

Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Gold River to be held Monday, October 15, 2018 in Council Chambers, Municipal Hall, 499 Muchalat Drive, Gold River B.C. commencing at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held October 1, 2018.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS

- Councillor Waterman – Thank you and Goodbye

BYLAWS

For Adoption:

Annual Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 713, 2018 (For 2019).

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Clair Trevena, Minister – Thank you for meeting at UBCM
2. David Eby, QC, Attorney General – Local Governments Role in Licensing Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Stores
3. Rhonda Vanderfluit, Registrar, Youth Parliament of B.C. Alumni Society – British Columbia Youth Parliament, 90th Parliament
4. Liam Edwards, Executive Director, Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Branch – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program

5. Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development – Re: Foster Family Month (October)

QUESTION PERIOD

NEW BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MOTION

MOTION TO ADJOURN IN CAMERA

RISE AND REPORT

TERMINATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Gold River held Monday, October 1, 2018 in Council Chambers, Municipal Hall, 499 Muchalat Drive, Gold River B.C. commencing at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor B. Unger
Councillor K. Begon
Councillor R. MacLeod
Councillor G. Waterman

ABSENT: Councillor D. Curr (with notice)

STAFF: Mr. L. Plourde, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Unger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

MOVED and seconded that Joe Sinclair's letter, dated August 27, 2018, be added to the agenda.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held September 17, 2018.

MOVED and seconded that the minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held September 27, 2018.

MOVED and seconded that the minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Joe Sinclair – August 27th letter

Council reviewed the concerns expressed, challenges related to securing a Part-Time Bylaw Enforcement Officer and options to consider such as utilizing the Strathcona Regional District Services if available.

REPORTS

Mayor Unger – UBCM 2018 Report

MOVED and seconded that the report be received.

CARRIED

Councillor Waterman – UBCM 2018 Report

MOVED and seconded that the report be received.

CARRIED

Councillor MacLeod – UBCM 2018 Report

MOVED and seconded that the report be received.

CARRIED

Councillor Waterman – VIRL Board of Trustees Meeting 2018

MOVED and seconded that the report be received.

CARRIED

Administrator – Permissive Tax Exemptions 2019

MOVED and seconded that the report be received.

CARRIED

COUNCIL INFORMATION ITEMS

Nimpkish Park

Mayor Unger, in response to a question from the Public at a previous Council Meeting, read a memo from the Parks and Recreation Manager that outlined the historic drainage issues at Nimpkish Park that used to be a swamp and suggested the matter could be referred to next year's budget.

VIU Tourism Report October 15th

Mayor Unger advised Council that the VIU Tourism Strategy Report would be presented on the October 15th Council Agenda and a presentation was being scheduled for the week of October 22nd.

Review of Development Permit Area

The Administrator advised that a VIU student, who worked on the Tourism Strategy, had volunteered to conduct a review of the C1 and C2 Development Permit Areas in Gold River's Zoning/OCP Bylaws as her Thesis to complete her Master of Community Planning Degree and will provide a Report to the Village. This will include site visits to Gold River and Community Engagement Events such as Open Houses.

BYLAWS

For first three readings:

- Annual Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 713, 2018 (for 2019).

MOVED and seconded that Bylaw No. 713, 2018 being the "Annual Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 713, 2018" be introduced and read the first time.

CARRIED

MOVED and seconded that Bylaw No. 713, 2018 being the "Annual Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 713, 2018" be amended to reflect the removal of the Bishop of Victoria Manse (House), located at 346 Alder Crescent, from Permissive Tax Exemption.

CARRIED

MOVED and seconded that Bylaw No. 713, 2018 being the "Annual Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 713, 2018" be read the second time as amended.

CARRIED

MOVED and seconded that Bylaw No. 713, 2018 being the "Annual Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 713, 2018" be read the third time.

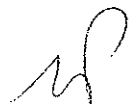
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Cathy Watson, Co-Chair – Jewel of the Isle 2017 Gold River Ladies Golf Tournament regarding letter of thanks.
2. Vancouver Island Library Board regarding 2019-2023 Financial Plan.

MOVED and seconded that the correspondence be received.

CARRIED



RISE AND REPORT

Council reported on the In Camera Meeting held September 27, 2018.

Mayor Unger reported that the Volunteer Fire Chief honorarium has been increased to \$5,200 annually and the Deputy Fire Chief honorarium had been increased to \$2,600 annually.

Mayor Unger reported that the Village and the CAO had entered into a Transition Employment Agreement to allow for the hiring of a new CAO and a time period for a transition of the CAO duties and work on special projects under the Employment Agreement.

TERMINATION

MOVED and seconded that the meeting terminate.

CARRIED

Time: 8:07 p.m.

B. Unger, Mayor

L. Plourde, Corporate Administrator

Certified correct by the Corporate Administrator



L. Plourde, Corporate Administrator



THANK YOU AND GOODBYE

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend my last regular scheduled Council Meeting. I would like to thank the present and past council for acting in a respectful and responsible manner, recognizing our different opinions toward the decisions that have to be made. Some decisions were easy, while others were quite difficult.

Thank you to the most wonderful staff for their dedicated and professional work that made our responsibilities so easy to recognize, to make thoughtful decisions to the best of our ability.

Last but certainly not least, Thank You, to the Citizens of Gold River for the trust and responsibility to make the positive decisions, while being financially prudent as possible for our village.

I do hope that my efforts on Council have contributed to the quality of life in our community and have helped towards the future success of Gold River, that I have full confidence in.

Gordie Waterman

VILLAGE OF GOLD RIVER

Bylaw No. 713, 2018

A BYLAW TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PROPERTIES FROM TAXATION FOR THE YEAR 2019

WHEREAS Section 224 of the *Community Charter* provides that Council may, by bylaw, exempt certain land or improvements, or both, from taxation.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Gold River, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. 2019 TAX EXEMPTIONS

The following properties or portions of properties situated in the Village of Gold River shall be and are exempt from taxation by the Village of Gold River, for the 2019 calendar year.

A. PUBLIC WORSHIP: {Sections 224 (2) (f) and 224 (2) (g)}

In relation to property that is statutorily exempt under Section 220 (1) (h) of the *Community Charter*, (buildings for public worship) and pursuant to Section 224 (2) (f) and (g) of the *Community Charter* the church hall and the area of land surrounding the exempt building is considered necessary to an exempt building set apart for public worship;

- a) Roll # 1102.000 – St. Peter St. Paul Church 402 Cedar Crescent and 346 Alder Crescent
Lot 2, Block K, Plan 2004, District Lot 637, Nootka District, PID 000-942-600; owned by the Bishop of Victoria and used solely for public worship, including the land surrounding the church used for parking and landscaped area representing 80% of the property;
- b) Roll #247.000 – Christian Fellowship Church 600 Nimpkish Drive
Lot A, Plan 48112, District Lot 637, Nootka District, PID 013-233-602; owned by the Christian Fellowship Church and used solely for public worship, including that portion of land which is not directly under the Church representing 92% of the land used for parking and landscaped area.

B. INTEREST OF PUBLIC AUTHORITY: {Section 224 (2) (d)}

In relation to property that is owned by a public or local authority and used or operated by corporations or organizations that operate exclusively for charitable, philanthropic or non-profit purposes;

- a) Roll #1403.005 – Jack Christensen Centre 396 Nimpkish Drive
Lot 2, Plan 32050, District Lot 637, Nootka District, PID 001-105-086; owned by the Village of Gold River and used or operated by the following organizations:
 - Gold River Food Bank – Room 106
 - Gold River Child Care Society (Little Dinosaurs Daycare) – Rooms 118-119-120-125-126
 - Community Justice Society – Room 114
 - Gold River Health Care Auxiliary - Thrift Shop – 109-laundry and storage
 - Gold River Museum and Archives Society – Rooms 121-122

- Vancouver Island Regional Library – Rooms 107-108-110-111
- CUPE Local 3399 – Room 123
- Gold River Lions Club – Room 116
- JR Canadian Rangers – Rooms 222-223-224

C. RECREATIONAL: {Section 224 (2) (i)}

a) Roll #53.300 Gold River Golf and Country Club

Lot A, Plan VIP51943, District Lots 129 and 663, Nootka District; owned by the Village of Gold River and operated by the Gold River Golf Society and used for recreational purposes. The entire Golf Course property is exempt, 100% of Class 06-Business/Other and 100% of Class 08-Recreation/Non Profit assessment.

D. SERVICE CLUB/NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS: {Section 224 (2) (i)}

a) Roll #903.000 Royal Canadian Legion Branch #270 405 Trumpeter Drive

Lot 3, Block H, Plan 20172, District Lot 637, Nootka District; owned by the Royal Canadian Legion and used as a service club and not-for-profit purposes. The exempt portion includes the portion of the land and building associated with the Royal Canadian Legion space, the Legion Ladies Auxiliary Hall and the space occupied by the Gold River Revellers Society but does not include the space occupied by Conuma Cable Systems Ltd. and used for the purpose of an office.

2. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or schedule of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.

3. CITATION

This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “Village of Gold River Annual Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 713, 2018”.

READ the first time this	1 st	day of	October	2018.
READ as amended the second time this	1 st	day of	October	2018.
READ the third time this	1 st	day of	October	2018.
ADOPTED this		day of	October	2018.

Brad Unger

Mayor Larry Plourde

Administrator



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His Worship
Mayor Brad Unger
Village of Gold River
499 Muchalat Drive
Gold River, BC V0P 1G0

Reference: 279876

Dear Mayor ~~Unger~~, *Brad*,

Re: Thank you for meeting at UBCM 2018

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me at the recent Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in Whistler. I was glad to have the opportunity to discuss the placement of utilities on the Gold River Bridge, the tenure of the road through A'Haminaquus IR 12 and safety improvements along Gold River Road. Also, I was happy to inform you that Muchalat Drive will be paved at priority locations next year. Staff have also advised me that our local maintenance contractor, Mainroad, will be meeting with you shortly.

The yearly UBCM gathering is a pivotal opportunity for us to come together with local leaders and look at how we can foster positive partnerships and innovative solutions to meet the transportation needs of people around the province. I am always impressed by the outstanding level of passion and dedication shown by elected representatives like yourself, who go above and beyond to make a positive impact in their communities.

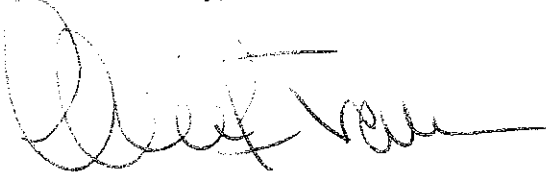
I know we share the goal of ensuring British Columbians have access to the transportation infrastructure and services they rely on to support economic growth and social development within their communities. By continuing to work together, I am confident we can succeed in delivering the improvements people want and continuing to uphold our commitment to transportation excellence.

I have asked local ministry staff to follow up with your office directly to discuss the topics raised in our meeting in more detail. If you have further questions or concerns in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Pearson, District Manager, Vancouver Island District, directly by telephone at 250 751-3287 or by email at Michael.Pearson@gov.bc.ca, as he would be pleased to assist you.

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Thank you again for taking the time to meet with me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Claire Trevena', written in a cursive style.

Claire Trevena
Minister

Copy to: Grant Main, Deputy Minister

Kevin Richter, Assistant Deputy Minister
Highways Department

Michael Pearson, District Manager
Vancouver Island District



October 4, 2018

Mayor and Council
Village of Gold River
PO Box 610
Gold River BC V0P 1G0

Dear Mayor and Council:

The Province will be able to issue licences for the retail sale of non-medical cannabis on or after October 17, 2018, and we are currently in the process of assessing the applications that have been submitted to us.

Our consultations with local governments indicated you wanted to ensure that the needs of your communities were considered as part of the licensing process. We would like to take this opportunity to explain the important role local governments have in cannabis licensing.

It will be up to each municipality to determine if and where non-medical cannabis can be sold, and whether it is sold in private or government stores, or a mixture of both.

Once an application is received by the provincial government and it is deemed to contain the required information, the Province will notify the respective local government of the area where the proposed store is located.

Upon receipt of notice, local governments can:

- choose not to make any recommendation in respect of the application for a cannabis retail store licence (Note: this would end a licence application in progress because the Province cannot issue a licence unless the local government gives a positive recommendation that the licence be issued)
- choose to make comments and recommendations in respect of an application for a cannabis retail store licence.

If the local government makes a recommendation to deny the application then the Province may not issue the licence, and if a recommendation in favour of the application is made, then the Province has discretion whether or not to issue the licence, but must consider the local government's recommendation in the decision whether to issue a licence.

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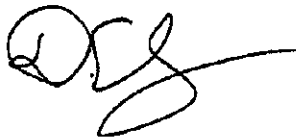
The Province will notify local governments about applications in the order that they are confirmed as complete. This ensures that you will have all the information you need to begin your process of making a recommendation.

We would also like to remind local governments that they may delegate the recommendation decision to staff.

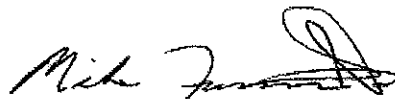
We invite you to review the enclosed Local Government's Role in Licensing Cannabis Retail Stores for detailed information that will help you navigate the recommendation process. If after reviewing this information you have any questions, please email Cannabis.Licensing@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you for your consideration in this important new process.

Yours truly,



David Eby, QC
Attorney General



Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety
and Solicitor General

Enclosure

pc: Chief Administrative Officer Larry Plourde



Local Governments' Role in Licensing Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Stores

If you have any questions about this document, please contact the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch toll-free at 1-866 209-2111, or email cannabisregs@gov.bc.ca. NOTE: This document will be updated from time to time as additional information surrounding the regulatory framework for cannabis retail sales becomes available. (Last updated 28 September, 2018)

Non-medical cannabis retail licence

The province will be issuing licences for non-medical cannabis retail stores. A cannabis retail store must be a standalone business. This licence requires input and a positive recommendation from a local government in whose area the proposed store is located.

The province recognizes the importance of ensuring carefully regulated access to non-medical cannabis in all areas of the province, including rural areas.

As a first step, the province will open opportunities to apply for regular retail licences. Once the regional distribution of retail non-medical cannabis stores is known, the province will consider issuing licences to service rural or remote areas that are not sufficiently served by existing retail cannabis stores.

The role of local governments in the cannabis retail store licensing process

Applicants for a non-medical cannabis retail store licence must submit a licence application to the LCRB. When an application is received, the LCRB will notify the local government of the area where the proposed store will be located.

Upon receipt of notice, local governments can:

- choose not to make any recommendation in respect of the application for a cannabis retail store licence (Note: this would end a licence application in progress because the LCRB cannot issue a licence unless the local government gives the LCRB a positive recommendation that the licence be issue)
- choose to make comments and recommendations in respect of an application for a cannabis retail store licence. Note that:
 - if the local government chooses to make a comments and recommendation on the licensee's application to the LCRB, it must gather the views of residents
 - if it makes a recommendation to deny the application then the LCRB may not issue the licence
 - if it makes a recommendation in favour of the application, then the LCRB has discretion whether or not to issue the licence, but must consider the local government's recommendation.

Local Governments (municipalities, regional districts or Islands Trust local trust committees) have some or all of the following regulatory powers in respect of cannabis retail store licences:

- Impose restrictions in its zoning bylaws regarding the location of cannabis retail stores
- Regulation of business (municipalities only): by terms and conditions in its business licensing bylaw, a municipality may limit the hours that cannabis retail stores can operate or impose other conditions such specifications regarding signage
- Charge the applicant fees if choosing to assess an application.

The above process applies to all relocations of existing cannabis retail stores.

Gathering residents' views

If the local government decides to consider the notice of application and to provide comments and recommendations as to the location of the proposed retail store, it must gather the views of residents of the area if the location of the proposed store may affect nearby residents. It may gather resident's views by using one or more of the following methods:

- Receiving written comment in response to a public notice of the application
- Conducting a public hearing in respect of the application
- Holding a referendum, or
- Using another method the local government considers appropriate.

It is up to the local government to determine the area, relative to the licensee's application, where resident's views must be gathered.

Please note: Gathering the views of residents of the area/providing a recommendation to the LCRB must be unique to each provincial licence application. In other words, past recommendations cannot be used in a new licensing process. Each individual application must be considered separately by the local government.

What must the local government's recommendation include?

The recommendations and comments the local government provides to the LCRB must:

- be in writing (this may or may not be in the form of a resolution)
- show that the local government has considered the location of the proposed store
- include the views of the local government on the general impact on the community if the application is approved
- include the views of residents if the local government has gathered residents' views, and a description of how they were gathered
- include the local government's recommendation as to whether the application should be approved or rejected and provide the reasons upon which the recommendation is based.

The local government should also provide any supporting documents referenced in their comments.

What if the local government does not want to provide a recommendation?

If a local government does not want to accept the notice of application and provide a recommendation for the proposed retail location, they should notify the LCRB. A licence for a cannabis retail store will not be issued without a positive recommendation from a local government. If a response is not received, LCRB will not consider the application any further.

What if the recommendation does not meet the regulatory requirements?

If the recommendation does not meet the regulatory requirements, the LCRB will ask the local government to provide new or amended comments that address outstanding issues.

How long does the local government have to provide comments?

Unlike in the process for liquor licensing, local governments are not required to provide a recommendation on a cannabis retail store application within a specific time period. Please note that delays in the application process can have a significant impact on the applicant. If the applicant is the reason for the delay, please notify the LCRB. If the applicant is not trying to move an application forward, the application can be cancelled.

Can the local government recommend approval subject to certain conditions?

In some circumstances, the local government can recommend that the LCRB approve the application as long as certain restrictions (e.g. hours of operation) are placed on the licence. In these situations, the recommendation should clearly explain the rationale for placing restrictions.

If the local government intends to request that the LCRB impose terms and conditions on a licence, prior to sending such a recommendation the local government should consult with the LCRB so that the LCRB can determine whether it has the authority to impose the requested terms and conditions before finalizing their conditional recommendation.

The local government may also have the ability to impose other operating rules on the proposed store through the terms and conditions of the applicant's business licence, zoning or bylaw. The local government is responsible for enforcing these rules.

Floor Plans

Applicants must submit a floor plan with their licence application for approval so the LCRB can identify store features such as sales, storage and delivery areas. Unlike for some kinds of liquor licence applications, local governments are not required to provide occupant load stamps or approve the applicant's floor plans as part of the provincial licensing process for cannabis retail stores.

A municipal council or regional district board can delegate authority to their staff to provide comments and a recommendation to the LCRB

A municipal council or regional district board may delegate its powers and duties to provide comments and a recommendation to the LCRB regarding a cannabis retail store licence application. If a council or board has delegated this authority, a cannabis retail store applicant may ask for comments and recommendations made by delegated staff to be reconsidered by the local government.

Council as defined in the Vancouver Charter:

A Council, as defined in the *Vancouver Charter*, choosing to delegate to its staff must establish procedures for a reconsideration of comments and recommendations made by delegated staff, including how a cannabis retail store applicant may apply for reconsideration. In undertaking a reconsideration, the Council will have the same authority as it delegated to staff.

Right of reconsideration:

Delegated local government staff must advise the cannabis retail store licence applicant that the applicant has the right of reconsideration of the staff's recommendation by the council or board.

How local governments inform the LCRB of delegation:

A local government that has delegated authority to staff should send a copy of the delegation to the LCRB at Cannabis.Licensing@gov.bc.ca.

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Youth Parliament of British Columbia



Alumni Society

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Vancouver, BC V6Z 2W9

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(604) 604-646-6623
registrar@bcyp.org

18 September 2018

Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: British Columbia Youth Parliament, 90th Parliament

The British Columbia Youth Parliament's 90th Parliament will hold its parliamentary session in Victoria at the Provincial Legislative Chambers from December 27 to 31, 2018. The Youth Parliament is a province-wide non-partisan organization for young people ages 16 to 21. It teaches citizenship skills through participation in the December parliamentary session and in community service activities throughout the year. **Youth Parliament is a one-year commitment.**

I invite you to encourage eligible youth from your municipality or region to apply to sit as members of the Youth Parliament. Youth Parliament is non-partisan, and applicants need only be interested in learning more about the parliamentary process and in serving their community.

Each applicant who is accepted to attend as a member of BCYP must pay a \$395 registration fee. Thanks to fundraising efforts, a portion of the cost of transportation and accommodation is reduced but we encourage your municipality to contribute to the fees for those applicants in need. If you are not able to provide assistance, financial support is available for applicants who cannot meet the expense of the registration fee. Requesting financial assistance will not affect an applicant's chance of being selected as a member. We also provide resources for applicants attempting to secure funding from community sources, including schools and service clubs (see www.bcyp.org/joinus.html).

Members will sit and debate in the Legislative Chambers for five days and will be accommodated for four nights at the Coast Hotel in Victoria. During that time, participants are supervised by members of the Board of Directors of the Youth Parliament of B.C. Alumni Society and other youth parliament alumni. In addition, transportation to and from Victoria will be provided for all members who require it.

I have enclosed an application form and two copies of a brochure about BCYP. I encourage you to make the application form and brochure available to interested young people and to make copies of the forms as needed. If your municipality sponsors a "youth of the year" award or has a municipal youth council, young people with that sort of initiative and involvement are ideal candidates for our organization. A soft copy of the form is available from our website at <https://bcyp.org/applying/> along with soft copies of the brochure and a promotional poster.

All applications must be received by October 23, 2018. Applicants will be notified whether they have been selected in early November. If you require more information, please contact me by telephone or e-mail as indicated above, or visit our website at www.bcyp.org.

Yours truly,

Rhonda Vanderfluit
Registrar, Youth Parliament of B.C. Alumni Society



Circular No. 18:14
ARCS File #: 195-20

October 1, 2018

To: All Chief Administrative Officers

Re: **Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program:
Community, Culture and Recreation Program and
Rural and Northern Communities Program - Open for Application**

The Province of British Columbia and Canada have partnered on the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) to fund Green; Community, Culture and Recreation; Public Transit; and, Rural and Northern Communities Infrastructure. The ICIP provides communities across British Columbia a variety of funding opportunities to build sustainable communities, to help create long term economic growth, and to support a low carbon, green economy.

On September 12, 2018 Minister Selina Robinson announced the opening of application intakes for the **Community, Culture and Recreation Program** and the **Rural and Northern Communities Program**.

The **Community, Culture and Recreation Program (CCR)** will focus on projects that improve citizen's access to and quality of cultural, recreational and community spaces, including for Indigenous people and vulnerable populations. The CCR Program provides an opportunity for eligible ultimate recipients that are Local Governments, Indigenous applicants, and not-for-profit organizations to seek funding for eligible infrastructure for public use and benefit.

The **Rural and Northern Communities Program (RNC)** will support infrastructure projects for public use and benefit in communities with a population of 25,000 or less and will provide additional funding towards projects in communities with populations of 5,000 or less. The Program is focused on infrastructure that will improve the quality of life in rural communities including food security; reliable road, air or marine infrastructure; broadband connectivity; efficient and reliable energy; Indigenous health and educational facilities; community, culture and recreation; local public transit; improved resilience to natural disaster events; and, environmental quality. Eligible applicants for the RNC Program are Local Governments, Indigenous applicants, Not-for-Profit organizations and For-Profit organizations (when supported by a local government or Indigenous government).

Program information, for both new programs, including Program Guides, Applications, and

Application Instructions are now available on the ICIP website: www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program. The application intake deadline for both programs, CCR and RNC, is January 23, 2019.

The Infrastructure Planning Grant Program and the Asset Management Planning Grant Program are available to assist local governments in preparing for future grant programs.

The Infrastructure Planning Grant Program provides an opportunity to obtain grant funding up to \$10,000 to help local governments plan, design and manage infrastructure. The Program can assist in the development of long term comprehensive plans and feasibility studies that will improve public health and safety, enhance environmental protection and increase infrastructure sustainability. The next deadline is January 16, 2019.

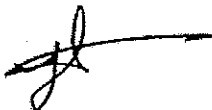
Program documents can be downloaded from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's website at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/grants-transfers/grants/infrastructure-planning-grant-program>.

The Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) administers the Asset Management Planning Grant Program. This program is jointly funded by the Ministry and UBCM and assists local governments in advancing asset management planning and practices. Capital project applications that are based on sound asset management decision making processes are assessed as lower risk through the Ministry's infrastructure funding programs.

Program documents can be downloaded UBCM's website at:
<http://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding/lgps/asset-management-planning.html>

Every grant application is assessed in the context of published program eligibility guidelines and consideration is given to compliance with the conditions for a grant. This reinforces the expectation that grant funds are allocated fairly and equitably between competing projects.

The Ministry is pleased to provide advice on what is looked for in a successful application. For more information, please contact the Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Branch by telephone at: 250 387-4060, or by email at: infra@gov.bc.ca.



Liam Edwards
Executive Director
Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Branch
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Subject: FW: Letter from the Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development

-----Original Message-----

From: Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX [<mailto:Rhea.Kuharic@gov.bc.ca>]

Sent: October-04-18 2:03 PM

To: XT:GoldRiver, Village ENV:IN

Subject: Letter from the Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development

Ref: 239103

His Worship Mayor Brad Unger and Council Village of Gold River

E-mail: villageofgoldriver@cablerocket.com

Dear Mayor Unger and Council:

As Minister of Children and Family Development, I am honoured and delighted to once again proclaim October as Foster Family Month in British Columbia.

It is the month that we acknowledge and celebrate foster caregivers for their invaluable support and commitment to children and youth placed in their care.

Foster Family Month is a marvelous opportunity to show our appreciation and thank caregivers for their incredible kindness and generosity in sharing their homes and their lives with vulnerable children and youth in care.

Since commencing my role as Minister, I have had the opportunity to travel around the province and meet with many amazing foster caregivers, as well as former and current children and youth in care. I have been continually struck by the strength of character and depth of commitment in these caregivers. They undertake heroic work which often goes unrecognized, and I invite you to help ensure these families know their work is appreciated.

The Ministry of Children and Family Development and Delegated Aboriginal Agencies provide supports and services for approximately 6,500 children and youth in care across British Columbia. Government relies on foster caregivers to provide day-to-day stability, care and support to these young people.

I encourage you to get involved - take time to host, celebrate, and participate in Foster Family Month appreciation events in your community.

Please join me in recognizing the important role of foster caregivers.

Extend a heartfelt thank you, express your gratitude, and acknowledge and recognize the commitment and hard work of these remarkable individuals, and their families.

A new provincial recruitment campaign was launched on October 1, 2018, and will conclude March 31, 2019. In combination with regional recruitment events, the provincial foster caregivers' recruitment campaign ensures that the ministry continues to support a vibrant and growing community of foster caregivers to meet the needs of British Columbia's children and youth in care into the future.

The campaign consists of social and digital media, radio public service announcements, and a new, streamlined Web site, FosterNow.ca<<https://fosternow.gov.bc.ca/>>, with a direct recruitment focus.

The messaging emphasizes success stories of real foster families and former youth in care and how foster caregivers have supported young people to achieve their full potential.

On behalf of the Government of British Columbia, thank you for your continued recognition and support of foster caregivers in your community who care for this province's children and youth in care.

Sincerely,

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