



North Coast Regional District Regular Board Meeting Agenda Friday, June 19, 2026 2:00 PM

Held at the North Pacific Cannery, 1889 Skeena Dr, Port Edward BC VoV 1Go

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1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order.

1.2 *The North Coast Regional District acknowledges the traditional territory of the Haida and Tsimshian on which this meeting takes place.*

2. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA (ADDITIONS/DELETIONS)

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

That the June 19, 2026, North Coast Regional District Regular Board Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented/amended.

3. BOARD MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 North Coast Regional District Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2026

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That the May 15, 2026, North Coast Regional District Regular Board meeting minutes be adopted as presented/amended.

[2026.05.15 Regular Board Meeting Minutes](#)

4. STANDING COMMITTEE / COMMISSION MINUTES - BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 North Coast Regional District Committee Minutes

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That the following North Coast Regional District Committee Minutes be received:

- *Minutes of the May 15, 2026, Electoral Area Advisory Committee meeting;*
- *Minutes of the May 20, 2026, RBA Funding Electoral Area Advisory Committee Meeting.*

[2026.05.15 Electoral Area Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

[2026.05.20 RBA Funding Electoral Area Advisory Committee Meeting](#)

4.2 Recommendation from the May 20, 2026, RBA Funding Electoral Area Advisory Committee Meeting

That the Electoral Area Advisory Committee recommend to the Board of the North Coast Regional District allocating \$49,800 of RBA funding to the Sandspit Placemaking Project.

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1	R. Poole, Poole Consulting, Government of Alberta - Westcoast Oil Pipeline Project 2026_04_02 WCOP IntroDeck PPT final	19 - 29
5.2	J. Anderson, Local Government Relations Lead, Lorelee Huson, Area Manager & Newton Choy, General Manager, Telus Communications - Haida Gwaii and Area Updates Telus Presentation	30 - 32
 6. FINANCE		
6.1	S. Landrath, Treasurer – Supplier Payments over \$5,000 for May 2026 <i>That the report 'Supplier Payments over \$5,000 for May, 2026' be received for information.</i> Supplier Payments over \$5000-May	33
6.2	S. Landrath, Treasurer - 2025 Statement of Financial Information <i>That the Board of the North Coast Regional District approve the 2025 Statement of Financial Information as presented.</i> 2026.06.19 2025 SOFI Staff Report 2026.06.15 SOFI DRAFT 2025	34 - 77
 7. CORRESPONDENCE		
7.1	List of Correspondence Supplied <i>That the list of correspondence supplied dated June 19, 2026 be received.</i> 2026-05-13 UBCM to Mayors and Regional District Chairs UBCM Provincial Reponse to 2025 Resolutions 2026-05-08 Letter to Hon. Brenda Bailey, Ministry of Finance re Provincial Sales Tax Expansion PCo652 Pages 2026.05.13 Correspondence - Prime Minister and Premier - Healthcare Equality North Coast and Haida Gwaii Ltr to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs - Request for Additional Funding FW Update on the Rennell Sound FSR (“Rennell Pass”) Access Restoration Work First Nations Agreements with Ksi Lisims LNG 2026.06.05 NR Met Agreements FINAL 202606_1 2026.06.09 NR Gitxaala Agreements FINAL	78 - 97
7.2	Public Transit Alliance of BC - Invitation: Tuesday June 23, 6pm Where’s the Bus? The Rural Transportation Crisis in BC <i>For information.</i> FW Tuesday June 23rd, 6pm Where’s the Bus The Rural Transportation Crisis in BC	98

- 7.3 L. Bishop, Executive Director, Laskeek Bay Conservation Society - Laskeek Bay Budget Amendments **99 - 100**
- For direction.*
[NCRD Grant-In-Aid Ammendment Request June 1, 2026](#)
[NCRD SP Grant Budget - Ammended June 1, 2026](#)
- 7.4 D. Murdock, Mayor, District of Saanich - BC Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) - Funding Contribution **101 - 103**
- For direction.*
[Letter of Motion LGCAP Funding-2026May19](#)
- 7.5 L. Fyles, Executive Assistant, Haida Gwaii Protocol Table - Airport Tree Clearing Joint Letter for Signature **104**
- That the Board of the North Coast Regional District support signing a proposed joint-letter with Haida Gwaii communities to Minister Boyle and Minister Neill in support of expediting the Village of Masset's Airport Safety Project.*
[Re Airport Tree Clearing Joint Letter for Signature](#)
- 7.6 K. Laidlaw, Manager, Northern Health Authority - Mobile Mammogram Truck Visit to Haida Gwaii **105 - 107**
- For direction.*
[FW Mobile Mammogram Truck - FYI](#)
- 7.7 D. Bradley, Director, Field Operations & B. Brunce, Manager Upper Air and Radar Division Meteorological Service of Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada - Update re: Holland Rock and Grey Islet Automated Weather Stations **108 - 111**
- For direction.*
[Update re Holland Rock and Grey Islet Automated Weather Stations](#)
[Joint Advocacy for Reliable Marine Weather Reporting](#)
[2024.08.02 - Service Interruptions at the Land Weather Station on Holland Rock](#)

8. REPORTS / RESOLUTIONS

- 8.1 D. Fish, Chief Administrative Officer - Tlell Soccer Field Parking Lot Paving Project **112 - 114**
- That the report entitled "Tlell Soccer Field Parking Lot Paving Project" be received;*
- And that the Board allocate up to \$240,000 from the Electoral Area D Parks and Trails Reserve Fund toward the Tlell Soccer Field Parking Lot Paving project costs.*
- [2026.06.17 Staff Report - Tlell Soccer Field Paving Project](#)

- 8.2 C. Edwards, Corporate Officer - 2026 UBCM Convention Meeting Requests **115 - 120**

That the report entitled “2026 UBCM Convention Meeting Requests” be received;

And that Staff be directed to submit 2026 UBCM meeting requests following the Board’s consideration of meeting topics.

[2026.06.19 2026 UBCM Convention Meeting Requests](#)
[FW UBCM 2026 – UBCM Meeting Request Form - BC Hydro](#)
[Registration for the 13th Annual Resource Breakfast Series – September 15, 16, and 17, 2026](#)

- 8.3 S, Landrath, Treasurer - Cargo Vehicle for Haida Gwaii Recreation **121 - 125**

That the report entitled “Cargo Vehicle for Haida Gwaii Recreation” be received;

And that the Board decommit the \$23,275 in RBA funds originally earmarked for the Tlell Soccer fields parking lot from the Haida Gwaii Recreation Service and commit the \$23,375 towards the purchase of the Haida Gwaii Recreation vehicle;

And that the Board repay the \$50,000 interfund borrowing allocated in resolutions 149-2026 and 152-2026 from the Haida Gwaii Recreation service and commit the \$50,000 towards the purchase of the Cargo Van;

And that the Board allocate \$50,000 from the Area E Parks & Trails Capital and Planning Reserve to replace the above interfund borrowing;

And further that the Board approve that the remaining \$26,625 of the Haida Gwaii Recreation vehicle purchase be funded via an equipment loan through the MFA.

[2026.06.19 Staff Report - HG Rec Cargo Van Final](#)

9. BYLAWS

- 9.1 D. Fish, Chief Administrative Officer - Proposed Oona River Community Hall & Grounds Service Establishing Bylaw No. 718, 2026 **126 - 143**

That the staff report entitled “Proposed Oona River Community Hall & Grounds Service Establishing Bylaw No. 718, 2026” be received;

And that that the Board of the North Coast Regional District proceed with First Reading of Bylaw No. 718, 2026.

That the Board of the North Coast Regional District proceed with Second Reading of Bylaw No. 718, 2026.

That the Board of the North Coast Regional District proceed with Third Reading of Bylaw No. 718, 2026.

[2026.06.19 Oona River Community Hall Service Establishment Bylaw 718. Oona River Community Hall and Grounds Service Establishment](#)
[2026.06.19 Attachment B Oona River Community Feedback Surveys](#)

- 9.2 A. Baigent, Community Planner & Advisor, Urban Systems - Update: Application for proposed Moresby Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 236, 1995 (Amendment Bylaw No. 715, 2026) and Sandspit-Moresby Island Interim Zoning Bylaw No. 186, 1989 (Amendment Bylaw No. 716, 2026) – Hekate’s Retreat – Sandspit

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That the Staff Report dated June 19, 2026, entitled “Update: Application for proposed Moresby Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 236, 1995 (Amendment Bylaw No. 715, 2026) and Sandspit-Moresby Island Interim Zoning Bylaw No. 186, 1989 (Amendment Bylaw No. 716, 2026) – Hekate’s Retreat – Sandspit” be received for information;

And that the summary of the Public Hearing held Tuesday May 26, 2026, regarding “Moresby Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 236, 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 715, 2026”, and “Sandspit-Moresby Island Interim Zoning Bylaw No. 186, 1989, Amendment Bylaw No. 716, 2026” be received.

That the Board of the North Coast Regional District proceed with Third Reading of Bylaw No. 715, 2026.

That the Board of the North Coast Regional District proceed with Third Reading of Bylaw No. 716, 2026.

[2026.06.19 Hekate Retreat Public Hearing - Staff Report](#)
[2026.05.26 Public Hearing Minutes Reporting](#)
[Final Public Hearing Written Submissions Redacted \(1\)](#)
[Sandspit community map](#)
[715. 2026 Hekate Retreat - OCP Amendment Bylaw](#)
[716. 2026 Hekate Retreat - GC-1 Zoning Bylaw](#)

10. LAND REFERRALS / PLANNING

- 10.1 C. Wentland, Planning/Economic Development Officer - Land Referral 196927176 – 001; 196928798 – 001; 196928072 - 001 – Rogers Communications – License of Occupation for Communications Site, Electric Powerline, and Road

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That the Staff Report entitled “Land Referral 196927176 – 001; 196928798 – 001; 196928072 - 001 – Rogers Communications – License of Occupation for Communications Site, Electric Powerline, and Road”, be received;

And that the Board provide a response to the Ministry supporting approval of the project.

[2026.06.19 STAFF REPORT LAND REFERRAL 196927176 - 001 \(2\)](#)

11. NEW BUSINESS

- 11.1 Director's Reports

That the Director's verbal reports be received.

- 11.2 D. Fish, Chief Administrative Officer - Joint Advocacy Letter Re: Emergency Management Funding

185 - 188

That the Board of the North Coast Regional District support sending a joint-advocacy letter to the Hon. Minister Green, Emergency Management & Climate Readiness, advocating for the continuation of emergency management funding for local government programs.

[Regional District Chairs and CAOs Forum - joint advocacy follow-up 202604xx Joint Advocacy Letter re Emergency Management Funding](#)

- 11.3 Director Putterill, Electoral Area E - Louise Narrows Dredging

For direction.

- 11.4 Director Putterill, Electoral Area E - Ministry of Transportation and Transit Road Issues

For direction.

12. OLD BUSINESS

13. PUBLIC INPUT

14. ADJOURNMENT

- 14.1 Adjourn

That the Board resolves to adjourn the June 19, 2026 meeting the time being ___ P.M.



**North Coast Regional District
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 15, 2026 2:00 PM**

Held at the Highliner Hotel (815 1st Avenue, Prince Rupert, BC V8J 1B3)

- Chair: B. Pages, Village of Masset
- Directors: B. Cunningham, City of Prince Rupert
D. Franzen, District of Port Edward
L. Pineault, Village of Daajing Giids (via teleconference)
S. Cabianca, Village of Port Clements
O. Rutherford, Electoral Area A
K. Bergman, Electoral Area C
J. Young, Electoral Area D
E. Putterill, Electoral Area E (via teleconference)
- Regrets: H. Pond, City of Prince Rupert
- Staff: D. Fish, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Landrath, Treasurer
C. Edwards, Corporate Officer
C. Wentland, Planning/Economic Development Officer
- Public Media: 0

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Call to Order at 2:04 P.M.
- 1.2 *The North Coast Regional District acknowledges the traditional territory of the Haida and Tsimshian on which this meeting takes place.*

2. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA (ADDITIONS/DELETIONS)

- 2.1 Adoption of Agenda

That the May 15, 2026 North Coast Regional District Regular Board Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended to include:

- 11.2 D. Fish, Chief Administrative Officer -MIRR Community Engagement
- 11.3 Director Young, Electoral Area D - Northern Health Temporary Foreign Worker Policy

- 11.4 Director Putterill, Electoral Area E - 2026 Census Delivery
- 11.5 Director Putterill, Electoral Area E - Scenic Highway Improvement Act.

Director Cunningham/Director Franzen

240-2026

CARRIED

3. BOARD MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 North Coast Regional District Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2026

That the April 17, 2026 North Coast Regional District Regular Board meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

Director Franzen/Director Young

241-2026

CARRIED

3.2 North Coast Regional District Committee of the Whole Minutes of April 18, 2026

That the April 18, 2026 North Coast Regional District Committee of the Whole meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

Director Cunningham/Director Young

242-2026

CARRIED

4. STANDING COMMITTEE / COMMISSION MINUTES - BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Recommendation from the March 18, 2026, Electoral Area Advisory Committee Meeting

Director Rutherford joined the meeting at 2:07 P.M.

That the Board of the North Coast Regional District send correspondence to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit to inquire into the possibility of partnership opportunities to address funding for shoreline erosion mitigation on Haida Gwaii.

Director Young/Director Cunningham

243-2026

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

6. FINANCE

6.1 S. Landrath, Treasurer – Supplier Payments over \$5,000 for April 2026

That the report 'Supplier Payments over \$5,000 for April, 2025' be received for information.

Director Franzen/Director Young

244-2026

CARRIED

- 6.2 S. Landrath, Treasurer & Steve Kietzmann, Doane Grant Thornton LLP - 2025 Draft Audited Financial Statements

That the 2025 Draft Audited Financial Statements be adopted as amended subject to the inclusion of a disclosure statement regarding Resource Benefits Alliance funding.

Director Franzen/Director Young

245-2026

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 List of Correspondence Supplied

That the list of correspondence supplied dated May 15, 2026 be received.

Director Cunningham/Director Franzen

246-2026

CARRIED

That the Board of the North Coast Regional District endorse the resolution provided by the City of Prince George regarding the Northern-Rural Homeowners Grant to be submitted to UBCM.

Director Franzen/Director Young

247-2026

CARRIED

- 7.2 I. Brown, Government Relations Manager, BC Transit - Re: Public Transportation – Prince Rupert-Terrace

That Staff be directed to include BC Transit daily bus operation along the Prince Rupert - Terrace corridor and Haida Gwaii within reporting to the Board regarding 2026 UBCM convention Minister meetings.

Director Rutherford/Director Cunningham

248-2026

CARRIED

- 7.3 M. Karjaluo, Our Blood Counts - Request for Letter of Support

That the Board provide a letter of support to Our Blood Counts for the establishment of a treatment center and a mobile blood donation unit in Prince George.

Director Young/Director Franzen

249-2026

CARRIED

- 7.4 C. Lutner, CAO, Village of Daajing Giids - Naqsmist Storytellers- Cultivating Safe Spaces (May 26, 2026)

That the correspondence from C. Lutner, CAO, Village of Daajing Giids

regarding the Naqsmist Storytellers- Cultivating Safe Spaces training be received for information.

Director Young/Director Franzen

250-2026

CARRIED

- 7.5 D. Gunn, Executive Director, Northern Region, Ministry of Transportation and Transit - MOTT Maintenance and Contract Execution for Service Area 27

That the correspondence from D. Gunn, Executive Director, Northern Region, Ministry of Transportation and Transit regarding MOTT Maintenance and Contract Execution for Service Area 27 be received for information.

Director Young/Director Franzen

251-2026

CARRIED

- 7.6 J. Humphries, Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Masset - Masset Organics Diversion Pilot Project

That Staff be directed to continue with the implementation of the pilot project and bring back reporting on any impacts to the Board.

Director Franzen/Director Cunningham

252-2026

CARRIED

- 7.7 B. Johnson, Communications Support, North Central Local Government Association - Opportunity for Joint Advocacy participation - Request for an Independent Expert Led Review of Universal Mental Health Care in British Columbia

That the Board of the North Coast Regional District endorse the joint advocacy letter provided by the North and Central Local Government Association regarding the request for an independent expert-led review of universal mental health care in British Columbia.

Director Cunningham/Director Franzen

253-2026

CARRIED

8. REPORTS / RESOLUTIONS

- 8.1 S. Landrath, Treasurer - NCRD's Investment Portfolio Update

That the staff report entitled "NCRD's Investment Portfolio Update" be received;

And that Staff be directed to bring forward an investment policy for the Board's consideration.

Director Young/Director Franzen

254-2026

CARRIED

8.2 S. Landrath, Treasurer - Island Solid Waste Landfill Closure

That the staff report entitled “Island Solid Waste Landfill Closure Costs” be received;

And that Staff be directed to investigate potential uses of grant funding, including Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust by submitting an expression of interest to support landfill closure costs;

And further that Staff be directed to report back to the Board at the Regular Board meeting on June 19, 2026.

Director Young/Director Pineault

255-2026

CARRIED

8.3 C. Wentland, Planning and Economic Development Officer - OCP Revitalization: Complete Communities Assessment

That the staff report entitled “OCP Revitalization: Complete Communities Assessment” be received for information.

Director Young/Director Franzen

256-2026

CARRIED

8.4 C. Edwards, Corporate Officer - 2026 UBCM Convention Minister Meeting Requests

That the staff report entitled "2026 UBCM Minister Meeting Requests" be received for information.

Director Young/Director Franzen

257-2026

CARRIED

Pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, the Board gives notice and exercises its authority and excludes the media and public, except for regional district staff from the Closed (In-Camera) Meeting of the Board to deal with matters falling under Section 90 (1)(a) and (j).

That the Board of the North Coast Regional District recess to Closed (In-Camera) meeting at 3:51 P.M. returning immediately following the Closed (In-Camera) meeting.

Chair Pages/

258-2026

CARRIED

Reconvened at 5:09 P.M.

8.5 C. Edwards, Corporate Officer - Director Accommodations - Port Edward Regular Board Meeting - June 19, 2026

That the report from staff entitled “Director Accommodations - Port Edward Regular Board Meeting - June 19, 2026”, be received for information.

Director Cunningham/Director Franzen

259-2026

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

10. LAND REFERRALS / PLANNING

- 10.1 C. Wentland, Planning and Economic Development Officer - Land Referral 195388661 - 003 – Rogers Communications – License of Occupation for Communications Site

That the staff report entitled “Land Referral 195388661 - 003 – Rogers Communications – License of Occupation for Communications Site”, be received;

And that the Board provide a response to the Ministry supporting approval of the project subject to the applicant providing and completing the necessary reporting under the *Species At Risk Act*.

Director Young/Director Cunningham

260-2026

CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS

- 11.1 Director's Reports

Director Cunningham, City of Prince Rupert

- The City's new A&W has opened and has been busy.
- Roadworks crews are completing the cut block of road next to the A&W and roundabout.
- Road repair on the south side of Crestview is underway.
- Sand cleaning along road ways is ongoing due to the large amounts of winter maintenance required during the winter months.

Director Franzen, District of Port Edward

- The District is conducting interviews for a Chief Administrative Officer.
- The District is preparing for its 60th anniversary celebration held on June 20th.
- The District is holding a community cleanup is on the 19th and 21st of May
- The District has adopted its 5 year financial plan.
- Ongoing infrastructure work is underway to address community storm drains.
- The Ministry of Environment and Parks is actively working with the District on Dianna Lake Park improvements and maintenance.

Director Bergman, Electoral Area C

- Seasonal members of the community have begun to arrive.
- Diamond drillers are in the community working in a remote site
- NCRD staff visited the community and hosted a Q&A session regarding service establishment.

Director Cagianca, Village of Port Clements

- The Village hosted a community cleanup where free pickup of garbage was offered for seniors and was well used by the community.
- The Village ordered a new community playground
- Ongoing works to finalize the sewage lagoon in progressing.
- A new clerk has started with the Village.

Director Young, Electoral Area D

- Director Young attended the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Convention.
- Director Young mentioned ongoing community engagement activities in Tlell regarding civic addressing

Director Rutherford, Electoral Area A

- Director Rutherford noted ongoing conversations with the community about the gazebo project.
- O'Brien road maintenance was able to go ahead with brushing and laying some gravel in the community.
- Director Rutherford mentioned that the community was looking to do a scrap metal cleanup project.

Director Pineault, Village of Daajing Giids

- Sturdy Creek which continually floods during high precipitation events is undergoing an archeological study in support of advancing remediation efforts.
- Director Pineault mentioned that the redesign of the logo for the Village is going well.
- The Village will be hosting a townhall on the proposed sewage treatment plant.
- Director Pineault noted that the recent healthcare equality letter was published in the Tyee newspaper and included on a radio broadcast section.

Director Putterill, Electoral Area E

- The Sandspit Boil water advisory was lifted.
- Director Putterill mentioned that a way shack used by the community and Rod and Gun club along Copper Bay Road had been torn down as it was at its end of life.
- The Sandspit Harbour society is beginning a sediment removal project.

Chair Pages, Village of Masset

- The Village's airport runway paving has been making good progress due to good weather and the trees which are impeding the airport glide slope are currently being considered by the CHN.
- Chair Pages noted that the paving company working to pave the airport had a street sweeper available for rent to the Village which was rented to clean up the streets of gravel from winter maintenance.

That the Director's verbal reports be received.

Director Cunningham/Director Franzen

261-2026

CARRIED

11.2 D. Fish, Chief Administrative Officer -MIRR Community Engagement

Staff discussed community engagement events being planned in the civic communities on Haida Gwaii by the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and the Council of the Haida Nation. MIRR has inquired into the potential participation of elected officials during these community meetings. The Board asked questions and Staff responded accordingly.

11.3 Director Young, Electoral Area D - Northern Health Temporary Foreign Worker Policy

Director Young provided an update regarding Northern Health staff who have been inadvertently stripped from their eligibility for temporary foreign worker status by changes

to job descriptions in sweeping policy updates. The Board noted that this issue can also be raised at tomorrow's North West Regional Hospital District meeting.

11.4 Director Putterill, Electoral Area E- 2026 Census Delivery

That Staff send correspondence to the Honourable Melanie Joly copying Andre Loranger, Chief Statistician of Canada, regarding late and haphazard issuance of census forms by mail for 2026.

Director Putterill/Director Cunningham

262-2026

CARRIED

11.5 Director Putterill, Electoral Area E - Scenic Highway Improvement Act.

That Staff investigate all roads designated as scenic highway in Haida Gwaii and bring further reporting to the Board.

Director Putterill/Director Cunningham

263-2026

CARRIED

12. OLD BUSINESS

12.1 Director Pages, Village of Masset - Follow-Up on May 6, 2026, Meeting with BC Ferries

That the Board send correspondence to Union of BC Municipalities requesting that BC Ferries be invited as a presenting organization at the 2026 Union of BC Municipalities Annual General Meeting and Convention.

Director Young/Director Putterill

264-2026

CARRIED

13. PUBLIC INPUT

14. ADJOURNMENT

14.1 Adjournment

That the Board resolves to adjourn the May 15, 2026 meeting the time being 6:20 P.M.

Director Cunningham/Director Franzen

265-2026

CARRIED

Approved and adopted:

Certified correct:

Chair

Corporate Officer



**North Coast Regional District
Electoral Area Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 15, 2026 10:00 AM**
Held at the Highliner Hotel (815 1st Avenue, Prince Rupert, BC V8J 1B3)

Chair: E. Putterill, Electoral Area E (via teleconference)

Directors: O. Rutherford, Electoral Area A
K. Bergman, Electoral Area C
J. Young, Electoral Area D

Regrets: 0
D. Fish, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Landrath, Treasurer

Staff: C. Edwards, Corporate Officer
C. Wentland, Planning/Economic
Development Officer

Public Media: 0

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order at 10:08 A.M.

1.2 *The North Coast Regional District Electoral Area Advisory Committee acknowledges the traditional territory of the Haida and Tsimshian on which this meeting takes place.*

2. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA (ADDITIONS/DELETIONS)

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

That the May 15, 2026 Electoral Area Advisory Committee meeting agenda be adopted as presented.

Director Young/Director Bergman

038-2026

CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Electoral Area Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2026

That the following Electoral Area Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as presented:

- Minutes of the April 15, 2026 Electoral Area Advisory Committee meeting; and

- Minutes of the April 28, 2026 RBA Funding Electoral Area Advisory Committee meeting.

Director Young/Director Bergman

039-2026

CARRIED

4. STANDING COMMITTEE / COMMISSION MINUTES - BUSINESS ARISING

5. FINANCE

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. REPORTS / RESOLUTIONS

Director Rutherford joined the meeting at 10:46 A.M.

7.1 C. Wentland, Planning and Economic Development Officer - OCP Round 2 Scenario Planning

Staff presented a review of completed activities in official community plan revitalization to date, collected feedback during round 2 of public engagement, and guiding topics on draft official community plan statements for input. The Committee asked questions and Staff responded accordingly.

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. PUBLIC INPUT

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Adjourn

That the Electoral Area Advisory Committee resolves to adjourn the May 15, 2026 meeting the time being 12:42 P.M.

Director Young/Director Bergman

040-2026

CARRIED

Approved and adopted:

Certified correct:

Chair

Corporate Officer



**North Coast Regional District
RBA Funding Electoral Area Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes**

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 10:00 AM

Held via teleconference

Chair: E. Putterill, Electoral Area E

Directors: K. Bergman, Electoral Area C
J. Young, Electoral Area D

Regrets: O. Rutherford, Electoral Area A

Staff: D. Fish, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Landrath, Treasurer
C. Edwards, Corporate Officer

Public Media: 0

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order at 7:06 P.M.

1.2 *The North Coast Regional District Electoral Area Advisory Committee acknowledges the traditional territory of the Haida and Tsimshian on which this meeting takes place.*

2. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA (ADDITIONS/DELETIONS)

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

That the May 20, 2026 Electoral Area Advisory Committee meeting agenda be adopted as presented.

Director Bergman/Director Young

041-2026

CARRIED

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 R. Brooks, Secretary, North Coast Mountain Bike Association - 2026 NCRD Community Works Funding Application

That the correspondence from R. Brooks, Secretary, North Coast Mountain Bike Association regarding the 2026 NCRD Community Works Funding Application be received.

Director Bergman/Director Young

042-2026

CARRIED

That Staff be directed to bring the gas tax policy to the next EAAC meeting for review.

Director Bergman/Director Young

043-2026

CARRIED

4. REPORTS / RESOLUTIONS

- 4.1 D. Fish, Chief Administrative Officer - Resource Benefits Alliance & Community Works Funds Funding

That the Electoral Area Advisory Committee recommend to the Board of the North Coast Regional District allocating \$49,800 of RBA funding to the Sandspit placemaking project.

Director Young/Director Bergman

044-2026

CARRIED

That the report entitled "Resource Benefits Alliance & Community Works Funds Funding" be received.

Director Bergman/Director Young

045-2026

CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC INPUT

8. ADJOURNMENT

- 8.1 Adjourn

That the Electoral Area Advisory Committee resolves to adjourn the May 20, 2026 meeting the time being 7:53 P.M.

Director Bergman/Director Young

046-2026

CARRIED

Approved and adopted:

Certified correct:

Chair

Corporate Officer

West Coast Oil Pipeline Engagement

Who We Are

- We represent Alberta's government.
 - Alberta's government plans to submit a proposal - not an application - to the Major Projects Office for a West Coast Oil Pipeline (WCOP) project by July 1, 2026.
 - The Major Projects Office (MPO) was established by the federal government in 2025 to streamline the approval and development of major infrastructure projects considered to be in the national interest.
- We have **structured a team** to work on pre-engagement for the WCOP project. Our team includes Indigenous and non-Indigenous engagement professionals, communications staff, and a full technical team.
- The **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** between Alberta's government and the federal government commits both governments to explore and advance the feasibility of a new crude oil pipeline to Canada's West, working collaboratively to assess regulatory pathways, Indigenous partnership opportunities, and financing options to increase Canadian energy export capacity to global markets.
- WCOP is in **Canada's national interest** because it will strengthen energy security, expand access to global markets, generate economic growth and public revenues, and can create long-term economic opportunities for Indigenous Nations across the project corridor.

Commitments & Values



Community First

We are committed to high-quality engagement standards, grounded in transparency, respect, and consistency.



Stronger Together

We are committed to partnership, guided by a principle of shared benefit and co-ownership.



Sustainability

We are committed to the integration of traditional knowledge, recognizing its importance in informing responsible project development.



Your Voice Matters

Inclusive engagement, ensuring all voices and perspectives have an opportunity to be heard.



Grounded Understanding

Active listening, with a focus on understanding community priorities and concerns.



Building Trust

Proactive risk management, identifying and addressing issues early through open dialogue.

What Are We Engaging About?

- To introduce the project concept and begin building a respectful dialogue.
- To understand preferred communication protocols, including who the appropriate representatives are and how each community prefers to receive information and engage in discussions.
- To gather initial perspectives on the project, including how communities feel about the concept of a potential pipeline and any early questions, priorities, or concerns they may wish to raise.

Project Description

- Alberta's government is preparing a submission for a world-class Indigenous co-owned pipeline to the west coast of British Columbia to strengthen Canada's energy independence, increase global competitiveness and drive prosperity.

Project Timeline

Fall 2025 - ongoing

Engagement and pre-work

Relationship-building conversations began with Indigenous communities in Alberta and British Columbia and continue as part of the Alberta's government's commitment to meaningful and respectful engagement.

October 2025

Project announcement

Alberta's government announced the plan to advance a submission to the Major Projects Office for a west coast oil pipeline.

November 2025

MOU signed

The governments of Canada and Alberta signed an MOU that included a declaration that an Indigenous co-owned Alberta oil pipeline to Asian markets is a project of national interest.

We are here

Submission development

The technical advisory group reviewed the criteria for a project of national interest and assembled a team of technical experts that started preliminary assessment work.

July 2026

Submission

Alberta's government will submit the west coast oil pipeline project to the Major Projects Office for designation as a project of national interest.

Environment & Safety

- We are committed to understanding and managing environmental risks comprehensively.
- Environmental protection is not an afterthought, but part of the earliest planning decisions and regulatory review processes.
- We recognize communities have raised important concerns about potential risks, including spills, impacts to waterways, caribou habitat, salmon habitat, traditional land use, and sensitive coastal and ecosystems. We understand these concerns are serious and deeply rooted in stewardship responsibilities and lived experience. That is why comprehensive environmental review, rigorous study, and meaningful Indigenous engagement would be essential components of any project advancement.
- Early planning will include identifying sensitive landscapes, watercourses, habitats, and ecosystems, and integrating robust protection and mitigation measures into project design. Studies and planning will inform how potential impacts are prevented or minimized.

SAFE SHIPPING

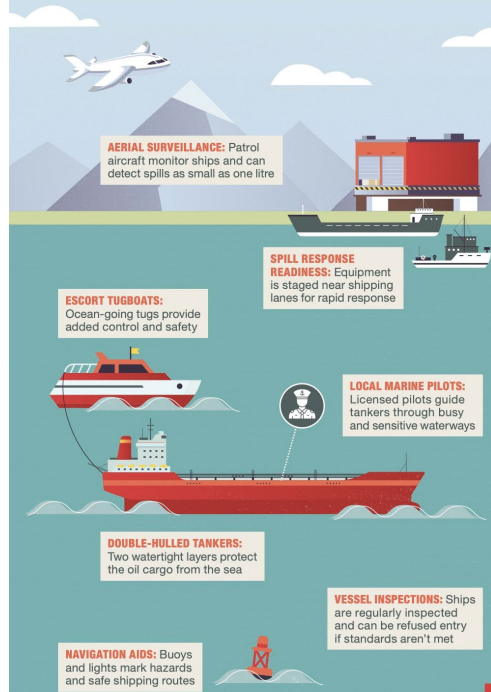
World-Leading Tanker Spill Prevention

Protecting the ocean matters because it **sustains communities, cultures and ecosystems**. It's also a **major transportation route for global trade**—moving more than 80 per cent of the world's goods and commodities by volume.

Oil is the **most widely traded** maritime commodity. And a **lot has changed** since the Exxon Valdez tanker spill in Alaska in 1989. Since then, Canada has implemented some of the **world's toughest safety standards** to prevent spills, strengthen oversight and **improve preparedness** on land and at sea.

Off the coast of British Columbia, there **hasn't been an oil tanker spill in more than 50 years**. That strong track record has continued even with increased tanker traffic.

MARINE SAFETY



READY TO RESPOND

In the **unlikely event** of a spill, certified response agencies are ready to act **day or night**. On British Columbia's coast, this role is carried out by **Western Canada Marine Response (WCMRC)**.

If a spill is reported, the Canadian Coast Guard assesses the situation and determines the response under Transport Canada's regulatory framework. Federal, provincial, municipal and First Nations **partners are notified, and vessels and equipment are deployed**.

A Unified Command coordinates operations as crews work to **contain the spill, protect shorelines and recover oil**.

Response efforts rely on **proven tools**: floating booms to **contain oil and protect sensitive areas**; skimmers to remove oil from the water's surface; and absorbent materials to recover **remaining traces**.

Shoreline cleanup follows, supported by **long-term monitoring and recovery planning**.



We Are Committed to Working Together to Protect Land and Water.

WEST COAST OIL PIPELINE

Working Together to Protect Land and Water



Responsible resource development and environmental stewardship go hand in hand. **Protecting land, water and ocean ecosystems** is central to discussions about any potential pipeline and oil export project.

Working with **Indigenous communities**, Alberta's government is advancing a world-class oil export project designed to protect the environment while delivering long-term economic benefits for people across Canada.

As we advance planning for the proposed project, **safety—for people and the environment—is our top priority**.

That's why we want to share, listen and learn, so together we can design a project that protects what matters most.

LEARN MORE

Website: alberta.ca/west-coast-oil-pipeline
Email: IR.Project.Engagement@gov.ab.ca



PIPELINE SAFETY

High Standards, Proven Performance

Pipelines are a **safe, reliable and environmentally conscious** way of transporting oil and gas. Spills, leaks and ruptures are rare: on average each year, **99.999 per cent** of the oil transported on Canada's federally regulated pipelines **moves safely to its destination**.

Prevention is our top priority at every stage of the pipeline life cycle—from planning and design to construction and operations. **Indigenous communities are integral partners** in project design, providing local and traditional knowledge that informs planning and decision-making. Indigenous monitors oversee environmental and cultural compliance from planning through construction and operations.



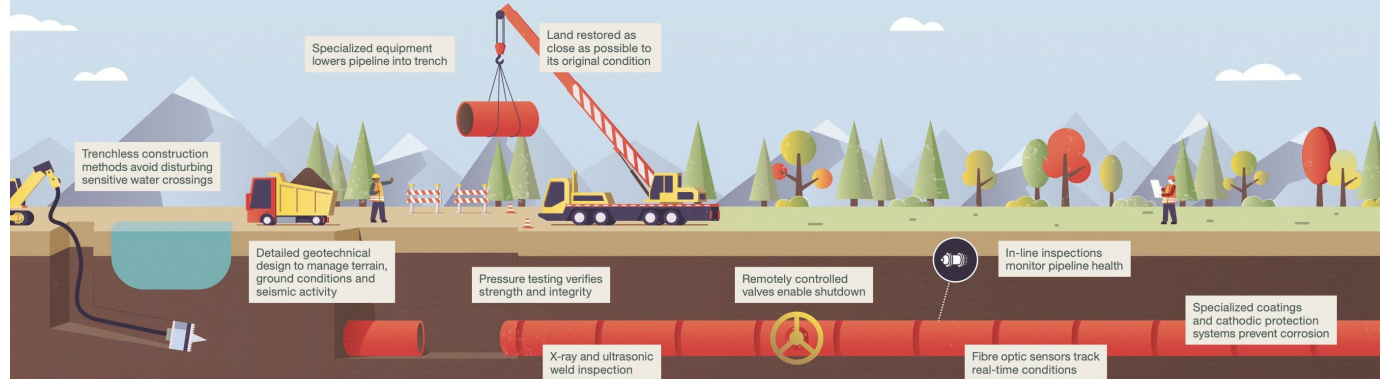
Regular aerial surveys and on-the-ground inspections



24/7 monitoring using satellite data

CONSTRUCTION

OPERATIONS



Pipeline construction follows a rigorously controlled process to ensure safety and minimize environmental impact.

Before work begins, the route is carefully selected in consultation with Indigenous and local communities. The most suitable construction methodologies are selected based on the topography.

The route is surveyed and marked, vegetation is selectively cleared, and topsoil is removed and stored for later reclamation. Pipe sections are then laid out, bent to match the land's contours and welded together.

Each weld is inspected using advanced testing methods such as X-ray or

ultrasonic technology to confirm quality and integrity.

The pipeline is installed by excavating a trench and carefully lowering pipe into place, with trenchless methods like directional drilling used in sensitive areas like water crossings to avoid disturbance.

After backfilling, the pipeline is pressure-tested at levels above normal operating conditions to verify its strength and integrity.

The process concludes with cleanup and reclamation, restoring the land as closely as possible to its original condition.



Pipeline operations rely on multiple overlapping safety systems designed to prevent incidents and detect issues early.

Pipelines are monitored 24/7 from central control centres using real-time data, supported by regular aerial surveys and on-the-ground inspections.

Pipelines are engineered and maintained to strict safety standards, with protective coatings and corrosion-control systems in place. Remotely controlled valves can quickly isolate and shut down sections of a pipeline if abnormal conditions are detected.

A range of advanced technologies helps strengthen pipeline safety.

Flow meters track changes in flow that may indicate a leak, while fibre optic cables monitor temperature, vibration, ground movement and external activity along the pipeline route.

Internal inspection tools, known as smart pigs, regularly scan pipelines from the inside, and if potential issues are identified, targeted integrity digs are carried out to inspect, repair and restore the affected area.

We Are Committed to High Standards - Prevention is Our Top Priority.

Economic Opportunities

- The MOU between Alberta's and Canada's governments regarding a proposed pipeline project affirms Indigenous communities as true partners, with pathways to ownership, economic benefits and long-term prosperity.
- There will be opportunities associated with the proposed project, including employment, training, contracting, and procurement packages.
- The scope and timing of these opportunities will become clearer as the project advances and more detailed planning is completed, but partnership with Indigenous communities will be crafted from the start.

Possible Next Steps

- We are open to discussing whatever form of arrangement a community may wish to consider at this stage, whether that be continued meetings, presentations, communications protocol, letter of intent, memorandum of understanding, or another form of early-stage agreement that supports ongoing dialogue and collaboration.
- Please let us know:
 - ✓ What questions do you have about this phase of the project?
 - ✓ How would you like to receive information/communications protocol for this project for your community?
 - ✓ Who in your community should we be engaging with as discussions continue?
 - ✓ What information you'd like to receive?
 - ✓ Can we follow-up over the next few months?

North Coast Regional District June 2026

Newton Choy, General Manager - CSD, BC North
Member of the TELUS team

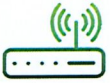
Loralee Huson, Manager - CSD, North Coast
Member of the TELUS team

Jarred Anderson, Local Gov't Lead, BC
Member of the TELUS team

Mascon Retirement: Update



Timeline



Outcome



Let's make
the future friendly™

North Coast Regional District

Supplier payments over \$5,000 - May, 2026

Payable To	Amount	Purpose
Aurora Design Group Ltd.	\$ 67,804.77	Project 1836 - Haida Gwaii Repair Work (Sandspit Water)
BC Hydro	\$ 7,375.46	New RD building, Regional Recycling, ISW (landfill), Sandspit Hall & Sandspit Pumphouses hydro (5 invoices)
Big Red Enterprises Ltd.	\$ 20,795.83	April garbage collection
Christie 3D Adorn Ltd.	\$ 12,059.25	Excavator service, porto toilet rental/cleaning and labour & truck-fencing (2 invoices)
Doane Grant Thornton LPP	\$ 18,375.00	2025 NCRD Audit - bill #1
Haida Gwaii Fuel Ltd.	\$ 10,419.18	April statement (15 invoices)
Horst, Michael	\$ 49,000.00	2011 Excavator - Takeuchi TB175 MIDI 175301892
Methane Expert Engineering Ltd.	\$ 5,195.65	Solar Flare - Project Initiation
Municipal Pension Plan (MPP)	\$ 11,334.74	PP10-2026 Payroll Remittance (Employee & Employer portions)
Pacific Blue Cross	\$ 16,400.57	PBC/BC Life Premiums - June and ASO (Travel) - April
Receiver General	\$ 19,435.06	PP10-2026 Payroll Remittance
Rocky Point Engineering Ltd.	\$ 5,197.50	Mechanical Consulting & Energy Modelling - New RD building
Rupert Wood'n Steel Construction Ltd.	\$ 81,264.84	Structural Repairs (new RD building), Billing #9
Urban Systems Ltd.	\$ 8,635.20	NCRD On-Demand Planning Services & D/E OCP Support Tasks (2 invoices)
Vancouver Island Regional Library	\$ 17,025.25	2026 Quarter 2 Levy

PAYMENTS OVER \$5,000:	\$	350,318.30
PAYMENTS UNDER \$5,000:	\$	51,483.75
TOTAL PAYMENTS:	\$	<u>401,802.05</u>

Includes vendors paid via credit card



Staff Report

Date: June 19, 2026

To: D. Fish, Chief Administrative Officer

From: S. Landrath, Treasurer

Subject: 2025 Statement of Financial Information

Recommendation:

That the Board of the North Coast Regional District approve the 2025 Statement of Financial Information as presented.

BACKGROUND:

The *Financial Information Act* requires every local government in British Columbia to submit Statements of Financial Information (SOFI) to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing by **June 30th** of each year. Under the *Financial Information Regulations* of SOFI, the Board of Directors must approve the financial information submitted to the Ministry.

The SOFI report ensures municipal compliance with provincial reporting requirements. The purpose of the SOFI is to report the financial statements and disbursements for employee remuneration, goods and services. It is a regulatory requirement for all local governments in British Columbia to submit SOFI report by **June 30** each year and make it available for public examination for 3 years once released.

The SOFI includes the North Coast Regional District's (NCRD) audited financial statements and schedules regarding remuneration paid to the Board of Directors, a listing of the NCRD's employees and their positions with remuneration over the reporting threshold amount of \$75,000, amounts paid to suppliers of goods and/or services to which the NCRD paid a total exceeding \$25,000 including GST and any other taxes during the year, and all grants awarded by the NCRD to not-for-profit organizations for the reporting year.

The schedules are prepared for the provincial government according to the *Financial Information Act Regulations*. It should be noted that SOFI schedules are based on when payments were made rather than the accrual basis normally used for financial statement presentation.

As required under the *Local Government Act Section 376*, the NCRD is required to prepare the SOFI as well as present the audited financial statements of the previous year. Public notice was given that the SOFI report and the audited financial statements are available for public viewing. To this date, no public comments have been received. The SOFI must be approved by the Board before **June 30th** each year.

DISCUSSION:

Board Remuneration

The remuneration amounts disclosed in the SOFI report include the following:

- Honoraria
- Officer's Allowance
- Electronic Devices allowance
- Meeting remuneration

Staff Remuneration

The remuneration amounts disclosed in the SOFI report include the following:

- Salary/Hourly wages
- Vehicle allowance
- Vacation pay
- Statutory holiday pay
- Sick pay
- Medical pay
- Overtime

- Charge hand bonus
- Retroactive wage changes
- Taxable benefits including Accidental Death & Dismemberment, Life Insurance and MSP premiums.

Expenses

The expense amounts disclosed in the SOFI include the following costs to attend board meetings, conventions and professional development courses:

- Travel costs including ferry, airfare, mileage, taxi charges, baggage handling fees
- Accommodations
- Registration fees
- Actual meal costs or per diems

Not included in remuneration or expense disclosure

- Employer's portion of Canada Pension Plan contributions and Employment Insurance premiums
- Payments to the Municipal Pension Plan
- Benefits paid by the employer which are not taxable in the hands of the employee (extended health, dental, and long-term disability)
- Worksafe BC premiums.
- Safety clothing and boot allowances
- Business cards
- Meals and refreshments for board meetings and committee meetings
- Amounts included in accounts payable or prepaid expenses at December 31, 2023

Recoveries/reimbursements

It is important to note that the report does not include any recoveries. So, reimbursements made to the NCRD from the North West Regional Hospital District have not been deducted from the amount reported as expenses of the Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the Board approve the 2025 SOFI report as presented.

NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION (SOFI)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION (SOFI)

Prepared under the *Financial Information Act*

For the year ended December 31, 2025

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MANAGEMENT REPORT

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, section 9

The Financial Statements contained in this Statement of Financial Information under the *Financial Information Act* have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and the integrity and objectivity of these statements are management's responsibility. Management is also responsible for all the statements and schedules, and for ensuring that this information is consistent, where appropriate, with the information contained in the financial statements.

Management is also responsible for implementing and maintaining a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that reliable financial information is produced.

The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that management fulfils its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control.

The external auditors, Doane Grant Thornton LLP, conduct an independent examination, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, and express their opinion on the financial statements. Their examination does not relate to the other schedules and statements required by the *Act*. Their examination includes a review and evaluation of the corporation's system of internal control and appropriate tests and procedures to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements are presented fairly. The external auditors have full and free access to the Board of Directors.

On behalf of the North Coast Regional District



Sharon Landrath, CPA, CA
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION APPROVAL

The undersigned, as authorized by the *Financial Information Regulation*, Schedule 1, subsection 9(2), approves all the statements and schedules included in this Statement of Financial Information, produced under the *Financial Information Act*.

Sharon Landrath, CPA, CA
Treasurer

Barry Pages
Chair

Date

Date



SCHEDULE OF DEBENTURE DEBT

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, Section 4

District of Port Edward - Elementary School	
MFA Issue #126	372,680
Village of Daajing Giids - Improvements to Water System	
MFA Issue #106	240,385
Village of Masset - New Hospital	
MFA Issue #99	1,593,908
MFA Issue #103	538,720
City of Prince Rupert - Airport	
MFA Issue #127	3,821,585
Vancouver Island Regional Library - Capital Financing	
MFA Issue #145	1,072,254
North Coast Regional District - Recycling Depot	
MFA Issue #152	390,765
Village of Daajing Giids - Aerial Line and Transformer Replacement	
MFA Issue #156	174,549
City of Prince Rupert - Woodworth Dam	
MFA Issue #156	8,749,126
City of Prince Rupert - Landfill	
MFA Issue #156	8,749,126
Village of Daajing Giids - Aerial Line and Transformer Replacement	
MFA Issue #159	26,836
City of Prince Rupert - RCMP Station	
MFA Issue #167	17,000,000
Total Outstanding	\$ 42,729,934

MFA Issue #	Maturity Date	Interest Rate
126	September 2028	4.52%
106	October 2029	4.10%
99	October 2031	1.53%
103	October 2032	3.79%
127	April 2034	4.52%
145	April 2038	3.15%
152	October 2040	0.91%
156	September 2036	1.98%
156	September 2046	2.58%
159	June 2038	4.15%
167	October 2055	3.73%



NORTH COAST
REGIONAL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF GUARANTEE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENTS

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, Section 5

The North Coast Regional District has not given any guarantees or indemnities under the *Indemnities and Guarantees Regulation*.



SCHEDULE SHOWING THE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES PAID IN RESPECT OF EACH DIRECTOR

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, Section 6

NAME	POSITION	REMUNERATION	EXPENSES
Adey, Nick	Alternate Director, Prince Rupert	221	2,208
Bergman, Karl	Director, Area C	24,015	20,116
Cabianca, Scott	Director, Port Clements	19,379	14,935
Cunningham, Barry	Director, Prince Rupert	19,822	4,218
Franzen, Daniel	Director, Port Edward	19,522	3,182
Pages, Barry	Chair, Director, Masset	29,948	27,237
Pineault, Lisa	Director, Daajing Giids	19,300	11,875
Pond, Herb	Director, Prince Rupert	19,379	3,894
Putterill, Evan	Director, Area E	24,015	26,259
Rutherford, Ocean	Director, Area A	23,494	6,964
Young, Johanne	Director, Area D	23,567	20,450
TOTAL:		222,662	141,338

**SCHEDULE SHOWING THE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES PAID IN RESPECT OF
EACH EMPLOYEE**

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, Section 6

NAME	POSITION	REMUNERATION	EXPENSES
DesChamp, Timothy	Superintendent of Waste Management	101,438	5,384
Fish, Daniel	Chief Administrative Officer	159,492	19,710
Kidd, Danielle	Operations Manager	101,273	6,283
Landrath, Sharon	Treasurer	135,870	2,829
MacMullin, Alissa	Recreation Coordinator	83,836	5,380
Therrien, Joseph	Truck Driver	77,601	35
Wentland, Chantal	Planner/Economic Development Officer	93,633	13,592
Total employees with remuneration greater than \$75,000		753,143	53,213
Add:			
Employees with remuneration less than \$75,000		914,698	31,757
Board of Directors		222,662	141,338
Total Remuneration and Expenses:		1,890,503	226,308

Add:	
Employer's portion of CPP and EI	126,498
Change in accrued wages and benefits, and other	343,186
Revised Total:	2,586,495
Total Expenses per Statement of Revenue and Expenditures	8,714,229
Less:	
Amortization	(343,181)
Accretion	(109,156)
Municipal debt payments	(2,456,967)
Other expenditures	(3,218,430)
Adjusted Financial Statement Expenses (Total of Salaries and wages and Director expenses)	2,586,495

STATEMENT OF SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, subsection 6(8)

There were no severance agreements made between the North Coast Regional District and its non-unionized employees for the year ended December 31, 2025.



**SCHEDULE SHOWING PAYMENTS MADE FOR THE PROVISION OF GOODS
OR SERVICES**

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, Section 7

1. Alphabetical list of suppliers who received aggregate payments exceeding \$25,000

Supplier Name	Aggregate amount paid to supplier
1300199 BC Ltd.	47,933
Associated Engineering (B.C.) Ltd.	86,781
Bandstra Transportation	69,177
BC Hydro	36,201
Beachy Mechanical	34,445
Big Red Enterprises Ltd.	250,252
Blackwell Consulting Ltd.	61,992
Christie 3D Adorn Ltd. DBA Ticker's Hauling	77,656
Collabria Payment Processing	148,286
Driving Force	71,063
Employer Health Tax	26,126
Fort Fabrication & Welding Ltd.	42,308
Haida Gwaii Fuel Limited Partnership	82,827
Harbour Machining Welding & Fabricating	38,321
Marcan Construction Ltd.	600,453
Municipal Insurance Association	58,508
Municipal Pension Plan	225,835
Obrien & Furst Logging Ltd.	27,750
Obrien Road & Bridge Maintenance Ltd.	27,177
Pacific Blue Cross	116,109
Prudhomme, Bob	42,388
Regional District of Fraser-Fort George	48,506
Receiver General	490,470
Rocky Mountain Phoenix	34,018
Rupert Disposal	32,493
Rupert Wood'N Steel Construction Ltd.	326,903
Sperling Hansen	78,638
Urban Systems	276,091
WASP Manufacturing Ltd.	51,294
Work Safe BC	74,515
Total aggregate amount paid to suppliers	3,584,516

**SCHEDULE SHOWING PAYMENTS MADE FOR THE PROVISION OF GOODS
OR SERVICES**

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, Section 7

2. Consolidated total paid to suppliers who received aggregate payments of \$25,000 or less

Consolidated total <\$25,000	710,200
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3. Alphabetical list of organizations who received grant payments

Supplier Name	Aggregate amount paid to organization
Copper Bay Concrete (on behalf of Sandspit Community Hall Association)	34,859
Delkatla Sanctuary Society	5,000
Dixon Entrance Maritime Museum Society	9,000
Dodge Cove Recreation Society	3,000
Haida Gwaii Arts Council Society	5,000
Haida Gwaii Museum	65,000
Haida Gwaii Regional Recreation Commission	73,490
Ministry of Forests (Jungle Beach)	3,000
Misty Isles Economic Development Society	31,500
Museum of Northern BC	27,500
North Coast Adanac Builders Ltd. (on behalf of Prince Rupert Gymnastics Association)	60,009
North Coast Transition Society	2,750
Oona River Community Association	2,500
Port Clements Historical Society & Museum	27,000
Port Edward Harbour Authority	1,423
Port Edward Historical Society (North Pacific Cannery)	165,000
Prince Rupert Performing Arts Centre Society	27,500
Prince Rupert Public Library	7,000
Prince Rupert Regional Archives	140,608
Tow Hill Community Association	1,100
Vancouver Island Regional Library	69,854
Consolidated total	762,093

**SCHEDULE SHOWING PAYMENTS MADE FOR THE PROVISION OF GOODS
OR SERVICES**

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, Section 7

4 Reconciliation

Total of aggregate payments exceeding \$25,000 paid to suppliers	3,584,516
Consolidated total of payments of \$25,000 or less paid to suppliers	710,200
Consolidated total of all grants	762,093
TOTAL Cheques	5,056,809
Less	
Employee expenses included on SOFI	(203,716)
Change in accounts payable and accrued expenses, and payments for non-expense items and other	(1,634,663)
Revised Total:	3,218,430
Total Expenses per Statement of Revenue and Expenditures	8,714,229
Less:	
Salaries and wages	(2,228,405)
Amortization	(343,181)
Accretion	(109,156)
Director expenses	(358,090)
Municipal debt payments	(2,456,967)
Adjusted Financial Statement Expenses	3,218,430

NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2025



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Independent auditor's report

To the Board of Directors of North Coast Regional District

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of North Coast Regional District ("the District"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2025, and the statements of financial activities, cash flows, changes in net financial assets and remeasurement gains and losses for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of North Coast Regional District as at December 31, 2025, and the results of operations, its changes in cash flows, its net financial assets and remeasurement gains and losses for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the District in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other matter – previous auditor

The financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024 were audited by another auditor who expressed an unqualified opinion on May 09, 2025.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the District's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to a going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the District or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the District's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the District's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the District to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Prince Rupert, Canada
June 12, 2026

Doane Grant Thornton LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

**NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31
STATEMENT A**

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,784,365	984,246
Investments (note 2)	11,005,271	9,056,039
Trade and other receivables (note 3)	841,102	1,220,452
MFA deposit (note 4)	647,563	590,737
Due from Municipalities (note 9)	<u>42,339,169</u>	<u>27,122,777</u>
	<u>56,617,470</u>	<u>38,974,251</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accruals (note 5)	560,854	535,782
Deferred revenue (note 7)	6,163,256	3,671,117
MFA debt reserve (note 4)	647,563	590,737
MFA loan and debenture debt for Regional District (note 8)	590,814	632,699
Debentures issued for Municipalities (note 9)	42,339,169	27,122,777
Asset retirement obligations (note 6)	<u>1,887,770</u>	<u>1,312,492</u>
	<u>52,189,426</u>	<u>33,865,604</u>
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	<u>4,428,044</u>	<u>5,108,647</u>
NON- FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible capital assets (schedule 5)	7,272,458	6,032,381
Prepaid expenses	<u>74,288</u>	<u>55,336</u>
	<u>7,346,746</u>	<u>6,087,717</u>
NET ASSETS (note 11)	<u>11,774,790</u>	<u>11,196,364</u>

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

_____ Chair

Handroth Treasurer

The accompany notes and schedules are an integral part of these financial statements.

**NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31
STATEMENT B**

	Budget 2025 (note 13) \$	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
REVENUE			
Sales, fees and other	2,451,069	2,730,984	2,537,640
Taxation	2,536,975	2,550,031	2,419,381
Municipal debt payments	2,456,967	2,456,967	2,375,357
Provincial, federal and other grants	1,681,130	1,422,007	2,323,740
Grants in lieu	<u>104,210</u>	<u>132,666</u>	<u>127,773</u>
	<u>9,230,351</u>	<u>9,292,655</u>	<u>9,783,891</u>
EXPENDITURE			
General Government	1,969,540	1,600,890	1,156,033
Municipal debt payments	2,456,967	2,456,967	2,375,357
Protective Services	625,400	364,160	211,555
Environmental Services	2,443,283	2,770,170	2,528,212
Planning and Development	494,840	408,528	318,233
Recreation and Cultural Services	1,304,500	892,286	941,143
Utility Services	173,070	203,805	271,858
Communications	15,550	16,423	22,043
Projects	<u>30,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>17,310</u>
	<u>9,513,150</u>	<u>8,714,229</u>	<u>7,841,744</u>
ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(282,799)	578,426	1,942,147
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>11,196,364</u>	<u>11,196,364</u>	<u>9,254,217</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>10,913,565</u>	<u>11,774,790</u>	<u>11,196,364</u>

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**NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31
STATEMENT C**

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Annual surplus	578,426	1,942,147
Items not affecting cash		
(Gain) on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	(22,421)
Amortization	343,181	383,962
Accretion adjustment	109,156	4,067
	<u>1,030,763</u>	<u>2,307,755</u>
 Changes in non-cash working items		
Increase in tangible capital assets due to asset retirement obligations	-	(65,423)
Accounts payables and accruals	25,072	(160,164)
Trade and other receivables	379,350	(534,218)
Deferred revenue	2,492,139	548,610
Prepaid expenses	(18,952)	(5,861)
	<u>3,908,372</u>	<u>2,090,699</u>
 FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Loan repayments	<u>(41,885)</u>	<u>(36,634)</u>
 INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of investments	(1,949,232)	(564,223)
Purchase of tangible capital assets	(1,117,136)	(1,348,245)
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	-	34,233
	<u>(3,066,368)</u>	<u>(1,878,235)</u>
 CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	800,119	175,830
 OPENING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<u>984,246</u>	<u>808,416</u>
 CLOSING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<u>1,784,365</u>	<u>984,246</u>

The accompany notes and schedules are an integral part of these financial statements.

**NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31
STATEMENT D**

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Annual Surplus	578,426	1,942,147
Amortization	343,181	383,962
Purchase of tangible capital assets	(1,117,136)	(1,348,245)
Increase in tangible capital assets due to asset retirement obligations	(466,122)	(65,423)
Disposal of tangible capital assets at net book value	-	11,812
Accretion adjustment	(109,156)	-
Prepaid expenses	<u>(18,952)</u>	<u>(5,861)</u>
 Increase (decrease) in net financial assets	 (680,603)	 918,392
 Opening net financial assets	 <u>5,108,647</u>	 <u>4,190,255</u>
 Closing net financial assets	 <u>4,428,044</u>	 <u>5,108,647</u>

The accompany notes and schedules are an integral part of these financial statements.

**NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REMEASUREMENT GAINS AND LOSSES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31
STATEMENT E**

	2025 \$	2024 \$
ACCUMULATED REMEASUREMENT LOSS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	(120,005)	(172,789)
Unrealized gain attributable to investments	<u>15,096</u>	<u>52,784</u>
ACCUMULATED REMEASUREMENT LOSS, END OF YEAR	<u>(104,909)</u>	<u>(120,005)</u>

The accompany notes and schedules are an integral part of these financial statements.

NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2025

The North Coast Regional District (the "Regional District") was incorporated in 1967 under the laws of the Province of British Columbia and operates under the provisions of the Community Charter and the Local Government Act.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**a. Basis of presentation**

The financial statements of the Regional District have been prepared in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards ("PSAS") and are presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

The Regional District maintains the following funds that are combined in the financial statements:

- Operating fund reports the general activities of the Regional District.
- Capital fund reports the tangible capital assets of the Regional District together with the related financing.
- Reserve fund reports the activities of the funds established by bylaw for specific purposes.
- All inter-fund balances have been eliminated.

b. Revenue recognition

Taxation revenues are recognized when requisitioned from the Province of British Columbia and member Municipalities. Sale of services and user fee revenues are recognized when the service or product is provided by the Regional District. Government transfers are the transfer of assets from senior levels of government that are not the result of an exchange transaction, are not expected to be repaid in the future, or the result of a direct financial return. Government transfers are recognized as revenue in the period that the events giving rise to the transfer occur, providing the transfers are authorized, any eligibility criteria and stipulations have been met, and reasonable estimates of the amounts can be made.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year received or in the year the funds are committed to the Regional District if the amount can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Externally restricted contributions are contributions for which the contributor has placed restrictions on the use of the resources. Externally restricted contributions are deferred until the resources are used for the purpose specified, at which time the contributions are recognized as revenue. In-kind contributions are recorded at their fair value when they are received.

Revenues received in advance of expenses that will be incurred in a later period are deferred or transferred to the appropriate reserves until they are matched against those expenses.



NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

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DECEMBER 31, 2025

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**c. Financial instruments**

All financial instruments are recorded at their cost or amortized cost except for portfolio investments in equity instruments quoted in an active market and derivatives which are recorded at their fair value with unrealized measurement gains and losses recorded in the statement of remeasurement gains and losses. Once realized, remeasurement gains and losses are transferred to the statement of operations. Changes in the fair value on restricted assets are recognized as a liability until the criterion attached to the restrictions has been met, upon which the gain or loss is recognized in the statement of operations.

Transaction costs related to financial instruments measured at cost or amortized cost are added to the carrying value of the financial instrument. Transaction costs related to financial instruments recorded at their fair values are expensed as incurred.

Financial liabilities (or part of a financial liability) are removed from the statement of financial position when, and only when, they are discharged or cancelled or expire.

The Regional District's financial instruments are not exposed to significant interest rate, liquidity, market or other price risks.

d. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include short-term investments with maturity dates within 90 days of acquisition and liquid pooled funds administered by Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia. Cash and cash equivalents are reported at amortized cost.

e. Investments

Investments are comprised of money market instruments, term deposits, banker's acceptances and corporate, federal and provincial bonds with maturity dates greater than 90 days after acquisition. Investments are carried at fair value if quoted in an active market, and other investments are carried at amortized cost.



NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2025

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

f. Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization, and are amortized using the straight-line method as follows:

Buildings	40 years
Automotive	10 years
Equipment	10, 15 and 20 years
Infrastructure	
Water	40 years
Communications	40 years
Landfill	Based on life
Charging stations	10 years

Contributed tangible capital assets are reported at fair value at the time of donation and are also recorded as revenue.

g. Equity in Tangible capital assets

Equity in tangible capital assets reports the accumulated funded historical cost of tangible capital assets less accumulated amortization.

h. Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with PSAS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. Estimates include the life of tangible capital assets, asset retirement obligations and retirement liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Adjustments, if any, will be reflected in operations in the period of settlement.

i. Segmented information

A segment is defined as a distinguishable activity or group of activities of a government for which it is appropriate to separately report financial information to achieve the objectives of the standard. The Regional District has provided definitions of the Regional District’s segments in Note 12. A detailed summary of the 2025 revenues and expenditures can be found in Schedule 6.

NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2025

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**j. Asset Retirement Obligations**

A liability for an asset retirement obligation is recognized when all of the following criteria are met:

- There is a legal obligation to incur retirement costs in relation to a tangible capital assets;
- The past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred;
- It is expected that future economic benefits will be given up; and
- A reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

The liability is measured at the Regional District's best estimate of the amount required to retire a tangible capital asset (or a component thereof) at the financial statement date. The estimate includes costs directly attributable to the asset retirement activities. The costs also include post-retirement operation, maintenance and monitoring that are an integral part of the retirement of the tangible capital asset and the costs of tangible capital assets acquired as part of asset retirement activities to the extent those assets have no alternative use.

Upon initial recognition of the liability for an asset retirement obligation, the carrying amount of the corresponding tangible capital asset (or component thereof) is increased by the same amount. The capitalized asset retirement cost is expensed in a rational and systematic manner over the useful life of the tangible capital asset (or component thereof). For obligations for which there is no tangible capital asset recognized or for tangible capital assets that are no longer in productive use, the asset retirement costs are expensed immediately. Subsequently, the liability is reviewed at each financial statement reporting date and adjusted for (1) changes as a result of the passage of time with corresponding accretion expense and (2) adjusted for any revisions to the timing, amount of the original estimate of undiscounted cash flows, or the discount rate. Adjustments to the liability as a result of revisions to the timing, amount of the estimate of undiscounted cash flows or the discount rate are adjusted to the cost of the related tangible capital asset and the revised carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset is amortized except for adjustments related to tangible capital assets that are not recognized or no longer in productive use, which are expensed in the period they are incurred.

The asset retirement costs are amortized straight-line over the estimated useful remaining life of the underlying asset.

A recovery related to asset retirement obligation is recognized when the recovery can be appropriately measured; reasonably estimated and it is expected that future economic benefits will be obtained. The recovery is not netted against the liability.



NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2025

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**k. Municipal Pension Plan**

The Regional District's pension plan follows the guidelines of the Municipal Pension Plan which is administered by the Province of British Columbia for all British Columbia municipalities. The Regional District and its employees contribute to the Municipal Pension Plan (a jointly trustee pension plan). The board of trustees, representing plan members and employers is responsible for administering the plan, including investment assets and administration of benefits. The plan is a multi-employer defined benefit plan.

l. Budget Presentation

Budget information is presented on a basis consistent with that used for actual results. The budget figures are based on the North Coast Regional District 2025-2029 Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 700, 2025 adopted by the board on March 21, 2025.



NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2025

2. INVESTMENTS

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Municipal Finance Authority ("MFA") investment funds	3,926,596	3,789,448
Guaranteed Investment Certificates ("GICs") and deposit notes	<u>7,078,675</u>	<u>5,266,591</u>
	<u>11,005,271</u>	<u>9,056,039</u>

MFA Investments are pooled investment funds by which municipalities in B.C. can access high-quality investments, while maintaining a high degree of security and liquidity. These investments are recorded at fair market value.

GICs and deposit notes include GICs and term deposits at interest rates of 3.4% - 5.7%, with maturity from 2026 to 2027, recorded at cost.

3. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Provincial and federal governments	472,185	636,236
Trade receivables and other	248,518	282,485
Regional and local governments	176,605	302,206
Allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>(56,206)</u>	<u>(475)</u>
	<u>841,102</u>	<u>1,220,452</u>



NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2025

4. MFA DEPOSIT AND DEBT RESERVE

A condition of MFA borrowings stipulates that a portion of the debenture proceeds be withheld as a security deposit and a debt reserve fund.

The Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia ("MFA") provides capital financing for regional districts and their member municipalities. The MFA is required to establish a Debt Reserve Fund. The MFA must then use this fund if at any time there are insufficient funds to meet payments on its obligations.

Each regional district, through its member municipalities who share in the proceeds of a debt issue, is required to pay into the Debt Reserve Fund certain amounts set out in the financing agreements. The interest earned on the Debt Reserve Fund Cash Deposit, less administrative expenses, becomes an obligation of the MFA to the member municipalities through the regional districts. Upon the maturity of a debt issue, the unused portion of the Debt Reserve Fund established for that issue will be discharged to the municipality, including interest earned. Use of the Cash Deposit is restricted by legislation. The detail of the cash deposits and demand notes at year-end are as follows:

Local Government	Issue	Debt Reserve Fund	Demand Note
		\$	\$
Village of Daajing Giids	159	324	1,100
Village of Daajing Giids	156	2,564	6,455
Village of Daajing Giids	106	14,032	24,697
City of Prince Rupert	167	170,401	310,356
City of Prince Rupert	156	112,377	180,180
City of Prince Rupert	156	112,377	180,180
City of Prince Rupert	127	93,301	163,036
City of Prince Rupert	94	-	196,768
District of Port Edward	126	20,618	51,331
Village of Masset	103	20,526	31,570
Village of Masset	99	82,935	114,516
Vancouver Island Regional Library	145	18,108	36,537
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Total		647,563	1,296,726

The cash portion of the debt reserve fund is recognized as a financial asset with an offsetting liability in the financial statements. The demand notes are contingent liabilities and are not recorded in the financial statements.



NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2025

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUALS

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Payroll and benefits payable	302,728	221,579
Trade payables and other	216,781	291,437
Provincial and federal governments	33,155	20,564
Regional and local governments	8,190	2,202
	<u>560,854</u>	<u>535,782</u>

6. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

Landfill Closure

The total estimated cost for closure of the Islands Solid Waste ("ISW") Landfill Phase 5, which is expected to reach capacity in early 2027; Phase 6, which is expected to reach capacity in 2038; and post closure monitoring of Phases 1 to 3, closed in 2009; of Phase 5, to be closed in 2027 and Phase 6, to be closed in 2038 at December 31, 2025 is \$3,092,497 (2024 - \$1,361,640). The total landfill closure estimate presented is based on the present value of the closure and post closure costs using a discount rate of 4.92% and an inflation rate of 2.22%. As at December 31, 2025 the present value of the closure and monitoring costs is estimated at \$1,811,333 (2024 - \$1,246,534).

Buildings and Land

The Regional District owns and operates several assets that are known to have asbestos, which represents a health hazard upon demolition or renovation of assets. There is a legal obligation to remove and dispose of the hazardous materials.

Estimated costs totalling \$109,525 (2024 - \$104,616) have been discounted using a present value calculation with a discount rate of 4.92%.

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Landfill closure estimate:		
Phase 5	676,235	820,293
Phase 1 – 3 monitoring costs	242,226	426,241
Phase 6 closure costs	614,565	-
Phase 5 monitoring costs	36,522	-
Phase 6 monitoring costs	236,785	-
Buildings and land remediation	76,437	65,958
	<u>1,887,770</u>	<u>1,312,492</u>



NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2025

6. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS (continued)

Undiscounted expected expenditures for the next 5 years and thereafter:

	\$
2026	17,762
2027	818,908
2028	18,561
2029	18,973
2030	49,195
2031 and thereafter	<u>2,278,623</u>
	<u>3,202,022</u>

7. DEFERRED REVENUE

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Community Works Funding	3,270,672	3,048,750
Resource benefits alliance prepayment	2,591,637	124,392
Other	<u>300,947</u>	<u>497,975</u>
	<u>6,163,256</u>	<u>3,671,117</u>

Community Works Funding is a component of the federal government's "Investing in Canada Program" which allocates a portion of gas tax revenues to local governments to address infrastructure deficits. Interest income has been allocated to gas tax and reserve funds based on the relative equity.

The North Coast Regional District received \$836,706 of Resource Benefits Alliance Funding in August 2024. \$712,314 of these funds were allocated to various services in 2024 and \$124,392 of these funds were reserved for administration costs. The \$124,392 was allocated in 2025.

During the year, the Regional District received \$2,510,118 as their 2025 to 2027 fiscal year allocation under the Northwest B.C. Regional Funding Agreement with the Province of British Columbia. The agreement states that a Regional District must put annual payments into existing (or new) reserve funds that have been established for each of the services that will be allocated the annual payments. These amounts can be deferred for up to 24 months, until the deposit of that portion of the payment has been made into the reserve funds for any of these services. Should the reserve funds not be set-up and funds allocated by the end of the 24 months, the Province of British Columbia may require the Regional District to repay some or all the previous annual payments received.



NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2025

7. DEFERRED REVENUE (continued)

All Regional District services are separate and distinct and must be funded as such. Given that the Regional District had not received budgetary approval to allocate \$2,591,637 of the funding received to date to new or established reserve funds by December 31, 2025, the Regional District has recognized the unallocated portion of the grant as deferred revenue until such as time as that approval is obtained and new reserve funds established by bylaw (if required).

8. MFA LOAN AND DEBENTURE DEBT FOR REGIONAL DISTRICT

Debt is recorded and payable in Canadian dollars. It is the current policy of the Municipal Finance Authority to secure debt repayable only in Canadian dollars.

FUNCTION	ISSUE	LOAN AUTHORIZATION BYLAW	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	ORIGINAL VALUE \$	2025 \$	2024 \$
Regional Recycling Depot	152	626	Oct, 2040	0.91%	500,000	390,765	413,377
Island Solid Waste	Equipment Financing	NA	Oct, 2032	4.94%	250,000	200,049	219,322
						590,814	632,699

Payments of principal on issued debt of the Regional District, not including member municipalities, for the next five years are:

2026 \$	2027 \$	2028 \$	2029 \$	2030 \$	Total \$
42,054	42,610	42,610	42,610	42,610	212,494

NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

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9. DEBENTURES ISSUED FOR MUNICIPALITIES

When a member municipality within the Regional District wishes to issue debenture debt through the Municipal Finance Authority of BC ("MFA"), the borrowing is done through the Regional District.

The Regional District is therefore responsible for repayment of the debt to MFA. When payments (principal and interest) are made on this debt, the Regional District pays MFA and is reimbursed by the municipality.

The Regional District reports the outstanding debt borrowed on behalf of the member municipalities as both a financial asset and financial liability. Municipal debt payments are shown as revenue and offsetting expenditure.

AREA	ISSUE	BYLAW NUMBER	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	ORIGINAL VALUE	2025	2024
					\$	\$	\$
Village of Daajing Giids							
	159	130-2020	Jun, 2038	4.15%	30,000	26,836	28,445
	156	130-2020	Sep, 2036	1.98%	228,150	174,549	188,400
	106	23-2008	Oct, 2029	4.10%	900,000	240,385	294,816
					<u>1,158,150</u>	<u>441,770</u>	<u>511,661</u>
City of Prince Rupert							
	167	3484	Oct, 2055	3.73%	17,000,000	17,000,000	-
	156	3454	Sep, 2046	2.58%	10,000,000	8,749,126	9,072,358
	156	3453	Sep, 2046	2.58%	10,000,000	8,749,126	9,072,358
	127	3333	Apr, 2034	4.52%	7,000,000	3,821,585	4,177,697
	94	3201	Oct, 2025	0.905%	7,000,000	-	241,288
					<u>51,000,000</u>	<u>38,319,837</u>	<u>22,563,701</u>
District of Port Edward							
	126	513	Sep, 2028	4.52%	1,500,000	372,680	488,601
Village of Masset							
	103	578	Oct, 2032	3.79%	1,250,000	538,720	594,938
	99	578	Oct, 2031	1.53%	4,750,000	1,593,908	1,824,966
					<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>2,132,628</u>	<u>2,419,904</u>
Vancouver Island Regional Library							
	145	615	Apr, 2038	3.15%	1,500,000	1,072,254	1,138,910
Total					<u>61,158,150</u>	<u>42,339,169</u>	<u>27,122,777</u>



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10. PENSION INFORMATION

The Regional District and its employees contribute to the Municipal Pension Plan (the Plan), a jointly-trusted pension plan. The board of trustees, representing plan members and employers, is responsible for administering the Plan, including investment of assets and administration of benefits. The Plan is a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. Basic pension benefits are based on a formula. As at December 31, 2024, the Plan had about 273,000 active members and approximately 133,000 retired members. Active members include approximately 47,000 contributors from local governments.

Every three years, an actuarial valuation is performed to assess the financial position of the plan and adequacy of plan funding. The actuary determines an appropriate combined employer and member contribution rate to fund the plan. The actuary's calculated contribution rate is based on the entry-age normal cost method, which produces the long-term rate of member and employer contributions sufficient to provide benefits for average future entrants to the plan. This rate may be adjusted for the amortization of any actuarial funding surplus and will be adjusted for the amortization of any unfunded actuarial liability.

The most recent actuarial valuation for the Plan as at December 31, 2024, indicated a \$2,675 million funding surplus for basic pension benefits on a going concern basis.

The next valuation will be as at December 31, 2027.

The Regional District paid \$122,537 (2024 - \$124,680) for employer contributions while employees contributed \$113,325 (2024 – \$115,306) to the plan in fiscal 2025.

Employers participating in the Plan record their pension expense as the amount of employer contributions made during the fiscal year (defined contribution pension plan accounting). This is because the Plan records accrued liabilities and accrued assets for the Plan in aggregate, resulting in no consistent and reliable basis for allocating the obligation, assets and cost to the individual employers participating in the plan.

11. NET ASSETS

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Statement of Operating Surplus (Deficit) (Schedule 1)	1,245,946	1,025,798
General Reserve Funds (Schedule 2)	1,068,291	1,148,282
Capital and Planning Reserve Funds (Schedule 3)	3,929,346	4,197,761
Equity in Tangible capital assets (Schedule 4)	5,531,207	4,824,523
	11,774,790	11,196,364



NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2025

12. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The North Coast Regional District is a partnership of four electoral areas and five municipalities that provide local government services to approximately 20,000 residents living on the North Coast of British Columbia and Haida Gwaii.

The Regional District administers services ranging from solid waste management and recycling to land use planning, water supply and public safety. As a requirement of the Local Government Act, separate financial records must be kept for each service providing detailed allocation of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses, information concerning reserve funds and other pertinent financial details. For each reported segment, revenues and expenditures represent amounts that are directly attributable to the segment and also amounts that are allocated on a reasonable basis.

Segmentation has been determined on a functional basis with consideration to service delivery and department accountabilities. The following is a description of the types of services included in each of the main service segments of the Regional District's financial statement. A detailed summary of the 2025 revenue and expenses can be found in Schedule 6.

General Government

General government is comprised of member municipality and electoral area governance, general administration which includes legislative services, finance, and human resources, community services, cemetery administration and grants in aid.

Municipal Debt Payments

Municipal debt payments provides for debenture interest and principal repayment on debt taken out by member municipalities.

Protective Services

Protective services includes volunteer fire departments and emergency programs.

Environmental Services

Environmental services includes regional solid waste management and regional recycling programs.

Planning and Development

Planning and development includes regional land use planning and economic development services.



NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2025

12. SEGMENTED INFORMATION (continued)

Recreation and Cultural Services

Recreation and cultural services includes recreation facilities and programs, community halls and contributions towards libraries, archives and the North Pacific Cannery.

Utility Services

Utility services includes regional water services.

Communications

Communications include regional broadband services.

Projects

Projects includes feasibility studies.

13. BUDGET RECONCILIATION

The following reconciles the budgeted surplus as shown on the consolidated statement of operations to the original budget as presented in bylaw 700, 2025 adopted March 21, 2025.

	2025 \$
Budget surplus (deficit) as presented	(282,799)
Transfers to reserves	1,718,531
Transfer from accumulated surplus	578,315
Addback debt principal payments	(35,507)
Addback capital asset purchases	<u>(1,978,540)</u>
	<u>-</u>

14. COMPARATIVES

Certain comparatives have been restated to conform with current year presentation.

**NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31
SCHEDULE 1**

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
General Government	598,450	471,973
Protective Services	98,420	100,802
Environmental Services	216,407	53,120
Planning and Development	187,207	231,273
Recreation and Cultural Services	120,710	107,660
Utility Services	(3,898)	38,022
Communications	14,058	12,601
Projects	14,592	10,347
	<u>1,245,946</u>	<u>1,025,798</u>



**NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF GENERAL RESERVE FUNDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31
SCHEDULE 2**

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Opening balance	1,148,282	1,158,647
Transfers (to) from Operating Fund	(113,160)	(62,423)
COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant costs	(15,745)	(1,889)
Interest	<u>48,914</u>	<u>53,947</u>
Closing balance	<u>1,068,291</u>	<u>1,148,282</u>
 Represented by the following reserve funds		
General Government	206,204	193,694
Protective Services	108,614	104,130
Environmental Services	373,744	470,764
Planning and Development	239,804	229,904
Recreation and Cultural Services	11,439	10,967
Utility Services	70,985	83,695
Projects	<u>57,501</u>	<u>55,128</u>
	<u>1,068,291</u>	<u>1,148,282</u>

The "COVID-19 Safe Restart Grants for Local Governments" was provided by the Province of British Columbia to support the NCRD as it deals with increased operating costs and lower revenue due to COVID-19. The funds were to be fully allocated to services by December 31, 2021 and the NCRD must continue to annually report on the use of this grant money until the funds are drawn down. The ending balance of the COVID reserves was \$69,924 at December 31, 2025 (2024 - \$85,669).

**NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CAPITAL AND PLANNING RESERVE FUNDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31
SCHEDULE 3**

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Opening balance	4,197,761	3,288,736
Contributions from Resource Benefits Alliance	-	711,706
Transfers (to) from Operating Fund	(444,640)	16,025
Interest	<u>176,225</u>	<u>181,294</u>
Closing balance	<u>3,929,346</u>	<u>4,197,761</u>
Represented by the following reserve funds		
General Government	62,082	341,515
Protective Services	742,348	719,415
Environmental Services	1,455,083	1,500,622
Planning and Development	14,781	17,272
Recreation and Cultural Services	1,316,028	1,293,909
Utility Services	<u>339,024</u>	<u>325,028</u>
	<u>3,929,346</u>	<u>4,197,761</u>

The Province of British Columbia distributed conditional Growing Communities Fund (GCF) grants to communities at the end of March 2023 to help local governments build community infrastructure and amenities to meet the demands of population growth. The GCF provided a one-time total of \$1 billion in grants to all 161 municipalities and 27 regional districts in British Columbia.

The North Coast Regional District received \$1,162,000 in March 2023. \$51,224 of interest was earned on these funds in 2025 (2024 - \$55,032) and \$0 (2024 - \$63,422) was spent on Solid Waste Management Infrastructure in 2025.

The Province of British Columbia distributed conditional Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA) funding to Northwest communities in August 2024 to support planning and infrastructure such as roads, water, sewer and other community facilities needed to create liveable communities. The RBA has been given \$250 million over 5 years.

The North Coast Regional District received \$836,706 in August 2024. \$31,480 of interest was earned on these funds in 2025 (2024 - \$19,359). \$0 of the RBA has been spent in 2025 (2024 - \$0).

**NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31
SCHEDULE 4**

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Opening balance	<u>4,824,523</u>	<u>3,848,083</u>
Increase (decrease) in equity		
Purchase of tangible capital assets funded by operations	1,117,136	1,098,245
Accretion adjustment	(109,156)	65,423
Disposal of tangible capital assets at net book value	-	(11,812)
Amortization	(343,181)	(383,962)
Loan repayments	41,885	36,634
Asset retirement obligations funded by (returned) to operations	<u>-</u>	<u>171,912</u>
	<u>706,684</u>	<u>976,440</u>
Closing balance	<u>5,531,207</u>	<u>4,824,523</u>

NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31
SCHEDULE 5

	LAND	BUILDINGS	AUTOMOTIVE	EQUIPMENT	INFRASTRUCTURE				2025	2024
					WATER	COMMUNICATIONS	LANDFILL	CHARGING STATIONS		
Historical Cost									\$	\$
Opening balance	529,748	2,502,092	603,853	1,525,229	1,829,571	505,828	1,246,533	10,000	8,752,854	7,504,429
Additions	-	931,458	69,079	100,551	16,048	-	-	-	1,117,136	1,348,245
Additions due to ARO recognition	-	2,759	-	-	-	-	463,363	-	465,122	65,423
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(165,243)
CLOSING BALANCE	529,748	3,436,309	672,932	1,625,780	1,845,619	505,828	1,709,896	10,000	10,336,112	8,752,854
Accumulated Amortization										
Opening balance	-	561,801	239,504	438,020	869,043	25,292	585,313	1,500	2,720,473	2,489,942
Amortization expense	-	78,367	44,912	70,471	45,940	12,646	89,845	1,000	343,181	383,962
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(153,431)
CLOSING BALANCE	-	640,168	284,416	508,491	914,983	37,938	675,158	2,500	3,063,654	2,720,473
NET BOOK VALUE	529,748	2,796,141	388,516	1,117,289	930,636	467,890	1,034,738	7,500	7,272,458	6,032,381

NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE 6 - SEGMENTED INFORMATION
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	General Government	Municipal Debt Payments	Protective Services	Environmental Services	Planning and Development	Recreation and Cultural Services	Utility Services	Communications	Projects	2025 Total
REVENUE										
Sales, fees and other	45,110	-	35,353	1,990,260	19,172	59,119	69,878	-	2,374	2,221,266
Sales, fees and other	553,312	-	35,353	1,991,776	19,172	59,119	69,878	-	2,374	2,730,984
Taxation	805,079	-	96,065	668,927	113,181	794,280	62,500	4,898	5,001	2,550,031
Municipal debt payments	-	2,456,967	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,456,967
Provincial, federal and other grants	346,738	-	246,718	591,314	232,969	4,268	-	-	-	1,422,007
Grants in lieu	39,310	-	5,979	33,663	5,549	46,783	901	236	245	132,666
	<u>1,744,439</u>	<u>2,456,967</u>	<u>384,115</u>	<u>3,285,680</u>	<u>370,871</u>	<u>904,450</u>	<u>133,279</u>	<u>5,234</u>	<u>7,620</u>	<u>9,292,655</u>
EXPENDITURE										
Salaries and wages	801,145	-	-	1,193,558	119,232	114,400	70	-	-	2,228,405
Amortization	25,633	-	5,079	228,487	1,000	23,366	45,940	12,646	-	343,181
Accretion expense	-	-	-	109,156	-	-	-	-	-	109,156
Director expenses	356,617	-	-	-	1,473	-	-	-	-	358,090
Municipal debt payments	-	2,456,967	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,456,967
Other	417,495	-	359,081	1,237,959	286,823	754,500	157,795	3,777	1,000	3,218,430
	<u>1,600,890</u>	<u>2,456,967</u>	<u>384,160</u>	<u>2,770,170</u>	<u>408,528</u>	<u>892,266</u>	<u>203,805</u>	<u>16,423</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>8,714,229</u>
ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	143,549	-	19,955	515,510	(37,657)	12,164	(70,528)	(11,189)	6,620	578,426
OPENING NET ASSETS	<u>1,894,655</u>	-	<u>966,670</u>	<u>5,946,578</u>	<u>486,949</u>	<u>1,262,934</u>	<u>80,834</u>	<u>493,137</u>	<u>64,607</u>	<u>11,196,364</u>
CLOSING NET ASSETS	<u>2,038,204</u>	-	<u>986,625</u>	<u>6,462,086</u>	<u>449,292</u>	<u>1,275,098</u>	<u>10,308</u>	<u>481,948</u>	<u>71,227</u>	<u>11,774,790</u>



May 13, 2026

Dear Mayors and Regional District Chairs:

The 2026 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention will be held in Vancouver from September 14–18, 2026. My Cabinet colleagues and I are looking forward to meeting and continuing our shared work to support resilient communities and stable local economies.

If you would like to request a meeting with me, or one of my Cabinet colleagues, please register online at <https://ubcmreg.gov.bc.ca> (invitation code: **MeetingRequest2026**) by June 24, 2026. Attached is the Provincial Appointment Book, which is intended to serve as a reference document to identify the lead Minister for any topic(s) you wish to discuss. Should you have any questions related to Minister-level meetings, please contact UBCM.Meetings@gov.bc.ca or phone 250-213-3856.

For staff-level meetings, the Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat will shortly be providing details on how to request a meeting with a provincial ministry, agency, commission, and/or corporation.

The Convention continues to provide an important forum for dialogue, problem-solving, and partnership across all orders of government. I am pleased to have the opportunity to join you again this year and to work together to protect essential services, strengthen health care and education, support families, and build safer, more resilient communities.

I look forward to connecting with many of you in September.

Kind regards,

David Eby, KC
Premier

Attachment

cc: Honourable Brittny Anderson
Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities

Cori Ramsay, President
Union of BC Municipalities

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May 11, 2026

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Chair Barry Pages
North Coast Regional District
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Dear Chair Pages:

Re: Provincial Response to 2025 Resolutions

UBCM has received the Province's response to your Board resolution(s) from 2025. Please find the enclosed resolution(s) and their provincial response(s).

All responses from the Province have been posted to the UBCM web site under Resolutions & Responses.

Please feel free to contact Jamee Justason, Resolutions and Policy Analyst, if you have any questions about this process.

Tel: 604.270.8226 ext. 100 Email: jjustason@ubcm.ca

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cori Ramsay", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Councillor Cori Ramsay
UBCM President

Enclosure

2025 EB62 BC Port Tax Cap**North Coast RD**

Whereas a number of communities in BC host federal port facilities within their jurisdiction;

And whereas many of these communities struggle with raising taxation revenue to support infrastructure deficits and service provision;

And whereas the BC government has restricted municipal taxation on ports under the *Ports Property Tax Act*:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM advocate to the BC government to remove or increase the port tax cap thereby ensuring that port industries pay a fair share of taxes in the local communities in which they operate.

Convention Decision: Endorsed

Provincial Response**Ministry of Finance**

The Ports Property Tax Act (PPTA) provides a cap on municipal tax rates for prescribed port types. Recognizing that this places limitations on property tax revenue, the Province provides compensation for municipalities where the applicable tax rate was above the cap when the PPTA was implemented. The compensation amounts are increased each year by the Consumer Price Index plus 1 percent.

The PPTA plays an important role in promoting the competitiveness of BC's ports and the trade corridor. Further, BC's port competitiveness is important to supporting well-paying jobs and economic development in port communities and throughout the province. Balancing the objectives of attracting and maintaining the port industry and sustaining a healthy and safe community is an ongoing challenge.

The Province is not considering repealing or increasing the tax rate caps at this time but will continue to monitor the situation.

2025 EB63 BC Ferry Advisory Committees**North Coast RD**

Whereas Ferry Advisory Committees provide route-specific input and advocacy and exist as part of BC Ferries' strategic goal to be customer and community centred;

And whereas BC Ferries has dissolved the Ferry Advisory Committees;

And whereas the BC Government's Coastal Ferry Services Contract, last amended on March 31, 2024, states that it is committed to "ongoing engagement in support of provincial reconciliation efforts":

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM advocate to the BC government to amend the Coastal Ferry Services Contract and include a provision for BC Ferries to develop an engagement framework that meaningfully considers input from local governments and Indigenous communities that rely on the BC Ferry System.

Convention Decision: Endorsed

Provincial Response

Ministry of Transportation and Transit

The Ministry recognizes that effective, transparent, and inclusive engagement is essential to supporting ferry-dependent communities.

Clauses 6.01 and 6.02 of the Coastal Ferry Services Contract (CFSC) require BC Ferries to retain a professional consulting organization, independent of BC Ferries, to conduct and complete customer satisfaction surveys for designated ferry routes. In addition, BC Ferries' new community engagement framework, Let's Connect was launched on May 1, 2025 to replace the Ferry Advisory Committee model. Developed through a four-month consultation process involving more than 2,700 participants and extensive outreach to communities, governments, Indigenous Nations, and other interest holders, the framework introduces a consistent, accessible, and transparent approach to engagement. BC Ferries states that the new framework emphasizes clearer engagement purposes and outcomes, stronger local and project-specific representation, hybrid participation options, improved communication, and strengthened relationships with all levels of government. Let's Connect will be subject to regular review to ensure it continues to meet community and organizational needs.

BC Ferries is required under provincial policy and legislation to engage with Indigenous Nations in a manner consistent with the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act. Beyond contractual and legislative requirements, BC Ferries has taken steps to strengthen Indigenous engagement. This includes the establishment of an Indigenous relations function and team to support respectful, ongoing relationships with First Nations across more than 80 communities where the ferry system operates, with a focus on cultural recognition, economic participation, and meaningful engagement on projects and policies. (source: Indigenous Relations | BC Ferries)

The Ministry will continue to work with BC Ferries, the BC Ferries Commissioner, local governments, and Indigenous partners to strengthen engagement practices and improve information sharing. Any potential amendments to the CFSC would require careful consideration of existing contractual, regulatory, and governance frameworks, including the role of the independent Commissioner. The Ministry remains open to continued dialogue with ferry-dependent communities and UBCM on opportunities to enhance engagement within the current oversight structure.

*Indigenous Relations | BC Ferries URL:
<https://www.bcferrries.com/our-company/indigenous-relations>*

May 8, 2026

File: 0530-003/0400-30

Via email - FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Brenda Bailey
Minister of Finance
Province of British Columbia

Dear Minister Bailey:

Re: Provincial Sales Tax Expansion

The City of Abbotsford has received a copy of your April 30, 2026 response to the Village of Zeballos regarding the expansion of the Provincial Sales Tax (PST). We appreciate your explanation of the Government of BC's rationale, including the goal of broadening the tax base to better reflect the modern, service-oriented economy.

On behalf of Abbotsford City Council, I am writing to respectfully reinforce concerns raised by local governments across British Columbia regarding the application of PST to professional and related services, and to request further consideration of measures that would mitigate the impacts on municipalities.

As reflected in the City of Abbotsford's proposed 2026 UBCM resolution, local governments already face substantial fiscal pressures, including infrastructure renewal, climate adaptation, and housing delivery, with limited revenue tools available. Applying PST to required professional services represents an internal cost shift within the public sector that constrains the ability of local governments to effectively deliver provincially mandated and essential community services. Professional services are crucial for municipal infrastructure delivery, regulatory compliance, and long-term capital planning.

While we acknowledge that the tax will apply to only a portion of certain service costs, the cumulative financial impact on local governments remains significant and creates upward pressure on project budgets and property taxation without improving service outcomes.

We also note the province's reference to broader tax policy alignment across jurisdictions and measures taken to reduce costs for businesses and local governments. While these measures are appreciated, they do not directly offset the specific and immediate financial impacts of the PST expansion on municipal capital and operating budgets.

Consistent with Abbotsford's UBCM resolution and the concerns raised by other communities such as the Village of Zeballos, we respectfully request that the province consider one of the following approaches:

1. Exempt local governments from the application of PST on professional and related services;
or
2. Implement a rebate or offset mechanism, similar to the GST model, to avoid intergovernmental cost downloading and mitigate impacts on affordability and infrastructure delivery.

We believe these approaches would maintain the broader tax objectives while recognizing the distinct role of local governments as public service providers operating within constrained fiscal frameworks.

The City of Abbotsford values its strong partnership with the Government of BC and remains committed to working collaboratively on solutions that support sustainable infrastructure investment, housing delivery, and community well-being. We would welcome the opportunity to engage further with you and your ministry to explore options that address these concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ross Siemens
Mayor

- c. Hon. Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
Bruce Banman, MLA Abbotsford South
Harman Bhangu, MLA Langley - Abbotsford
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June 8, 2026

VIA E-MAIL

Barry Pages
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Dear Mr. Pages,

Thank you for detailing health care accessibility for residents of the North Coast and Haida Gwaii. We appreciate hearing from the people of B.C. about their concerns and questions about government, and their ideas about areas where we might focus on in our audit work, we give each request serious consideration.

We have taken note of your concerns, and we'll consider your submission further in our future planning. As we are required to maintain the confidentiality of our work, we are unable to report back on the status of any work that may arise relative to your submission.

Check out oag.bc.ca for more information about what we do and to stay up to date on our reports and planning

Sincerely,

Sheila Dodds, CPA, CA, CIA
Deputy Auditor General



May 13, 2026

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Re: Health Care Equality – North Coast and Haida Gwaii

Dear Honourable Prime Minister and Premier,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the North Coast Regional District (NCRD), we wish to firstly thank Canada, and the Province for their work to provide Canadians and British Columbians access to necessary healthcare services. For rural and remote areas such as the North Coast and Haida Gwaii, residents must travel large distances to receive specialized and even routine healthcare services.

The geographical gaps in healthcare services create challenges for residents of the North Coast and Haida Gwaii to receive necessary healthcare services which is why we are writing to request that health care equality be reconsidered for rural and remote areas that require extensive travel to receive healthcare services.

On Haida Gwaii and in other rural and remote areas, residents do not have local access to multiple healthcare services at the extent required to effectively address health issues such as:


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- Mental health services;
- Addiction facilities;
- Diagnostic care;
- Surgery;
- Cancer treatment;
- Orthodontic care; and
- Optometric care.

For the residents of Haida Gwaii seeking health care, time travelling to receive health care can span days and requires coordination with BC Ferry sailing schedules. While portions of BC Ferries transportation fees are provincially covered under the Medical Services Plan, most do not receive taxable travel benefits from employers to benefit fully from the Northern Residents Deductions medical travel, and the Medical Expense Tax Credit available to all Canadians is easily exceeded. Expenses such as accommodations, childcare and lost wages, add up quickly and substantially.

Travel to larger centers such as Terrace, Prince George or Vancouver can take a week or longer for a single appointment. Often treatments are prolonged, may require multiple appointments, and/or trips are unexpected as with medivacs. This can leave patients with both a health and a financial crisis.

To address the inequality of health care accessibility and to support equity of health care for residents of the North Coast, Haida Gwaii, and other rural and remote areas the Board requests that the Province and the Government of Canada:

- Ensures the Working Together Plan recognizes and examines the inequity that Canadians in rural and remote areas face to obtain health care services, including service delivery gaps, length of travel required to obtain Health Care, and the associated costs and impact for individuals.
- Defines reasonable access and establishes provincial standards of health care accessibility to ensure equitable access for those living in rural and remote areas in British Columbia.
- Amends the Canada Health Act to add clear language under Accessibility Section 12 to address reasonable access geographically for all Canadians.
- Enables a regional Health Care Service Delivery Study, modeled from BC's Living Wage Study, to identify service gaps and the costs endured by some British Columbians.



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- Pledges to address systemic challenges and harmonize health care service delivery throughout entire catchment areas.

In addition, the Board requests that the Auditor specific to British Columbia undertake a comprehensive audit and review of the real costs of health care for rural and remote British Columbian's requiring extensive travel to access services including:

- Reviewing the Province's adherence to the guiding principles of the Canada Health Act and the Medicare Protection Act with specific attention to rural and remote communities.
- Reviewing the process or selection criteria that designates and allocates the locations of health care services and/or equipment, including diagnostic imaging.
- Assessing the equity in current Canada Health Transfer Payments and provincial healthcare allocations of said payments.
- Evaluation of health care downloading trends and the following socioeconomic and per capita impacts on rural and remote communities.

Through these actions, the Province and the Government of Canada can support restoring a strong and reliable health care system that addresses the needs of communities in rural and remote areas where many Canadians live, work, and play. The necessity of reliable, suitable, and effective health care is imperative in these regions that support a large portion of the Canadian natural resource sector and international trade.

Thank you again for your dedication to providing health care to Canadians and British Columbians, and for your attention to the needs of rural and remote areas.

Sincerely,

Barry Pages
Chair

cc. Mr. Ellis Ross, MP; Honourable Josee Osborne, Minister of Health; Honourable Tamara Davidson, MLA; North Coast President Gaagwiis and Council of the Haida Nation; North West Regional Hospital Board; All Islands Protocol Table; Aidan McLaren-Caux, UBCM Small Communities Group; Laurie Hopfl, Rural Mayors Health Group; Medical Services Commission MSC; BC Ombudsperson; Village of Daajing Giids



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May 21, 2026

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The Honourable Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance
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Dear Ministers Boyle and Bailey,

RE: Request for Dedicated Provincial Funding to Support Municipalities That Achieve Provincially Mandated Housing Targets

On behalf of the Council of the District of Central Saanich, I am writing to acknowledge the Province of British Columbia's leadership in addressing the housing crisis through the establishment of mandatory housing targets for local governments. We share the Province's commitment to increasing housing supply and supporting complete, livable communities across British Columbia.

The District of Central Saanich has proactively responded to provincial housing initiatives and requirements. Council and staff have undertaken significant planning, policy, and regulatory work to facilitate increased housing supply, including substantive housing-related land use policy changes, zoning bylaw amendments, and updates to our Official Community Plan. These actions required considerable municipal resources and reflect Council's strong commitment to meeting, and in several cases exceeding, our provincially mandated housing targets.

While Central Saanich is proud of its progress, the rapid pace and scale of housing delivery required to meet provincial targets generates corresponding growth-related pressures on municipal operations, neighbourhood livability, and community infrastructure. Increased development activity places added demands on staff capacity, traffic and transportation systems, water, sewer, stormwater, and utility infrastructure, as well as parks, recreation facilities, and other public amenities that support a high quality of life.

Local governments that demonstrate leadership and compliance with provincial housing mandates play a critical role in achieving shared provincial objectives. To that end, Council respectfully requests that the Province establish a dedicated funding stream for municipalities that have successfully implemented housing-enabling policy and regulatory changes and achieved or exceeded their housing targets. Such a program would recognize municipal leadership, incentivize continued housing creation, and ensure communities have the tools necessary to manage growth responsibly.

Specifically, the District of Central Saanich urges the Province to consider funding that may be allocated to:

- Municipal operational capacity, including staffing and systems required to manage increased development activity and service demands;
- Neighbourhood infrastructure improvements, such as traffic calming initiatives, pedestrian safety enhancements, and active transportation infrastructure;
- Civil infrastructure upgrades, including water, sewer, stormwater, and utility capacity expansions required to support additional housing; and
- Public amenities, including parks, recreation facilities, community spaces, and other infrastructure that contributes to complete, livable, and resilient neighbourhoods.

Central Saanich has demonstrated strong alignment with provincial housing objectives through timely policy implementation and regulatory reform. However, without dedicated growth-related funding, municipalities risk falling behind in delivering the infrastructure and services needed to support the very housing supply the Province seeks to accelerate.

We would welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with the Province to further refine this approach and to share Central Saanich's experience as a community that has embraced housing reform. Council also intends to share this correspondence with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and neighbouring local governments to support broader regional and provincial advocacy on this matter.

Thank you for your continued partnership and leadership in addressing British Columbia's housing challenges. We look forward to your consideration of this request and to ongoing collaboration to support sustainable growth and livable communities. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact our Director of Planning and Building Services, at Jarret.Matanowitsch@csaanich.ca.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ryan Windsor

cc: Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

From: Duke, Larry A FOR:EX <Larry.Duke@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 11:11 AM
To: Duke, Larry A FOR:EX <Larry.Duke@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Update on the Rennell Sound FSR (“Rennell Pass”) Access Restoration Work

Greetings,

The Haida Gwaii Natural Resource District of the Ministry of Forests is providing the following update regarding the Rennell Sound Forest Service Road (FSR), commonly referred to as “The Rennell Pass”.

The Ministry has plans to replace aging creek crossings along the Rennell Sound FSR. Storm events in November 2025 caused additional damage to the road corridor, including failure of two crossings and a landslide that blocked the road, resulting in closure of the route to all vehicle traffic.

Major construction activities will commence on or about June 13, 2026. The planned work includes replacement of eight stream crossings through installation of bridges and major culverts, as well as removal of the landslide blocking the road corridor.

Construction plans estimate that work may be substantially completed by early August 2026. It is important to caution that this timeline remains subject to change. Project completion will depend on a number of factors including weather, site conditions, construction progress, and any unforeseen issues encountered during the work. Therefore, due to project complexities, it is currently premature to confirm a reopening date for 2026.

The Rennell Sound FSR remains closed to vehicle traffic and the public is reminded to respect all posted signs, barricades, and construction activities within the corridor.

As a recognized important route to residents, visitors, and recreational users, the public’s patience as this work proceeds is appreciated. Additional project updates will be provided as construction progresses.

Questions regarding the project may be directed to FrontCounter Haida Gwaii at 250-559-6200 or by email at FrontCounterHaidaGwaii@gov.bc.ca

Thank you.



Larry Duke, RFT

Engineering Officer

Haida Gwaii Natural Resource District | Ministry of Forests

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With gratitude.I.live.and.work.on.the.traditional.territory.of.the.Haida.Nation

From: Natasha Westover <nwestover@westernlng.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 1:22 PM
To: Natasha Westover <nwestover@westernlng.com>
Subject: First Nations Agreements with Ksi Lisims LNG

Good Afternoon,

Please find the attached briefing note for your awareness and use. This information is currently live and we have begun to receive media inquiries but I wanted to ensure that you were aware of this great announcement.

For context, the announcement outlines that **Metlakatla and Lax Kw'alaams have signed new agreements with Ksi Lisims LNG and updated agreements with PRGT and have dropped their judicial reviews.** We officially now have five out of six Nations with signed agreements (we are announcing the fifth later this week). These agreements show the project has broad support from local First Nations which reflects the majority of Canadians in supporting LNG development. Please feel free to share the news with your members or post on social media! This is great news for our project and for the energy industry in BC and Canada as a whole. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks,

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**Metlakatla First Nation signs Benefits Agreement with Ksi Lisims LNG and amended
Project Agreement with PRGT**

June 9, 2026

TSIMSHIAN TERRITORY/PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. — Ksi Lisims LNG and the Metlakatla First Nation have signed a benefits agreement, representing an important moment for the Ksi Lisims LNG project, a proposed LNG facility and marine terminal at Wil Milit on Pearse Island being co-developed by the Nisga'a Nation, Western LNG and Rockies LNG.

The benefits agreement includes support for climate initiatives and sets out business opportunities intended to utilize Metlakatla's existing expertise and strengthen capacity to deliver long term benefits to the community and support economic independence.

"This agreement reflects the importance of working together to create opportunities that benefit both our members and the broader Northwest region," said Chief Councillor Robert Nelson. "It establishes a foundation for participation, collaboration, and shared success while recognizing the important role Indigenous leadership plays in shaping the future of our region. We look forward to continuing to work with our neighbouring Nations and project partners to support economic participation, strengthen capacity, and create lasting opportunities for our businesses, workforce, and communities."

"Building and maintaining strong relationships with participating First Nations is fundamental to how we approach these projects," said Davis Thames, Founder, CEO, and President of Western LNG. "Through collaboration and partnership, we are committed to developing Ksi Lisims LNG in a way that reflects shared values and delivers tangible benefits for Metlakatla First Nation members."

"The Benefits Agreement between Metlakatla and Ksi Lisims LNG is an important step for the project and for the region," said Eva Clayton, President of the Nisga'a Nation. "We have always envisioned the Ksi Lisims LNG project as economically important for the entirety of Northwest B.C., and we are pleased to see this vision materializing."

Metlakatla First Nation and Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Ltd. have also amended their existing Project Agreement to reflect developments since the Agreement was first signed in 2015.

Media Contact:

Rebecca Scott

Western LNG

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About Ksi Lisims LNG

Ksi Lisims LNG, meaning “from the Nass River” in the Nisga’a language, is a proposed net-zero liquefied natural gas project in British Columbia, Canada. It will be located on Nisga’a Nation-owned land on the northern tip of Pearse Island. Powered by renewable hydroelectricity, Ksi Lisims LNG is designed to be one of the lowest emission intensity LNG facilities in the world with a pathway to net-zero. The facility will produce 12 million tonnes per annum of LNG from two floating LNG production and storage facilities.

About PRGT

The Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Project is a 750km natural gas pipeline that will safely and responsibly deliver natural gas from northeastern British Columbia to the proposed Ksi Lisims LNG facility on Nisga’a Nation territory. PRGT was acquired from TC Energy during 2024 by NW Infrastructure Limited Partnership, co-owned equally by Western LNG and the Nisga’a Nation. PRGT represents a new model for Indigenous-led infrastructure—prioritizing environmental responsibility, economic reconciliation, and local partnership.

Lax Kw'alaams Band signs Benefits Agreement with Ksi Lisims LNG and modernized Project Agreement with PRGT

June 9, 2026

TSIMSHIAN TERRITORY/PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. — The Lax Kw'alaams Band has signed a Benefits Agreement with the Ksi Lisims LNG project, a proposed LNG facility and marine terminal at Wil Milit on Pearse Island.

"Our vision for Ksi Lisims LNG has always been about creating long-term prosperity for all communities across northwest B.C.," said Eva Clayton, President of the Nisga'a Nation. "This agreement marks a step forward in our relationship with Lax Kw'alaams – one based on mutual respect, shared success and economic prosperity."

The Benefits Agreement includes procurement opportunities which build on the Lax Kw'alaams Band's existing business capacity and interests in order to maximize meaningful participation, long-term benefits and support sustainable economic development.

"We are committed to developing Ksi Lisims LNG in a way that the entire northwest of B.C. has the opportunity to benefit," said Davis Thames, Founder, CEO, and President of Western LNG. "By working collaboratively and integrating lessons learned from past major infrastructure projects, the Ksi Lisims LNG project is setting a new standard for developing major infrastructure projects with Indigenous Nations."

As part of signing the Benefits Agreement, the Lax Kw'alaams Band has withdrawn its federal judicial review¹ of Canada's Decision Statement in connection with Ksi Lisims LNG's Environmental Assessment Certificate.

In addition to the Benefits Agreement, Lax Kw'alaams and Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Ltd. have amended and modernized their existing Project Agreement to reflect developments since the agreement was first signed in 2017.

Western LNG and the Nisga'a Nation look forward to working with Lax Kw'alaams to implement the terms of the Benefits Agreement and the amended Project Agreement as the parties continue to work toward a Final Investment Decision, expected before the end of 2026.

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¹ *Lax Kw'alaams Band v. Attorney General of Canada et al.* Federal Court File No. T-4013-25

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Gitxaala Nation signs Benefits Agreement with Ksi Lisims LNG and Project Agreement with PRGT

June 9, 2026

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. — Ksi Lisims LNG and Gitxaala Nation have signed a Benefits Agreement, marking an important milestone for the proposed LNG facility and marine terminal. In addition, Gitxaala Nation has also signed a Project Agreement with PRGT – the natural gas pipeline co-owned by the Nisga'a Nation that will service Ksi Lisims LNG.

These agreements include financial provisions, business and workforce opportunities, and support for climate initiatives. Their terms are designed to strengthen relationships and enhance the projects' capacity to deliver lasting benefits to Gitxaala citizens, while supporting the development of these critical infrastructure and export facilities.

"The Gitxaala Nation is proud to enter into these agreements with the Nisga'a Nation and Western LNG," said Luugagwelks: Linda Innes – Elected Chief Councillor of the Gitxaala Nation. "These agreements reflect the strong and longstanding relationship between our Nations and our shared commitment to supporting economic opportunities that will benefit our communities and the region for generations to come."

"Continuing to advance these foundational agreements with Indigenous Nations helps to build prosperity for communities in northwest B.C. and continues to be a key priority for Ksi Lisims LNG and PRGT," said Davis Thames, Founder, CEO, and President of Western LNG. "Collaborating with Nations has been the core of this project since its inception and a major part of what we see as making Ksi Lisims LNG a successful initiative."

"The agreement between Gitxaala Nation and Ksi Lisims LNG and PRGT are important steps for our projects and for First Nations in B.C.," said Eva Clayton, President of the Nisga'a Nation. "We have always envisioned PRGT and Ksi Lisims LNG as projects that would usher in a new era of prosperity for the entirety of northwest B.C. and we are pleased to see this vision materializing."

Western LNG and the Nisga'a Nation look forward to working with Gitxaala Nation to implement the terms of the agreements as efforts toward a Final Investment Decision in 2026 continues.

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From: Guy Dauncey <guy@westcoastclimateaction.ca>


Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 10:55 AM

Subject: Tuesday June 23rd, 6pm Where's the Bus? The Rural Transportation Crisis in BC



Public Transit Alliance of BC

Where's the Bus? The Rural Transportation Crisis in BC



Tuesday June 23rd, 6-7:30pm by Zoom

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From the Public Transit Alliance of BC: Where's the bus? For many people, it's hard to get around BC by public transit. There's a bewildering mix of public, private, health and community services, no integrated timetable, and often no service at all.

Join us as by Zoom we ask the question: "What's to be done?", with first-hand accounts from Creston, Kitimat, Gabriola, Port Alberni, and Sicamous, and Jeremy Valeriotte MLA, and experts who have spent years focussed on the challenge. Register [here](#)

Guy Dauncey, FRSA
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As a settler of British ancestry, I acknowledge with gratitude that I live on the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw and Stz'uminus peoples.



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Dear North Coast Regional District,

Thank you so much for approving our organization for Grant-In-Aid funding. This contribution goes a long way to ensure our small non-profit can undergo a Strategic and Operational planning process, which will guide our mission into the next few years.

When we had originally applied for funding, we envisioned holding a two-day Strategic and Operational planning process in person on Haida Gwaii. However, as we had not received funding support by January, we decided to move forward with the less expensive online option.

We held five online planning sessions throughout the spring, bringing together board directors, past and present staff members, and representatives from dozens of partner organizations. In the coming months we will work with our facilitator, Lindsay Seegmiller, to summarize, present and implement our new strategic and operational plan.

We are submitting a budget amendment in the hopes that the NCRD will continue to honour the funding it had allocated for us. The facilitator fees and supplies remain the same. Online communication tools replaced some of what would have been spent on catering and travel. Honoraria were reduced by half as meetings were in shorter intervals (2-3 hours) instead of entire days. Finally, we've added pieces of equipment, a laptop and printer, that will better enable us to implement our strategic and operational plans.

Thank you for considering these changes. We welcome any follow up questions and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Bishop', written over a thin horizontal line.

Laura Bishop
Executive Director
Laskeek Bay Conservation Society

Item	Description	Amount
Facilitator Fees	Planning, facilitation, reporting	\$ 5,000.00
Communication	Zoom, Doodle & Adobe Subscriptions	\$ 750.00
Equipment	Laptop	\$ 2,500.00
Equipment	Printer/Scanner/Copier	\$ 650.00
Supplies	Paper, sticky notes, markers, etc.	\$ 100.00
Honoraria	\$100 x 10 for people whose workplace doesn't cover attendance	\$ 1,000.00
Total		\$ 10,000.00
Requested of NCRD		\$ 7,000.00
Covered by LBCS		\$ 3,000.00



VIA EMAIL
May 19, 2026

The Honourable David Eby, Premier
The Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate
The Honourable Kelly Greene, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
The Honourable Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
The Honourable Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance

Email: Premier@gov.bc.ca, ECS.Minister@gov.bc.ca, EMCR.Minister@gov.bc.ca,
HMA.Minister@gov.bc.ca, FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Premier Eby, Minister Dix, Minister Greene, Minister Boyle, and Minister Bailey:

RE: BC Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) – Funding Continuation

On May 11, 2026, Saanich Council passed the following motion:

That Council direct the Mayor to send a letter to the Province and Local MLA's, as per the draft provided, outlining the need for continued Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) funding and share this letter with the Capital Regional District Board of Directors, other BC municipal elected officials and Chief Administrative Officers.

On behalf of Saanich Council, I'm respectfully requesting your consideration for the need for the Province to continue to fund the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP). In February 2026, the Provincial Government released the 2026/27–2028/29 Service Plan for the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions. The plan does not appear to include funding for the renewal of the LGCAP. As long-standing local government partners of the Province, we are concerned that the implications of allowing this funding to lapse may not be fully understood.

For more than 15 years, the Province has provided consistent annual climate action funding to local governments, recognizing our essential role in meeting provincial greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets and climate adaptation goals. LGCAP and its predecessor, the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP), have provided a critical and reliable source of dedicated funding that enables municipalities to resource staff capacity, support community climate initiatives, deliver key GHG reduction and adaptation programs, and leverage other utility funding and provincial and federal grants. Many of these initiatives directly support the goals of the CleanBC Roadmap and the Climate Preparedness & Adaptation Strategy.

This funding arrangement and the projects and programs enabled have led to a nearly 50% reduction in Saanich's corporate GHG emissions and a nearly 20% reduction in Saanich's community-wide GHG emissions from our 2007 baseline. We have realized significant transportation mode shifts, from 17% of trips taken by transit and active transportation in 2011, to 26% today; we have seen over 2,300 Saanich households replace their fossil fuel heating systems with heat pumps to deliver efficient heating and protective cooling; we have completed

comprehensive climate risk assessments of Saanich infrastructure to ensure we are planning and investing effectively for the climate changes ahead. Provincial investments in local government action have been working, but there is more to do. Local government partners have valuable insights that should inform the next iteration of this successful program.

Municipal budgets are under significant pressure to fund core services and respond to the increasingly costly impacts of accelerating climate changes, including devastating floods, wildfires, and extreme heat. Removing dedicated Provincial climate action funding will create a shortfall that cannot be replaced without significant impacts to local taxpayers. While we appreciate the various climate-related grants currently available through the Province, these programs are competitive, time-limited, and often difficult to access due to requirements for matching funds and the staff capacity needed to prepare and manage applications and implement projects. They have also been reduced in recent years. LGCAP has been the stable foundation that allows local governments to pursue these opportunities. Without it, many municipalities will be unable to apply for competitive grants or deliver community-focused climate programming that supports provincial objectives.

Over the last three years Saanich received approximately \$1.1 million from LGCAP, which staff successfully leveraged to secure approximately **\$1.0 million in additional external grant funding** (this excludes other major grants for capital projects such as corporate building retrofits and EV charging infrastructure which are in the \$multiple millions). This has contributed to a wide range of climate programs and projects that benefit Saanich residents and community including:

- Corporate and Community Climate Risk Assessments
- Community emissions inventories
- Strata Energy Advisor Program
- Top-up incentives for EV Ready Plans and retrofits in MURBs
- Climate Plan Update
- Fleet E Bike Program
- Tillicum Green Infrastructure Project
- Energy & Carbon Emissions reporting
- Gorge Coastal Flood Adaptation Strategy
- One Planet Saanich
- School climate education programs
- Rental Apartment Retrofit Accelerator
- Zero Waste initiatives
- Oil removal policy review

Local governments are on the front lines of planning for and responding to climate impacts and have direct or indirect influence over more than half of B.C.'s GHG emissions. The Province cannot meet its CleanBC targets, achieve its climate adaptation goals and protect BC residents from the increasing impacts of climate change without strong, resourced municipal partners.

LGCAP funding is essential to ensuring that local governments can continue to deliver climate action and prepare for climate impacts at the scale required.

Despite our long-standing partnership, local governments, including Saanich, were not consulted on the decision to cease funding for LGCAP. To staff's knowledge, no local government was engaged prior to the release of the Service Plan. While several months of LGCAP funding remains from the pre-payment for the 2026/27 year, many climate actions are multi-year projects, most external grants take months or years to determine, and many local governments fund staff using LGCAP, so work is already underway to prepare for the 2027-28 year and beyond based upon continued LGCAP funding. Certainty related to consistent, continuous funding is paramount.

As we collectively work to build a stronger, more sustainable Province, Council requests that the Province confirm their commitment to consistent, continuous LGCAP funding and we look forward to further collaboration on climate action and preparedness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean Murdock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dean Murdock
Mayor

cc:

Hon. Nina Krieger, MLA Victoria Swan Lake <Nina.Krieger.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Hon. Diana Gibson, MLA Oak Bay Gordon Head <Diana.Gibson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
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All BC Municipalities

Hi All,

Linnaea: you are good to use my e-signature for this on behalf of area E . Dan/Caiden please add to RD June agenda that way if the letter is not sent by then we can get the full RD board support and be able to use the letterhead.

Electoral Area E Director

North Coast Regional District

M: 250-637-1443

From: Haida Gwaii Protocol Table <protocoltable@haidanation.com>

Sent: 28 May 2026 15:41

To: Area D Director <aread-director@ncrdbc.com>; Area E Director <areae-director@ncrdbc.com>

Subject: Airport Tree Clearing Joint Letter for Signature

Good afternoon Johanne and Evan,

Following up on last night's Protocol Table item from the Village of Masset, please find attached the backgrounder Josh shared and the letter for signature to Ministers of Housing and Municipal Affairs and Water, Lands and Resource Stewardship to expedite the processing of their application for a license of occupation for the tree removal required for aviation safety (and Transport Canada licensing).

Looking for you approval to add your signatures to the letter.

Thanks and have a good day!

Linnaea

Linnaea Fyles

Executive Assistant | Haida Gwaii Protocol Table

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T: 250-637-1029

From: Laidlaw, Kerry [NH] <Kerry.Laidlaw@northernhealth.ca>
Sent: 10 June 2026 13:35
To: Area E Director <areae-director@ncrdbc.com>
Subject: Re: Mobile Mammogram Truck - FYI

Hi Evan

Each year I advocate for stops in Sandspit, Skidegate, Port Clements, Masset and Old Massett. Last year I recall that Sandspit was noted to be on a 2 year cycle which would make 2026 a scanning year.

When I asked about the visit being limited to 2 spots (HGH and NHGH) in total this year, it was explained to me that the travel and set up time would reduce the number of mammograms that could be done on island. I'm not sure if their time on island also affected their decision.

Here is Crystal's direct contact number:

Crystal Worrall (she/her)
Program Coordinator
 BC Cancer Mobile Breast Screening Program
Office: 200-601 W Broadway, Vancouver BC, V5Z 4C2
Phone: (604) 675.4100 ext. 205538
Email: crystal.worrall@bccancer.bc.ca

At the very least, we could prep Mysti to get TAPs forms ready for pickup at the Sandspit clinic as travel to DG for this specialty service would be eligible.

Let me know if you want to speak to Crystal again or if you plan to talk to her directly.

Thanks,
 Kerry

From: Area E Director <areae-director@ncrdbc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 1:14 PM
To: Laidlaw, Kerry [NH] <Kerry.Laidlaw@northernhealth.ca>
Subject: Re: Mobile Mammogram Truck - FYI

Hi Kerry, Looks like the same issue again. Are you able to inquire again or provide me with a contact.

Evan Putterill
 Electoral Area E Director
 North Coast Regional District
 M: 250-637-1443

From: Laidlaw, Kerry [NH] <Kerry.Laidlaw@northernhealth.ca>
Sent: 02 April 2025 10:56
To: Area E Director <areae-director@ncrdbc.com>
Subject: Re: Mobile Mammogram Truck - FYI

Hi Evan,

I did speak to the program lead and they had to make some temporary changes for this year. Due to staffing shortages this summer, the van is only on HG for 6 days vs the normal 14 days. Normally, they stop in all communities, including Sandspit on a 2-year cycle. With less than half the normal number of days on HG, this has pushed them into a "spoke and hub" service model with the van being setup at HGH-DG and NHGH-Masset in order to do the maximum number of patients (takes several hrs to level the vehicle and setup the mammography unit prior to use). I was assured that this change is not permanent.

Hope this explanation was helpful,
Kerry

From: Area E Director
Sent: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 10:28 AM
To: Laidlaw, Kerry [NH]
Subject: Re: Mobile Mammogram Truck - FYI

That would be great, thx.

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From: Laidlaw, Kerry [NH] <Kerry.Laidlaw@northernhealth.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 10:27:12 AM
To: Area E Director <areae-director@ncrdbc.com>
Subject: Re: Mobile Mammogram Truck - FYI

Hi Evan,

Thanks for the heads up. The mobile program is managed by PHSA BC Cancer Agency and I do have a contact for the travelling service and could share these access concerns?

Regards,
Kerry

From: Area E Director
Sent: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 10:04 AM
To: Laidlaw, Kerry [NH]
Subject: Mobile Mammogram Truck - FYI

Hi Kerry,

Sending to you only.

Just a heads up that I am seeing concerns about the mobile mammogram truck not stopping in all communities this time around. Also hearing that it gets oversubscribed.

Just a FYI, no response required.

But if it is regularly oversubscribed and you think advocacy for another truck is warranted feel free to let me know in confidence.

Regards,

Evan

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From: Bradley,David (il | he, him) (ECCC) <David.Bradley@ec.gc.ca>
Sent: June 11, 2026 10:43 AM
To: Corporate Officer <corporateofficer@ncrdbc.com>
Cc: Bunce,Braden (il | he, him) (ECCC) <Braden.Bunce@ec.gc.ca>; Bradley,David (il | he, him) (ECCC) <David.Bradley@ec.gc.ca>
Subject: Update re: Holland Rock and Grey Islet Automated Weather Stations

Dear Mr. Pages,

We are writing to provide an update regarding the Holland Rock and Grey Islet automatic weather stations, following the concerns raised by the North Coast Regional District of British Columbia in 2024. We recognize their importance to the region and in response to the concerns raised, we undertook a series of targeted actions to strengthen performance and reduce outages.

As you have likely observed, overall system reliability and data availability have improved significantly. Both stations have provided continuous observations throughout the winters of 2025 and 2026.

This performance reflects a series of upgrades implemented in 2024, including increased battery capacity, expanded solar generation, supplemental wind systems, and more robust wind tower infrastructure. Additional solar panels were installed at both sites, followed by vertical axis wind turbines. At Grey Islet, this also included a new tilting wind tower.

Since these improvements were completed, both stations have consistently delivered weather data without outages related to power or communications. When sensor issues have arisen, site visits have been scheduled to perform the required repair or replacement activities.

Overall, these enhancements have strengthened the resilience of both sites in harsh environmental conditions and have led to a sustained improvement in overall performance.

Thank you for your continued engagement and for bringing these concerns forward.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any further concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

David Bradley and Braden Bunce

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From: Corporate Officer <corporateofficer@ncrdbc.com>
Sent: May 7, 2026 3:55 PM
To: supervisor.rupert@innav.gc.ca
Subject: Joint Advocacy for Reliable Marine Weather Reporting

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to reach out on behalf of the North Coast Regional District (NCRD) to share our ongoing advocacy efforts with respect to the reliability issues of the Holland Rock land weather station and surrounding marine weather buoys in and along the Pacific North Coast and Haida Gwaii.

Since 2022, the NCRD Board has been advocating for increased reliability of marine weather stations on the North Coast and Haida Gwaii, specifically during inclement and harsh weather conditions when weather monitoring matters the most.

During these inclement weather conditions, the NCRD has experienced long periods where data was not being reported from the Holland Rock land weather station and marine weather buoys impacting many from residents, to corporations, who rely on such data for safe marine travel.

At this time, NCRD staff have been directed by our Board to reach out to surrounding organizations that rely on this marine weather data to gauge interest in jointly advocating to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada for increased reliability of marine weather monitoring stations including the Holland Rock land weather station and marine weather station buoys surrounding the Pacific North Coast and Haida Gwaii.

The NCRD Board, following confirmation from interested parties, is intending to draft a joint advocacy letter and is respectfully requesting that your organization's leadership consider authorizing the use of your organization's name and logo as signatories on this letter.

Should this be of interest to your organization, please respond by May 29th. Following the deadline, NCRD staff will reach out to interested parties for further coordination.

If you have any questions regarding joint advocacy for reliable marine weather reporting, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you,

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Caiden Edwards

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August 2, 2024

Honourable Steven Guilbeault
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1A 0A6
Email: ministre-minister@ec.gc.ca

Dear Minister Guilbeault,

Re: Service Interruptions at the Land Weather Station on Holland Rock

Thank you for your letter to the Board of the North Coast Regional District (NCRD) dated June 7, 2024 responding to the NCRD's concerns around service interruptions at the land weather station on Holland Rock (Weather Station).

As the Minister stated, the Weather Station did not report observations between January 6 and April 2, 2024 as a result of the solar power system being unable to keep the batteries charged. The letter noted that on April 18, 2024, a maintenance visit was conducted and that batteries were replaced and a second solar panel was added to enhance the resilience of the station during inclement weather. As the Board understands, these solar power systems are prone to failure during times of inclement weather, which can be prolonged during the fall and winter months along the north coast.

The Board of the NCRD appreciates the completed upgrades and that the Ministry is actively investigating options to improve the resiliency of the infrastructure, including the addition of batteries, solar panels, and/or wind generation.

The Board wishes to reiterate the critical importance of the Weather Station to marine safety in our region. Inclement weather on the north coast is unavoidable and we urge you to consider a more reliable power source that can be implemented. After all, it is during inclement weather when the Weather Station is most needed to ensure safe and dependable maritime travel in our region.

We look forward to your prompt response on this matter. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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*Cc: Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the
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Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure*

Attachment A – 2024.06.07 Service Interruptions at the Land Weather Station on Holland Rock from Minister Guilbeault



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Staff Report

Date: June 17, 2026
To: Electoral Area Advisory Committee
From: D. Fish, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject: Tlell Soccer Field Parking Lot Paving Project

Recommendation:

THAT the report entitled “Tlell Soccer Field Parking Lot Paving Project” be received;

AND THAT the Board allocate up to \$240,000 from the Electoral Area D Parks and Trails Reserve Fund toward the Tlell Soccer Field Parking Lot Paving project costs.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on planning work for the Tlell Soccer Field Parking Lot Paving Project (Project) and to seek a recommendation from the Electoral Area Advisory Committee (EAAC) to the North Coast Regional District (NCRD) Board to allocate \$XXX from the Electoral Area D Parks and Trail Reserve toward Project costs.

BACKGROUND:

In 2025, the NCRD completed an Active Transportation Plan for Electoral Area D. Within this plan, the Anvil Trail Trailhead Relocation and Enhancement Project was identified as a keystone project.

In August 2025, the NCRD submitted a funding application to the Strategic Priorities Fund (SPF) to complete Phase 1 of the Project, anticipated to cost \$444,932.

DISCUSSION:

The project included a phased, multi-part project. The first part, specific to a funding application submitted to the SPF in August 2025, is to build a formalized, asphalt paved parking area at the new trailhead location at the Tlell Soccer Field. The proposed parking lot will be 1,750 square metres in size, with 57 stalls (each 2.9 metres wide), plus two accessible stalls. The parking lot will connect to the existing roadway that connects to Highway 16, which will also be paved as part of this project work.

In July 2025, the NCRD received a proposal from Terus Construction for the paving of the soccer field parking lot, as well as the roadway entering into the soccer fields. The proposal included a cost of \$238,434.

Since 2025, NCRD staff have been working with the Haida Gwaii Youth Soccer Association (HGYSAs) and, more recently, the Graham Island East Coast Farmer's Institute (GIECFI) to facilitate this project work. HGYSAs maintain a lease of the soccer fields and adjacent parking lot area with the Province of B.C., whereas the GIECFI maintains a lease for the roadway entering into the soccer field.

Staff have reached Partnership and Collaboration Agreements with both the HGYSAs and the GIECFI to formalize a cooperative relationship between the Parties and define roles and responsibilities related to the Project.

Under these agreements, the NCRD agrees to plan, design and complete the paving work, secure and administer funding for the work, manage contractors, and obtain necessary permitting. The HGYSAs and GIECFI agree to maintain their tenures in good standing with the Province of BC, grant reasonable access to complete work, and provide ongoing maintenance to the paved areas.

Terus Construction is currently on Haida Gwaii and is able to begin work the 4th week of June 2026, providing an opportunity to reduce mobilization costs by \$38,000.

Financial Implication

Staff have reached out to SPF staff and funding award decisions are not anticipated to be made until summer 2026, with no guarantee of a positive outcome.

With this in mind, Staff recommend that the Board consider the use of existing Electoral Area D Parks and Trails Reserve Fund Balances to complete this phase of project work, valued at \$238,434.

Electoral Area D Parks and Trails Reserve Fund Balances

The following funds are available in the Electoral Area D Parks and Trails Reserves as at April 30, 2026:

Capital and Planning Grant Funds	\$148,804.30
Growing Communities Funds	\$95,723.41
Resource Benefits Alliance Funds	\$180,230.86
TOTAL:	\$424,758.57

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Housing	Board Governance	Shared Services
Economy	North Coast Community	

The NCRD will pursue, through advocacy, engagement and partnerships, enhanced access to outdoor recreation opportunities.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the EAAC consider the information presented in this report and provide a recommendation to the NCRD Board that up to \$240,000 from the Electoral Area D Parks and Trails Reserve Fund be allocated toward Project costs.



Staff Report

Date: June 19, 2026

To: D. Fish, Chief Administrative Officer

From: C. Edwards, Corporate Officer

Subject: 2026 UBCM Convention Meeting Requests

Recommendations:

THAT the report entitled “2026 UBCM Convention Meeting Requests” be received;

AND THAT Staff be directed to submit 2026 UBCM meeting requests following the Board’s consideration of meeting topics.

PURPOSE:

To present to the Board of the North Coast Regional District (NCRD) proposed meeting requests for the 2026 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention and seek Board direction on advocacy priorities and additional meeting opportunities.

BACKGROUND:

On May 15, 2026, Staff presented reporting to the Board detailing the 2026 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Minister and Ministry and Crown Corporation (MACC) meeting request process and sought direction with respect to proposed meeting request topics.

Following Board discussion, Staff were directed to prepare proposed meeting requests based on previous UBCM advocacy efforts, current priorities, and Board direction.

DISCUSSION:Meeting Topics:

The following tables identify proposed meeting requests and associated discussion topics for Ministerial and MACC meetings. These recommendations are based on previous UBCM meeting topics, board discussions, and issues identified through NCRD correspondence and regional engagement.

MINISTER MEETINGS:

Minister	Topic(s)
MINISTRY OF FINANCE Hon. Brenda Bailey	- Aligning Property Tax Revisions with Rural Realities
MINISTRY OF FORESTS: Hon. Ravi Parmar	- Local Government Involvement in North Coast and Haida Gwaii Forestry
MINISTRY OF HEALTH: Hon. Josie Osborne	- Healthcare Staffing Shortages and National Occupation Classification Revisions - North Coast and Haida Gwaii Healthcare Solutions to Meet Health Needs
MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE: Hon. Bowinn Ma	- North Coast Provincial Infrastructure Deficit - Federal Small Craft Harbour Divesture and Provincial Infrastructure Opportunity
MINISTRY OF INDIGENOUS RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION Hon. Spencer Chandra Herbert	- Haida Title Agreement and Local Government Service Delivery
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT: Hon. Mike Farnworth	- Necessity of Haida Gwaii Based Position for Maintenance Contractor Conformance - Shoreline Erosion Protection and Planning on Haida Gwaii - BC Ferries Service Reliability
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER Hon. David Eby	- Alaska Ferry Terminal Reinstatement Progress Update - Mile 28 Level Rail Crossing Postponed Project Concerns

Minister meetings are intended to be high-level overviews of issue topics and an opportunity to provide updates on said issues. Minister meetings will be fifteen (15) minutes long, five (5) minutes apart, and will be held in the Vancouver Convention Center East Building Level 2.

Given the limited time available for these meetings, staff recommend that the Board consider no more than 2-3 topics per meeting.

The deadline for Minister meeting submissions is June 24, 2026. Meetings will be confirmed in early September.

MACC MEETINGS:

Ministry	Topic(s)
BC TRANSIT	- BC Transit Service of the Terrace – Prince Rupert Corridor Feasibility
MINISTRY OF FORESTS:	- Follow Up on Ministry Transference of Planned Forest Service Road Closures
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS:	- Requesting Information on North Coast and Haida Gwaii Specific Housing Supports and Initiatives - North Coast and Haida Gwaii Housing Crisis Concerns
MINISTRY OF JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH:	- Enforcement of Provincial Rural Initiative Policymaking Guidance - Provincial Policy Disconnect with Rural Realities
MINISTRY OF TOURISM, ARTS, CULTURE, AND SPORTS:	- Destination BC, Indigenous Tourism BC Promotion of North Coast and Haida Gwaii
MINISTRY OF WATER, LAND AND RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP:	- Follow up on the Watershed Securities Fund and Watershed Restoration Options
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT:	- Speed reductions on Haida Gwaii / Speed Reader Boards - Contractor Performance Monitoring and Auditing - BC Ferries Service Reliability - Approvals and Permitting - BC Ferries Service Level Matching for Shoulder Season and Haida Gwaii Tourism -Sangan River Bridge Pedestrian Walkway and Speed Limit Reductions

MACC meetings are intended to be more technical, addressing specific needs with subject matter experts. The MACC meetings are longer, being up to thirty (30) minutes (twenty (20) minutes for the Ministry of Transportation and Transit staff). There is also only one (1) meeting per MACC and one (1) Local Government per meeting. MACC staff have also advised that up to three (3) topics can be considered at a meeting.

MACC meetings will be held the week prior to the convention remotely via Microsoft Teams.

The deadline for meeting requests is August 5, 2026 Confirmation of meetings will be communicated in early September.

Meeting and Event Invitations:

Staff have received additional invitations to meet with organizations not listed within UBCM Provincial Appointments Book. Should the Board be interested in the following invitations, Staff will RSVP as directed:

- Invitation to meet with BC Ferries
 - The NCRD was invited to meet with BC Ferries at the 2026 UBCM Convention during the May 6, 2026 meeting between BC Ferries and NCRD Directors.
- Invitation to meet with BC Hydro
 - BC Hydro has extended an invitation to local governments to meet at the 2026 UBCM Convention by June 30 included as Attachment A to this report.
- Invitation to the 13th Annual Resource Breakfast Series
 - The Resource Breakfast Series has extended an invitation to attend the breakfast on September 15, 16, and 17, 2026, from 7:00 – 8:30 A.M. included as Attachment B to this report.

Meeting Requests Process:

Upon the Board's selection of meeting topics, Staff will request meetings via the 2026 UBCM Convention's meeting request portal.

Submissions through the portal will include a brief description of the topic, any issues or concerns, and if identified proposed solutions to the issues.

In addition, other regional district or municipality members, and local MLA's can be invited to Minister meetings, however, UBCM staff recommended considering space limitations of the meeting rooms in the Vancouver Conference Center.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A – Invitation to meet with BC Hydro
- Attachment B – Invitation to the 13th Annual Resource Breakfast Series

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the Board discuss potential 2026 UBCM Convention meeting requests and include any meetings for submission before the deadlines of June 24th for Minister meetings and August 5th for MACC meetings in direction to Staff. Staff is also seeking direction on additional meeting/event opportunities as outlined in this report.

From: Gammer, Bob <Bob.Gammer@bchydro.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 4:52 PM
Cc: Mosure, David <Dave.Mosure@bchydro.com>
Subject: UBCM 2026 – UBCM Meeting Request Form - BC Hydro

Dear Chair and Board,

Once again, BC Hydro will be participating in the 2026 UBCM Convention in Vancouver, the week of September 14. During the convention, our executives and senior staff will be available to meet with local government officials. These meetings offer a valuable opportunity for focused discussions on topics that matter most to your community.

To request a meeting, please complete and submit our [Meeting Request Form](#) by **Tuesday, June 30**. Meeting times are limited to 20 minutes to accommodate as many local governments as possible. As time is limited, we ask you to focus on a single topic to ensure a productive and meaningful discussion.

While we welcome the chance to connect at UBCM, please know you never need to wait for the convention to meet with us or to raise issues important to your community - we're always available to connect whenever it is helpful. Feel free to reach out to me at any time to schedule a meeting.

For questions related to the [Meeting Request Form](#), please contact Matt Lahti, matt.lahti@bchydro.com.

Full meeting details, including date, time and location, will be shared in early September.

Sincerely,
Bob Gammer

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Dear Regional District Chair and Directors,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 79th Annual Resource Breakfast Series scheduled for September 15, 16, and 17, 2026 at the Terminal City Club in Vancouver, B.C. The Resource Breakfast Series promises an exceptional experience, bringing together B.C. Resource Ministers, Local Area Governments, and natural resource sector leaders for insightful discussions on the latest news, advancements, and future strategies in BC's natural resource sectors.

Event Details:

Date:	September 15, 16, and 17	Location:	Terminal City Club, Vancouver
Time:	7:00 – 8:30 am	Dress Code:	Business
Style:	Plated Breakfast	Government Pricing:	\$27.00 + tax per breakfast

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/13th-annual-resource-breakfast-series-tickets-1988570132798?aff=oddtcreator>

The annual Resource Breakfast Series offers a focused forum for meaningful discussion, featuring timely presentations on key developments in BC's natural resource sector. Speaker announcements will follow shortly.

This invitation only series brings together local and provincial government officials with select sponsors. Tickets are sold per breakfast, with local government asked to limit attendance to three seats per Municipal Council or Regional District to support broad participation from across the province.

We look forward to seeing you at the 13th Annual Resource Breakfast Series. Please reach out to events@c3alliance.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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On Behalf of

Sarah Weber | President & CEO



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Staff Report

Date: June 19, 2026

To: D. Fish, Chief Administrative Officer

From: S. Landrath, Treasurer

Subject: Cargo Vehicle for Haida Gwaii Recreation

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of the NCRD receive the staff report entitled “Cargo Vehicle for Haida Gwaii Recreation”;

AND THAT the Board decommit the \$23,275 in RBA funds originally earmarked for the Tlell Soccer fields parking lot from the Haida Gwaii Recreation Service and commit the \$23,375 towards the purchase of the Haida Gwaii Recreation vehicle;

AND THAT the Board repay the \$50,000 interfund borrowing allocated in resolutions 149-2026 and 152-2026 from the Haida Gwaii Recreation service and commit the \$50,000 towards the purchase of the Cargo Van;

AND THAT the Board allocate \$50,000 from the Area E Parks & Trails Capital and Planning Reserve to replace the above interfund borrowing;

AND THAT the Board approve that the remaining \$26,625 of the Haida Gwaii Recreation vehicle purchase be funded via an equipment loan through the MFA.

BACKGROUND:

At the April 17, 2026 Regular Board meeting held in Port Clements, the Haida Gwaii Recreation Coordinator requested that the North Coast Regional District (NCRD) explore the purchase of a Ford Transit Van for the Haida Gwaii Recreation service.

Haida Gwaii Recreation delivers programs and events at multiple locations across Haida Gwaii; however, Recreation equipment is not stored at each site. As a result, Recreation staff and/or parents volunteers are required to transport equipment from storage locations to event sites and return the equipment following each event. Mileage paid to staff in 2025 totaled \$10,000, resulting in a deficit in Haida Gwaii Recreation of 4%.

DISCUSSION:

Recreation staff provided information regarding a 2025 Ford Transit Cargo Van currently available through Terrace Totem Ford. Staff also identified the following additional inventory options:

Stock #	Description	Cost before taxes and fees	Cost after taxes and fees
45765	2025 Cargo Van Base	\$74,500	\$87,335
45802	2025 Cargo Van Base	\$73,155	\$85,758
46013	2026 Cargo Van Base	\$76,445	\$89,616
46021	2026 Cargo Van Base	\$81,720	\$95,799

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:Purchase of Vehicle

Several funding options are available to support the purchase of a vehicle for the Haida Gwaii Recreation service, including:

- Fund with Haida Gwaii Recreation reserve balances;
- Debt financing, including:
 - Financing through Ford Canada; and/or
 - An equipment loan from the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA);
- Allocation of grant funding:
 - Gas Tax/Community Works Funding; and/or
 - Resource Benefits Alliance Funding; and

- Increasing the 2027 tax requisition and allocating the increase toward the purchase of the vehicle.

Available Reserves

The balances in the Haida Gwaii Recreation Reserves at April 30, 2026 are as follows:

	Balance	Committed	Uncommitted
General Reserve	\$11,576	\$5,790	\$5,786
Capital Reserve	\$32,893	\$23,375	\$9,518
Total in Reserves	\$44,469	\$29,165	\$15,304

General reserve funds in the amount of \$5,790 have been committed toward funding 2026 operations. Capital reserve funds in the amount of \$23,375 were committed to the Tlell Soccer Field Paving Project (Project). The NCRD has since applied for grant funding for the Project and has a healthy balance in the Area D Parks and Trails capital reserve. The Board may wish to consider whether this commitment is still required from the Haida Gwaii Recreation capital reserve. If not, a total balance of \$32,893 may be available from this capital reserve.

Staff also note that \$50,000 of the Haida Gwaii Recreation Capital Reserve was used for interfund borrowing for the administration building renovations. At the time of borrowing, this capital priority was not identified. As an option, the Board could choose to repay the \$50,000 interfund borrowing to the Haida Gwaii Recreation Capital Reserve and reallocate the borrowing to another reserve. If supported, and if previously committed funds in the capital reserve were uncommitted, this would leave \$82,893 available in reserve funds.

Staff recommend that the Board repay the \$50,000 interfund borrowing allocated in resolutions 149-2026 and 152-2026 from the Haida Gwaii Recreation service and commit the \$50,000 towards the purchase of the Haida Gwaii Recreation vehicle.

Municipal Finance Authority Loan

The MFA currently offers equipment financing at an interest rate of 2.88%. (This rate is guaranteed until August 8, 2026).

Assuming a principal amount of \$30,000, estimated monthly payments would be as follows:

Term	Payment
12 months	\$2,539.17
24 months	\$1,287.84
36 months	\$870.85
48 months	\$662.44
60 months	\$537.46

Staff is recommending that the remaining cost of the HG Recreation vehicle be financed through a MFA equipment loan.

Operations

The operating expenses for the new HG Recreation vehicle (including fleet insurance, gas and maintenance) is expected to be less than the \$10,000 that was paid in 2025 for mileage reimbursement.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Housing	Board Governance	Shared Services
Economy	North Coast Community	

The NCRD will pursue, through advocacy, engagement and partnerships, enhanced access to outdoor recreation opportunities.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend that the Board decommit the \$23,375 in RBA funds originally earmarked for the Tlell Soccer Fields Parking lot from the Haida Gwaii Recreation service and commit the \$23,375 towards the purchase of the Haida Gwaii Recreation vehicle.

Staff recommend that the Board repay the \$50,000 interfund borrowing allocated in resolutions 149-2026 and 152-2026 from the Haida Gwaii Recreation service and commit the \$50,000 towards the purchase of the Haida Gwaii Recreation vehicle.

Staff also recommend that the Board allocate \$50,000 from the Area E Parks & Trails Capital and Planning Reserve to replace the above interfund borrowing.

Staff recommend that the Board approve that the remaining \$26,625 of the Haida Gwaii Recreation vehicle purchase be funded via an equipment loan through the MFA.



NORTH COAST
REGIONAL DISTRICT

Staff Report

Date: June 19, 2026
To: North Coast Regional District Board
From: D. Fish, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject: Proposed Oona River Community Hall & Grounds Service Establishing Bylaw No. 718, 2026

Recommendations:

1. THAT the staff report entitled “Proposed Oona River Community Hall & Grounds Service Establishing Bylaw No. 718, 2026” be received;

AND THAT that the Board of the North Coast Regional District proceed with first reading of Bylaw No. 718, 2026.

2. THAT the Board of the North Coast Regional District proceed with second reading of Bylaw No. 718, 2026.

3. THAT the Board of the North Coast Regional District proceed with third reading of Bylaw No. 718, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

On May 2, 2026, NCRD Staff held a community meeting in Oona River, B.C., to discuss a proposed Oona River Community Hall service. Approximately 20 members of the community participated.

While the community hall service was the main focus of discussion, additional discussion was had on a proposed incinerator for the community, as well as ferry services and house numbering.

In 2024, a similar initiative to establish a service for the Oona River Community Hall was undertaken but ultimately failed to seek the approval of the electorate.

DISCUSSION:

Community Meeting & Survey Responses

At the community meeting, NCRD staff posed the following questions to community members, who were asked to submit responses via a distributed survey:

1. Should there be a community hall service?
2. Who should be included in the service area?
3. What is a reasonable annual contribution?
4. What priorities should funding support first?
5. What would make a future proposal successful?
6. Anything else you'd like to share?

At the time of writing this report, the NCRD has received 11 survey responses, representing approximately 33% of the total population as per 2021 Census figures.

Survey responses indicate the following:

1. Should there be a community hall service?

Yes	63.6%
Unsure	36.4%

2. Who should be included in the service area?

100% of respondents indicated only Oona River should be included in the service area.

3. What is a reasonable annual contribution?

The majority of respondents indicated a maximum requisition of \$5,000/year, or equivalent to approximately \$200 per individual property.

4. What priorities should funding support first?

- Electrical
- Siding
- Maintenance
- Incinerator
- Capital improvements
- Kitchen upgrades

5. What would make a future proposal successful?

The most frequent answer to this question was that a cap be placed on the requisition amount. Additional responses included transparency, community engagement, and heating system upgrades.

Service Establishing Bylaw

Staff have proposed the *Oona River Community Hall & Grounds Service Establishment Bylaw No. 718, 2026* (Bylaw) for the Board’s consideration, included as Attachment A to this report. The proposed Bylaw reflects feedback received from the community through public engagement.

Service

The proposed Bylaw includes provision for “funding the operation, maintenance, equipment and capital improvements for the Oona River Community Hall and associated properties”.

Boundary & Participants

The boundaries and participants for the service area are proposed as a portion of Electoral Area C (Oona River), as outlined in Schedule A of the Bylaw.

Cost Recovery Method

In accordance with the *Local Government Act*, the annual cost of the service is to be recovered through one or more of the following:

1. Property value tax imposed;
2. Fees and charges;
3. Revenue raised by other means; and
4. Revenue received by way of agreement, enterprises, gift, grant or otherwise.

Maximum Requisition

The proposed annual maximum requisition for this service is \$5,000. Using the 2026 assessment roll, this represents an approximate annual taxation amount of \$95.00 for the average homeowner.

For the Board’s information, varying tax requisition amounts have been illustrated below:

NEXT STEPS:

Bylaw Approval

Staff is proposing that, following three readings of the Bylaw at the June 19, 2026 Regular Board meeting, that the Bylaw be provided to the Inspector of Municipalities for Approval.

If Inspector approval is received for the Bylaw prior to August 21, 2026, Staff will bring a proposed *Oona River Community Hall & Grounds Service Referendum Bylaw No. 719, 2026*, to the August 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting for the Board’s consideration. Bylaw No. 719, 2026 will authorize the NCRD to obtain, by referendum, the approval of the electors in Oona River (service area) regarding establishing a service for the Oona River Community Hall & Grounds. It is proposed that the referendum will be held at the same time as the Local General Election to be held October 17.

Alternatively, the Board may wish to consider an Alternative Approval Process to seek the approval of the electorate. Given an annual maximum requisition limit of \$5,000, this is an available option.

Financial Implication

Staff estimate the cost to hold a referendum in the community to be approximately \$5,000. As there is a planned municipal election at that time, incremental costs are not anticipated beyond what has been budgeted for local general elections.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Housing	Board Governance	Shared Services
Economy	North Coast Community	

The NCRD will identify needs and opportunities within the Regional District for enhanced collaboration through the establishment of new sub-regional and regional shared services, or the restructuring of existing shared services.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A - *Oona River Community Hall & Grounds Service Establishment Bylaw No. 718, 2026*
- Attachment B – Oona River Community Feedback Surveys

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the Board consider the Bylaw proposed in Attachment A to this report. Further, Staff recommends that the Board pass three readings to the proposed Bylaw before it is provided to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.



Bylaw No. 718, 2026

A bylaw to establish a service within Oona River for the purpose of operating a community hall and associated grounds

WHEREAS under section 332 of the *Local Government Act* a regional district may operate any service the Board considers necessary or desirable for all or part of the Regional District;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the North Coast Regional District wishes to establish a service for the purpose of operating a community hall within Oona River, B.C. in Electoral Area “C”;

AND WHEREAS the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities has been obtained under s. 342 of the *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS the Board has received the approval of the electors in the proposed service area by referendum in accordance with section 344 of the *Local Government Act* and section 85 of the *Community Charter*;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the North Coast Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Citation

This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the *Oona River Community Hall & Grounds Service Establishing Bylaw No. 718, 2026*.

2. Service

The service established by this bylaw is for the purpose of operating a community hall and associated grounds within Oona River, B.C., including:

- Funding for the operation, maintenance, equipment and capital improvements for the Oona River Community Hall and associated properties.

3. Boundaries

Schedule A, attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw, forms the service area boundaries.

4. Participating Areas

The participating area is a portion of Electoral Area C (Oona River) as identified in Schedule A.

5. Cost Recovery

As provided for in section 339 of the *Local Government Act*, the annual cost of providing the service shall be recovered by one or more of the following:

- a) Property value tax imposed in accordance with Division 3 of Part 11 of the *Local Government Act*;
- b) Fees and charges imposed under s. 397 of the *Local Government Act*;
- c) Revenue raised by other means authorized by the *Local Government Act* or another act;
- d) Revenues received by way of agreement, enterprises, gift, grant or otherwise.

6. Maximum Requisition

In accordance with section 339 of the *Local Government Act*:

- a) The maximum annual amount that may be requisitioned for the cost of the service is the amount equal to \$5,000.

Read a first time this _____

Read a second time this _____

Read a third time this _____

Approval of the Inspector of Municipalities _____

Approval of the electorate received this _____

Adopted this _____

Chair

Corporate Officer

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the North Coast Regional District Bylaw No. 718, 2026.

 **NORTH COAST**
ELECTORAL DISTRICT
Donna River Community Feedback

1. Should there be a community hall service?

YES

NO

UNSURE

2. Who should be included in the service area? (ie. Donna River only or more broadly in Electoral Area C?)

DONNA RIVER only

3. What is a reasonable annual contribution?

\$300.00 on taxes

4. What priorities should funding support first?

incinerator & ferry to community

5. What would make a future proposal successful?

That everyone in the community get along & go forward.

6. Anything else you'd like to share

?

Please return completed forms to info@ncrdbc.com by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 26. Alternatively, paper copies can be mailed to 730 2nd Avenue West, Prince Rupert, BC V8J 1L5



NORTH COAST
REGIONAL DISTRICT

Oona River Community Feedback

1. Should there be a community hall service?

YES

NO

UNSURE

2. Who should be included in the service area? (ie. Oona River only or more broadly in Electoral Area C?)

Oona River Only

3. What is a reasonable annual contribution?

\$300-\$400.00

4. What priorities should funding support first?

Inbinerater and Ferry Service.

5. What would make a future proposal successful?



Oona River Community Feedback

1. Should there be a community hall service?

YES

NO

UNSURE

2. Who should be included in the service area? (ie. Oona River only or more broadly in Electoral Area C?)

OONA RIVER COMMUNITY.

3. What is a reasonable annual contribution?

MAXIMUM REQUISITION → NCRD COME UP WITH NUMBER,

4. What priorities should funding support first?

ferry.

5. What would make a future proposal successful?

6. Anything else you'd like to share



Oona River Community Feedback

1. Should there be a community hall service?

YES

NO

UNSURE

2. Who should be included in the service area? (ie. Oona River only or more broadly in Electoral Area C?)

- OONA RIVER COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA, SAME AS PHONE SERVICE.

3. What is a reasonable annual contribution?

- NCRD COME UP W/ NUMBER.

4. What priorities should funding support first?

- FERRY
- HALL
- FIRE SERVICES - PROTECTION.

5. What would make a future proposal successful?

- TRANSPARANCY.

6. Anything else you'd like to share

DOE END OF MAY.



Oona River Community Feedback

1. Should there be a community hall service?

YES

NO

UNSURE

2. Who should be included in the service area? (ie. Oona River only or more broadly in Electoral Area C?)

Only Oona River. It doesn't seem reasonable to tax property owners who wouldn't directly benefit from servicing the facility.

3. What is a reasonable annual contribution?

\$100-\$200 would be a reasonable amount for property owners to contribute.

4. What priorities should funding support first?

General maintenance such as replacing light fixtures, fixing the difficult to open doors, and any other minor repairs. Paying for operating costs of the incinerator could be another good option (depending on the cost)

5. What would make a future proposal successful?

Putting a cap on the total amount collected rather than the percentage based on property assessment value. Having more open and consistent communication with the ORCA Board on decisions being made for the community.

6. Anything else you'd like to share

Some community members have been feeling left out of information gathered and decisions ^{made that are} being brought to the NCRD because discussions on these issues usually happen informally/spontaneously when there already happens to be a gathering (such as coffee time) which not everyone is able to attend on a daily basis or at all.



Oona River Community Feedback

1. Should there be a community hall service?

YES

NO

UNSURE

2. Who should be included in the service area? (ie. Oona River only or more broadly in Electoral Area C?)

3. What is a reasonable annual contribution?

\$200.00 or more

4. What priorities should funding support first?

5. What would make a future proposal successful?

6. Anything else you'd like to share



Oona River Community Feedback

MAY, 02, 2026

1. Should there be a community hall service?

YES

NO

UNSURE

2. Who should be included in the service area? (ie. Oona River only or more broadly in Electoral Area C?)

OONA RIVER ONLY

3. What is a reasonable annual contribution?

\$ 5,000 CAP.

4. What priorities should funding support first?

GARBAGE COLLECTION, ELECTRICAL REPAIR
FERRY SERVICE

5. What would make a future proposal successful?

A CAP ON THE TAX AMOUNT.
GARBAGE COLLECTION.

6. Anything else you'd like to share

NEED CLARIFICATION ON WHAT CURRENTLY IS BEING PAID
BY THE NCRD. INSURANCE, HYDRO, ETC.
CURRENT EXPENSES SHOULD REMAIN SEPARATE FROM A
SERVICE AGREEMENT.

PREFERENCE OF NO CHANGE TO THE NAME OF UPPER ROAD



Oona River Community Feedback

1. Should there be a community hall service?

YES

NO

UNSURE

2. Who should be included in the service area? (ie. Oona River only or more broadly in Electoral Area C?)

Oona River Only

3. What is a reasonable annual contribution?

4. What priorities should funding support first?

- Capital improvements that are already ~~at the~~ started siding, kitchen upgrades?, electrical

What routine costs would be included?

5. What would make a future proposal successful?

clear maximum leg. amount decided by the community, (not based on a fixed % of property value)

* A formalized relationship between ORCA + our area rep / NCRD to create / approve annual projects / budgets.

6. Anything else you'd like to share

Are current 'operational costs' going to be 'downloaded' into this bylaw?
Specifically insurance and HYDRO



Oona River Community Feedback

1. Should there be a community hall service?

YES

NO

UNSURE

2. Who should be included in the service area? (ie. Oona River only or more broadly in Electoral Area C?)

OONA RIVER ONLY

3. What is a reasonable annual contribution?

CAP OF \$5000 / YR MAX

4. What priorities should funding support first?

COMMUNITY HALL MAINTENANCE

5. What would make a future proposal successful?

CAP THE AMOUNT NOT PER ASSESSMENT FROM LAND TAXES OVER TIME.

6. Anything else you'd like to share

THANK YOU FOR COMING & SHARING EVERYTHING TO POSSIBLY MOVE SERVICE AGREEMENT FORWARD!



Oona River Community Feedback

1. Should there be a community hall service?

YES

NO

UNSURE

2. Who should be included in the service area? (ie. Oona River only or more broadly in Electoral Area C?)

Oona Only.

3. What is a reasonable annual contribution?

Between 10 to 50 cents / 1000 → Community consultation and majority approval.

4. What priorities should funding support first?

Upkeep and maintenance / Incinerator-project.

5. What would make a future proposal successful?

Continued community engagement / transparency and not making the "god posts guarantee"

6. Anything else you'd like to share

Excellent engagement, presentation, Good work.



Oona River Community Feedback

1. Should there be a community hall service?

YES

NO

UNSURE

2. Who should be included in the service area? (ie. Oona River only or more broadly in Electoral Area C?)

OONA RIVER ONLY

3. What is a reasonable annual contribution?

\$ 200.00 PER ANNUM

4. What priorities should funding support first?

ELECTRIC PANEL
SIDING FOR COM-HALL

5. What would make a future proposal successful?

HEATING SYSTEM FOR MAIN HALL

6. Anything else you'd like to share

GET THE SERVICE BY-LAW PASSED
AND ON WITH IT



Staff Report

Date: June 19, 2026

To: D. Fish, Chief Administrative Officer

From: A. Baigent, Community Planner & Advisor, Urban Systems

Subject: Update: Application for proposed Moresby Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 236, 1995 (Amendment Bylaw No. 715, 2026) and Sandspit-Moresby Island Interim Zoning Bylaw No. 186, 1989 (Amendment Bylaw No. 716, 2026) – Hekate’s Retreat – Sandspit

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the Staff Report dated June 19, 2026, entitled “Update: Application for proposed Moresby Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 236, 1995 (Amendment Bylaw No. 715, 2026) and Sandspit-Moresby Island Interim Zoning Bylaw No. 186, 1989 (Amendment Bylaw No. 716, 2026) – Hekate’s Retreat – Sandspit” be received for information.
 2. AND THAT the summary of the Public Hearing held Tuesday May 26, 2026, regarding “Moresby Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 236, 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 715, 2026”, and “Sandspit-Moresby Island Interim Zoning Bylaw No. 186, 1989, Amendment Bylaw No. 716, 2026” be received.
 3. AND THAT “Moresby Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 236, 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 715, 2026” be given Third Reading.
 4. AND THAT “Sandspit-Moresby Island Interim Zoning Bylaw No. 186, 1989, Amendment Bylaw No. 716, 2026” be given Third Reading.
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PURPOSE:

To present to the Board the summary of the Public Hearing held Tuesday May 26, 2026, regarding an application to amend the Moresby Island Official Community Plan (OCP) and Sandspit-

Moresby Island Interim Zoning Bylaw in support of additional amenities at Hekate’s Retreat, located at 342 School Road, Sandspit.

BACKGROUND:

On April 17, 2026, the Board gave First and Second Reading to “Moresby Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 236, 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 715, 2026”, and “Sandspit-Moresby Island Interim Zoning Bylaw No. 186, 1989, Amendment Bylaw No. 716, 2026”. The proposed amendments are intended to bring the existing short-term rental units into compliance while allowing for the subject parcels to be enhanced as a tourist destination, allowing for a second phase of development including four (4) additional short-term rental units, five (5) additional recreational vehicle sites, and amenities.

Following First and Second Reading, staff were directed to schedule a public hearing and issue public notice pursuant to Section 94 of the *Community Charter* and Section 466 of the *Local Government Act*. A Public Hearing was held May 26, 2026.

Administrative Corrections

Prior to calling the Public Hearing to order, Staff advised the public of 2 administrative corrections to the proposed bylaws:

1. OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 716, 2026 regarding District Lot 307 be amended to re-designate the parcel from “Parks & Recreation” and “Residential” to “Commercial”, as shown on Schedule “A”, attached to and forming part of Bylaw No. 715, 2026.
2. Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 716, 2026 regarding GC-1 zone section 18.4.1 be amended to correct a setback reference to the Western boundary of District Lot 163 be amended to the Eastern zone boundary.

These administrative corrections to the proposed bylaws were also reiterated by Urban Systems Ltd. during the summary of the proposed bylaws. The amendment bylaws attached to this report are reflective of these corrections.

Public Hearing

44 people attended the Public Hearing, which was held at the Sandspit Community Hall at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday May 26, 2026. Through the Public Hearing process, the Regional District received 7 written submissions. Staff also received questions and feedback outside of Public Hearing related to technicalities of the amendment bylaws.

The minutes of the Public Hearing, attached to this report, summarize the comments received from members of the public. During the hearing, many speakers expressed support for the proposed rezoning as a means of promoting economic sustainability and growth within the

community, while others raised concerns regarding the proposal. The following key themes were identified in the written submissions received and attached to this report:

- Opposition to broad commercial zoning
- Protection of agricultural land and food security
- Environmental concerns (i.e., aquifer, floodplain, riparian habitat)
- Alignment with the OCP
- Risks to local housing availability (e.g., short-term rentals reducing housing for residents) and increasing property values and rents
- Advocacy for zoning that prioritizes agriculture and recreation as principal uses

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The NCRD’s *Strategic Plan 2023-2026* identifies five themes that guide the Regional District's use of resources, including funds, staff time and energy. The themes shown in **bold** are those that are consistent with this application.

Housing	Board Governance	Shared Services
Economy	North Coast Community	

Housing (Priority 1): The NCRD will work in partnership with First Nations, industry, not-for-profit societies and governments to increase the supply of stable and affordable housing on Haida Gwaii and the Mainland.

North Coast Community (Priority 3): The NCRD will pursue, through advocacy, engagement and partnerships, enhanced access to outdoor recreation opportunities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

The NCRD’s *Sustainable Economic Development Strategy 2025* for Electoral Areas D and E establishes a series of guiding principles and strategic actions intended to support long-term economic resilience. The principles shown in **bold** are those that are consistent with this application, and the relevant strategies and policy actions are outlined below.

Housing	Transportation Networks	Digital and Utility Infrastructure
Education and Training	Tourism	Environmentally Sustainable Practices
Community Services	Partnerships	

Strategy 1 (*Electoral Areas D and E*): Bolster NCRD Services to Support Economic Development

- Develop planning policies that support more housing and the usage of existing underused properties to attract new residents (*Electoral Areas D and E – Policy Action 1.2.3*).

Strategy 1 (*Sandspit*): Create a Community that Supports Existing Residents and Attracts New Ones

- Develop incentives to build more housing and redevelop existing properties to attract new residents. Develop a marketing campaign highlighting Sandspit’s lifestyle, natural beauty, and community value to attract families and young professionals, promoting relocation incentives (*Sandspit – Policy Action 1.1.3*).

Strategy 2 (*Sandspit*): Generate Employment Opportunities Through Increasing Tourism

- Review current policies and supports for visitor accommodation businesses, including short-term rentals, bed and breakfasts, and hotels/motels, in Sandspit to ensure alignment with visitor demand, market feasibility, and community priorities (*Sandspit – Policy Action 2.1.4*).

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Administration is recommending that the Board receives this report and gives Third Reading and adopts the “Moresby Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 236, 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 715, 2026”, and “Sandspit-Moresby Island Interim Zoning Bylaw No. 186, 1989, Amendment Bylaw No. 716, 2026”. Following Third Reading, the Board cannot receive or consider additional information from the public or the applicant regarding the amending bylaws before adoption.

Alternatively, the Board may choose to proceed with one of the following options:

1. Proceed with amendments to the proposed amending bylaws.

Should the Board direct any additional amendments to the proposed amending bylaws following the public hearing, staff will review the proposed changes to determine whether they are substantive in nature. Any substantive amendments may require the applicant's consent and, where required by legislation, an additional public hearing prior to consideration of Third Reading.

2. Defer consideration pending receipt of additional information.

The Board may choose to defer consideration of the amending bylaws to allow for the submission and review of additional application information requirements.

3. Deny the proposed amending bylaws.

If the Board denies the proposed amending bylaws, the bylaws cannot be considered further. Where an application has been denied, no application for the same bylaw shall be submitted to the Regional District for a period of six (6) months.

CONCLUSION:

The Public Hearing process has been completed, and the Board has received public input through written submissions, verbal presentations, and comments regarding the proposed amendments. The attached Public Hearing minutes and written submissions provide a summary of the feedback received and identify the key issues raised by the public. The Board may now consider the information received through the Public Hearing in determining whether to proceed with further consideration of the proposed bylaws.

Attachments

- [Previous Staff Report – Item No. 9.1, April 17, 2026](#)
- *Public Hearing Meeting Minutes dated Tuesday May 26, 2026*
- *Written Submissions*
- *Moresby Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 236, 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 715, 2026*
- *Sandspit-Moresby Island Interim Zoning Bylaw No. 186, 1989, Amendment Bylaw No. 716, 2026*



NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING

Report of the Public Hearing Meeting held at the Sandspit Community Hall, at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday May 26, 2026, to receive representation from all persons who deem their interests to be affected by the following proposed bylaws:

Moresby Island Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 715, 2026 and Sandspit-Moresby Island Interim Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 716, 2026.

Chair:	Electoral Area E Director	E. Putterill
Directors:		
Staff:	Corporate Officer	C. Edwards
	Chief Administrative Officer	D. Fish
	Urban Systems Ltd.	Andrew Baigent Kali Holahan
Members of the Public:		44

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2. *Zoning amendment bylaw regarding GC-1 zone section 18.4.1 be amended to correct a setback reference which currently references the Western boundary of District Lot 163 and should be amended to reference the Eastern zone boundary.*

1. Call to Order at 7:14 P.M.

2. Statement by the Chair on the Procedures for Public Hearing

The Chair introduced the proposed Moresby Island Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 715, 2026 and Sandspit-Moresby Island Interim Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 716, 2026.

For those wishing to speak, the Chair noted the following:

- Speakers must sign in by filling out the speaker sign in sheet to be called upon;
- The speaker must identify themselves by full name;
- Speakers will be limited to 2 minutes to express their views;
- Someone wishing to speak a second time will be allowed to provide additional information, after others have been heard from for a first time, and will have a time limit of 2 minutes for their subsequent presentation;
- If the speaker wishes to read from a prepared statement, a copy must be provided to the Corporate Officer for reference;
- The North Coast Regional District Panel representatives may ask questions for clarification. However, the meeting is not a question period where debate takes place; and

- The North Coast Regional District Panel representatives will not provide any comment on issues raised at the time of raising the issue, but will be in attendance to listen to the comments presented and potentially respond .

3. Staff to Summarize the Proposed Amendment Bylaws and Bylaw Process

Andrew Baigent, Urban Systems, presented an overview of the proposed bylaw amendments noting the following:

- The Willows Golf Course was purchased by the applicant in 2021.
- The proposed zoning amendment will allow a second phase of development for 4 additional rental units and 5 additional RV sites as well as additional amenities and would bring existing structures into zoning compliance.
- Site specific restrictions include the Board’s direction and public feedback received from the previous public hearing held May 28, 2024.

Kali Holahan, Urban Systems, presented the following considerations regarding the proposed GC-1 zoning designation:

- The proposed zoning amendment reduced maximum lot coverage and removed development east of Copper Bay Rd., widely referred to as the Dunes.
- Development is restricted within the zoning amendment to not allow development on the historical footprint of the golf course, and the “golf course” remains the predominant use through land area and operation specifications of a par 3, 9-hole golf course.
- Restrictions and specifications included in the zoning amendment incorporate feedback on the application from the Moresby Island Advisory Planning Commission.

4. Proponent Presentation

Andrew Purdey and Daniel Brehens of the Purdey Group of Companies presented an update on the Hekate’s Retreat zoning application.

5. Staff to Read Out Written Submissions

C. Edwards, Corporate Officer, summarized the received written submissions noting that written submissions and a record of the public hearing will be available for public inspection one week prior to when reporting on the public hearing is presented to the Board. Written submissions will be included as an attachment to this report.

6. Call for Public Comment on the Proposed Amendment Bylaws

The Chair called for a first time for speakers, in the order they appear on the Speaker Sign-In Sheet:

1. Gail Henry

- The speaker indicated their support for the proposed bylaw amendments. As a long time resident of the community, they have seen positive and negative change, recognizing that historic uses of the property have not been viable, they are in support of the rezoning proposal.

2. Chris Putterill
 - The speaker indicated their support for the proposed bylaw amendments. They acknowledged that the community should not become like Tofino, however, the community needs development and they fully support the application. The speaker also noted that they are attempting to subdivide lands to support housing and that they believe that community water supply is not an issue.
3. Alice Cervo
 - The speaker indicated their support for the proposed bylaw amendments. They noted that the long-term benefits are of important consideration.
4. Chad Whiteside
 - The speaker indicated their support for the proposed bylaw amendments. They noted that industry supports the population and the community is declining without development. They mentioned that as a business owner they recognize that housing is an issue, yet not allowing development will not improve housing outcomes.
5. Deborah MacGowan
 - The speaker indicated their support for the proposed bylaw amendments. They noted that as a long time resident of over 30 years that the golf course has supported beautification of the community and that tourism is beneficial to the community.
6. Rainer Gunther
 - The speaker indicated their support for the proposed bylaw amendments. They noted that Canadian federal research anticipates a tourism economy boom lasting until 2035 and that the community has an opportunity to receive a portion of this capital. They mentioned that it is not uncommon for golf courses to be zoned commercial.
7. Joni Fraser
 - The speaker indicated that they are in support of the golf course but not in support of the proposed zoning amendments. They noted that the zoning should ensure that the golf course remains the primary use of the land and all other uses are accessory uses. They noted that a phased development plan should be provided prior to determining if the golf course will remain the primary use.
8. Carol Wagner
 - The speaker indicated that they support the golf course and are not opposed to the rezoning so long as the dunes remain untouched, but they are opposed to the impacts of a tourism-based economy on the community which reportedly only has a 22-week window of operation. They noted that a substantial portion of housing is short-term rentals impeding long-term community population growth. Final comments included opposition of the application due to housing crisis concerns.
9. Robert Houston
 - The speaker indicated their support for the proposed bylaw amendments. They noted that as a father of children employed by the Hekate's Retreat the golf course is a positive element of the community and that the community needs an injection of development.

10. Brenda Kowalchuck

- The speaker indicated their support for the proposed rezoning application. They noted that as the general manager of Hekate's Retreat they see many members of the community come to the restaurant and enjoy the space as a part of the community. They noted that their family also supports the operation of the golf course which has become a hub of the community and would like to see the golf course be able to sustain itself as currently the business is not sustainable without further development.

11. Andrew Purdey

- The speaker indicated their support for the proposed rezoning application. As the applicant, they believe that the current iteration of the proposed amendments will allow Hekate's Retreat to operate sustainably through revitalizing the golf course via the proposed second phase of development. They noted that Hekate's Retreat intends to build an economic core for the community and that they wish to do no harm to nature in any way. They then thanked the community for attending the hearing.

The Chair called for a second time for speakers.

12. Joni Fraser

- The speaker noted that the Sandspit school has 18 students, and that families wishing to move to the community struggle to find residential housing which should be the priority of any community development.

13. Carol Wagner

- The speaker posed a question regarding Hydro power draw and the feasibility of the grid to provide energy should development occur.

14. Chris Putterill

- The speaker noted that they believe that written submissions provided by non-resident members of the public should not be considered.

15. Patricia Parsons

- The speaker indicated that they are in support of the golf course but thinks that it should not be zoned commercial. They noted that housing should be a priority as opposed to commercial development which could impact the local aquifer. They also noted that current services such as the ferry and local housing initiatives are not able to support commercial development.

16. Chelsey Kruger

- The speaker indicated their support for the proposed bylaw amendments. They noted that as a mother to young children in the community they think that growth is needed and found the comments opposed to growth upsetting, mentioning that families should be considered.

17. Patricia Parsons

- The speaker noted that a hospitality community on Fogo Island is a good example of a hospitality driven community that has done well to include the community in every aspect of development.

18. Seth Purdey

- The speaker noted that the Hekate's Retreat is currently operating at a loss and that the business is an asset to the community. They noted that a business needs to be viable and under current zoning it is not viable.

19. Joni Fraser

- The speaker noted that the School District may be able to assist with land to be provided to support housing.

There being no further comments, comments were closed.

7. Response to Comments

The Chair opened the response to comments by Staff first with noting and responding to public comments by stating:

- Accretion of land is not within the scope of the proposed bylaw amendments.
- The NCRD is taking corrective action to address non-compliant short term rentals and will be following up with property owners via mail to present options to come into compliance.

D. Fish, Chief Administrative Officer, responded to public comments by noting:

- A record of the public hearing will be made available one week prior to the Board meeting which the report will be presented. Should review of the record and reporting be prepared in time, the record of the hearing will be made publicly available one week prior to the June 19, 2026 Regular Board meeting.
- Historically housing has not been the mandate of local governments, however, the NCRD has been taking initiative to support housing which is limited to advocacy barring capital fund availability. At this time the NCRD has submitted twice to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's Housing Accelerator Fund and both applications were denied. Housing remains within the NCRD's strategic priorities yet without large capital funds addressing the housing crisis remains challenging.

Andrew Baignet and Kali Holahan responded to public comments by noting:

- The proposed GC-1 zone has primary uses including agricultural and golf course and provisions are included within the zoning to ensure that use predominantly remains golf course.

8. Closing Statement by the Chair

The Chair thanked the public for taking the opportunity to attend the Public Hearing and provide comment on the subject bylaws.

There being no further input from the public, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

Certified fair and correct:

Prepared by:

Chair

Corporate Officer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: May 20, 2026 9:20 AM
To: NCRD Info <info@ncrdbc.com>
Subject: GC-1 Zoning Area E

As part of my submission regarding the application I wish to have clarity as to just where the actual boundary of Lot 163 lies. Is it one chain length from the historical (1908) boundary or fixed to that date?

If it's fixed, is all accretion post 1908 crown land or is there a potential that parts of Lot 163 east of the highway are accreting and that "new" land could be acquired by the land owner via application to the Crown?

Sincerely, Doug Gould

From: Laura Edgars [REDACTED]
Sent: May 23, 2026 5:26 PM
To: NCRD Info <info@ncrdbc.com>
Subject: Sandspit Golf Course proposed bylaws

To whom it may concern,

I grew up in Sandspit and my children and I are Haida Citizens. I currently live off-island with my family, but Sandspit has a special place in my heart.

The thought of the entire golf course property switching to Commercial from Agricultural land & Golf Course gives me a sickening feeling.

I care about all the people I know who live there and they tell me that there is no housing to buy or rent at a reasonable price. They desperately need families to move there and more kids for the school.

Turning the golf course property into a commercial center is not going to bring the families needed.

I am concerned that for the size of Sandspit where there is not much private land anyway, turning that much land into commercial property is going to be of little benefit to the community, with proceeds going to the developer instead.

This will just make properties even more expensive to buy or rent, squeezing out the locals, and turning Sandspit into a resort style tourist community like Tofino.

No thank you!

Sincerely,

Laura Dobson (Edgars)

From: Norman McGregor [REDACTED]
Sent: May 24, 2026 3:51 PM
To: NCRD Info <info@ncrdbc.com>
Subject: Bylaw No. 715, 2026 and Bylaw No.716, 2026

May 24, 2026

Dear Sirs,

Re: The Moresby Island Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 715, 2026 and the Sandspit-Moresby Island Interim Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.716, 2026.

Upon reviewing the materials provided, as a long term resident and property owner, **I DO NOT support and Highly Object to both, the Moresby Island Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 715, 2026 and the Sandspit-Moresby Island Interim Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.716, 2026.**

These changes would allow and promote, vast commercial over development, to a large section of agriculture land within the community and is not in line with the rural feeling of our town.

This application should be dismissed.

Thank you,

Norman McGregor
486 Copper Bay Road
Sandspit, BC

From: Norman McGregor [REDACTED]
Sent: May 24, 2026 3:59 PM
To: NCRD Info <info@ncrdbc.com>
Subject: Bylaw No. 715 and Bylaw No.716, 2026

May 24, 2026

Dear Sirs,

Re: The Moresby Island Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 715, 2026 and the Sandspit-Moresby Island Interim Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.716, 2026.

Upon reviewing the materials provided,as a long term resident and property owner, **I am against to both, the Moresby Island Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 715, 2026 and the Sandspit-Moresby Island Interim Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.716, 2026.**

These changes are to broad and would allow too much commercial over development, for a community our size and is not in line with the rural feeling of our town.

This application should be dismissed.

Debbie Korhonen
486 Copper Bay Road
Sandspit, BC

From: Remi Gauthier [REDACTED]
Sent: May 24, 2026 7:06 PM
To: NCRD Info <info@ncrdbc.com>
Subject: Comments of Concern - Sandspit Golf Course

Hello,

Attached you will find my letter of my concerns regarding the rezoning of the Sandspit Golf Course.

Thank you.

Remi

Dear NCRD Board,

I am on this day of May 22, 2026 writing to voice my concerns regarding the proposed land use changes to the Sandspit Golf Course lands.

I've lived in Sandspit for over 40 years. I've been a subsistence gardener most of my life and sell my locally grown vegetables at the local Garden Markets. I also help build and maintain the trail system around Sandspit.

I don't play golf, but every day I see how much this land means to people. The biggest thing for me is the farmland. Before the golf course, it was a farm. The soil is built up enough to grow food, and this is the only piece of ground in Sandspit that can do it on a large scale. Just by looking at a map, you can see how much of Sandspit this property covers.

Some people may not see how keeping farmland makes the community better, but it matters more every year. With grocery prices what they are and the ferry unreliable, having a place close to home where we can grow food is becoming increasingly important. Once you build over that soil or compact it for parking and RV pads, it's gone.

You can't get it back, and there isn't another spot waiting. Building up soil to grow vegetables takes years of work.

If we're serious about food security for this community, we have to protect the little bit of arable agricultural land we have left.

The other concern is that this land sits on a floodplain over our drinking water. I've seen high tides and storms push water up Latécia Creek and flood large parts of the golf course. Tides are getting higher and storms are getting worse. Governments and experts predict flooding will get worse. More buildings and sewage there don't make sense to me. If something goes wrong, it's our environment and drinking water on the line.

I understand the proposal allows commercial structures and 15 residential units. Looking at the Official Community Plan, I see that part of the back lot is designated for residential use. That area is still the best place for houses and buildings; it's away from the estuary flooding impact zone of the creek and away from the golf course greens. Keeping structures outside the areas that have been historically cultivated is the only way to preserve this land for future agricultural use and the golf course.

Protect the agriculture and the golf course. Keep development light and fit for the land. Once it's gone, we don't get it back.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Remi Gauthier

Sandspit, BC

From: Eve Gauthier [REDACTED]
Sent: May 24, 2026 8:23 PM
To: NCRD Info <info@ncrdbc.com>
Subject: Public Input for Sandspit Golf Course Rezoning

Please find attached my public input submission for the Sandspit Golf Course which has a public hearing on May 26, 2026.

Thanks,
Eve...

Resolve Applicant Compliance Issues within Existing OCP Land-use Designations

{Public Input regarding proposed OCP Amendment & GC-1 Zoning – Eve Gauthier}

I appreciate the effort taken to address concerns raised by MIAPC and previous public input, and for engaging a consultant; however, significant concerns and compliance issues remain.

As stated in the April 17 Staff Report, the proposed amendments are “intended to bring the existing short-term rental units into compliance while allowing for a second phase of development including an additional four (4) short-term rental units, five (5) additional recreational vehicle sites, and additional amenities.”

This does not require changing the OCP’s Parks and Recreation and Residential designations to Commercial. The site has historically operated with short-term rentals and RV sites. Under the Local Government Act and the OCP, these uses can be made compliant by listing them as accessory and subordinate uses within the zoning.

Main Concerns:

1. OCP Inconsistencies

Under the Local Government Act, zoning amendments must be consistent with the OCP as whole. These changes are not. The proposal conflicts with multiple OCP objectives:

- Objective 1.1 & 1.4: Direct development away from floodplains, riparian areas, and water sources.
- Objective 1.1a: Protect fish and wildlife habitat.
- Objective 2.7: Protect agricultural land.
- Objective 7.1: Maintain and enhance recreational opportunities.
- Objective 8.1: Protect heritage sites, including this First Nations settlement area.
- Objectives 3.1 & 3.2: Focus commercial development in the Commercial Core and not in residential and recreational areas.

2. Inconsistency with the Sustainable Economic Development Strategy 2025

The April 17 Staff Report notes that the draft did not consider the Environmental Sustainable Practices principle of the Strategy. By omitting this principle, the draft advances commercial uses while leaving farming and environmental protection unaddressed, despite both being explicit objectives of the Strategy and OCP.

3. Loss of Public Input and Community Control

The OCP reflects community values to protect recreation, agriculture, sensitive ecosystems, and culturally important lands. Restrictive zoning preserves NCRD’s ability to seek public input on future changes. Rezoning to commercial removes that input.

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4. Risk of Loss of Arable Agricultural Land and Food Security

The proposed rezoning creates a direct and irreversible risk to the only locally available arable agricultural land, undermining both food security and the OCP's land use intent.

5. Environmental & Water Risks

Commercial buildings increase wastewater and site disturbance on a floodplain and over the drinking water aquifer. In addition to the OCP and Zoning bylaws, multiple agencies restrict development in floodplains, riparian areas, water sources and agricultural land.

6. Enforcing Adherence to Regulations

The draft zoning places the onus for environmental and drinking water protection on the developer's adherence to regulatory authorities. In a remote rural area like Sandspit, enforcing that adherence is difficult.

7. Subordination of the Golf Course

Draft GC-1 makes commercial and tourist accommodation principal uses. This inherently makes the golf course and agriculture secondary and creates a path to losing them entirely. The site's identity shifts from "golf course with amenities" to "resort site with a golf course."

8. Legal/Financial Risk to the NCRD – De Facto Expropriation

Relying on "other provisions" in GC-1 to protect the golf course without limiting all other uses to subordinate, creates a risk of de facto expropriation. If the zoning allows a larger commercial build-out, a developer could claim compensation for lost revenue if they cannot build to that extent. Restrictive zoning reduces this risk.

The Solution

- ✓ Retain the existing land use designations;
- ✓ Limit principal uses in the GC-1 zoning to golf course and agriculture, with all other uses accessory and subordinate; and
- ✓ Specify criteria for accessory uses to limit dwellings to the residential portion of lot 307.

This approach: retains recreational and agricultural assets in a manner that is consistent with the overall objectives of the OCP; maintains public input for future change; and mitigates legal risks.

Bottom Line

The "second phase" of upgrades can be made compliant within a zoning framework that keeps golf course and agriculture as the only primary uses. A commercial designation is not required and creates unnecessary risk to the environment, water supply, and community assets.

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ADDITIONAL REFERENCE INFORMATION:

Non-Exclusive list of Site Designations and Protections:

- **Fish Habitat:** Leticia Creek, which runs through the property, is Type I Fish Habitat under the Haida Gwaii Land Use Objectives Order.
- **Riparian Legislation:** Leticia Creek
- **Waterfowl Habitat:** Identified in the OCP on Map 2 with policies to protect and direct development away from these areas.
- **Floodplain Designation:** Designated floodplain with zoning bylaw provisions that prohibit this type of development.
- **Land Use Designation:** The OCP identifies best-practice use for these lots as recreational and agricultural.
- **Drinking Water Aquifer:** The lots overlie the community's drinking water aquifer.
- **Heritage:** Identified as Archaeological and Historical Settlement Site (Map 9 of OCP).
- **Community Value:** The Mathers farm and golf course have historical, agricultural and recreational importance to the community, Haida Gwaii residents, and visitors.

Protecting Community Drinking Water – Objective 1.1 (Policy 1.1.1)

Section 1 of the OCP prioritizes the protection of community drinking water sources and aquifers. Northern Health has flagged concerns about septic systems over the community aquifer. Increasing commercial intensity as outlined in the “draft” GC-1 zoning increases that risk, which is inconsistent with the OCP's water protection policies.

Objective 1.1: **preserve both the quality and quantity of local water sources**

- Policy 1.1.1: cooperate with the Water management Branch's Environmental Protection Program and the Skeena Health Unit to implement controls in the zoning bylaw to protect the aquifer

Environmental & Fish Habitat Protection – Objective 1.1a (Policy 1.1.2)

Section 1 commits the OCP to 'protect fish habitat, riparian ecosystems, and environmentally sensitive areas' and to apply the Riparian Areas Protection Regulation. This land is identified as Waterfowl Habitat on Map 2 of the OCP. Introducing commercial uses with higher site disturbance and wastewater risk conflicts with this commitment.

Objective 1.1a: **protect fish and wildlife habitat**

- Policy 1.1.2: limit the type and intensity of development in and adjacent to the waterfowl and wildlife areas shown on Map 2

Directing Development Away from Sensitive Areas – Objectives 1.4 (Policy 1.4.1)

Section 1 of the OCP states it will direct development away from lands susceptible to flooding. These lots are designated floodplain and are susceptible to estuary tidal flooding. Approving principal commercial uses in GC-1 directly contradicts these objectives and policies.

Objective 1.4: **direct development away from the lands which are susceptible to flooding**

- Policy 1.4.1: Apply the floodplain provisions outlined in the zoning bylaw to areas identified on Map 4 & 7

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Protecting Agricultural Land – Objective 2.7 (Policy 2.7.2)

Objective 2.7 is to protect agricultural land and support agricultural uses. Redesignating to commercial removes land that should be retained for agriculture. Keeping it as Parks/Recreation and limiting GC-1 principal uses to golf course and agriculture conforms with Objective 2.7. This is particularly important as it is the only local agricultural land.

Objective 2.7: to recognize the integrity of the Agricultural Land Reserve and **preserve suitable land for agricultural use.**

- Policy 2.7.2: support proposals to consolidate small parcels of agricultural land into larger parcels for agricultural use

Limiting Commercial to the Commercial Core – Objectives 3.1 (Policy 3.1.1)

Section 3 directs commercial development to the Commercial Core adjacent to the Harbour. This proposal would result in an 80-acre commercial zone outside the Commercial Core.

Objective 3.1: **encourage the expansion of business and industry** in Moresby Island

- Policy 3.1.1: promoting Commercial development within the outlined commercial boundaries

Limiting Commercial Ventures in Residential Areas - Objective 3.2

Section 3 directs to limit commercial ventures in residential neighbourhoods. Redesignating these lots creates a large commercial zone adjacent to residential land.

Objective 3.2: **limit the development of commercial ventures in residential neighbourhoods**

- Policy 3.2.1: use the zoning bylaw to designate locations for local commercial developments along arterial and collector roads
- Policy 3.2.2: permit home occupations in residential dwellings
- Policy 3.3.3: maintain regulations in the zoning bylaw for a tourist accommodation commercial designation to allow the development of campsites, RV parks, tour operations, etc

Protecting Recreational & Parks Land – Objective 7.1 (Policy 7.1.1 & 7.1.4)

Section 7 of the OCP designates Lot 163 as Parks/Recreation and states the objective to 'maintain and enhance recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.' Redesignating both lots to commercial undermines associated objectives and policies.

Objective 7.1: encourage the development of new recreational areas

- Policy 7.1.1: Reserve the areas shown as "Park" on Map 7 for use as parks, campsites and other recreational uses
- Policy 7.1.4: encourage the maintenance and expansion of the existing private golf course and support the acquisition of an easement from Transport Canada to link the golf course with the airport

Protecting Heritage Sites – Objective 8.1 (Policy 8.1.1)

Objective 8.1 of the OCP is to recognize and protect the importance of heritage sites The golf course is a long-standing recreational and community feature on Haida Gwaii. Losing it to standalone commercial development eliminates that heritage use. The area also holds First Nations significance as a settlement site identified on Map 9.

Objective 8.1: **ensure that important heritage sites** and buildings within the Moresby Island are preserved, whenever possible

- Policy 8.1.1: support the preservation of important historical and archaeological and natural sites as shown on Map 9

From: Civa Gauthier [REDACTED]
Sent: May 25, 2026 7:13 AM
To: NCRD Info <info@ncrdbc.com>
Subject: Sandspit Golf Course

To: NCRD

Re: Concern over proposed land-use and zoning change – Sandspit Golf Course

As a mother with a school aged child, entrepreneur and long-time resident of Sandspit, I'm concerned about changing the golf course land to broad commercial zoning.

Our OCP commits to preserving and enhancing both recreation and agriculture, but proposed changes do not do that. It opens the door to extensive commercial development on Lot 163, which is flood-prone farmland that includes a large riparian area both of which our OCP has objectives to direct development away from. As drafted, the amendments do not comprehensively meet the OCP's objectives.

The applicant's history of commercial ventures along the BC coast demonstrates that this application is to facilitate a capitalist business venture for off-island investors. This application is under the guise of 'making existing and a few new additions conformant'; however, I've seen the applicant's phased plan. It includes 35 townhouses, with half proposed on the golf course and dependent on acquiring crown land along the fence line. This is the same developer who thought it appropriate to build 5 cabins on our dunes.

The developer already controls most short-term rentals in Sandspit through the golf course cabins, RV sites and the purchase of multiple residential properties throughout town. This concentrates the market, competes with local operators, and reduces housing availability for young families and workers. We've already seen the closure of an RV site and a food truck, and reductions in classroom space and teacher hours.

Small communities are vulnerable when commercial competition is introduced without limits. Without bylaw conditions that keep other uses subordinate to recreation and agriculture, local entrepreneurs and family businesses are at risk.

If that happens, families may have to leave for work, and we could lose our school. Losing the school would drive more young families away, and we'd also lose the volunteer-run gym that serves as the community's main recreational hub.

This developer is already operating beyond what is allowed under the current land use and zoning and appears to be in contravention of BC's short-term rental legislation by renting cabins, RVs, and the clubhouse without living on the property.

I do not support changing the OCP land-use designation for this parcel. If the zoning is changed to GC-1, it must limit primary uses to recreational and agricultural, with all other uses strictly accessory.

The accessory uses need conditions on location, footprint, size, and must be clearly subordinate to the primary uses. Dwellings should also be limited to the residential portion of lot 307. Once this land is opened to full commercial development, it can't be undone. Please protect the things that make Sandspit livable for residents now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Civa Gauthier

From: Deb. Fav. [REDACTED]
Sent: May 25, 2026 10:52 AM
To: NCRD Info <info@ncrdbc.com>
Subject: Sandspit Golf course rezoning request

To whom it may concern

Please be advised that I am opposed to the Commercial rezoning request.

I grew up in Sandspit, and in my opinion, it would be a shame to see the small town vibe affected by this type of development.

Right now, we should be focusing on permanent housing for full-time, middle-class families. This is what will sustain the fabric of the community long term. People should be able to make this their home if they choose to.

I am very concerned about the repercussions that a commercial rezoning of this property will bring to the community. More discussion is needed before this should be considered. The current OCP should remain intact.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter
Debbie Favero
484 Copper Bay Rd
Sandspit
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: May 25, 2026 11:38 AM
To: NCRD Info <info@ncrdbc.com>
Subject: GC-1 Zoning

To continue my previous submission: The southern half of Lot 163 should remain in the agricultural A-1 category. Development of the section of Lot 163 north of the highway/Copper bay Rd, designated as a flood plain should be considered for development, possible GC-1 but with constraints that restricts any development within approx 100 meters of the shore line. Development shore-ward (east) of Copper Bay road is not to be allowed.

The southern half of Lot 307 being Zoned GC-1 does not concern me at this point. As requested, clarification of the actual status of property lines relative to accretion must be determined. I believe that one of two previous applications has been denied and that one is still outstanding. How do we proceed with changing Zoning on property around the first green when ownership is yet to be determined?

Sincerely Doug Gould Sandspit

From: Patricia Parsons [REDACTED]
Sent: May 25, 2026 1:38 PM
To: NCRD Info <info@ncrdbc.com>
Subject: Proposed OCP Amendment and GC-1 Zoning for Lots 163 and 307

Dear NCRD Board,

I would like to start out by thanking the NCRD for giving us townspeople a chance to express our concerns and hopes for our town and its future.

I wish to add my comments about the Golf Course Land to those from the other residents and stakeholders in Sandspit and on Haida Gwaii.

We, in Sandspit, have always been a Resource Based town with our futures closely linked to the stakeholders and Companies employing our residents. We need employment, and we need to feel we have a say in the future of our special corner of this world. I have lived here for 39 years and seen many companies come and go, we've seen good times and bad, but we have always remained hopeful.

I was thrilled when we found out the Golf Course had been purchased by someone who wanted to keep the Golf Course and add a few amenities to service it. We want to keep the Golf Course as a Golf Course and the only way we can guarantee that is to NOT change the zoning to Commercial. I recall the last time we went through this process it was decided that the Golf Course land should remain zoned "Agriculture into Perpetuity". Why are we doing this again?

We need Residential Housing that is affordable for middle incomes, affordable housing for seniors. That alone would increase our population and enable people to start small businesses of

their own. Sandspit needs people who can live here full time, not vacation homes.

We need families, hopefully with children, so we can keep our school. Vacation homes do nothing to increase the number of full time residents.

How many of the Residential Properties in Sandspit have been purchased and turned into B&B. Also, how many of those residential properties have been rezoned to accommodate a commercial business, like B&B?

The current by-laws that state a B&B in a residential property must have a homeowner living in the said property, and there is a limit to the number of B&B units per household. No enforcement means more Residential properties could become B&B.

We cannot enforce those issues now because we do not have a BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT person on these Islands. No enforcement results in violations that are left to the neighbours to try and enforce, at their expense. I personally know that story and it is not acceptable. If you want this town to grow into a Tourist Destination, then we need a full time By Law Enforcement person.

We need residential housing more than B&B or vacation housing because we are a Volunteer based community and don't have enough people available to volunteer.

We have a limited Ferry service which is a necessity for Sandspit residents to go to hospital, appts., banking, and all the other things we need to travel to Graham Island for. As it is now, we are hard pressed to get on the ferry during tourist season, just no spaces left for the residents. Does anyone plan on getting a newer and bigger Ferry other than the Kwuna to accommodate all the extra pressure of growing tourism. There is no priority for residents and that puts us at a real disadvantage.

Also, the Prince Rupert ferry. As it is, we have to make a reservation weeks in advance, sometimes longer to go to the mainland. We cannot count on space being there for residents facing an emergency and having to travel to the mainland.

We have no Bus or Taxi service from Sandspit to alleviate the necessity of travel by private vehicle. Growth is good only if the services grow with it so everyone is accommodated.

Medical services - we have a Clinic and 1 ambulance in Sandspit. The extra pressure on the medical services alone should be a concern. And, we have not heard of any solutions to this or any of the other problems the residents are faced with.

Property Taxes. Since the purchase of the Golf Course and many residential properties by the same owner, my own property assessment has increased by 97% since 2022. And I can say that there have been no changes or improvements on my property to warrant that. I have appealed and been denied.

It was okay when my husband was alive and we had a better income, now I am a single, retired homeowner, disabled and unable to get a job, how can I afford to pay for those huge increases. It is not sustainable for me or many others. Yes, there is a homeowner discount for seniors on property taxes, but when approx. \$400/month of a limited budget is going for taxes, how can that be maintained. I have seen nowhere in the Golf Course proposition where there will be Seniors Housing available, or low income housing. What are we supposed to do. Not the best situation for seniors. Where are the solutions for that.

Where is that tax money going? We get the minimum here for our tax dollar.

There is definitely a shortage of fee simple land in Sandspit. There are a few other large property owners in Sandspit with parcels that could be sub-divided to accommodate a growing population.

Give them some incentives to sub-divide and free up some land for housing.

On Beach Road many of the properties are just under and some just over the 2 acre amount. I think many of us would be willing to sub-divide our properties but would need a new road put in to service those lots. Perhaps the Reg. District could come up with some proposals for something like that and free up a lot more land for housing. That would also help with the rising property assessments if we had the option to sell the back half of our properties. That would also increase the tax base for the NCRD.

Water usage. I have read in the Golf Course info that they will not be using the town water and therefore, no drain on the system. We all know that whether we get our town water or water from private wells, it all comes from the same aquifer. The water usage with the proposed amendments to zoning for Golf Course would really increase the drain on the Aquifer. There was a Water Well Regulation change as of March, 2022 that was regarding private wells. It stated that all wells other than for private, single usage or that irrigated more than 1000sqm had to be registered with the Province and that if there was a negative impact on the aquifer, then the last wells to be registered would be the first to be told to restrict their usage. The water usage just to keep the greens in good condition is excessive, but if you add 35 townhouses, and whatever number of B&B's, serviced campgrounds and travel trailer hookups, there will be a substantial drain on the water resource.

We have a generating station for our hydro. What will the increase in demand be on that.

Acceptable Zoning Changes

18.2 Uses Permitted within the Golf Course Development Zone.

1. Principal Uses

Agricultural use

Golf Course

2. Accessory Uses

Conference Facility

Licensed liquor, private

multi-family dwelling

restaurant

retail use

single family dwelling

temporary accommodation

B&B

campground use

hotel

short-term rental use

accessory buildings

accessory dwelling unit

parks, pathways, and public seating areas

personal services

secondary suite

We need to protect fish and wildlife Habitat.

Protect the Agricultural land

Maintain and enhance recreational opportunities.

Focus commercial development in the Commercial Core and not residential or recreational areas.

Thank you for this opportunity to have input into the future of Sandspit,

Patricia Parsons

Sandspit, BC

From: Mysti Bateham [REDACTED]

Sent: May 25, 2026 1:45 PM

To: NCRD Info <info@ncrdbc.com>

Subject: Zoning Bylaw and the Official Community Plan Bylaw change the approx 80 acres SSPT

Hi there, Please see the attachment for the meeting tomorrow in Sandspit. I would appreciate acknowledgement that this email was received.

Kind regards.

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Mysti Bateham
[REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

Part of the beauty and lure of this community (K'il Kun/Sandspit) is the peaceful and natural environment. With increased developments this will have an impact. I am not opposed to growth for this small community; however, I have a few concerns/ questions:

- 1) Property taxes have been increasing every year since the development of Hekates retreat. How will this project impact on the long-term resident's property taxes during a time where increasing costs of living are already financially overwhelming for the basics? Will this development be a trigger towards gentrification?
- 2) What are anticipated demographic shifts?
- 3) What resource strains are being anticipated and planned for?

Kind regards,
Mysti Bateham

Subject: Request to Limit Zoning Change – Protect Agricultural Land

Dear NCRD Board,

I'm writing to add context to concerns already raised about changing the land use of the Mathers Farm/golf course property from agriculture to commercial.

The golf course area makes up about one-third of Sandspit's flat, serviceable land; roughly 31 hectares of DL 163 and DL 307 (shown in red on the attached NCRD 2024 zoning map). Changing it to broad commercial is not a minor adjustment. It would have community-wide impacts on drainage, housing, water, and local business.

It also pits the golf course and its agricultural use against commercial ventures. Over time, there's a real risk the site becomes a resort with a golf course component, rather than a golf course with accessory uses. There is no guarantee that the golf course remains or remains public.

Reading the Official Community Plan (OCP) as a whole, the intent is clear: protect wildlife habitat, drinking water, and our recreational, historical, and agricultural assets, while supporting entrepreneurship and tourism. Those objectives still reflect what residents have said over the last few years.

This proposal neglects three key OCP objectives for this site:

- Directing development away from lands susceptible to flooding,
- Protecting our water source, and
- Preserving suitable land for agricultural use

Instead, it makes commercial use the primary purpose. As per the Local Government Act, a zoning bylaw must be consistent with the OCP. As drafted, this amendment does not meet that standard.

With creating site-specific GC-1 zoning, we have the opportunity to preserve the current agricultural and recreational uses as the primary uses, and approve accessory uses with clear limits.

Those limits should:

- Define the extent and location of commercial uses,
- Require adherence to riparian setbacks and covenants for drinking water and floodplain protection, and
- Direct any dwellings to the portion of Lot 307 already designated Residential in the OCP

We can't force an owner to run an unprofitable golf course, but we can keep the golf course footprint under agricultural-use so future owners have the option to reopen it. We can also allow limited accessory uses, rental housing, and a few complementary commercial uses, to help the golf course break even, while keeping everything subordinate to the primary uses.

Since purchasing the properties, the developer has bought four residential-zoned properties in Sandspit and converted 3 of them to short-term rentals and employee housing. In 2024 our housing need was set at 20 homes by 2026. Those 4 conversions will have increased that need by roughly 20%. I have included a Sandspit Community Map which highlights his property acquisitions in red outline. (separate pdf included in email).

Buying a large portion of a small community has likely affected affordability. Young families can't find housing or land to stay or move here. One family with four children left this year because they couldn't find a home. Another family with two children wants to return but can't find a place to rent or buy. ALM Elementary only has about 20 students in K-7. Losing six potential students matters.

On Airbnb, 11 of 19 Sandspit listings are at the golf course; almost 60%. The application proposes the addition of 4 more, bringing it to nearly 70%, not including the other properties already converted. This concentration competes with local short-term rental operators and other small businesses.

Small communities rely on a complementary mix of entrepreneurs and volunteers. When housing prices rise and customers shift to one large operator, local businesses close. We've already seen an RV site and food truck close. If families can't afford to stay, we risk losing the school. If we lose the school, we lose the gym; our main hub for community recreation and events run by volunteers, and we will lose more families because of the lack of a school in the community and from loss of teaching jobs.

The developer has already made additions not permitted under the current zoning and has been digging sand from Crown/Haida land without an approved license of occupation permit. It concerns me that we would consider moving from a restrictive zoning to one that allows broad commercial use on an environmentally sensitive floodplain that sits over our community drinking water aquifer. This is particularly concerning when we don't have enforcement bylaws and enforcement officers in place.

The OCP does not need to change. Keeping the land as Parks and Recreation, with the small Residential portion of Lot 307, matches the OCP's priority objectives and policies.

If the zoning is changed from agriculture, it must mirror the historical primary uses (recreation and agriculture) and make all other uses accessory with clear limits on size, location, and footprint. Accessory uses should be defined sufficiently so not to compete with local businesses and operators.

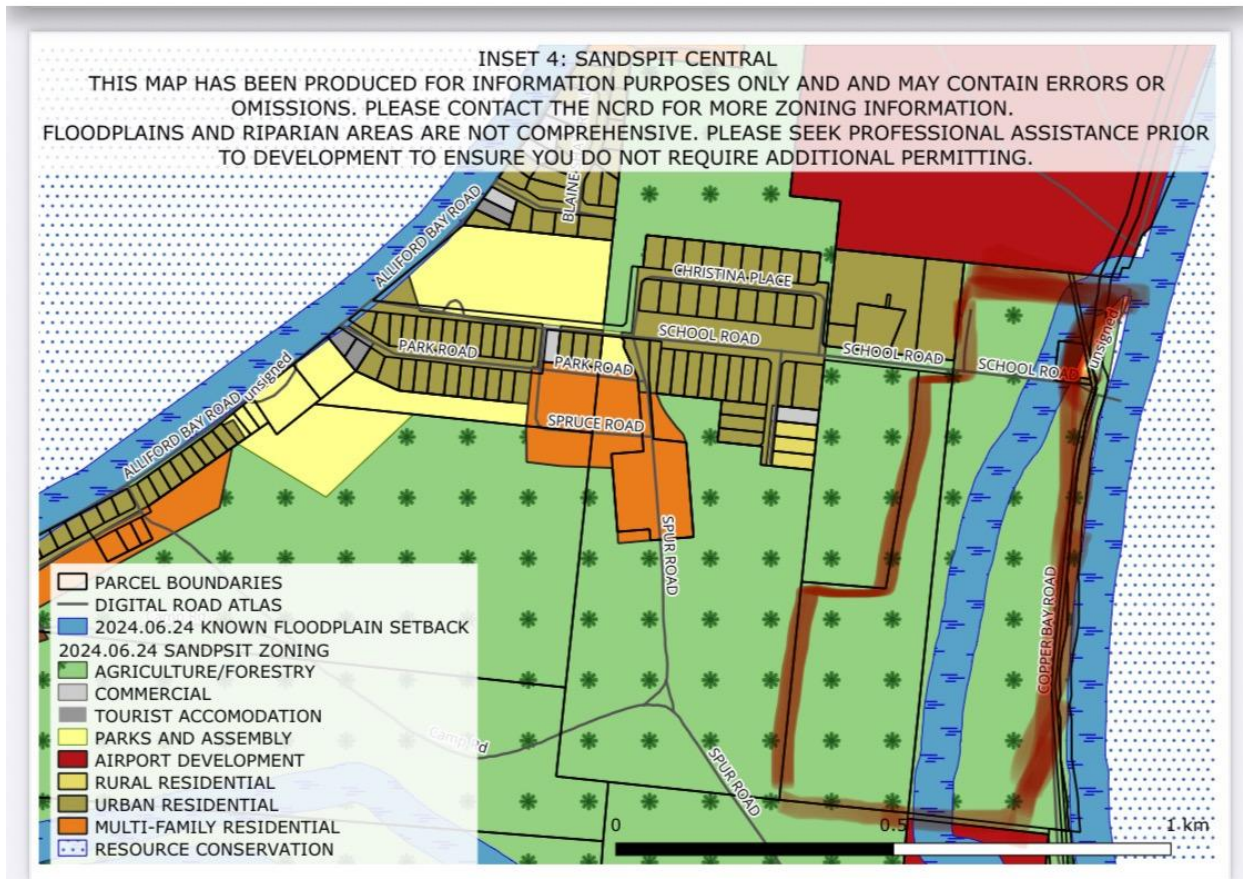
My concern is for the community, not the developer's interests.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joni Fraser
Sandspit, BC

The 2024 Moresby Zoning Map shows the 2024 known floodplain setback for Leticia Creek. I have outlined the Golf Course property in Red.

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The Community of SANDSPIT, NCRD Area E

BCGS Mapsheets: 103G.021 / 103G.022

Map Updated: May 25, 2026
Map By: J. Fraser

MAP BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND LEGEND:

The area of "Sandspit Community" is generally considered to be that which is covered by our Sandspit Volunteer Fire Department, the Sandspit Water System, and the Federal Gov't land. The Federal Gov't land at the Airport currently has its own Water and Sewer System.

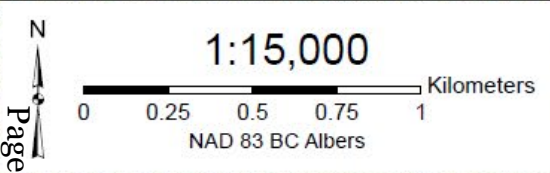
I have not included the residences on the Federal Gov't land at the Airport in the area totals below as the land has not been surveyed into residential lots.

Any land showing on this map that is not outlined or hatched (as per below) is also Crown/Haida land. I did not put the yellow hatch on these areas (eg. ocean foreshore, road RW's) as I felt it might make the map too busy.

There is precious little private (fee simple) land on Moresby Island and most of it is on this map.

- **YELLOW HATCH** is Crown/Haida land -- either Damayyaa Conservancy, Tree Farm Licence (TFL), or Forest Licence to Cut (FLC).
- **RED OUTLINE** = 33.0 ha total -- owned by the Purdy Group - golf course land and 4 residential lots.
- **PURPLE OUTLINE** = 65.6 ha total - 194 lots, 180 of them are under 1 ha in size, various zoning including residential and commercial.
- **GREEN OUTLINE** = 186.4 ha total -- larger chunks of land, some would be subdividable if owners wished to apply to change zoning, other large chunks probably not suitable to subdivide due to issues such as high water table, old beach lines, type 1 streams, steep slopes (such as portions of DL 166 and DL 164). Some chunks, owners have no interest in subdividing.
- **BLUE HATCH** = Federal Gov't land - Airport, lot in Christina Place, Navigation equipment lot adjacent to DL 164. I added the small BC Tel lot at Mathers Corner, north of School Road to this category even though not Federal Gov't land (just to simplify the map categories).
- **ORANGE OUTLINE** = approx 120 ha, not currently subdivided, some is outside "Sandspit Community" area, would be subdividable if owner wished to apply to change zoning.

All cadastre files shown on this map come from BC Gov't iMapBC shapefiles in a recent download. The imagery used is World Imagery, publicly available online for GIS Systems.





Amendment Bylaw No. 715, 2026

A Bylaw to amend the Moresby Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 263, 1995

WHEREAS the Board of the North Coast Regional District has, by Bylaw, established an Official Community Plan pursuant to the BC *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS a Public Hearing was duly held in accordance with the *Local Government Act* and notice of such hearing was given in accordance with the *Community Charter*;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the North Coast Regional District deems it is in the public interest to amend “Map 7: Sandspit Plan Land Use” of “Moresby Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 263, 1995”;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the North Coast Charlotte Regional District in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

Citation

1. That this Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “Moresby Island Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 715, 2026”.

Amendments

2. The “Moresby Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 263, 1995” is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) That the South 1/2 of District Lot 307, Queen Charlotte District, Except Plan PRP44258 (PID: 015-657-264); and

A portion of District Lot 163, Queen Charlotte District, Except a Strip of Land One Chain in Width Measured from High Water Mark and Except Plans 1869 3785 and 4248 (PID: 015-657-272)

be amended by re-designating from “Parks & Recreation” to “Commercial”, as shown on Schedule “A”, attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.

- (b) That the map referred to as “Map 7: Sandspit Plan Land Use” of the “Moresby Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 263, 1995”, shall be amended accordingly.
- (c) This bylaw shall come into force and be binding on all persons from the date of adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME this

17th day of April, 2026.

READ A SECOND TIME this

17th day of April, 2026.

A Public Hearing was held on

26th day of May, 2026.

READ A THIRD TIME this

___ day of _____, 2026.

ADOPTED this

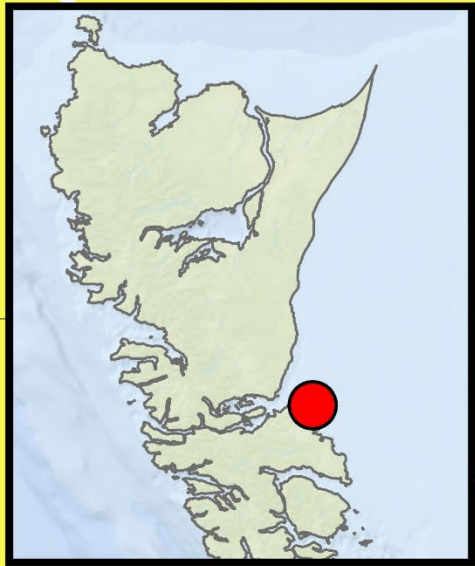
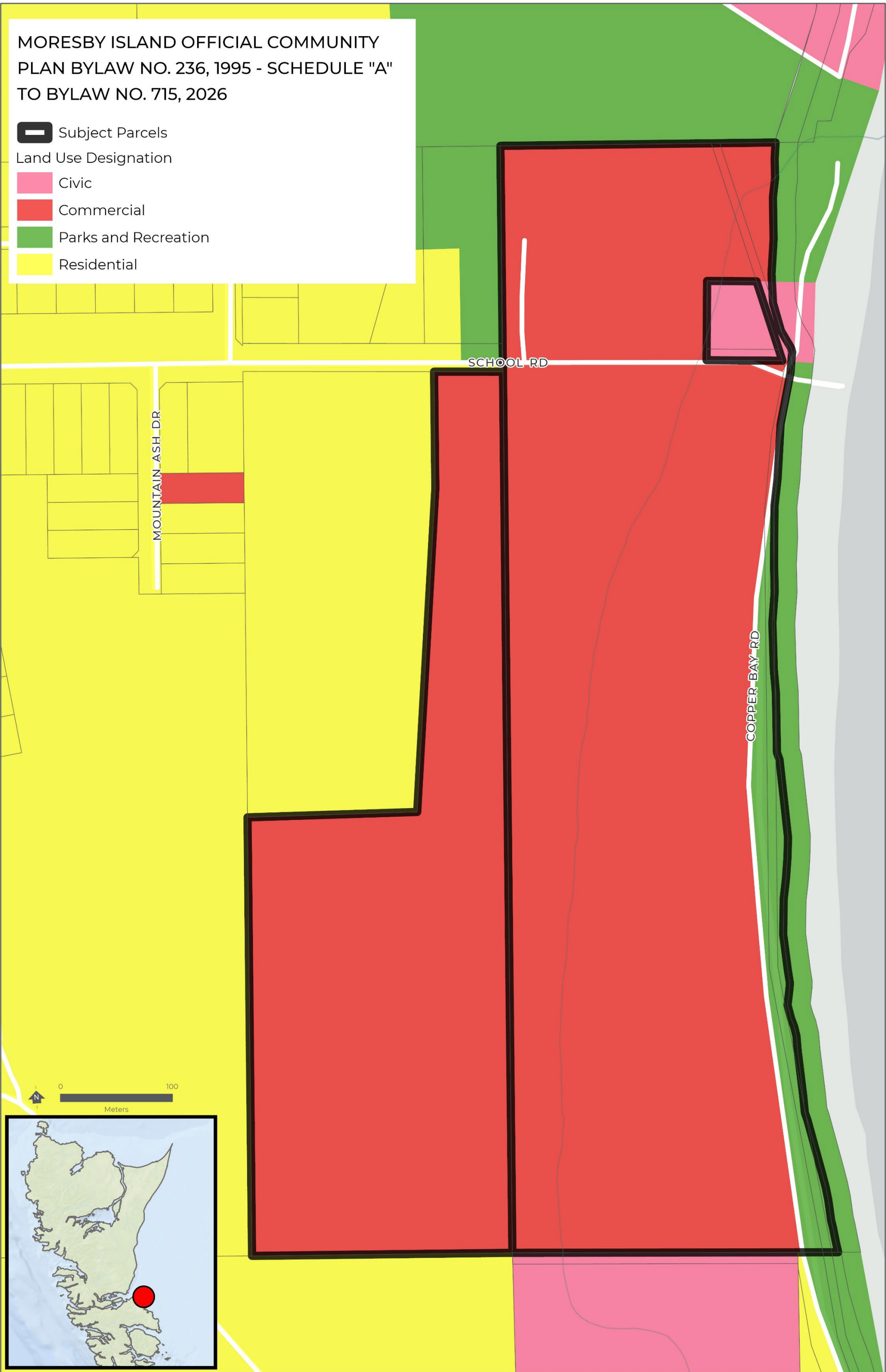
___ day of _____, 2026 by a decision of all members of the Board present and eligible to vote.

Chair

Corporate Officer

MORESBY ISLAND OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW NO. 236, 1995 - SCHEDULE "A" TO BYLAW NO. 715, 2026

-  Subject Parcels
- Land Use Designation
-  Civic
-  Commercial
-  Parks and Recreation
-  Residential



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Amendment Bylaw No. 716, 2026

A Bylaw to amend the Sandspit-Moresby Island Interim Zoning Bylaw No. 186, 1989

WHEREAS the BC *Local Government Act* allows a local government to divide portions of its jurisdiction into zones and regulate permitted land uses within zones,

AND WHEREAS a Public Hearing was duly held in accordance with the *Local Government Act* and notice of such hearing was given in accordance with the *Community Charter*,

AND WHEREAS the Board of the North Coast Regional District deems it is in the public interest to amend zoning provisions and map schedule governing a portion of the Sandspit area within the Sandspit-Moresby Island,

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the North Coast Charlotte Regional District in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

Citation

1. That this Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “Sandspit-Moresby Island Interim Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 716, 2026”.

Amendments

2. The “Sandspit-Moresby Island Interim Zoning Bylaw No. 186, 1989” is hereby amended as follows:
 - (a) By inserting a new definition “Golf Course” in Section 2.0 – Definitions as follows:

“Golf Course” means an outdoor recreational facility designed and used for the playing of golf, consisting of a series of holes and fairways, greens, tees, hazards, and landscaped areas, and may include accessory uses and buildings customarily incidental to the operation of a golf course, such as a clubhouse, driving range, maintenance buildings, food and beverage service, and parking.
 - (b) By inserting a new zone as “Section 18.0 - Golf Course Development District - GC-1”, as shown on Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.
 - (c) By renaming “Section 18.0 - Schedule “B” Floodplain Management Provisions” as “Schedule “B” Floodplain Management Provisions”.

- (d) That the South 1/2 of District Lot 307, Queen Charlotte District, Except Plan PRP44258 (PID: 015-657-264); and

A portion of District Lot 163, Queen Charlotte District, Except a Strip of Land One Chain in Width Measured from High Water Mark and Except Plans 1869 3785 and 4248 (PID: 015-657-272)

be rezoned from Agriculture Forestry District (A-1) to Golf Course Development District (GC-1), as shown on Schedule “B”, attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.

- (e) That the Zoning Map referred to as Schedule “A” of the “Sandspit-Moresby Island Interim Zoning Bylaw No. 186, 1989”, shall be amended accordingly.
- (f) This bylaw shall come into force and be binding on all persons from the date of adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME this 17th day of April, 2026.

READ A SECOND TIME this 17th day of April, 2026.

A Public Hearing was held on 26th day of May, 2026.

READ A THIRD TIME this ___ day of _____, 2026.

APPROVED BY THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 52(3)(a) OF THE

TRANSPORTATION ACT.

___ day of _____, 2026.

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2026 by a decision of all members of the Board present and eligible to vote.

Chair

Corporate Officer



SECTION 18: GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT - GC-1

Purpose

- 18.1** To support the operation, maintenance, and expansion of a golf course in Sandspit.

Uses Permitted

- 18.2** Within the Golf Course Development Zone, only the following uses are allowed and all others prohibited:

.1 Principal Uses

- agricultural use
- conference facility
- licensed liquor, primary
- golf course
- multi-family dwelling
- restaurant
- retail use
- single family dwelling
- temporary accommodation
 - bed & breakfast
 - campground use
 - hotel
 - short-term rental use

.2 Accessory Uses

- accessory buildings
- accessory dwelling unit
- parks, pathways, and public seating areas
- personal services
- secondary suite

Lot Area

- 18.3** .1 Each lot shall have a minimum lot area of no less than 6 hectares; and no parcel in this zone may be subdivided to an area of less than 6 hectares.
- .2 Notwithstanding Section 18.3.1, where a subdivision boundary coincides with a highway dedication, the resulting parcel shall have a minimum area of 3.5 hectares, provided that the parcel is capable of accommodating the permitted uses of the zone and comply with all applicable servicing requirements.

Siting of Buildings and Structures

- 18.4** .1 For the purposes of the Golf Course Development District, no building or structure may be sited less than:
- 5 meters, from the northern, western, and southern lot lines
 - 1 meter from internal lot lines within the same zone
 - 15 meters from the western boundary of District Lot 163
- .2 No fencing or other barriers shall be erected to a height of more than 2 meters; but may be installed along a surveyed shared lot line.

Height of Buildings and Structures

- 18.5** The maximum permitted height of any building or structure shall not exceed 9 metres.

Residential Density

- 18.6** .1 The maximum number of Dwelling Units shall not exceed 15. For the purposes of this Bylaw, Temporary Accommodation (Bed and Breakfast, Campground Use, Hotel, and Short-Term Rental Use) shall not be counted toward the maximum number of Dwelling Units.
- .2 80% of all Multi-Family Dwelling Units must be in the form of Residential Rental Tenure.

Lot Coverage

- 18.7** The maximum permitted lot coverage shall not exceed 25% of the lot area.

Other Provisions

- 18.8** .1 The lands legally described as:
- South 1/2 of District Lot 307, Queen Charlotte District, Except Plan PRP44258 (PID: 015-657-264); and
 - District Lot 163, Queen Charlotte District, Except a Strip of Land One Chain in Width Measured from High Water Mark and Except Plans 1869 3785 and 4248 (PID: 015-657-272)
- shall be used predominantly as a golf course, as measured by the following criteria:
- .i Land area, the majority of the total site area shall be devoted to golf course uses;
 - .ii Operational function of Par 36 (9-Hole) Golf Course of at least 3,100 yards; and
- .2 Water and sewage management systems must be designed and built for the anticipated uses and density in accordance with the Northern Health Authority Guidelines for Subdivision.
- .3 Water for the purposes of maintaining landscaping, garden beds, and golf course greens shall not be obtained from the Sandspit Community Water System.

Required Off Street Parking Spaces

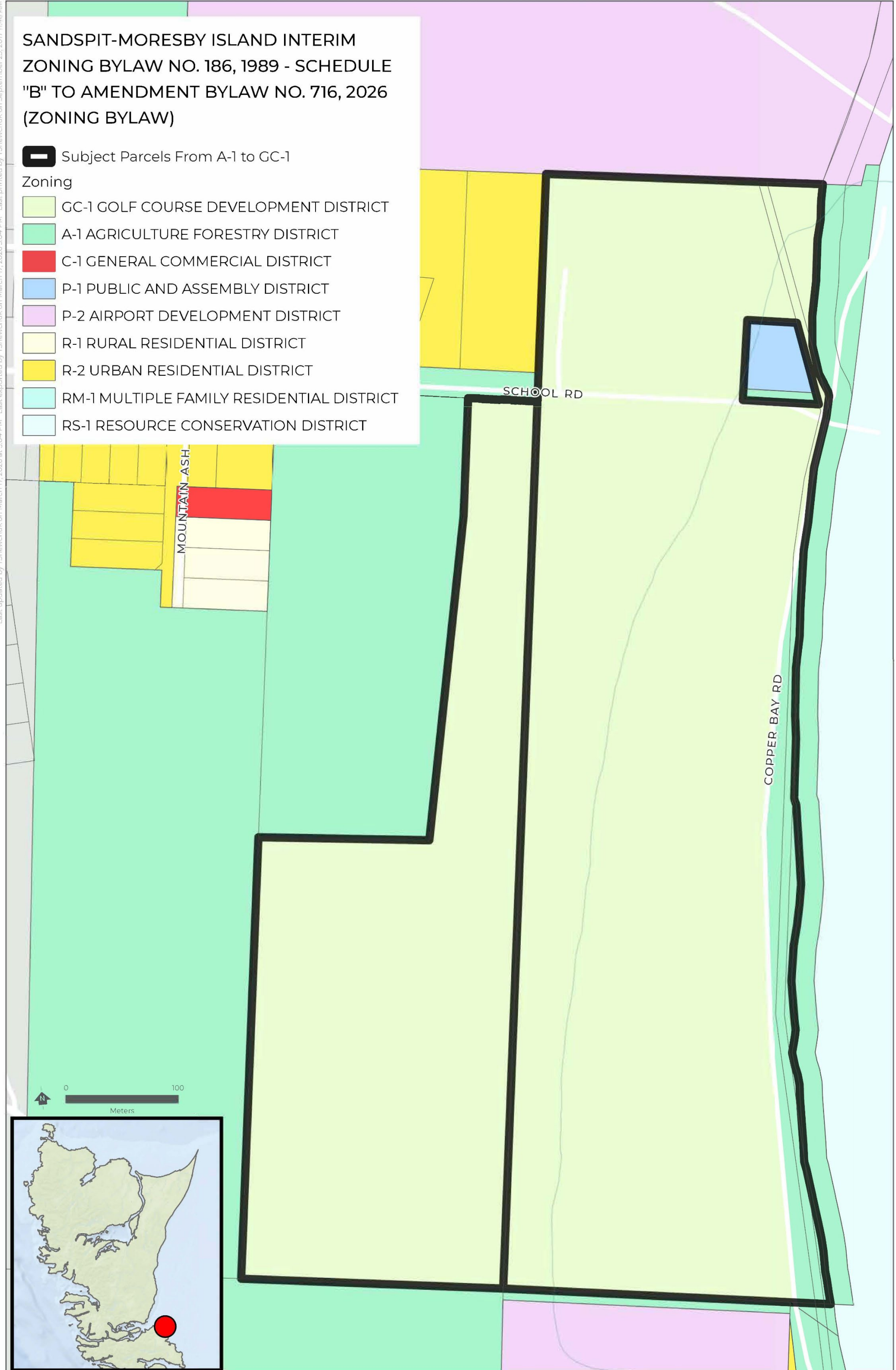
- 18.9** Off-street parking and loading shall be provided in accordance with Section 5.0 of this Bylaw.

SANDSPIT-MORESBY ISLAND INTERIM ZONING BYLAW NO. 186, 1989 - SCHEDULE "B" TO AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 716, 2026 (ZONING BYLAW)

 Subject Parcels From A-1 to GC-1

Zoning

-  GC-1 GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
-  A-1 AGRICULTURE FORESTRY DISTRICT
-  C-1 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT
-  P-1 PUBLIC AND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT
-  P-2 AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
-  R-1 RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
-  R-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
-  RM-1 MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
-  RS-1 RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT





Staff Report

Date: June 19, 2026

To: D. Fish, Chief Administrative Officer

From: C. Wentland, Planning/Economic Development Officer

Subject: Land Referral 196927176 – 001; 196928798 – 001; 196928072 - 001 – Rogers Communications – License of Occupation for Communications Site, Electric Powerline, and Road

RECOMMENDATION 1:

THAT the Staff Report entitled “Land Referral 196927176 – 001; 196928798 – 001; 196928072 - 001 – Rogers Communications – License of Occupation for Communications Site, Electric Powerline, and Road”, be received.

AND THAT the Board provide a response to the Ministry supporting approval of the project.

PURPOSE:

To present to the Board of the North Coast Regional District (NCRD) an application for a long term (30 years) License for tenure of a proposed site in Electoral Area E, for the purposes of installing and operating a telecommunications tower, an associated powerline and 20m gravel access road.

DISCUSSION:

Rogers Communications is in the process of developing plans for 5 proposed telecommunications towers throughout Haida Gwaii. Of these 5 potential sites, 2 are

being established on private lands while 3 are proposed for unsurveyed Haida Title lands under the former jurisdiction of the provincial Crown.

Location

The current application is for a small area of land in the vicinity of Alliford Bay within Electoral Area E. At the Regular Board meeting held March 20, 2026 the Board was provided with a referral package for the 5 proposed sites on Haida Gwaii.

Proposed Site Details

Proposed Site 4 – W6252 (Alliford Bay)

- Location: Approximately 9.1 km west of Sandspit Airport
- Coordinates: 53.214091, -131.936410
- Proposed Structure: 60 m self-support tower with 3 m lightning rod
- Land Ownership: Unsurveyed Haida (Crown) Land
- Site Details: The tower will be located within a 30 m x 30 m leased area, including a 15 m x 18 m fenced compound and an 8 ft x 10 ft walk-in equipment shelter. Approximately 20 m of new access road will connect to an existing Forest Service Road.

Official Community Plan and Zoning

Under the *Graham Island Interim Zoning Bylaw 192, 1993* and the *Sandspit-Moresby Island Interim Zoning Bylaw 186, 1989*, critical infrastructure including telecommunications towers are an allowed use in all zones.

Stakeholders and Advisory Planning Commission

Prior to the application, the Applicant held several public consultation sessions and distributed an information package to key stakeholders. The current referral was open for public comment until April 19th, 2026. As this project is consistent with the NCRD’s zoning bylaw(s) and its Sustainable Economic Development Strategy for Electoral Area D and E, staff did not pursue further referrals to the APC.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Housing	Improving Transportation Access & Connectivity	Regional Partnerships
Workforce Development and Training	Tourism Opportunities	Environmentally Sustainable Practices

Enhanced Community Services		
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Action 3: Enhance community services, facilities and infrastructure to improve community accessibility and connectivity.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Housing	Board Governance	Shared Services
Economy	North Coast Community	

This referral is not directly related to the Board’s Strategic Priorities 2023-2026.

Attachments

- ATTACHMENT A: [Information Package](#)
- ATTACHMENT B: [Consultation Package](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the Board consider the referral and provide a response to the Ministry supporting approval of the application. Alternatively, response options include:

- No objection to approval of the project;
- No objection to approval of the project subject to conditions outlined by the Board;
- Recommend refusal of the project due to reasons outlined below by the Board;
- No response.

From: James Warren <jwarren@comoxvalleyrd.ca>

Sent: Monday, May 25, 2026 5:55 PM

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Cc: Selena Speed <sspeed@comoxvalleyrd.ca>

Subject: Regional District Chairs and CAOs Forum - joint advocacy follow-up

Club 27

Apologies for the delayed response. I had meant to message you all shortly after our April 21 and 22 Forum in Victoria, but alas here we are. More than a month has gone by, but the value in joint advocacy remains just as high.

I'll be brief in my message here. I have two primary takeaways from hosting the joint advocacy session at the Forum: 1) there is interest in meeting more frequently; and 2) three topics attracted some interest from the CAOs.

1) More frequent meetings

As CAOs we identified that connecting more frequently would be important and could advance some of our shared interests. Turns out that the Chairs felt the same and there's an effort underway to book a meeting room at UBCM for the RD Chairs and CAOs. Stay tuned for more at UBCM. Also, my chair, Will Cole-Hamilton, has drafted a "Chairs Caucus" Terms of Reference with RDKS Chair Yunkws in which more frequent connections are being promoted.

2) Topics of Shared Interest

- a. Grant Funding: at the Forum, Jerry (Metro), Murray (Cariboo) and Jennifer (Fraser Valley) joined with me to speak with the Province about sustained grant funding. I've attached a draft letter that we could each put our Chair's signatures on and use to promote sustained grant funding. If anyone else would like to review the letter, add in an example or two of successful grant funded initiatives, and add your Chair's signatures, please do so.
- b. Revenue Sharing: at the Forum, Jerry (Metro) and Curtis (Bulkley Nechako) agreed that they'd look into the UBCM Task Force that was struck years ago to identify alternative funding for local governments.
- c. Waste Management: at the Forum, many of you expressed interest in responding jointly to increasing regulations that cost more, advancing ICI waste with the Province to have producers pay their share and a comprehensive assessment of impacts on major project approval. I apologize, I did not record a specific action on this file, but noted a large amount of interest, so will leave this with the group if someone wants to run with the topic.

To close, I will be on vacation beginning Wednesday and returning to the office on June 15. I've made a note to follow-up at that time, to try and get our grant funding letter approved and sent.

Thanks all.

James Warren (he/him)

Chief Administrative Officer

Comox Valley Regional District

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April , 2026

Sent via email only: EMCR.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Honourable Kelly Greene
 Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness

Dear Minister:

Re: Request for Continued and Enhanced Funding for Emergency Management

We are writing to respectfully request the continuation of grant funding for our emergency management programs. Sustained investment in this area is critical to ensuring that our communities remain prepared and resilient.

Given the fiscal climate and the messaging received from the Minister and staff last year, core funding from the Province for emergency management is not a realistic expectation. Further, grant funding programs have not been guaranteed in future years and therefore as regional districts we risk losing critical capacity and momentum. Given the increasing risk of wildfire and extreme weather events, this could compromise our readiness when it is needed the most. For most local governments, grant funding makes up most of our operational budgets for emergency services.

Speaking alongside several regional districts, we can share numerous examples where provincial grant funding is helping to implement new legislative requirements and build and strengthen relationships with Indigenous communities. The outcome of that work is to improve our collective abilities to respond and adapt to climate change and emergencies. Below are several examples from regional districts to reinforce the value Provincial grant funding provides:

Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding program

- The CVRD is partnering with K'ómoks First Nation on a climate resilience project at Pélxwikw/ Goose Spit to protect against storm surge, coastal flooding and sea-level rise threats.

Indigenous Engagement Requirements Funding program

- The Comox Valley Emergency Management service provided capacity funding for an emergency liaison for K'ómoks First Nation which is critical for operational efficiency and meaningful partnerships.
- The CVRD has also used Indigenous witnessing to implement cultural safety and protocols for emergency management and long-range planning projects and lay the groundwork for future agreements with Indigenous Governing Bodies.

Disaster Risk Reduction Climate Adaptation

- The CVRD has completed flood mapping for the regional district and flood mitigation planning for the K'ómoks Estuary, as well as the restoration and climate adaption of Dyke Road Park, in partnership with K'ómoks First Nation.

We are asking that grant funding to support the range of emergency management activities continues in the Province of BC. As evidenced in the examples above, community adaptation and resilience is strengthened as result of grant funding. And further, trust and reciprocity between local governments and Indigenous communities is a direct outcome that we can all acknowledge. Over the coming months, and at the UBCM conference in September, many regional districts will share with you more success stories to make the case for continued grant funding. Thank you for taking the time to understand the local impacts that provincial funds make on community readiness. We are all in this together.

Sincerely,

Will Cole-Hamilton
Chair, Comox Valley Regional District

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