needed to erase the "rape culture" that is pervasive in schools, universities, workplaces and elsewhere across Canada;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be mandated to elicit testimony from victims in order to determine the steps needed to improve the reporting, arrest and conviction rates across Canada.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:



January 19, 2016

Honourable Rich Coleman, Deputy Premier
Minister of Natural Gas Development
Minister Responsible for Housing
P.O. Box 9486, Stn. Prov. Govt.
Victoria, BC V8W 9W6

Dear Minister Coleman:

RE: B.C. Building Act Implementation

Further to North Vancouver City Council's resolution on January 18, 2016 (attached), I am writing to provide feedback and recommendations regarding the Building Act under implementation. The City of North Vancouver appreciates and supports in principle the three pillars of the new Building Act: consistency, competency and innovation. We wish to offer feedback and recommendations to assist the Province in rolling out the Act in such a way that unintended consequences are avoided.

1. Innovative technologies and innovative urban form

The City of North Vancouver has built a strong reputation working cooperatively with the development and construction industry to ensure flexibility and efficient service, while meeting consistently high standards and sustainability targets. The City has repeatedly won the "Most Business Friendly" Award for Municipal Excellence from NAIOP (the Commercial Real Estate Development Association) and Business in Vancouver, including the most recent award years 2015 and 2014. Part of the City's success in this regard is the City's Inspections staff's willingness to use the Alternative Solutions pathway to meet the requirements of the BC Building Code while protecting the City's high Code compliance standards. The City's record in achieving good flexibility and customer service may be difficult to continue, as the capabilities of the Alternative Solutions pathway are at risk of being limited in future as a result of the new Building Act. It may therefore be more difficult for City staff and Council to respond to innovative technologies or innovative urban forms being promoted locally by the development community. We are hopeful that the Alternative Solutions pathway will not be unduly limited by ministerial regulations and that the alternate Provincial innovation review processes will be cost-effective and time-efficient.

2. Incenting energy efficient buildings

The City has been a leader in climate mitigation in Canada. Action is required to reduce building emissions if we are to achieve our Provincially-mandated greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets and help minimize the effects of climate change. The City's Zoning Bylaw currently provides a density bonus in return for achieving a higher energy standard (i.e., lower GHG emissions). This practice has been recognized by NAIOP, the Union of BC Municipalities and the BC Community Energy Association. Under the BC Building Act, the City's current bylaws that provide for enhanced energy efficiency in buildings will become invalid. To date the Province has not been willing to confirm the City's ability to continue to use the density bonusing tool, as set out in s. 904 of the Local Government Act, for enhanced energy efficiency. The City respectfully requests further clarification with regard to these LGA provisions.

Honourable Rich Coleman
January 19, 2016

3. Policy impacts

It appears that a number of City policies could significantly be affected by the Building Act, including but not limited to the City's Adaptable Design Policy, the Enhanced Building Security Bylaw, City urban design guidelines (e.g., our ability to accommodate grade changes related to flood prevention), Solid Waste/Recycling Guidelines, and Active Design Guidelines. As these requirements are "building-related" (which is not defined in the Act) and in bylaw form, they are at risk of being rendered invalid on December 15, 2017. Due to a shortfall of detail and communication from the Province, there is very little to assist local governments with the bylaw review that the Province is encouraging. Changing municipal bylaws, and particularly zoning bylaws, is a lengthy process with significant statutory consultation responsibilities including public hearings and media notifications. To have to potentially change bylaws twice because we do not have all the details yet would be extremely challenging. We request further detail on a clear communications path on "what happens when" with regard to implementation so that our City can chart a path forward.

4. Additional requests

There are a number of other City initiatives that will potentially be impacted by the Act, but we and other BC municipalities currently lack specifics on how the provisions of the Act will be applied. Additional details are needed in order for municipalities to be able to conduct bylaw reviews. In particular:

- a) The Province is creating a guide for local governments on the Building Act. However, the sections of the guide that explain how local governments will be affected by the Act and how they can apply for a variation to the requirements of the Act is still in development. The guide is not anticipated to be available until spring 2016. We request that the guide be made available sooner, or that the two-year window to change all bylaws before they become invalid be extended.
- b) It is our understanding that opt-in Provincial regulations for enhanced energy performance and enhanced sprinklering are in development but have not yet been finalized. We request that the regulations and the municipal tools be finalized now, or that the two-year window to change all bylaws before they become invalid be extended.
- c) There is a need for a clear and transparent commitment by the Province to review and update certain elements of the Building Code on a continual learning basis, or at least on a three-year cycle (e.g., energy efficiency requirements). Emerging safety concerns, technological innovation and new opportunities should also trigger general Code reviews and consideration of variances, without the cost of these reviews falling on the shoulders of local governments.

Honourable Rich Coleman
January 19, 2016

The City of North Vancouver looks forward to working with you in the best interests of the community and industry. Our objective is to have the best possible results for business, public and industry stakeholders, and we hope to be able to continue to show leadership in working cooperatively with the development community.

Yours sincerely,



Darrell Mussatto
Mayor

Encl.

cc: Honourable Naomi Yamamoto, MLA, North Vancouver – Lonsdale
Chair Al Richmond, President, Union of BC Municipalities
Greg Moore, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors
Anne McMullin, President & CEO, Urban Development Institute – Pacific Region
Bob De Wit, CEO, Greater Vancouver Homebuilders Association

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14th STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER, BC, ON MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016.

**12. Effects of Bill 3, *Building Act*, on City Bylaws and Development Processes
– File: 08-3010-01-0001/2016**

Report: Deputy Director, Community Development, January 12, 2016

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Buchanan

PURSUANT to the report of the Deputy Director, Community Development, dated January 12, 2016, entitled “Effects of Bill 3, *Building Act*, on City Bylaws and Development Processes”:

THAT a letter from the Mayor, substantially in the form presented as Attachment #2 of said report, be sent to the Minister of Natural Gas Development and Minister Responsible for Housing, with copies to local MLA, Naomi Yamamoto, Urban Development Institute, Greater Vancouver Homebuilders Association, member municipalities of UBCM and Metro Vancouver.

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**Gambier Island Area Local Trustees Kate-Louise Stamford and Dan Rogers
invite you to the next
Howe Sound Community Forum**

Friday, April 29, 2016

**Camp Fircom, Gambier Island
10:00-2:30**

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/gambier/>

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From: radamson@ubcm.ca
To: [Shawna Gilroy](#)
Subject: Status of the Syrian refugees
Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 8:32:07 AM
Attachments: [6\(d\)3 Richmond-Min Bond Refugee letter recd.pdf](#)

Dear ,

To: Mayor and Council/ Chair and Board

Please find attached the latest update from The Honourable Shirley Bond on the status of the Syrian refugees that are arriving and settling in BC. The letter was received at our Friday January 22, 2016 Executive meeting and we wanted to share the latest news with the broader membership.

Thank you

Chair Al Richmond

UBCM President

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Mr. Al Richmond, President
Union of British Columbia Municipalities
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Exec Agenda

ITEM# 6(d)3

Dear Mr. Richmond:

I am writing to provide you with an update regarding the ongoing arrivals of Syrian refugees into British Columbia (BC) communities. I am delighted to see the outpouring of British Columbians' support for arriving refugees—in just the past few weeks we have seen hundreds of new arrivals welcomed into communities across the province from Victoria to Fernie to Prince George.

Refugee arrival numbers are continually evolving. As I mentioned in my previous letter, the federal government has created a website to provide up-to-date information on refugee volumes and settlement locations, available at: www.cic.gc.ca/english/refugees/welcome/map.asp. For your convenience, I have attached the most current data as an appendix.

From November 4, 2015, to January 17, 2016, between 923 to 944 Syrian refugees have arrived in BC. So far, 783 have arrived in Vancouver, and the remainder are divided between 18 other communities. Another six communities can expect arrivals in the near future. According to the data the Province has collected so far, over 60 percent of arrivals have been children and youth, and the average family size has been quite large at 4.8 people. Among privately sponsored refugees who settle outside of Vancouver, families are on average much smaller (2.4 people) and are more likely to be working age.

You may have heard that the Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSofBC), the organization that provides initial reception and support for government assisted refugees, asked the federal government for a temporary pause on the arrival of refugees from January 19 to 22. This is consistent with the strategic approach to the federal government's refugee resettlement plan, and several other cities across Canada have also requested a pause to allow service providers to catch up on transitioning refugees into permanent housing. During the brief pause of government-assisted refugee arrivals, privately sponsored refugees will continue to arrive in communities across BC.

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Mr. Al Richmond, President

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The provincial government continues to take a cross-ministry coordination approach to address issues arising from this influx of new British Columbians. Currently, our most pressing focus is to support the federal government in securing permanent housing that can accommodate large families. We continue to work closely with the federal government, who have full jurisdiction over the refugee resettlement program, to coordinate our efforts as much as possible.

As I have indicated in previous correspondence, ISSofBC has created an online registry for private offers of support for Syrian refugees, including housing, employment and volunteer offers. ISSBC also publishes weekly newsletters about the progress of refugee settlement in BC. I encourage you to share this link with your members and their communities:
www.issbc.org/refugee-readiness-hub.

Please feel free to share this letter with your members as appropriate. Thank you again for your time and ongoing commitment to the refugee settlement process in BC. I look forward to our continued engagement on this matter.

Sincerely,



Shirley Bond
Minister

Enclosure

pc: Honourable Peter Fassbender
Ministry of Community, Sport, and Cultural Development
and Minister Responsible for TransLink

APPENDIX 1: Syrian Refugee Arrivals by BC Destination (Source: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/refugees/welcome/map.asp>)

City	Government Assisted Refugees (GARs) / Blended Visa Office-Refereed (BVORs)	Privately Sponsored Refugee (PSRs) Arrivals	Total Refugee Arrivals	PSRs in Inventory (Soon to Arrive)	Total Admitted Refugees and PSRs in Inventory
Burnaby	5	34	39	15	54
Cogitlam	0	0	0	1 to 4	1 to 4
Duncan	7	0	7	0	7
Fernie	0	1 to 4	1 to 4	0	1 to 4
Fruitvale	0	0	0	1 to 4	1 to 4
Kanloops	5	0	5	1 to 4	6 to 9
Kelowna	9	9	18	0	18
Ladysmith	0	0	0	1 to 4	1 to 4
Langley	5	1 to 4	6 to 9	7	13 to 16
Maple Ridge	0	0	0	5	5
Nanaimo	1 to 4	0	1 to 4	0	1 to 4
New Westminster	0	7	7	1 to 4	8 to 11
North Vancouver	5	0	5	1 to 4	6 to 9
Oliver	5	0	5	0	5
Osoyoos	1 to 4	0	1 to 4	0	1 to 4
Port Moody	0	0	0	1 to 4	1 to 4
Prince George	0	5	5	5	10
Richmond	0	1 to 4	1 to 4	5	6 to 9
Salmon Arm	1 to 4	0	1 to 4	0	1 to 4
Smithers	0	0	0	5	5
Surrey	0	9	9	38	47
Vancouver	749	34	783	32	815
Victoria	23	0	23	11	34
West Vancouver	0	5	5	0	5
White Rock	0	1 to 4	1 to 4	0	1 to 4
TOTAL	816 to 825	107 to 119	923 to 944	130 to 151	1,053 to 1,095

Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour

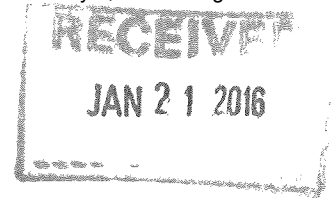
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Heritage BC



*addressed
to: Mayor & Council*

Happy New Year! We are excited to begin 2016 by presenting you with this year's Heritage Week poster.

Heritage BC held a photo contest to find images of **Distinctive Destinations** all over the province for our Heritage Week poster. Thank you to all those who entered!

Congratulations to the Britannia Mine Museum for their winning photo submission!

Heritage Week is celebrated in communities throughout British Columbia every year, commencing on national Heritage Day, the third Monday in February. Each year Heritage BC publishes and sends out Heritage Week posters to our members, other heritage associations, business associations, schools, libraries, and government.

This year's Heritage Week theme, which is set by the National Trust for Canada, is **Distinctive Destinations: Experience Historic Places**.

Heritage Week themes open up a myriad of possibilities to recognize community heritage buildings, places and history, organize special events and celebrations, and forge partnerships with local business interests.

This year, celebrate British Columbia's **Distinctive Destinations**, and plan your trip to a historic place! You can also check out <http://heritagebc.ca/events/heritage-week/ideas> to find 90 ideas on ways to celebrate Heritage Week **February 15-22, 2016** across British Columbia.

Be sure to send us a list of your activities or a link to your events page and we'll post it on our website and send it out on our email UPDATE.

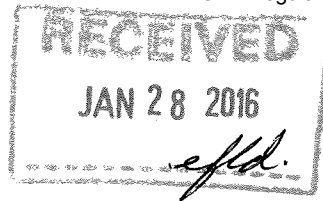
A PDF copy of the 2016 Heritage Week poster is now available for download at <http://heritagebc.ca/heritage-week-2016>.

Happy Heritage Week planning from the Heritage BC Team!
Kathryn Molloy

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Karen Dearlove

Maxine Schleger



January 21, 2016

Mayor Karl Buhr and Council
Village of Lions Bay
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Re: Next Generation Radio Program: Progress Update

Dear Mayor Buhr and Council:

I am writing to provide the Lions Bay Council with an update on the planned replacement of the regional radio system – a project known as the *Next Generation Radio Program* (NGRP). As you are aware, Lions Bay Fire-Rescue uses the existing E-Comm radio network for fire communication and will transition to the new digital system over the next two years alongside other emergency service agencies in both Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley.

Over the past year, E-Comm and its partners in police, fire and ambulance have been working with Motorola on finalizing network design and just recently completed a very successful pilot test of the network infrastructure. The objective of the pilot test was to thoroughly test all aspects of the network infrastructure to ensure it meets user performance and functionality expectations.

I am pleased to report that in December the Next Generation Radio Program Working Group and the E-Comm User committee—both composed of police, fire and ambulance representatives from across the Lower Mainland—endorsed the results of the pilot testing. Feedback received from the user agencies that participated in the testing has been positive, with the mission-critical components of the system performing reliably and audio quality surpassing expectations.

We are also nearing the issuance of the last major component of the NGRP procurement process; the release of the subscriber equipment Request for Proposal (RFP). Once the RFP has been issued, communication on the NGRP will be limited as this competitive process unfolds. This RFP process is expected to identify and secure costing data for multiple approved suppliers of user equipment. Users will be able to make their choice among these suppliers. The successful proponent(s) will be announced when contracts have been signed.

High-level discussions continue with agencies around transition planning to the new network, with the goal of addressing any issues/constraints related to their respective transition onto the new network in advance and to develop an overall transition plan with go-live dates defined and agreed for each agency.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that this major capital infrastructure project remains on track and on budget and to extend E-Comm's appreciation to all members of the NGRP Working Group and User Committee for their expertise, input, guidance, and dedication to this initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Guscott', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Enclosure: Next Generation Radio Program – Working Group/User Committee Composition

cc: Lions Bay Fire-Rescue

Participating Fire Agencies

Coquitlam Fire & Rescue	Assistant Fire Chief Jim Ogloff Assistant Fire Chief Kelly Weisner
Delta Fire and Emergency Services	Deputy Fire Chief Ken Sim Captain Shawn Smith
North Vancouver City Fire Department	Deputy Fire Chief Bob Schreiner Captain Glenn Danks
Richmond Fire-Rescue Service	Fire Chief John McGowan Deputy Fire Chief Tim Wilkinson
Surrey Fire Services	Assistant Fire Chief Steve Robinson
Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services	Assistant Chief Dale Booth Deputy Fire Chief Tyler Moore

Participating Police Agencies

Delta Police Department	S/Sgt. Craig New Insp. Kelly Young
New Westminster Police Department	S/Sgt. Chad Johnston Insp. Todd Matsumoto
RCMP 'E' Division	Sgt. Allison Good Jason Jaschinsky, OIC E Division Communication Systems Scott McMillan, Manager, LMD Radio Shop S/Sgt. Chris Moore Finsen Wong, Manager, Integration Engineering & Communications Security (COMSEC)
RCMP	Kristine Day, Manager, North Vancouver Municipal RCMP OCC
RCMP	Tom Bartnik, Manager, Information Services & Technology
Transit Police	Nadine Applejohn, Manager OCC Patrick Koch, Manager, Risk and Information
Vancouver Police Department	Insp. Mike Cumberworth Sgt. Jennifer Keyes

BC Emergency Health Services (BC Ambulance Service)

Corinne	Begg	Manager, Vancouver Dispatch Operations Centre
Bruce	Conley	Manager, Telecommunications
Brent	Middleton	Duty Operations Manager
Kirk	Schmitt	Director, Patient Care Communications & Planning

Non-voting Members

Burnaby Fire Department	Fire Chief Doug McDonald Deputy Fire Chief Ron Barker Deputy Fire Chief Chris Bowcock
Vancouver Firefighter's Union Local 18	Gord Ditchburn
British Columbia Professional Fire Fighters Association	Mike Hurley

E-Comm User Committee

- Chief John McGowan, Richmond Fire-Rescue Service (Chair)
- Kirk Schmitt, BC Emergency Health Services (Vice-Chair)
- Inspector Mike Cumberworth, Vancouver Police Department
- Deputy Fire Chief Tyler Moore, Vancouver Fire-Rescue Services (Acting Chair)
- Wayne Plamondon, Abbotsford Police Department

From: [Sherry Peters](#)
To: [Council @ Lions Bay](#); [Shawna Gilroy](#)
Subject: RE: Urgent letter re HandyDART and Vancouver taxis
Date: Friday, January 29, 2016 11:16:46 AM

**Correction - the taxi company sent by HandyDART was NOT Vancouver Taxi as I have mentioned, rather it was Yellow Taxi. I apologize for the error. All other references for Vancouver Taxi in terms of the other incidents listed near the bottom of the letter are correct.

I made that assumption because that is the company I normally have used. Again, I apologize for the error.

From: [REDACTED]
To: council@lionsbay.ca; office@lionsbay.ca
Subject: Urgent letter re HandyDART and Vancouver taxis
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 2016 11:36:18 -0800

* Please note this incident took place yesterday, Wednesday January 28th, 2016. It was posted on my blog and tweeted to Mayor Robertson at that time.

Dear Mayor Robertson and Members of Translink Board and Council:

Something happened to me today in a Vancouver Taxi that should never happen to anyone and you must take immediate steps to ensure it never happens again.

I am still very shaken by this incident so I will do my best to relay this information as clearly, succinctly and accurately as possible but ask your understanding if emotion creeps in.

I want you to understand while this situation – which very nearly became a matter for the Vancouver Police Department – may be rather extreme; I do not believe incidents like this are nearly as isolated as they should be.

I am a Vancouver resident with an autoimmune disorder that has weakened my muscles to the point that I can no longer stand or walk and thus use a manual wheelchair.

As a result I am a sometimes user of HandyDART.

I say sometimes because whenever possible I use regular public transport.

I am glad to live in a city that has accessible transit.

Unfortunately, of late, due to some complications from my illness, I suffer from rather significant motion sickness, a condition that seems particularly exacerbated by riding backwards, as is required on buses.

Today I needed transportation to attend a committee meeting at St. Paul's Hospital. I recently joined the committee because that hospital, and in particular one doctor, saved my life in all the ways that phrase can mean. Volunteering is my paltry attempt at repayment and is no doubt far more meaningful to me than the hospital.

This was to be my first meeting.

Near the end of the pick-up window (as you may be aware HandyDART rides are scheduled to come within a 30 minute time frame), I called dispatch to check the status and was informed that it would be a taxi instead of a HandyDART bus.

You would think this would be good news – direct to your destination instead of a sometimes long, meandering series of pick-ups and drop-offs – but, in my experience using taxis both through HandyDART and on my own, it often isn't.

The dispatcher informed me the taxi company was having trouble finding a wheelchair van but one should be there around ten minutes after the end of my pick-up window. This was not a problem, as I would still arrive in time for the meeting.

The taxi actually arrived earlier. I was relieved.

Once in the van, the driver, as has happened on multiple occasions with multiple taxi drivers, suggested that he did not need to secure my wheelchair.

He asked me where I was going and then announced that since it was relatively short trip, one strap instead of four, would suffice.

Once, in the past, tired and feeling ill, I gave into a driver who only wanted to put one strap on my wheelchair – actually he didn't want to put on any but I managed to work him up to one. When we turned the first corner the wheelchair tipped – it was a power chair – the only thing that prevented me from falling completely was that my head wedged into the side of the van. I had a sore neck for about a week after that.

Since then I have insisted drivers secure the chair as they are trained and, I believe, regulation requires them to.

Thus I told this driver that I needed him to use all the straps – 'please' - and to secure the wheelchair properly.

He argued.

I insisted.

He was not happy. He handed me a seatbelt strap from the backseat and suggested I hang onto that instead – as if I were riding a bull in a rodeo.

I said I did not find that to be an appropriate substitute.

He then put the front straps onto the wheelchair but hooked them to the spokes of my wheels instead of to the frame of the chair. I asked him to move them to the frame of the chair. He refused to listen. He insisted they would be fine there. At that point I looked behind me and noticed that the back straps – the ones I actually believed were already secured to the frame of my wheelchair – were not attached to at all and were simply lying on the floor.

Now I want to be very clear about this – I have negotiated with many drivers reluctant to do their job properly so this is not a novel event. I have also walked several through the process of properly securing a wheelchair and not permanently damaging my wheels. What made this situation different was this driver's refusal to listen to

me or in any way respect my wishes.

At this point I said, 'You know what, I don't think this is going to work out. I will call for a different ride. Please let me out.'

And this is when things escalated out of control. He ignored my direct and explicit request to be let out of the taxi – over and over again.

In turn I transitioned from being exasperated and annoyed to being angry and fearful.

I was now literally trapped. I was a disabled woman trapped in a vehicle at the mercy of a man who had demonstrated complete disrespect and disregard for my safety and my wishes.

It was only after I pulled out my cell phone and told him that I was going to call the police if he did not let me out of the taxi that he finally relented.

I would estimate that I first asked – then demanded – to be let out of the taxi at least 10 times before that.

By that point I was in full fight or flight mode. I did not swear or become abusive but the volume of my voice did escalate. My sole focus became getting out of that van as quickly and as safely as possible.

I think this experience would be unsettling to anyone but I don't know for sure because I am not anyone.

I am a woman with a disability. I am also a woman who has experienced violence.

It has been more than 5 hours since this happened and I am left dealing with all the feelings it resurrected.

By the time he finally let me out of the taxi I was shaking.

A few minutes later a taxi driver from a different company (Black Top) happened to pull up and overheard me talking on the telephone to HandyDART about what had just happened. He offered to drive me without charge to my meeting.

I am sure I did not present, as I would have liked to, at my first meeting with the committee.

At the end of the meeting I found myself unwilling to risk getting into another vehicle with a stranger. I did not want any more arguments about whether my safety was worth the 30 seconds of effort it takes to secure my chair. And I did not want to feel that awful sense of utter helplessness I felt trapped in the back of that van.

So I cancelled the ride and wheeled home.

I have a ride booked for tomorrow. I am still not sure if I will cancel that ride. I cannot wheel there and for the moment at least, the bus is not an option for me. So that means I will have no transportation options and thus will have to remain at home.

I don't think the current options are acceptable and thus I turn to you.

I try very hard not to complain without offering solutions so here are some preliminary thoughts on what needs to happen – NOW – not sometime in the future. I am willing to help make them happen:

1. I would like to volunteer to help develop new training models and standards for taxi drivers. Whatever training they are getting, it isn't working. It may be the content or it may be the delivery, but clearly there is a problem. And it is a problem that may cost you in lawsuits if it is not addressed.
2. Taxis are not a substitute for HandyDART and should not be used as such. Users of HandyDART deserve to know they will deal with properly trained drivers and I do not believe the training and screening for a taxi driver to be in any way comparable to that of a HandyDART driver, nor will it ever truly be. If I call HandyDART for a ride I want and need a HandyDART driver. Taxi drivers need better training but they will never be substitutes.
3. There needs to be a very clear, well-advertised public process for reporting and dealing with complaints around taxi drivers. This data needs to be fully documented and bi-monthly reports including all recorded incidents must be reviewed by council and made available to media and members of the public (with private identifying information redacted of course). Dealing with these situations as isolated events and within the companies themselves, almost certainly guarantees they will be repeated.

Doing nothing is not an option.

Here is a small sample of some of my experiences:

1. Taxi driver dropped me off at VGH, the Centennial Building entrance. I am adjusting myself and without warning – he was very impatient and I assume wanted me out of the way faster – began pushing my wheelchair up the sidewalk cut. This cut has a small lip and if I do not properly adjust my weight, the chair will – and did – tip. I did a full faceplant onto the sidewalk. I was pretty badly bruised on my hands and legs for a few weeks after. I called Vancouver Taxi and spoke to the manager but no action was taken that I am aware of.
2. Pushing me without asking first is an ongoing problem. While I am a full human outside of the chair, when I am in it, the chair becomes something of an extension of me. You would not go up and push someone who was standing without speaking to them – nor would you grab their bag out of their hand without asking, even if your intent is to be helpful. I have had several near faceplants since.
3. Recently I attended a conference at the Vancouver Club. I asked to be dropped off at the back. The driver stopped on the opposite side of the road in the middle of the block and told me to get out there and make my way across lanes of rush hour traffic. This is particularly dangerous in a wheelchair. When I asked him to go around the block he slammed the door and used various obscenities – including the one that starts with F.
4. When the meter is put on is different with different drivers and as a result one day I called the manager of Vancouver Taxi to check on the policy. I was told the meter is supposed to be put on once I am in the taxi. On one occasion the taxi drove up, the driver spent some time in his van talking on the phone then rearranging papers. He then got out, opened the back of the van and began moving things from the back of the van to the back seat. By the time I got in the van the meter was already over \$5.00 so I mentioned this to him. He became very belligerent and turned the meter off entirely and told me to just pay him \$8.00 – and said the former mayor of Vancouver never minded when they started the meter early and that it was 'the law.'

Here's what I have not objected to ever –

1. The loud conversations most drivers have on their cell phones while driving and the fact that they react like I am intruding on their private time when I have to give them directions.
2. Their choice of music – whatever it is, I don't mind. Often I enjoy it – but it would be nice to be asked once in a while.
3. The fact that none of them seem to know their way around UBC campus or a host of other places.
4. The tremendous resentment some drivers harbour to 'having' to deal with people with disabilities.

I would really like to have taxi drivers who don't act like they doing me a favour picking me up, but that may never happen.

I am sure I am not a perfect customer but I think I am a decent one. I almost always give a tip – if I don't it is a statement and I can count the number of times I made that statement on one hand. (One being the faceplant.) I cut them some slack – it's a tough job with few rewards and we all know Vancouver is not the friendliest place so I can imagine they spend a lot of time being treated unfairly. I can empathize with that and I try not to do it. And, a good number of taxi drivers are very professional and courteous. The other night I had one play some of his favourite songs for me. It was nice.

Today I felt backed into a corner. I felt frightened.

I don't want this to happen to me or anyone else again.

Let's make sure it doesn't.

I look forward to hearing back from you at your earliest convenience and working together to address these problems in the prompt manner they warrant.

Sincerely,
Sherry Gabrielle Peters
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HandyDART # 108355

Open Forum

Vancouver Coastal Health
Board of Directors Open Board Forum
NORTH VANCOUVER
Wednesday, February 17th 6:00 pm

The Board of Vancouver Coastal Health invites you to meet the Board and Senior Leadership of Vancouver Coastal Health. Join us to hear about health services in your community and engage in discussion with the Board through a question and answer session.

Date: **Wednesday, February 17, 2016**

Time: **6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

Where: **HOpE Centre**
1337 St. Andrews Avenue
North Vancouver, BC

Please join us for this opportunity to connect with the VCH Board and Senior Leadership. Everyone is welcome.

For details and the agenda, visit www.vch.ca or call 604-875-4719 for more information.



(La version française suit)

On October 6, 2015, the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) submitted 55 assessments of species at risk to the federal Minister of the Environment.

On December 23, 2015, the Government of Canada posted the Ministerial Response Statements for these species on the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) Public Registry. The Government is now launching public consultations on the potential amendment of Schedule 1, the List of Wildlife Species at Risk under SARA. The complete set of statements and the consultation path (normal or extended) for each species are available at: www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=9953B034-1.

Environment and Climate Change Canada is seeking comments on the proposed amendment of Schedule 1 resulting from assessments of 25 terrestrial species. Nineteen of these are eligible to be added to Schedule 1, while four are being considered for up-listing to a higher risk status and two are being considered for down-listing to a lower risk status. Twenty additional terrestrial species at risk have had their current Schedule 1 status confirmed. These are not included in this consultation process, as no regulatory amendment is required.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada is conducting separate consultations for four aquatic species eligible for an addition to the list or a reclassification. An additional four aquatic species are status confirmations, one was assessed as Not at risk and one is a reclassification. These latter six species have no potential regulatory impact, and thus public consultations are not required.

Additional information on the listing and consultation processes for terrestrial species, as well as the possibility to amending Schedule 1 by adding or reclassifying species, are available in "Consultation on Amending the List of Species under the *Species at Risk Act* -Terrestrial Species: January 2016". This document also includes a questionnaire that provides you guidance on the types of information and comments Environment and Climate Change Canada is seeking. It is posted on the SARA Public Registry at: http://www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default_e.cfm?documentID=2749.

You are invited to submit comments on the potential impacts of amending the List of Wildlife Species at Risk according to these COSEWIC status assessments. Your comments will be considered and will inform the Minister's recommendation to Cabinet. Please provide remarks by **May 4, 2016** for species under a normal consultation process. Three terrestrial species, namely the Caribou (Newfoundland population), the Eastern Wolf and the Red-necked Phalarope, will follow an extended consultation process. Please provide remarks by **October 4, 2016** for species following an extended consultation path. There will also be an opportunity to provide comments during the 30-day public consultation period associated with pre-publication in Canada Gazette Part I. More detailed information on individual species is included in the COSEWIC status reports, which are available on the SARA Public Registry. The Public Registry also provides more general information about SARA.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Milburn-Hopwood

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