



qathet REGIONAL DISTRICT

Regional Board AGENDA

Tuesday, June 9, 2026
4:00 PM

Regional District Boardroom

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

2.1 **Regional Board Agenda**

(All Directors - Unweighted Vote)

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1 **Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting - May 27, 2026**

11 - 15

(All Directors - Unweighted Vote)

THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held May 27, 2026 be adopted.

4. **DELEGATION & INQUIRIES**

4.1 **Annie Wise, Executive Director, Sunshine Coast Tourism -
Annual Update**

17 - 54

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

6.1 **Correspondence dated May 28, 2026 from Rob Ringma,
Government Relations Manager, BC Transit re BC Transit
2026/27 Annual Operating Agreement**

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7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Members may vote on and adopt in one motion all recommendations appearing on the Consent Agenda. The vote must be unanimous.

At approval of the Consent Agenda, a Member may for the purpose of:

- (a) debate or discussion;
- (b) voting in opposition to a recommendation on the consent agenda or to propose an amendment to the motion; or
- (c) declaring a conflict of interest with respect to an item on the consent agenda;

request that an item be removed from the consent agenda, without debate or vote of the Members.

Voting rule will vary as noted. Any items that are removed will be considered under the heading **Resolutions Removed from Consent Agenda**.

(All Directors – Unweighted Vote)

THAT the following items on the Consent Agenda be adopted:

- 8.1 Correspondence dated April 24, 2026 from the BC Municipal Climate Leadership Council (BCMCLC) re Seeking Your Voice on No Renewal of the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP)** 57 - 60

(All Directors - Unweighted Vote)

THAT the Board authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Premier, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions, the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, the Minister of Environment and Parks, and the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, advocating for renewal and extended funding of the Local Government Climate Action Program, and copying MLA Randene Neill, and also requesting a meeting at the 2026 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention with the appropriate Minister(s).

- 8.2 Correspondence dated May 13, 2026 from Cathy Brown, President, Texada Island Non-profit Seniors Housing Society re Request for Waiving Gillies Bay Park Rental Fee** 61
- (All Directors - Weighted Vote)
- THAT the Board waive the Gillies Bay ball park rental fee for the Texada Island Non-Profit Seniors Housing Society's Road Rally fundraising event on August 15, 2026.
- 8.3 First Quarter 2026 Strategic Plan Progress Report** 63 - 112
- (All Directors - Unweighted Vote)
- THAT the Board enter into the minutes and file the report titled First Quarter 2026 Strategic Plan Progress Report dated April 24, 2026.
- 8.4 Texada Island Community Hall - Theatrical Curtain Replacement** 113 - 115
- (All Directors - Unweighted Vote)
- THAT the Board direct staff to investigate options and prices for stage curtain and track replacement, and to bring back these options to a future Board meeting.
- 8.5 Texada Island Community Hall - Cellular and Internet Service** 117 - 120
- (All Directors - Unweighted Vote)
- THAT the Board direct staff to facilitate the installation of cellular and wifi internet at the Texada Island Community Hall.
- 8.6 Fire Departments Automatic Aid** 121 - 124
- (All Directors - Unweighted Vote)
- THAT the Board direct staff to engage with Tla'amin Nation and the City of Powell River regarding potential for an Automatic Aid Agreement among the local fire services in the mainland portion of the qathet Region and report back with findings and recommendations.

8.7 Murals and Graffiti Walls 125 - 128

(All Directors - Unweighted Vote)

THAT the Board take no action and that the report dated May 27, 2026, titled "Murals and Graffiti Walls", be entered in the minutes and filed.

8.8 Liability Insurance - Q Climbers Access and Development Association 129 - 134

(All Directors - Weighted Vote)

THAT the Board approve the qathet Regional District entering into a Service Provider Agreement with the Q Climbers Access and Development Association for the development and management of a network of trails and recreational amenities on land and water which are identified in the qathet Regional District Trails Plan dated December, 2016; and

THAT the agreement continue in perpetuity until it is cancelled by the qathet Regional District; and

THAT the annual cost of the coverage, estimated at \$250, be included in the annual budget for the Regional Parks Service.

8.9 Election Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 420.6, 2026 135 - 138

(All Directors - Unweighted Vote)

THAT the Board accept the changes to "Election Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 420.6, 2026" as proposed to:

- Change references to "secrecy envelopes" to "secrecy enclosures"; and

THAT the amendment bylaw be presented to the June 9, 2026 meeting for first reading through adoption.

8.10 2026 UBCM Convention Attendance and Meetings with Ministers and MACC Staff 139 - 202

(All Directors - Unweighted Vote)

THAT the Board direct staff to register interested Directors and the Chief Administrative Officer, or designate, for the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' 2026 Convention being held September 14-18, 2026 in Vancouver, B.C.

8.11 UBCM Meeting Request with Ministry of Transportation and Transit

(All Directors - Unweighted Vote)

THAT the Board direct staff to schedule a meeting with the Minister of Transportation and Transit regarding options to ensure contract and operation accountability for the Lasqueti Island ferry route.

8.12 UBCM Meeting Request regarding Improvement District Policy Update

(All Directors - Unweighted Vote)

THAT the Board seek a meeting at UBCM 2026 with Brittny Anderson, Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities and Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, regarding modernizing the 2006 policy regarding improvement districts access to grants, and to include the Lund Waterworks District as a case study.

8.13 Savary Island Official Community Plan - First Reading 203 - 283

(Directors A, B, C, and D - Unweighted Vote)

1. THAT the Board endorse "Savary Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 607, 2026" as presented; and

THAT the bylaw be forwarded to the June 9, 2026 Board meeting for first reading.

(Directors A, B, C, and D - Unweighted Vote)

2. THAT the Board direct staff to proceed with Phase 5 - Approval Process public engagement.

8.14 Subdivision Application, District Lot 3691, 7458 Nootka St & 7460 Nootka St, Electoral Area B 285 - 292

(Directors A, B, C, D - Unweighted Vote)

THAT the Board advise the Ministry of Transportation and Transit that qathet Regional District has no objection to the proposed two lot conventional subdivision application for the property at 7458 Nootka St and 7460 Nootka Street, legally described as Lot B, Block 2, District Lot 3691, Group 1, New Westminster District Plan 16678 (PID 007-382-651), as shown on the subdivision plan prepared by Polaris Land Surveying Ltd. dated March 3, 2026, subject to:

- a) proof of water and septic servicing that meets provincial standards; and
- b) a new civic address assignment for proposed Lot 2.

9. RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

10. RESOLUTIONS

10.1 UBCM Meeting Request with Ministry of Agriculture and Food

(All Directors - Unweighted Vote)

THAT the Board direct staff to schedule a meeting with Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture and Food regarding Agricultural Land Reserve Residential Flexibility.

11. REPORTS

12. BYLAWS

12.1 qathet Regional District Savary Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 607, 2026 293 - 368

(Directors A, B, C, D – Unweighted Vote)

1. THAT the Board give first reading of "qathet Regional District Savary Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 605, 2025".

12.2 qathet Regional District Election Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 420.6, 2026 369

(All Directors - Unweighted Vote)

1. THAT the Board give first and second reading of "qathet Regional District Election Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 420.6, 2026".

(All Directors - Unweighted Vote)

2. THAT the Board give second reading of "qathet Regional District Election Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 420.6, 2026".

(All Directors - Unweighted Vote)

3. THAT the Board adopt "qathet Regional District Election Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 420.6, 2026".

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.1 Minutes of the qathet Regional District Area D OCP Planning Advisory Committee Meeting - July 23, 2019 371 - 372

(All Directors - Unweighted Vote)

THAT the final minutes of the concluded qathet Regional District Area D OCP Planning Advisory Committee, meeting held July 23, 2019 be adopted.

14. QUESTION PERIOD

15. IN CAMERA SESSION

15.1 Proposed Closed Session

(All Directors - Unweighted Vote)

THAT the Board move in-camera and that the meeting be closed to the public on the grounds that the subject matter to be considered relates to matters covered by the *Community Charter* under section 90(1):

(1) A part of a Board meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the regional district or another position appointed by the regional district.

(f) law enforcement, if the Board considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment.

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the regional district.

(m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.

(n) the consideration of whether a Board meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2).

16. RISE AND REPORT FROM IN CAMERA SESSION

17. ADJOURNMENT

18. COMMITTEE MINUTES PACKAGE

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19.4	Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project - Update and Invitation to Phase 3 Regional Local Government Engagement Sessions (Spring 2026)	397 - 398

19.5	Legislative Assembly of British Columbia Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Service - Budget 2027 Consultation is Now Accepting Written Submissions	399 - 400
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REGIONAL DISTRICT

**Regional Board
Minutes**

May 27, 2026, 4:00 PM
Regional District Boardroom

Present: Chair, Electoral Area C Clayton Brander
Director, Electoral Area A Jason Lennox
Director, Electoral Area B Mark Gisborne
Director, Electoral Area D Sandy McCormick
Director, Electoral Area E Andrew Fall
Municipal Director Cindy Elliott
Municipal Director Robert Southcott

Staff Present: Michelle Jones, General Manager of Corporate Administration |
Corporate Officer
Patrick Devereaux, General Manager of Operational Services
Ryan Thoms, General Manager of Emergency Services
Julia Dykstra, General Manager of Planning Services
Caleb Allen, Manager of Information Technology
Mikhael Drosdovech, Manager of Assets and Capital Projects
Melanie Taylor, Manager of Occupational Health & Safety
Rebecca Coleman, Legislative Services Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brander called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Regional Board Agenda

The Corporate Officer advised that item #7.2 *Correspondence dated May 11, 2026 from qathet Housing Action Table (HAT) to The Honourable David Eby, Premier, Province of British Columbia, The Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Randene Neill, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, MLA for Powell River - Sunshine Coast, BC, and Housing Leadership, British Columbia Housing Management Commission re Impacts of the 2026 Community Housing Fund Suspension on the qathet Region* was elevated from today's Committee of the Whole meeting and added under the heading *10.Consent Agenda* as item #10.2.

Moved and Seconded

THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting - May 12, 2026

Moved and Seconded

THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held May 12, 2026 be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. DELEGATION & INQUIRIES

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Correspondence dated May 20, 2026 from Sasha Prynne, Program Officer, UBCM re 2026 Next Generation 911 Approval Agreement

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

8. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Brander reported on the following meetings and activities:

- Celebration of 50 years in Media, Golden Quill Award for Paul Galinski
- Grand opening of the Northside Community Recreation Centre
- Library Trustees meeting

9. DIRECTOR REPORTS

Director Southcott reported on the following meetings and activities:

- Award celebration for Paul Galinski
- Grand opening of the Northside Community Recreation Centre

Director McCormack reported on the following meetings and activities:

- Award celebration for Paul Galinski
- Shelter Point Park concession opening
- Meet & Greet at Texada Airport
- Texada Farmers Market opening
- University of Calgary study on local government elected officials, seeking elected officials' opinions about what gets people out to vote
- qathet Tourism meeting

Director Fall reported on the following meetings and activities:

- Vancouver Island Regional Library Board of Trustee meeting
- Lasqueti Local Islands Trust meeting
- Ferry Committee meeting
- Lasqueti Island Solid Waste Management Plan Advisory Committee meeting
- Coastal Invasive Species Committee meeting
- Webinar on the Lytton wildfire
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities dock resolution meeting

Director Gisborne reported on the following meetings and activities:

- Grand opening of the Northside Community Recreation Centre
- qathet Housing Action Table meeting
- Powell River Farmers' Market
- Lund Waterworks District Annual General Meeting

Director Lennox reported on the following meetings and activities:

- Savary Island Marine Advisory Committee meeting
- Grand opening of the Northside Community Recreation Centre
- Lund Waterworks District Annual General Meeting
- City West connection starts up in Lund
- Condolences to the Tla'amin community following the recent marine tragedy
- Acknowledgement of Savary Island Volunteer Fire Department for their response efforts

Director Elliott reported on the following meetings and activities:

- City of Powell River Council delayed decision on housing authority, awaiting report from the qathet Regional District on Municipal & Regional District Tax Program
- qathet Housing Action Team meeting
- Vancity grant and loan programs
- Powell River Farmers' Market opening

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved and Seconded

THAT the following items on the Consent Agenda be adopted:

10.1 Funding Agreement Renewal Request - qathet Tourism

THAT the Board direct staff to renew the agreement with qathet Tourism for a further two-year term, from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2028, to provide Tourism with \$16,000 of annual funding toward core operating expenses.

MOTION CARRIED.

10.2 Correspondence dated May 11, 2026 from qathet Housing Action Table (HAT) to The Honourable David Eby, Premier, Province of British Columbia, The Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Randene Neill, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, MLA for Powell River - Sunshine Coast, BC, and Housing Leadership, British Columbia Housing Management Commission re Impacts of the 2026 Community Housing Fund Suspension on the qathet Region

THAT the Board add qathet Regional District, member of the qathet Housing Action Table, as a signatory to the collective letter from qathet Housing Action Table regarding the Impacts of the 2026 Community Housing Fund Suspension on the qathet Region.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**12. RESOLUTIONS****12.1 BC Transit - Annual Operating Agreement**

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board approve the BC Transit Annual Operating Agreement to be signed by an authorized local government signatory.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. REPORTS**14. BYLAWS**

15. NEW BUSINESS

- 15.1 Expanded Advance Bookings and Terminal Improvements Between Powell River and Comox Expected to Reduce Congestion, Improve Travel Certainty - *Director Gisborne***

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board send a letter to BC Ferries inviting them to appear as a delegation to discuss the changes between the Little River and Westview terminals.

MOTION CARRIED.

16. QUESTION PERIOD**17. IN CAMERA SESSION**

- 17.1 No Proposed Closed Session**

18. RISE AND REPORT FROM IN CAMERA SESSION**19. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:44 pm.

Chair

Corporate Officer



Sunshine Coast
TOURISM

Sunshine Coast Tourism: Activities Report & Update



by Annie Wise

Executive Director, Sunshine Coast Tourism











Bright spots abound on the Sunshine Coast Trail

By Kari Bodnarchuk
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

SARAH POINT, British Columbia — The captain nosed our zodiac up to a rocky beach and held it steady as my two kids and I carefully slid overboard. Barnacles crunched underfoot as we shuffled our gear into backpacks containing food and camping gear for the next eight days.

We hiked up onto a nearby bluff and looked over the clear waters of a protected marine park into Desolation Sound, a few scraggly uninhabited islands and snow-dusted mountains on Vancouver Island's hazy distance.

This peaceful spot, called Sarah Point, is the northernmost point of the Sunshine Coast, a scenic area of rides and several drives northwest of Vancouver that is relatively accessible (with a bit of time on your side) and worlds away from mainland life.

Our plan was to hike from this idyllic far-flung spot on the tip of the Sunshine Coast about 112 miles north of Vancouver.

SCT,

WELCOME TO LUND
Klah ah men

Lund (Klah ah men) is a small, picturesque community located at the north end of BC's Sunshine Coast, on the traditional and unceded territory of the Tla'amin, Klahoose, and Homalco First Nations. It's known as the "End of the Road" due to its location at Mile 0 of Highway 101, which is part of one of the longest highway networks in the world.

Discover charming accommodations, dine in welcoming eateries, shop at artisan boutiques, rent a kayak or book a boat or kayak tour, and enjoy Lund's carefree atmosphere. Lund is truly a gateway to adventure—from the harbour, you can venture to nearby Savary Island, the Copeland Islands, Desolation Sound, and even Sarah Point, which is where the 180-kilometre Sunshine Coast Trail begins.

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By Darcy Rhyme | Published on March 13, 2025

VANCOUVER SUN

Texada Island's newest resort a must-visit getaway off B.C.'s Sunshine Coast

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\$256M

Annual Visitor Spending

3,148

Local Jobs from Tourism

54%

Visiting Friends and Family

\$72M

Govt Tax Revenues via Tourism

Source: Mansfield Consulting Inc. (2025). Sunshine Coast Economic Impacts of Tourism 2024.

Managing and Monitoring the Conditions for Success



Attractions



Accessibility



Accommodation



Activities



Amenities

Looking Ahead to 2026-27

Sport Tourism

Opportunities from the FIFA World Cup 2026

Continue Building Off-season Tourism

Create a festivals and events marketing fund, supporting the development and enhancement of shoulder-season events

Corporate Meetings & Retreats

Developing new strategies to further attract small Corporate groups, meetings, and retreats

Industry Support

Deliver training programs, workshops, and further support the local tourism industry in building partnerships and packages





Thank you

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Progress requires both a clear vision and the means to achieve it. This past year, Sunshine Coast Tourism secured both. By finalizing our new Strategic Plan and advancing the renewal and proposed increase of the Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT), we strengthened the foundation for the future of our visitor economy. The plan sets our direction, while the MRDT helps ensure we have the resources to deliver meaningful, long-term benefits for our communities, residents, and visitors alike. I'd also like to proudly acknowledge our professional staff team that consistently exceeds expectations.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present this annual report. It marks a milestone year and highlights the strong partnerships helping shape the future of tourism on the Sunshine Coast.



Christine Hollmann
President

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Reflecting on this past year, I am proud of our achievements and strong momentum we built together across the Sunshine Coast. Thanks to the dedication of our team, partners, and tourism operators, we saw strong results in campaign performance, room revenues, visitor services, and partner engagement. Together across our communities, we helped drive off-peak visitation, supported local businesses, strengthened industry collaboration, and continued enhancing the visitor experience throughout the region.



At the same time, we build a solid foundation for the years ahead. With the implementation of our new Strategic Plan underway, we are well positioned for the next chapter of tourism on the Sunshine Coast – including a hands-on approach to corporate retreats and meetings, events and sport tourism. Looking forward, I am confident and excited by the strength, creativity, and resilience of this community and our sector and what we will continue to build together.

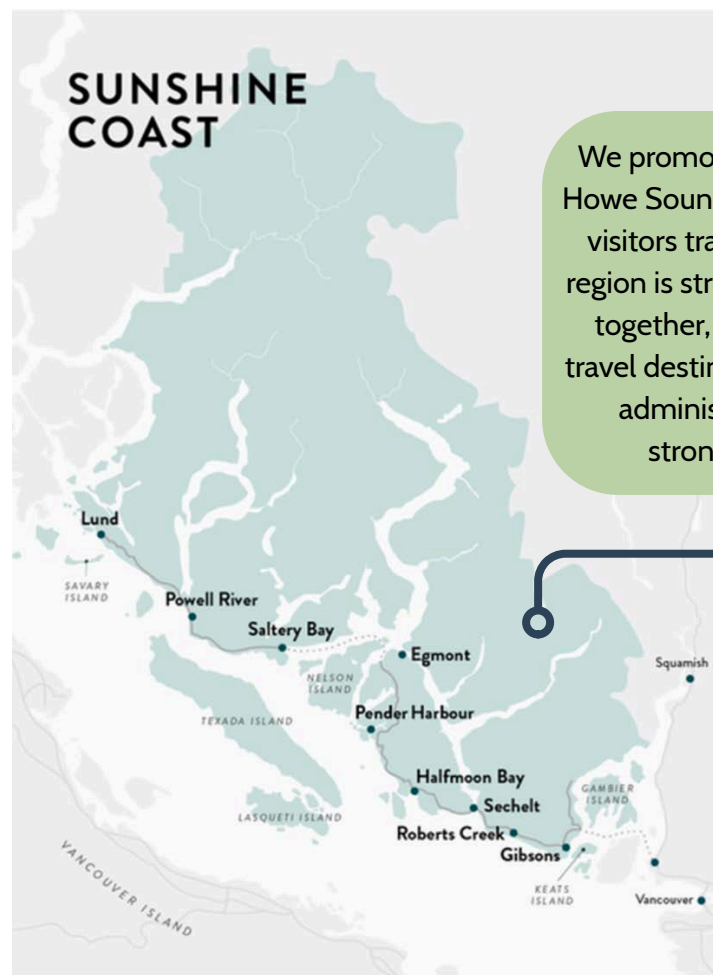


Annie Wise
Executive Director, Sunshine Coast Tourism

WHO WE ARE

Sunshine Coast Tourism, a non-profit society, serves as the designated Destination Management Organization (DMO) for the region, in multi-stakeholder partnership between the tourism industry and local governments, including the Town of Gibsons, District of Sechelt, City of Powell River, Sunshine Coast Regional District, and qathet Regional District, playing a pivotal role in shaping the region's tourism landscape. The Society's mandate is to build a strong and sustainable tourism economy for the Sunshine Coast, in alignment with the values of its residents.

Through strategic initiatives, Sunshine Coast Tourism actively nurtures a dynamic and sustainable tourism sector, ensuring its vibrancy and longevity. The organization aims to align with Provincial and Municipal initiatives to ensure sustainable sector development. This approach preserves and enhances the community's quality of life, ensuring that tourism supports rather than hinders infrastructure, community culture, and other vital industries.



We promote the entire Sunshine Coast, from Howe Sound to Desolation Sound, because our visitors travel without boundaries — and the region is stronger when we act as one. Working together, we've created a more compelling travel destination brand, reduced duplication in administration and overhead, and built stronger market competitiveness.

VALUE OF TOURISM

Sunshine Coast Region At A Glance

\$256M+

Direct Visitor Spending

3,148

Jobs

12%

Tourism Share of Total
Employment

\$72M

Tax Revenue Generated
from Coast Visitors

Sunshine Coast Tourism's Impact

Sunshine Coast Tourism helps grow the visitor economy by building awareness, attracting high-value travel, supporting local businesses, and strengthening the visitor experience across the region. In 2025, that work translated into measurable results – from stronger off-peak demand and record room revenues, to referrals for local businesses, visitor servicing, and return on marketing investment.



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35:1 ROI

For every \$1 we spent on marketing, we generated \$35 in local visitor spending



342,000

Referrals to local businesses



2.8 Million

Website pageviews of
sunshinecoastcanada.com



26,199

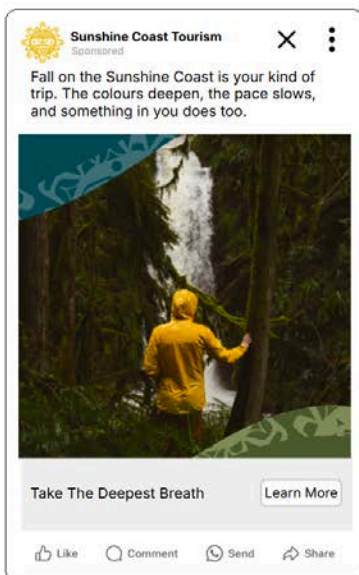
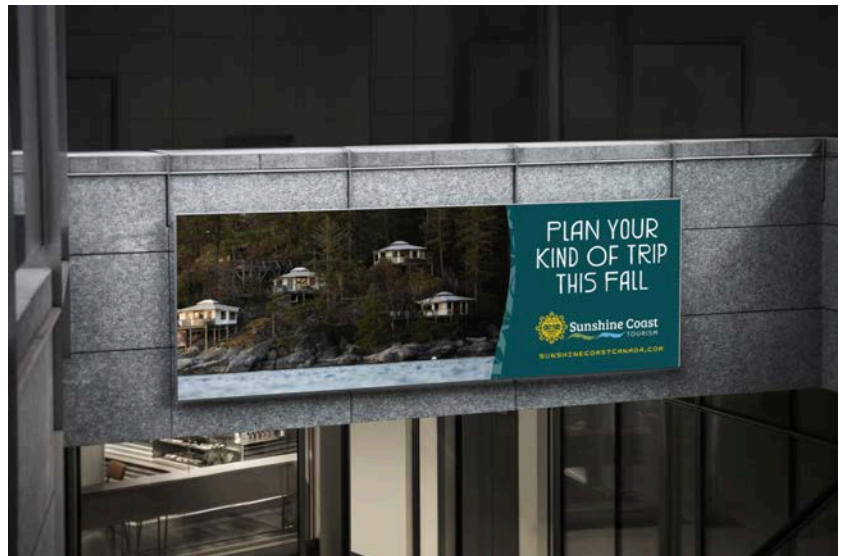
Visitors served in-person by
Sunshine Coast Tourism

DESTINATION MARKETING

Advertising Creative

Our advertising creative is tailored to both the audience and the placement, whether that is a bold transit ad in market, a social carousel designed to stop the scroll, or a short video spot built for television and streaming. We do not take a one-size-fits-all approach. Different audiences respond to different imagery, messages, and formats, so our team is constantly testing what best captures attention and inspires action among the travellers most likely to choose the Sunshine Coast.

That approach is especially important for a destination our size. We do not have the budget to market broadly or waste impressions, so our strategy is to be selective, disciplined, and creative-led. We focus on the experiences, visuals, and messages most likely to resonate in each channel, then refine based on what performs. It is a practical approach that helps us stretch our resources, sharpen our targeting, and keep the Sunshine Coast competitive in a crowded tourism marketplace.



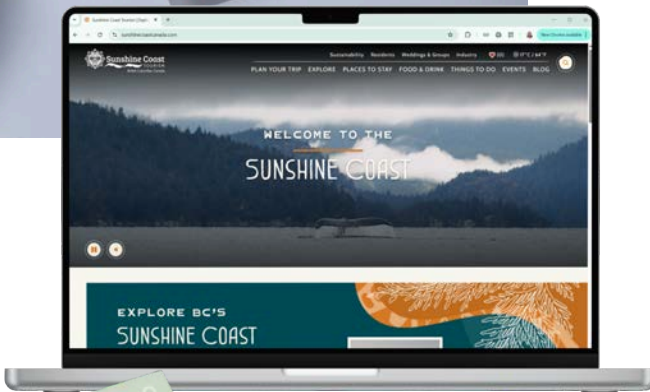
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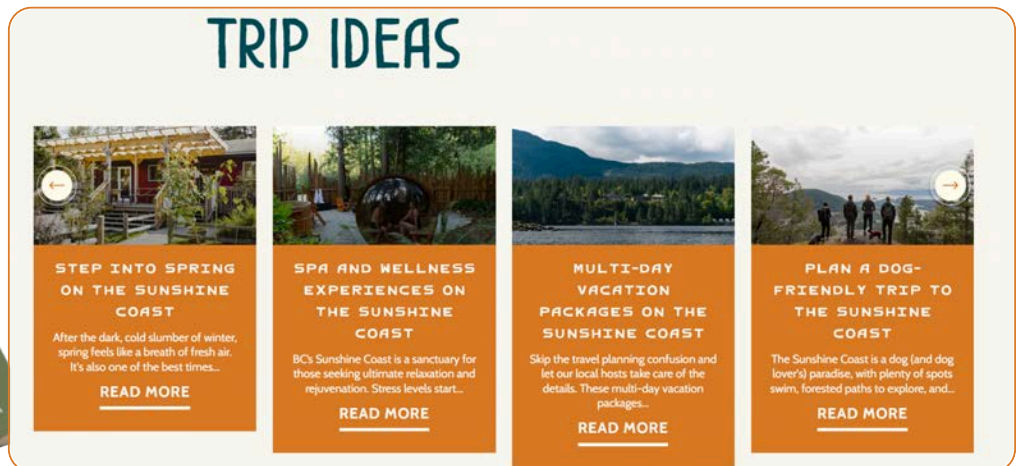
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Content & Storytelling

At the heart of destination marketing is storytelling – helping people picture themselves here before they ever arrive. In 2025, Sunshine Coast Tourism continued to invest in content that builds desire, deepens understanding of the destination, and gives travellers practical reasons to choose the Sunshine Coast in every season. This included the completion and distribution of our new travel guide, as well as seasonal itineraries, feature stories, blog content, partner listings, and sponsored content placements designed to showcase the breadth of experiences available across the region.

Our content strategy is designed to do more than simply look good. Each piece plays a role, whether it is inspiring a first-time visitor, helping someone plan a shoulder-season getaway, or reinforcing the Sunshine Coast as a place with depth, character, and year-round appeal. Across social media, newsletters, blogs, video, and web content, we continued to test which stories, visuals, and themes resonated most strongly with our target audiences. This layered approach helps keep the Sunshine Coast visible, memorable, and emotionally compelling in an increasingly competitive tourism landscape.



Travel & Lifestyle Media Coverage

In 2025, Sunshine Coast Tourism directly hosted or supported 45 journalists and media outlets, generating coverage in outlets including Boulevard, Vancouver Magazine, Northwest Travel & Life, CTV, Lonely Planet, and the Vancouver Sun, with more than 71 million earned media impressions. This kind of exposure helps build third-party credibility, expand destination awareness, and strengthen the Sunshine Coast's reputation as a year-round destination for visitors.

Travel FEB 23 **by the north**

Escape into Sweater Weather on the Sunshine Coast

Written by [Sylvia Dekker](#)

For frigid Canadians needing to go somewhere to get away, who aren't keen on migrating south anymore and who want to support fellow Canadians, heading west until the land crumbles into salt water and hemlock covered islands is a phenomenal choice. Because even though BC's laid back coast was muffled under a rare snowfall when I arrived, the -25C I left behind melted into distant memory between steaming mugs, plates, and tubs of cedar scented water.

In many of the sprinkling of harbour towns along British Columbia's stunning [Sunshine Coast](#), it's cozy season. Life's overwhelming chaos and Canadian winter blues melt away with a laid-back, quiet vibe framed by lush greenery—a sight for white weary eyes—and coastal beauty.

Rigid Canadians thaw here. Between mild temperatures and to-do lists left shivering in the cold, where the land crumbles into salt water and hemlock covered islands is the perfect place to extend sweater weather. Watch bobbing boats and seabirds while sipping warm drinks, tuck into plates of steaming seafood, and sink into tubs of hot cedar scented water under the stars.

When locals say, "Come to the Sunshine Coast, there's nothing to do around here," it's a good thing.

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Only Accessible by Ferry, This Hut-to-Hut Trip is Pacific Northwest Paradise

Giant ferns, epic ridgelines, and (free) huts, the Sunshine Coast Trail just north of Vancouver has it all—minus the crowds.

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Sector Consortium Partnerships

Sunshine Coast Tourism participates in a number of sector-specific consortia that help extend our reach, align our destination with provincial tourism priorities, and keep the Sunshine Coast visible within key passion markets. These partnerships allow us to share costs, leverage matched funding through Destination BC, and position the region in targeted campaigns that connect with travellers already motivated by interests like craft beer, local food, wellness, fishing, mountain biking, and film tourism.

In 2025, Sunshine Coast Tourism continued its involvement in BC Ale Trail, the BC Farmers' Market Trail, Fishing BC, Wellness Travel BC, and Mountain Biking BC, and also joined the new Cineventure consortium. Together, these partnerships help ensure the Sunshine Coast continues to be featured as a top destination for high-interest travel experiences, while giving local businesses and experiences stronger visibility through provincial storytelling, itineraries, influencer content, digital campaigns, and destination-wide promotion.



VISITOR SERVICES



Visitor services remain one of Sunshine Coast Tourism's most direct and practical contributions to the visitor economy. As the operator of the Gibsons, Sechelt, and Pender Harbour Visitor Centres as well as the volunteer Ferry Travel Ambassador program, the team assisted over 26,000 visitors in 2025. These interactions positively shape the visitor experience, encourage longer stays, increase referrals to local businesses, and strengthen the overall impression of the destination.

We also continued to strengthen this part of our work through training, improved coordination, and quality standards. Our visitor centres are Silver Certified through GreenStep Sustainable Tourism, and we are working toward Gold. We are also Rainbow Registered, reflecting our commitment to creating a welcoming and inclusive experience for visitors and staff alike.



Visitor Education: Inspiring Conscious Travel

A key part of our role as a destination marketing organization is not just to attract visitors, but to ensure they are welcomed in a way that respects our communities and protects the natural environment. In 2025, Sunshine Coast Tourism continued to integrate visitor education across all aspects of our work, encouraging responsible, respectful travel at every stage of the visitor journey

Our focus areas included:

- Leave No Trace and low-impact recreation
- Water conservation and stewardship
- Campfire safety and wildfire awareness
- Wildlife & marine mammal safety/viewing etiquette
- Responsible fishing & shellfish harvesting

We also partnered with the province-wide “Don’t Love It To Death” campaign, helping amplify shared values and reinforce a consistent, unified message about sustainable tourism.

In addition to educating visitors, we support our local tourism businesses in becoming sustainability leaders themselves. In 2025, we:

- Delivered stakeholder toolkits with sustainable travel messaging, tips, and resources
- Created ‘point-of-purchase’ and hotel room signage templates
- Promoted best practices through newsletters, partner calls, and events
- Shared funding and workshop opportunities focused on sustainability, emergency planning, and climate resiliency

By equipping both visitors and operators with the tools to travel better, we help ensure tourism supports rather than strains the Sunshine Coast’s environment, communities, and quality of life.



Sunshine Coast Tourism is helping lead the way for regenerative tourism, where visitors give back more than they take, and communities thrive alongside the environment.

Supporting Local Businesses and Building Industry Capacity

In 2025, Sunshine Coast Tourism continued to support local tourism businesses not only through promotion, but through practical learning opportunities, one-to-one outreach, collaboration, new event development, and industry-facing communications.

- A Virtual Annual General Meeting, together with the public release and presentation of the new Sunshine Coast Tourism 2026-2031 Strategic Plan
- Virtual Coffee Chat series throughout the summer to share updates and gather partner feedback
- Co-hosted destination development workshops in Lund and Sechelt with Destination BC to provide input into the organization's new Iconics Destination Development strategy
- Educational workshops, "Turning Traveller Insights into Action," were held in Halfmoon Bay and Powell River in November with 28 industry attendees and excellent participant feedback
- A FIFA World Cup readiness workshop with 42 industry attendees, to understand the event and help position the Sunshine Coast by creating packaged offerings, events, and activations
- 18 industry newsletters sent in 2025, sharing relevant program updates and partner news



Building for the Future

In 2025, Sunshine Coast Tourism continued investing not only in current-year program delivery, but also in the organizational capacity needed to support long-term growth. This included advancing a new 2026–2031 strategic plan, aligning 2026 work plans and budgets, refining staffing structures, and strengthening internal systems for financial reporting, data tracking, and program delivery



The organization also began laying groundwork for several emerging opportunities that align strongly with our new strategic plan and industry feedback. These include growing support for meetings, retreats, and small corporate gatherings, alongside developing a clearer framework for event support. We are also leveraging major opportunities tied to sporting events, including the FIFA World Cup 2026™, while continuing to evolve the Sunshine Coast’s destination brand so it remains strong, current, and compelling in a competitive tourism landscape.



Inaugural Sunshine Coast Flavour Festival

The Sunshine Coast Flavour Festival is one example of the kind of collaborative, shoulder-season initiative SCT is excited to continue building. The inaugural festival, held in spring of 2025, saw strong participation from over 50 food and beverage businesses across the region. By creating compelling new reasons to travel, the festival directly supports local operators and encourages visitors to experience the Sunshine Coast during the off-season.

LOOKING AHEAD: 2026-27

Sunshine Coast Tourism is entering its next chapter with stronger footing, clearer direction, and greater capacity to take on new opportunities. Guided by our new strategic plan, renewed momentum in key sectors, and a unified vision for the work ahead, the organization is well-positioned to build on our current successes while moving more intentionally into the next phase of destination development and promotion.

🏆 Major International Events

With Vancouver set to host FIFA World Cup 2026™, Sunshine Coast Tourism is taking a practical and measured approach to this global event. While the broader tourism impacts remain to be seen, the Sunshine Coast is ideally positioned as a nearby coastal escape for visitors and British Columbians looking to extend their stay or step outside the city. SCT is actively supporting businesses with tools, workshops, and ideas to help them prepare and maximize this unique window of opportunity.

🏢 Meetings, Retreats & Small Corporate Travel

We know this market is already thriving organically on the Coast. In the year ahead, SCT will shift to a more intentional strategy to inventory, package, and promote the region's potential for meetings, retreats, and small corporate gatherings -- unlocking a promising source of off-peak business.

🎉 Events & Seasonal Animation

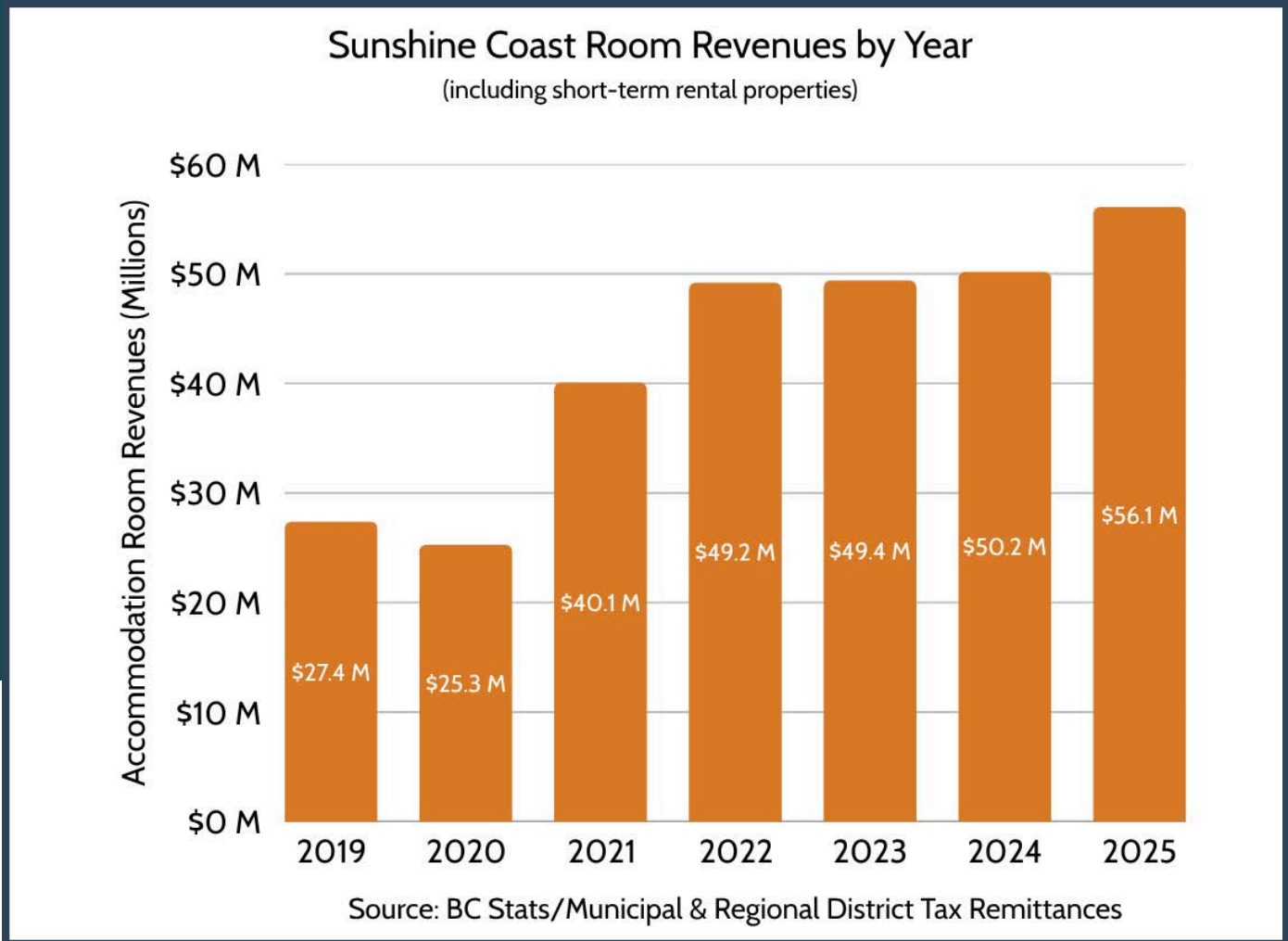
SCT will begin developing a clearer event funding and support framework. This will allow us to more strategically back festivals and events that drive overnight visitation, particularly during shoulder seasons and within communities where the economic impact will be felt most.

🍷 Brand Refresh & New Strategic Plan Implementation

As we roll out our new strategic plan, SCT is launching several forward-looking initiatives, including a thoughtful refresh of the destination brand to ensure the Sunshine Coast continues to present strongly, authentically, and consistently in a highly competitive market.



TOURISM INDICATORS



One of the clearest indicators of tourism success is room revenue. As shown in the graph above, Sunshine Coast accommodation revenues have more than doubled since 2019, growing from \$27.4M to a new record high of \$56.1M in 2025.

While the overall trajectory remains strongly positive, the slower growth seen between 2022 and 2024 reflects a period of adjustment in the accommodation sector, particularly as new short-term rental regulations were introduced provincially and across multiple local jurisdictions. In some areas of the Sunshine Coast, the reduction in short-term rental availability created compression within the remaining accommodation base, limiting occupancy capacity during peak periods. This had spillover effects for other tourism businesses, including tour operators, restaurants, and retailers, as visitors were at times unable to secure accommodations.

At the same time, 2025 results suggest that the sector is beginning to absorb some of those changes. Several local hotels and motels have changed ownership in recent years, with new investment directed toward renovations, property upgrades, and even new rooms. This reinvestment is an encouraging sign for the long-term health of the visitor economy, helping to strengthen the quality and capacity of the traditional accommodation base while supporting continued growth in room revenues across the region.



Questions or Comments?

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SUNSHINE COAST TOURISM SOCIETY

Year Ending December 31, 2025

(Unaudited)

SUNSHINE COAST TOURISM SOCIETY
Compiled Financial Information
Year Ended December 31, 2025

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COMPILATION ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Management of Sunshine Coast Tourism Society

On the basis of information provided by management, I have compiled the statement of financial position of Sunshine Coast Tourism Society as at December 31, 2025, and the statements of revenues and expenditures and changes in net assets for the year then ended, and Note 1, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information and other explanatory information ("financial information").

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it and the selection of the basis of accounting.

I performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4200, *Compilation Engagements*, which requires me to comply with relevant ethical requirements. My responsibility is to assist management in the preparation of the financial information.

I did not perform an audit engagement or a review engagement, nor was I required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion, or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

Readers are cautioned that the financial information may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the Societies Act of British Columbia, I report that these principles have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Ocean Breeze Accounting Inc.


Sechelt, British Columbia
March 31, 2026


OCEAN BREEZE ACCOUNTING PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT

SUNSHINE COAST TOURISM SOCIETY
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2025

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash - General	\$ 693,007	\$ 611,086
Term deposits	401,040	330,284
Accounts receivable	45,827	3,835
Inventory	15,714	14,312
Goods and services tax recoverable	18,915	35,757
Prepaid expenses	4,675	4,902
	1,179,178	1,000,176
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT <i>(Note 3)</i>	2,746	1,687
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,181,924	\$ 1,001,863
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable	\$ 39,399	\$ 24,496
Provincial sales tax payable	198	219
Deferred income	299,543	287,075
TOTAL LIABILITIES	339,140	311,790
NET ASSETS	842,784	690,073
	\$ 1,181,924	\$ 1,001,863

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD


 _____ Director


 _____ Director

See notes to the financial information

SUNSHINE COAST TOURISM SOCIETY
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Year Ended December 31, 2025

	2025 <i>(12 months)</i>	2024 <i>(8 months)</i>
REVENUE		
Local Government	\$ 74,800	\$ 74,800
Municipal and Regional District Tax	1,095,485	650,664
Partnership Revenues	43,704	2,000
Project Funding	156,384	87,419
Provincial and Federal Government Grants <i>(Note 4)</i>	14,723	12,241
Visitor Services - Gibsons	76,378	50,298
Miscellaneous	148	72
Visitor Services - Sechelt	87,658	70,893
Visitor Services - Pender Harbour	26,770	27,200
Visitor Services - Travel Ambassadors	3,000	3,000
	1,579,050	978,587
EXPENSES		
Affordable Housing Contribution	211,738	-
Amortization	1,440	2,339
Destination Development Programs	25,538	58,315
Destination Marketing Programs	546,930	245,835
Industry Development Programs	44,775	36,036
Office	20,022	17,751
Professional Fees	4,975	3,210
Travel Ambassadors	2,971	2,997
Visitor Services - Gibsons	76,240	51,996
Visitor Services - Pender Harbour	27,418	27,195
Visitor Services - Sechelt	87,790	71,866
Wages and Benefits	394,710	293,543
	1,444,547	811,083
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS	134,503	167,504
OTHER INCOME		
Gain on disposal of property and equipment	-	650
Interest earned	18,208	2,111
	18,208	2,761
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 152,711	\$ 170,265

See notes to the financial information

SUNSHINE COAST TOURISM SOCIETY
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended December 31, 2025

	General Fund	2025	2024
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 690,073	\$ 690,073	\$ 519,808
Excess of revenue over expenses	-	-	-
	152,711	152,711	170,265
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 842,784	\$ 842,784	\$ 690,073

See notes to the financial information

SUNSHINE COAST TOURISM SOCIETY
Notes to Compiled Financial Information
Year Ended December 31, 2025

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the statement of financial position of Sunshine Coast Tourism Society as at December 31, 2025, and the statements of revenues and expenditures and changes in net assets for the year then ended is the historical cost basis and reflects cash transactions with the addition of:

- Specific purpose revenue is deferred when received and is recognized in the same period as the related expenditures are recognized.
- Accounts receivable.
- Inventory valued at cost.
- Property and equipment is amortized over its useful life.
- Accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

2. PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY

Sunshine Coast Tourism Society (the "Society") is a not-for-profit organization incorporated provincially under the Society Act of British Columbia. Management has determined that they are exempt from payment of income tax under Section 149(1) of the Income Tax Act.

The Society operates to provide the support to build a strong and sustainable tourism economy on British Columbia's Sunshine Coast.

3. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2025 Net book value	2024 Net book value
Computer equipment	\$ 18,016	\$ 16,170	\$ 1,846	\$ 1,687
Leasehold improvements	2,769	2,769	-	-
Other machinery and equipment	1,000	100	900	-
	\$ 21,785	\$ 19,039	\$ 2,746	\$ 1,687

4. PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL GRANTS

	2025	2024
<u>Section heading</u>		
Canada Summer Jobs Grant - Gibsons Visitor Centre	\$ 3,012	\$ 5,470
Canada Summer Jobs Grant - Sechelt Visitor Centre	3,012	5,470
Destination BC Funding	8,699	1,301
	\$ 14,723	\$ 12,241

SUNSHINE COAST TOURISM SOCIETY
Notes to Compiled Financial Information
Year Ended December 31, 2025

5. REMUNERATION PAID TO DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AND CONTRACTORS

In accordance with the Societies Act (B.C.) section 36.1 and Societies Regulations 9.2(b):

The Directors of the Society receive no remuneration for the performance of their responsibilities as Directors.

For the period ending December 31, 2025, the Society paid a total remuneration of \$329,759.08 to five employees for services performed.

SUNSHINE COAST TOURISM SOCIETY**Gibsons Visitor Centre****(Schedule 1)****Year Ended December 31, 2025**

	2025 (12 months)	2024 (8 months)
REVENUES		
VIC Gibsons - Funding DBC	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000
VIC Gibsons - Funding TofG	48,384	31,500
VIC Gibsons - Product Sales	11,692	8,018
VIC Gibsons - Racking Fees	1,303	780
Canada Summer Jobs Grant (Note 4)	3,012	5,470
	79,391	55,768
EXPENSES		
VIC Gibsons Branding & Marketing Display	724	64
VIC Gibsons COGS Purchases	6,155	4,879
VIC Gibsons CPP Expense	2,020	1,551
VIC Gibsons EI Expense	1,258	919
VIC Gibsons Office Supplies	3,840	2,336
VIC Gibsons Postage & Courier	178	144
VIC Gibsons Repairs & Maintenance	-	112
VIC Gibsons Travel & Conferences	-	1,123
VIC Gibsons Volunteer & Staff Events	389	531
VIC Gibsons Wages & Salaries	61,677	40,336
	76,241	51,995
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,773

See notes to the financial information

SUNSHINE COAST TOURISM SOCIETY**Sechelt Visitor Centre****(Schedule 2)****Year Ended December 31, 2025**

	2025 (12 months)	2024 (8 months)
REVENUES		
VIC Sechelt - Funding DBC	\$ 18,100	\$ 18,100
VIC Sechelt - Funding DofS	57,855	42,750
VIC Sechelt - Product Sales	10,400	9,263
VIC Sechelt - Racking Fees	1,303	780
Canada Summer Jobs Grant (Note 4)	3,012	5,470
	90,670	76,363
EXPENSES		
VIC Sechelt Benefits	1,250	1,133
VIC Sechelt COGS Purchases	5,173	5,302
VIC Sechelt CPP Expense	3,270	2,645
VIC Sechelt EI Expense	1,637	1,350
VIC Sechelt Office Supplies	2,031	1,077
VIC Sechelt Postage & Courier	207	144
VIC Sechelt Repairs & Maintenance	808	-
VIC Sechelt Travel & Conferences	-	300
VIC Sechelt Volunteer & Staff Events	579	615
VIC Sechelt Wages & Salaries	72,473	58,993
Mobile VIC Services/Jeep	361	309
	87,789	71,868
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 2,881	\$ 4,495

See notes to the financial information

SUNSHINE COAST TOURISM SOCIETY**Pender Harbour Visitor Centre****(Schedule 3)****Year Ended December 31, 2025**

	2025 <i>(12 months)</i>	2024 <i>(8 months)</i>
REVENUES		
VIC Pender Harbour - Funding	\$ 26,000	\$ 25,500
VIC Pender Harbour - Racking Fees	770	1,700
	26,770	27,200
EXPENSES		
VIC Pender Harbour CPP Expense	48	40
VIC Pender Harbour EI Expense	253	243
VIC Pender Harbour Internet	537	308
VIC Pender Harbour Office Supplies	559	983
VIC Pender Harbour Porto Toilets	2,160	2,160
VIC Pender Harbour Wages and Salaries	11,025	12,082
VIC Pender Harbour Washrooms	12,835	11,379
	27,417	27,195
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	\$ (647)	\$ 5

See notes to the financial information



May 28, 2026

BY EMAIL:

Clay Brander, Chair and qRD Board of Directors
qathet Regional District
#202 – 4675 Marine Avenue
Powell River, BC
V8A 2L2

Dear Chair Brander and qRD Board Members,

Re: BC Transit 2026/27 Annual Operating Agreement

I would like to thank you and the Board for your support in approving the BC Transit 2026/27 Annual Operating Agreement at the May 27, 2026 Regional Board meeting.

The Annual Operating Agreement is an important component of delivering transit services in your community. It establishes the annual budget, service levels, fares, and respective responsibilities for delivering transit service within the qathet Regional District, under BC Transit's broader transit partnership framework.

I watched the associated meetings online with interest and noted the concerns raised by Area B Director Gisborne regarding Route #12 service—specifically, the current gap along the Sunshine Coast Highway between Caribou Road and Maris Road. Although this area is served by an on request option, there does exist a gap in scheduled fixed route transit service.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the respective roles within the BC Transit system. Under the BC Transit Act, BC Transit does not unilaterally determine fares, route design, or service frequency. Instead, BC Transit works in partnership with local governments and their staff, providing analysis, technical expertise, service planning options, and cost estimates to support informed local decision-making. Final decisions on service levels, fares, and priorities rest with local governments, reflected through jointly approved agreements.

BC Transit values its partnership with the qathet Regional District, and we have an established process in place to support requests for service improvements or expansions. Through our annual Transit Improvement Program, local governments are invited each year to review system performance, identify priorities, and submit proposed service changes or expansions for consideration.

BC Transit then works with local government staff to assess these proposals, including detailed analysis and costing. Once completed, these options are presented back to the local government for consideration and approval of the associated costs.

Approved initiatives are then consolidated across the province and submitted to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit in the fall as part of a request for provincial funding support. Funding decisions are subsequently made through the provincial budget process the following spring.

If the Board designates Director Gisborne's request as a service priority to be integrated into this process, I would be happy to work with staff to incorporate this service option into our current expansion planning cycle. Please feel free to communicate any priorities directly to staff for subsequent review and analysis with BC Transit.

We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Board and staff to support local transit service that reflects the needs and priorities of your community.

Sincerely,



Rob Ringma
Government Relations Manager
BC Transit

CC: Al Radke, CAO

CC: Patrick Devereaux, General Manager of Operational Services

From: The BC Municipal Climate Leadership Council <bcmclc@communityenergy.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2026 10:00 AM
To: Rob Southcott <southcott@powellriver.ca>
Subject: Seeking Your Voice on No Renewal of the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP)

Dear Leaders,

As you are likely aware, funding for the Local Government Climate Action Program [has not been renewed in the BC provincial budget](#). We're getting in touch to encourage you to add your voice to a growing number of local elected leaders advocating for renewal of the program.

LGCAP was initially committed as a 3-year program to replace the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program. However, given the recommendations in the CleanBC Review, the Emergency and Disaster Management Act compliance timeline of 2027, and local government commitments under the Climate Action Charter, it was anticipated that municipal funding for climate action and preparedness would be extended. This is clearly not the case.

As you likely know, the absence of funding for local governments in this budget will have significant implications, making it harder to strengthen resilience against extreme weather events, to reduce operating costs for public facilities, to build dedicated local capacity for climate resilience and to unlock additional funding.

This briefing (attached) provides a brief summary of the regional and provincial impact of LGCAP. We encourage you to consider the local benefits of the program to your community, and consider sending a letter to Ministers, and copy your MLA, to ensure they understand the importance of this funding.

You can find a suggested template letter [here](#).

Please let us know if you'd like to chat about this; we'd be glad to. And we'll be sharing more resources on this topic in the coming days and weeks...

In partnership,
CaroleAnn Leishman, Community Energy Association and Olivia Dymek, Climate Caucus

CaroleAnn Leishman, Climate Leaders Program Manager
Capacity & Leadership Development Service Area
Office: 604-628-7076 ext. 743

CEA has established truth and reconciliation principles that guide our contribution to ending the systemic inequities faced by Indigenous communities. I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work in the ancestral territory of the ʔəʔamen (Tla'amin Nation) whose people have inhabited the region for thousands of years living in harmony with the land.

About BCMCLC and CEA

Since 2009, elected officials from every region of BC have connected through BCMCLC for strategic engagement with peers and the Provincial Government. Our work is focused on collective action and cooperation for effective climate leadership. Hosting dialogues with Provincial Ministers and topical network meetings are just a couple ways of doing this.

BCMCLC is facilitated by the Community Energy Association (CEA) with guidance from a steering committee composed of local government and First Nations elected leaders from across BC. CEA accelerates bold action by local governments and Indigenous communities related to climate and energy. CEA grew from a committee established by the Government of BC and the Union of BC Municipalities in the 1990s and was incorporated as a non-profit in 2003. Today, CEA's members and staff live in communities large and small and bring their collective expertise, experiences, commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, and passion to help lower local emissions and build healthy, resilient communities.

Keep Our Communities Safe.
Ensure Continued LGCAP Funding for BC Local Governments &
Modern Treaty First Nations

Premier and Ministers' contacts: premier@gov.bc.ca; fin.minister@gov.bc.ca;
ecs.minister@gov.bc.ca; hma.minister@gov.bc.ca; env.minister@gov.bc.ca;
emcr.minister@gov.bc.ca;

Copy your MLA: BC Provincial MLA email addresses typically follow the format
Firstname.Lastname.MLA@leg.bc.ca - <https://www.leg.bc.ca/members>

Date

To: Premier David Eby, Minister Brenda Bailey, Minister Adrian Dix, Minister Christine Boyle,
Minister Tamara Davidson, and Minister Kelly Greene

I/we write to you as [an] elected representative[s] of [location] to highlight the critical importance of the Province of BC's Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP). This funding stream is essential to our community's health and safety, and we are deeply concerned that its discontinuation will have serious consequences — both in the short and long term.

While LGCAP funding focuses on climate action, its benefits extend well beyond this, including:

- **Strengthening resilience against extreme weather events** such as wildfires, flooding, and extreme heat — all of which local governments are on the front line of managing.
- **Building dedicated local capacity for climate resilience**, particularly in smaller and rural communities where staffing resources are limited.
- **Enabling FireSmart assessments**, emergency cooling facilities, and flood mitigation planning that directly protect the lives of community members.
- **Supporting nature-based solutions** and risk monitoring to safeguard our communities sustainably over the long term.
- **Reducing operating costs** for essential public facilities — including arenas, libraries, and recreation centres — through energy efficiency upgrades, helping to keep them viable in an era of rising costs.

Research demonstrates that every dollar invested in climate preparedness saves between \$2 and \$10 in future costs. LGCAP is therefore not only an essential programme but a fiscally responsible long-term investment in our communities.

The programme also unlocks significant additional funding: \$154 million has been leveraged to date through federal and other partnerships, with LGCAP dollars nearly doubled by complementary contributions. Ending the programme would eliminate a critical vehicle through which local governments access these broader funds.

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Optional: Specifically in our community, absence of provincial funding to support local climate priority actions will have the following impact [Here, we suggest you include a brief summary of a project or program that could not have occurred without this funding, and which will be impacted and/or discontinued without the funding. You may also wish to note what staff capacity will be impacted by these cuts.]

Without stable, committed provincial funding, local governments and Modern Treaty Nations cannot advance the projects that build healthier and safer communities. The CleanBC *Rising to the Moment* report identifies local governments as key partners in CleanBC's progress, and explicitly recommends that the Province "extend funding for the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) and continue collaboration" (6.b.i). We urge you to act on this recommendation — and to heed the voices of elected leaders across the province who, like us, are witnessing the growing consequences of climate risk in their communities.

I/we respectfully request a meeting to discuss this matter further and to outline the specific impacts that funding cuts would have on [community name]. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Signature and sign-off



TINSHS
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texadaseniorshousing.ca

May 13, 2026

S. McCormick, qRD area D representative

Dear Sandy

Re: Request for waiving Gillies Bay Park Rental fee of \$120

Hello Sandy,

I would like to extend my gratitude for the support that the qRD shows us in many ways.

TINSHS is hosting its second Road Rally fundraising event this August 15th, 2026. We have booked the Gillies Bay Ballpark for the "Finish Line BBQ".

I come to you with another request for your support: Would there be a possibility of waiving the \$120 fee for the rental of the ballpark? As a charitable organisation, we always seek to minimise all costs so our money and energy can go towards our goal of creating safe, affordable, and accessible seniors housing on Texada Island.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Cathy Brown

President, TINSHS

pres@texadaseniorshousing.ca

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GOALS

45%

GOAL COMPLETION

● Draft
 ● Not started
 ● Behind
 ● On Track
 ● Overdue
 ● Complete
 → Direct Alignment
 ----> Indirect Alignment

QATHET REGIONAL DISTRICT PLAN

ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Goal	Details	Start Date	Due Date	Curren...	Update	Owner
→ We ensure our assets are proactively funded and maintained to support our region		2023/01/01	2027/12/31	60% 59.61 / 100		
→ Hangar Development : 100%	The Powell River Regional District (PRRD) owns and operates an airport on Texada Island (YGB). Facilities at the airport include the runway, a terminal building with parking, water supply and septic field, and several hangars leased to aircraft owners. Recently there have been requests to the PRRD for a number of additional hangar spaces.	2016/01/01	2026/12/31	44% 44.29 / 100%	Arnold Schwabe: Progress: Proposed new lease lot plan presented to TAAC for comment. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2023/10/24	Mikhael Drosdovech
→ GIS Projects : 100%		2020/01/01	2022/12/31	89% 89.4 / 100%		
→ State of Assets Reports		2023/01/01	2026/12/31	78% 77.5 / 100		Mikhael Drosdovech
→ Asset Management Organizational Implementation		2023/01/01	2027/12/31	75% 75 / 100		Mikhael Drosdovech
→ IT Projects : 100%		2023/01/02	2024/12/31	92% 92.44 / 100%		Caleb Allen
→ Implement Open Data Policies and Procedures		2023/05/01	2027/12/31	51% 51 / 100		Caleb Allen

Goal	Details	Start Date	Due Date	Curren...	Update	Owner
→ Savary Wharf Fire Protection : 100%	<p>THAT the Board direct staff to include the Savary Wharf Fire Protection project in the proposed 2025 capital plan during the 2025-2029 Financial Plan deliberations.</p>	2024/07/04	2025/06/26	50% 50 / 100%	<p>Ryan Thoms:</p> <p>Progress: Project is in the draft capital plan in the 2025-2029 financial plan.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2025/01/20</p>	Patrick Devereaux
→ Shelter Point Park Pit Toilet : 100%	<p>THAT the Board direct staff to amend the 2024 Shelter Point Regional Park Budget to include a budget of \$16,000 for the purchase and installation of a new precast concrete pit toilet; and</p> <p>THAT the purchase be funded from the non-statutory reserve for the Regional Parks services; and</p> <p>THAT the amendment be incorporated into a budget amendment bylaw to be forwarded to a future Finance Committee meeting.</p>	2024/07/08	2025/07/03	56% 56 / 100%	<p>Patrick Devereaux:</p> <p>Progress: model ordered, scheduled to be delivered August 29, 2024, installation scheduled for October 2024</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2024/08/26</p>	Patrick Devereaux
→ Expression of Interest to Nominate a Board Member to a Recycle BC Advisory Committee : 100%	<p>THAT the Board of the qathet Regional District nominate Director Fall, and submit an expression of interest, as a candidate for the Recycle BC Advisory Committee to provide input and advice on the packaging and printed paper product stewardship programs to represent the interests of isolated regional districts.</p>	2024/09/09	2025/12/31	100% 100 / 100%		Jason Kouwenhoven

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→ Lund Waterworks District – Dam Funding and Risk : 100%	<p>THAT the Board pause conversion of the Lund Waterworks District to qRD control and direct staff to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Approach Municipal Affairs and the Lund Waterworks District to promote the hiring of a qualified professional to immediately assess the Thulin Dam □ Approach Municipal Affairs about grant funding to repair or replace the Thulin Dam □ Immediately apply to the Disaster Resilience Innovation Funding (DRIF) Program, through the Lund Receiver, and any other grant opportunities that currently exist or develop in the future for the repair/replacement of the Thulin Dam □ Approach the Tla’amin Nation to inform them of the situation and discuss scenarios that could potentially involve partnering with them for the purpose of delivering potable water to Lund. 	2024/09/27	2026/06/30	75% 75 / 100%	<p>Mikhael Drosdovech:</p> <p>Progress: Application to EMCR-DRIF made in June 2025. Invitation to submit Full Proposal received in November 2025 with Deadline of December 31, 2025. qRD Staff and Consultant (MSR Solutions Inc.) actively working on preparing Full Proposal for submission.</p> <p>Challenges: Staff capacity, deadline of December 31, 2025 and funding.</p> <p>Next Steps: Complete development of Full Proposal with MSR Solutions Inc. Prepare and complete Full Proposal submission prior to deadline of December 31, 2025.</p> <p>2025/12/15</p>	Mikhael Drosdovech
→ Fire Services Capital Asset Management : 100%	<p>THAT the Committee direct staff to provide a report for options and timelines for the replacement of the Lasqueti Island North Fire Hall.</p>	2025/01/17	2026/01/07	10% 10 / 100%	<p>Ryan Thoms:</p> <p>Progress: Staff and Fire Chief have had initial discussions but more preliminary discussions necessary prior to writing report.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>2026/01/15</p>	Ryan Thoms
→ Resource Recovery Centre and Waste Transfer Station Loan Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 587.1, 2025 : 100%	<p>1. THAT the Board give first and second reading of "Resource Recovery Centre and Waste Transfer Station Loan Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 587.1, 2025".</p> <p>2. THAT the Board give third reading of "Resource Recovery Centre and Waste Transfer Station Loan Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 587.1, 2025".</p>	2025/03/19	2026/03/11	50% 50 / 100%	<p>Jason Kouwenhoven:</p> <p>Progress: Bylaw 587.1 received first to third reading by the qRD Board on March 11, 2025.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: The bylaw is to be approved by the Inspector of Municipalities prior to adoption.</p> <p>2025/04/18</p>	Linda Greenan
→ Regional Board Meeting 2025-03-26 : 100%		2025/03/25	2026/03/25	78% 78.33 / 100%		qathet Regional District

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→ Tipping Fees for Solid Waste Management : 100%	<p>THAT the Board refer the proposed recommendation to staff to be considered in the upcoming report:</p> <p>THAT "yard waste" be removed from the "free organics diversion program" of the qathet Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan Service; and</p> <p>THAT an appropriate tipping fee by applied.</p>	2025/04/15	2026/03/25	100% 100 / 100%	<p>Jason Kouwenhoven:</p> <p>Progress: Yard Waste tipping fees came into effect on Sep 1, 2025.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/04/23</p>	Jason Kouwenhoven
→ Lund Community Centre Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 601, 2025 : 100%	<p>1. THAT the Board give first and second reading of "Lund Community Centre Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 601, 2025".</p> <p>2. THAT the Board give third reading of "Lund Community Centre Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 601, 2025".</p> <p>3. THAT the Board adopt "Lund Community Centre Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 601, 2025".</p>	2025/04/15	2026/03/25	66% 66 / 100%	<p>Linda Greenan:</p> <p>Progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff have begun drawing down funds. The balance of the borrowing is projected to be drawn down in 2026. <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/01/14</p>	Linda Greenan
→ Solid Waste Regulation and Tipping Fee Bylaw Update, Part 1 : 100%		2025/06/20	2026/06/10	90% 90 / 100%		Jason Kouwenhoven
→ Disposal of Northside and Savary Island Fire Engines : 100%	<p>THAT the Board accepts for its information the report titled Disposal of Northside and Savary Island Fire Engines, dated October 7, 2025.</p>	2025/11/10	2026/10/22	50% 50 / 100%	<p>Ryan Thoms:</p> <p>Progress: Northside retired fire engine was successfully disposed of through local bidding process. The Savary fire engine will be put up for bids pending the arrival of the new fire engine.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/01/15</p>	Ryan Thoms

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<p>→ Follow-up from UBCM Staff Meeting - qRD Fire Services First Responder Agreement and Compensation : 100%</p>	<p>THAT the Board send correspondence to British Columbia Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) and the Minister of Health requesting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Equitable reimbursement of costs directly associated with the qathet Regional District's four fire service areas delivering first responder services, including but not limited to volunteer honourariums, training costs, first responder equipment, mental health supports, and capital costs; 2. Authorizing and indemnifying the qathet Regional District for patient transport, especially on the islands where there is no BCEHS presence; 3. The province to address roles and responsibilities regarding air medevac infrastructure and appropriately fund; and 4. Indicating that the qathet Regional District is declining to sign on to the currently proposed BCEHS First Responder Service Agreement at this time and not until the aforementioned concerns are resolved to the satisfaction of the qathet Regional District. 	2025/11/10	2026/10/22	<p>50% 50 / 100%</p>	<p>Ryan Thoms:</p> <p>Progress: Correspondence from qRD Board Chair sent to Minister on November 12, 2025</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2025/11/26</p>	Ryan Thoms
<p>→ Watershed Security Fund Grant Application : 100%</p>	<p>THAT the Board authorize staff to make a grant application to the Watershed Security Fund for the Lund watershed in collaboration with the Tla'amin Nation.</p>	2025/11/21	2026/11/12	<p>100% 100 / 100%</p>	<p>Mikhael Drosdovech:</p> <p>Progress: Application was completed and submitted. Response was received dated April 2, 2026 that the grant application was not successful.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: Pursue future grant opportunities as they arise. 2026/04/23</p>	Mikhael Drosdovech
<p>→ New Columbaria for Powell River Regional Cemetery- Purchase and Installation : 100%</p>	<p>THAT the Board approve a capital expenditure of \$145,800 in the 2026/27 Cemetery budget for the purchase and installation of three new columbarium walls for the Powell River Regional Cemetery.</p>	2025/12/08	2026/11/26	<p>64% 64 / 100%</p>	<p>Patrick Devereaux:</p> <p>Progress: Columbaria ordered in January 2025, delivery expected in late February or early March, completion planned for April.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/01/23</p>	Patrick Devereaux

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→ Sub-Regional Recreational Service Contribution : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to contribute \$240,000 this year from Electoral Areas A, B, and C, of the Sub-Regional Recreation Service, to the City of Powell River Recreation Service.	2025/12/15	2026/12/11	50% 50 / 100%	Linda Greenan: Progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A payment requisition has been submitted. The payment will be sent out by February 15, 2026. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/01/16	Linda Greenan
→ Community Works Fund Allocation (Canada Community-Building Fund) - Policy 3.12 : 100%	THAT the item be referred to staff to provide updated numbers for the unallocated funds, as per the policy.	2026/01/13	2027/01/13	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ Northside Recreation Budget Amendment : 100%		2026/01/15	2027/01/13	50% 50 / 100%	Linda Greenan: Progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A formal budget amendment bylaw will be presented at a future Board meeting. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/01/16	Linda Greenan
→ qathet Regional District Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 570.2, 2026 : 100%	1. THAT the Board give first and second reading of "qathet Regional District Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 570.2, 2026". 2. THAT the Board give third reading of "qathet Regional District Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 570.2, 2026". 3. THAT the Board adopt "qathet Regional District Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 570.2, 2026".	2026/01/15	2027/01/13	100% 100 / 100%	Linda Greenan: Progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new fees and charges are in place. The fee for the KLPG charging station has been updated to \$3.25 per hour. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/01/16	Linda Greenan
→ qathet Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 606, 2026 : 100%	1. THAT the Board give first and second reading of "qathet Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 606, 2026". 2. THAT the Board give third reading of "qathet Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 606, 2026". 3. THAT the Board adopt "qathet Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 606, 2026".	2026/01/28	2027/01/28	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan

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→ Texada Island Recreation Commission - Capital Projects : 100%	THAT the Board approves funding requests for the following projects: new flooring at the Texada Island Community Hall, electrical improvements at the Texada Farmer's Market and, fencing replacement at the Sandpiper's Preschool; and THAT the projects be considered for Community Works Funds in the 2026 budget planning process, and be referred to the new Community Works Funds Select Committee.	2026/01/30	2027/01/28	100% 100 / 100%	Patrick Devereaux: Progress: approved by the Board at the January 28, 2026 meeting Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/02/20	Patrick Devereaux
→ Security Issuing Bylaw - Resource Recovery Centre/Waste Transfer Station : 100%	THAT the Board enter into an agreement with the Municipal Finance Authority of BC to secure long-term debt of \$2,208,000 to be paid back over a 10-year term; and THAT the Board give first reading through adoption to the Resource Recovery Centre / Waste Transfer Station Security Issuing Bylaw No. 606, 2026, for a 10 year-term.	2026/01/30	2027/01/28	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ Expansion of Food Waste Collection at Rural Recycle Depots : 100%	THAT the Board defer consideration of expanding compostable food waste collection to additional rural recycling depots until the proposal has been reviewed by the Solid Waste Management Plan Advisory Committee and a recommendation has been provided to the Board.	2026/04/02	2027/03/25	0% 0 / 100%	Jason Kouwenhoven: Progress: Challenges: This item is on hold pending review of the Solid Waste Management Committee. Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/04/23	Jason Kouwenhoven
Our decisions are based on facts, and balance the needs of the region with uniqueness of our electoral area and municipal residents		2023/01/01	2027/12/31	32% 32.29 / 100		
→ Delegation of Purchasing Authority Bylaw, Procurement Policy and Asset Disposal Policy : 100%		2023/10/30	2024/10/25	15% 15 / 100%	Linda Greenan: Progress: • Staff have been following the policy for almost a year now. • Staff to provide a summary of capital purchases after year end is completed. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: • Staff to provide a summary of capital purchases under the new policy after year end is completed. 2025/01/21	Linda Greenan

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<p>→ Impact That Changes at Senior Levels of Government Have Had on qathet Regional District Operations and Budgets - Provided by Director Gisborne : 100%</p>	<p>WHEREAS we have known for some time that the continued downloading of Provincial/Federal Services onto Local Government has placed increasing financial strains on local property taxpayers;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board direct staff to produce a report to provide the Board with information pertaining to the impact that various changes at senior levels of government have had on qRD operations and budgets over the past five years.</p>	2024/07/31	2025/07/24	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan

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<p>→ Dam Safety Audit of Thulin Lake Dame - RISE AND REPORT : 100%</p>	<p>THAT the Board be enabled to publicly speak to and about the attached "Correspondence dated July 17, 2024 re Dam Safety Audit of Thulin Lake Dam" which was originally reviewed in-camera July 24, 2024.</p>	<p>2024/09/09</p>	<p>2026/06/30</p>	<p>33% 33 / 100%</p>	<p>Mikhael Drosdovech:</p> <p>Progress: Application has been made through an Expression of Interest (EOI 1318) to the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) program for Stream 1 Funding (Foundational and Non-Structural Projects) to develop the Preliminary Design for the Lund and Thulin Lakes Dam Removal and Replacement Project.</p> <p>The qRD was invited in late-November 2025 to submit a Full Proposal in response to EOI 1318. The deadline for Full Proposal submission is December 31, 2025 and the deadline for award of projects is March 31, 2026.</p> <p>Challenges: The EMCR-DRIF Program has been overprescribed, lowering the potential for a favorable outcome. A prior Expression of Interest (EOI 1167) was submitted to the DRIF Stream 2 (Structural Projects) Funding Program and the qRD has been informed that, in order for EOI 1167 to be eligible, a Preliminary Design is required. As such, if EOI 1318 is unsuccessful, it would essentially reduce the chances for EOI 1167 success to zero.</p> <p>Next Steps: Complete Full Proposal Development for EOI 1318 (Preliminary Design for dam removal & replacement project) and await a decision on award of funding.</p> <p>2025/12/15</p>	<p>Mikhael Drosdovech</p>

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→ Correspondence dated January 8, 2025 from Mayor Ron Woznow, City of Powell River re Recreation Service Contribution : 100%	<p>THAT the Board respectfully decline the recreation funding request from Mayor Woznow as this matter will not be resolved until the Sub-Regional Recreation Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw service review has been completed and the expired Powell River Recreation Complex Funding Services Agreement is renegotiated; and</p> <p>THAT the funding participants look forward to negotiating a new agreement and invite the City of Powell River to appoint their negotiation team.</p>	2025/02/25	2026/02/11	56% 56 / 100%		Al Radke
→ Summary of Public Notice and Consideration of Alternative Public Notice Bylaw : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to bring forward a draft Alternative Notice Bylaw to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting for consideration.	2025/03/19	2026/07/31	75% 75 / 100%		Michelle Jones
→ Sub-Regional Recreation Service Review - Negotiating Meeting #1: March 17, 2025 : 100%		2025/05/08	2026/04/29	100% 100 / 100%	<p>Michelle Jones: Progress: Met in July 2025 with City staff. Advice sought in September and October of 2025 regarding bylaw inclusion requests. Information provided to service review members in November 2025. Follow-up meeting scheduled with city staff November 2025 regarding next steps.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2025/11/08</p>	Al Radke
→ Board Consideration of Options Related to the Potential Conversion of Lund Waterworks District (LWD) to a qathet Regional District (qRD) Asset : 100%		2025/06/20	2026/06/10	51% 51 / 100%		Mikhael Drosdovech
→ Miklat Recovery Society Funding & Foundry qathet Funding : 100%		2025/06/27	2026/06/24	71% 71 / 100%		Al Radke
↳ Miklat Recovery Society Funding & Foundry qathet Funding : 100%	THAT the qathet Regional Hospital District Board support the current applications from Miklat Recovery Society and Foundry qathet to be healthcare facilities.	2025/06/27	2026/06/24	71% 71 / 100%	<p>Shelley Termuende: Progress: June 27, 2025 Draft Correspondence sent to the RHD Chair for review and approval to affix signature and send</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2025/06/30</p>	Al Radke

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→ Planning Files Digitization	<p>This project started in 2025 and has been a combined effort between Planning and Administration staff.</p> <p>The purpose of the project was to digitize all Planning related files and move archived paper files to offsite storage.</p>	2025/08/01	2026/09/30	90% 90 / 100	<p>Laura Roddan:</p> <p>Progress: This project was largely completed in 2025. The only remaining task is for staff to complete a final review of the digital files to eliminate any redundancy with existing digital files stored in the NEW SYSTEM.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/04/01</p>	Julia Dykstra
→ Directors' Remuneration and Expenses Amendment Bylaw No. 558.10, 2025 : 100%	<p>1. THAT the Board give first and second reading of "Directors' Remuneration and Expenses Amendment Bylaw No. 558.10, 2025".</p> <p>2. THAT the Board give third reading of "Directors' Remuneration and Expenses Amendment Bylaw No. 558.10, 2025".</p> <p>3. THAT the Board adopt "Directors' Remuneration and Expenses Amendment Bylaw No. 558.10, 2025".</p>	2025/11/21	2026/11/12	0% 0 / 100%		Celine Lillies
→ October 30, 2025 from Councillor Will Cole-Hamilton, City of Courtenay, Director Justine Gabias, Sunshine Coast , Director Jessica Stanley, Nanaimo, re Funding Request for Vancouver Island & Coastal Communities Climate Leadership (VICC-CL) Steering Committee 2026-2027 : 100%	THAT the Board support the \$1,200 funding request from the Vancouver Island & Coastal Communities Climate Leadership (VICC-CL) Steering Committee for 2026-2027.	2025/12/08	2026/11/26	51% 51 / 100%	<p>Linda Greenan:</p> <p>Progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The payment will be prepared and sent out the week of January 19, 2026. <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/01/16</p>	Linda Greenan
→ Foundry qathet Funding Levels : 100%		2026/01/27	2027/01/27	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ Foundry qathet Funding Levels - Receive the Report : 100%	THAT the Board of the qathet Regional Hospital District receive for information, the report on funding level scenarios presented January 27, 2026.	2026/01/27	2027/01/27	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ Foundry qathet Funding Levels - Contributions : 100%	THAT the Board approve a contribution of \$50,000 for Foundry qathet towards construction of the facility on the condition that the funding be provided once Foundry qathet attains a designation of "health facility", under Section 49.	2026/01/27	2027/01/27	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan

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→ Foundry qathet Funding Levels - Staff Direction - Rooms within the Facility : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to confirm in writing with Foundry qathet whether the requested designation applies to specific rooms within the facility, one or more floors, or the entire facility.	2026/01/27	2027/01/27	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ Foundry qathet Funding Levels- Staff Direction - Designation : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to prepare and submit, on behalf of the Board, a formal letter to the Ministry of Health requesting that Foundry qathet be designated as a health facility.	2026/04/01	2027/01/27	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Convention Attendance : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to register Directors and the Chief Administrative Officer, if interested, for the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities AGM and Convention to be held in Victoria from Friday April 24 to Sunday April 26, 2026, at the Victoria Conference Centre; and THAT all reasonable expenses be paid.	2026/02/17	2027/02/10	0% 0 / 100%		Rebecca Coleman
→ Consideration of Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Resolutions : 100%	THAT the Board endorse and submit items #1 Cease Divestment Efforts of Remote Port Facilities, #2 Improvement District Governance: Policy Statement 2006 Resolution, and #4 Agricultural Land Reserve Residential Flexibility for consideration at the 2026 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities AGM and Convention.	2026/02/17	2027/02/10	100% 100 / 100%	Rebecca Coleman: Progress: At the March 18 RB meeting, the Board agreed to combine the resolution with Islands Trust and Strathcona Regional District. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/04/24	Michelle Jones
→ Policy Statement 2006 Resolution : 100%	Improvement District Governance: Policy Statement 2006 Resolution THAT the Committee recommends to the Board that the Board endorse the updated Improvement District Governance: Policy Statement (2006) resolution and resubmit it for consideration at the 2026 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities AGM and Convention, and authorize staff to make any minor formatting or wording amendments necessary to meet AVICC submission requirements: Whereas the Province of British Columbia's Improvement District Governance: Policy Statement (2006) establishes a framework that encourages the eventual conversion of improvement districts to municipal or regional district jurisdiction with the main tool being prohibiting improvement districts' access to provincial sewer and water infrastructure grants and long-term borrowing through the Municipal Finance Authority;	2026/02/17	2027/02/10	100% 100 / 100%		Michelle Jones

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<p>And whereas these policy constraints limit improvement districts' ability to finance required infrastructure renewal and regulatory compliance, creating significant financial barriers to both continued independent operation and orderly conversion, and increasing the likelihood that deteriorating systems and unfunded liabilities will ultimately be transferred to regional districts without adequate transition support, provincial guidance, or in any shape worthy of conversion.</p> <p>Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to modernize the Improvement District Governance: Policy Statement (2006) to remove structural financial barriers to the sustainability and orderly transition of improvement districts, including by enhancing provincial oversight capacity, enabling improvement districts to access long-term borrowing through the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia, and removing barrier to enable improvement districts to access provincial sewer and water infrastructure grant programs.</p> <p>Pursuant to Sections 4.11 and 4.24 of Procedure Bylaw No. 557, the following recommendation is being brought forward for consideration as a late item due to its time-sensitive nature.</p>					

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<p>→ Agricultural Land Reserve Residential Flexibility : 100%</p>	<p>Agricultural Land Reserve Residential Flexibility</p> <p>THAT the Committee recommends to the Board that the Board submit the following resolution for consideration at the 2026 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Convention, and authorize staff to make any minor formatting or wording amendments necessary to meet AVICC submission requirements:</p> <p>Whereas The purpose of British Columbia's Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) is to preserve valuable agricultural land for present and future food production, and thus residential development needs to be limited in size on the ALR; and,</p> <p>Whereas the Current ALCA and ALR Use Regulations limit residential development to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a principal residence up to 500 m2 total floor area, • a secondary suite within that principal residence, and • an additional residence up to 90 m2 total floor area for parcels 40 ha or less, or up to 186 m2 for parcels larger than 40 ha.” <p>and this can result in development that is inconsistent with the purpose of ALR when considering alterations to existing structures;</p> <p>Therefor be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM request the Provincial Government to amend the ALCA and ALR Use Regulation, to limit residential development to,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the residential floor area of all dwellings shall not exceed 590 m2 total floor area for parcels 40 ha or less, or 686 m2 for parcels larger than 40 ha.” 	2026/02/17	2027/02/10	<p>100%</p> <p>100 /</p> <p>100%</p>		Michelle Jones

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<p>↳ Cease Divestment Efforts of Remote Port Facilities : 100%</p>	<p>Cease Divestment Efforts of Remote Port Facilities</p> <p>THAT the Board submit the following resolution for consideration at the 2026 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Convention, and authorize staff to make any minor formatting or wording amendments necessary to meet AVICC submission requirements:</p> <p>Whereas “remote port facilities” are essential services, defined by Transport Canada as serving isolated communities where marine transportation is the primary mode of transportation;</p> <p>And whereas Transport Canada has ongoing efforts to divest remote port facilities despite the remaining remote port facilities in BC not being conducive to transfer according to Transport Canada’s 2020 evaluation of its Port Asset Transfer Program:</p> <p>Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and FCM request Transport Canada and the Federal Government to cease further efforts to divest remote port facilities, to continue the National Marine Strategy commitment to ongoing maintenance of remote port facilities, and to provide transition funding for divested facilities that provide critical access to remote communities without the capacity to maintain the infrastructure.</p>	2026/02/17	2027/02/10	100% 100 / 100%	<p>Rebecca Coleman:</p> <p>Progress: Resolution was submitted to AVICC.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/04/24</p>	Michelle Jones
<p>↳ Community Works Fund Committee Terms of Reference : 100%</p>		2026/02/17	2027/02/10	100% 100 / 100%		Al Radke

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<p>→ Establish - Community Works Fund Committee Terms of Reference : 100%</p>	<p>THAT the Board establish a Community Works Fund Committee.</p>	<p>2026/02/17</p>	<p>2027/02/10</p>	<p>100% 100 / 100%</p>	<p>AI Radke: Progress: The Board dealt with his at their regularly scheduled Regional District Board meeting held on February 10, 2026.</p> <p>THAT the Board establish a Community Works Fund Committee.</p> <p>THAT the Board appoint Director Lennox, Director Gisborne, Director Brander, Director McCormick and Director Fall to the Community Works Fund Committee.</p> <p>THAT the Board approve the Community Works Fund Committee Terms of Reference as presented.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/02/24</p>	<p>AI Radke</p>

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<p>→ Appoint - THAT the Board establish a Community Works Fund Committee. : 100%</p>	<p>THAT the Board appoint Director Lennox, Director Gisborne, Director Brander, Director McCormick and Director Fall to the Community Works Fund Committee.</p>	<p>2026/02/17</p>	<p>2027/02/10</p>	<p>100% 100 / 100%</p>	<p>AI Radke: Progress: The Board dealt with his at their regularly scheduled Regional District Board meeting held on February 10, 2026.</p> <p>THAT the Board establish a Community Works Fund Committee.</p> <p>THAT the Board appoint Director Lennox, Director Gisborne, Director Brander, Director McCormick and Director Fall to the Community Works Fund Committee.</p> <p>THAT the Board approve the Community Works Fund Committee Terms of Reference as presented.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/02/24</p>	<p>AI Radke</p>

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<p>↳ Terms of Reference - Community Works Fund Committee Terms of Reference : 100%</p>	<p>THAT the Board approve the Community Works Fund Committee Terms of Reference as presented.</p>	<p>2026/02/17</p>	<p>2027/02/10</p>	<p>100% 100 / 100%</p>	<p>AI Radke: Progress: The Board dealt with his at their regularly scheduled Regional District Board meeting held on February 10, 2026.</p> <p>THAT the Board establish a Community Works Fund Committee.</p> <p>THAT the Board appoint Director Lennox, Director Gisborne, Director Brander, Director McCormick and Director Fall to the Community Works Fund Committee.</p> <p>THAT the Board approve the the Community Works Fund Committee Terms of Reference as presented.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/02/24</p>	<p>AI Radke</p>

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→ Staff Campground Fees - RISE AND REPORT : 100%	The Board authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to approve group campground fees for two nights in 2026 up to a maximum of \$500 for the purpose of a regional district staff campout and social.	2026/02/17	2027/02/10	50% 50 / 100%	AI Radke: Progress: Staff have been informed of the Board's generosity. They are now solidifying the date. Mental health breaks like the staff camp out and fun day go a long way in re-energizing the soul and mind. Thank you for your attention to mental health and safety. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/02/24	AI Radke
→ Correspondence dated January 17, 2026 from Charlotte Dawe, Texada Library Coordinator re Texada Library Funding Request for 2026 : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to include a contribution of \$2,060.00 in the Powell River Library Service for the Texada Library in 2026.	2026/03/11	2027/02/25	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ Correspondence dated January 29, 2026 from Doreen Berrington, Treasurer, qathet Museum & Archives Society re qathet Museum & Archives 2026 Budget Request : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to include a contribution of \$275,845 in the Heritage Conservation service to the qathet Museum and Archives for the year 2026; and THAT the Board approve that the Museum use up to \$5,000 in 2026 for capital expenditures.	2026/03/11	2027/02/25	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ Correspondence dated January 30, 2026 from Lasqueti Community Association re Recreation Service Funding Request for 2026 : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to include a contribution of \$18,650.00 from the Electoral Area E Community Recreation Service in 2026 to the Lasqueti Community Association.	2026/03/11	2027/02/25	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Resolution: Cease Divestment Efforts of Remote Port Facilities - Request from AVICC to Combine qRD's Recommendation with Strathcona Regional District's and Islands Trust's Recommendations : 100%	THAT the Board endorse the request from AVICC to combine qathet Regional District's recommendation to "Cease Divestment Efforts of Remote Port Facilities" with Strathcona Regional District's and Islands Trust's recommendations to the 2026 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities AGM and Convention resolutions for consideration.	2026/04/01	2027/03/18	100% 100 / 100%	Rebecca Coleman: Progress: Approval to combine the resolution with Islands Trust's and Strathcona Regional District's resolutions was sent to AVICC. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/04/24	AI Radke
→ 2026 - 2030 Regional Hospital District Financial Plan Draft 1 : 100%		2026/04/01	2027/01/27	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan

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→ 2026 - 2030 Regional Hospital District Financial Plan Draft 1 - Accept : 100%	<p>THAT the Board of the qathet Regional Hospital District accept as draft 1, and as guiding information, the 2026-2030 Financial Plan for the qathet Regional Hospital District as presented at the January 27, 2026 Board meeting; and</p> <p>THAT any 2025 surplus be allocated to the Section 20 Reserve.</p>	2026/04/01	2027/01/27	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ 2026 - 2030 Regional Hospital District Financial Plan Draft 1 - Contribution amount : 100%	<p>THAT the Board approve a 40% contribution of \$800,000 toward Vancouver Coastal Health Authority's October 21, 2025 request for a cost share toward replacement of the x-ray room at qathet General Hospital; and</p> <p>THAT the contribution be funded from the qathet Regional Hospital District Section 20 Reserve Fund.</p>	2026/04/01	2027/01/27	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ 2026 - 2030 Regional Hospital District Financial Plan Draft 1 - Admin Fee : 100%	<p>THAT the Board approve that the annual administration fee paid by the qathet Regional Hospital District to the qathet Regional District be increased to \$137,000 plus GST per year, effective January 1, 2026, with the fee to increase by 2% annually thereafter; and</p> <p>THAT the cost of the qathet Regional Hospital District audit be removed from the administration fee and instead be accounted for as a direct cost to the qathet Regional Hospital District.</p>	2026/04/01	2027/01/27	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ Refer the Fourth Quarter 2025 Statigic Plan Progress Report - RISE AND REPORT : 100%	The Board referred the Fourth Quarter 2025 Strategic Plan Progress Report to the March open Regional Hospital District Board meeting.	2026/04/01	2027/01/27	0% 0 / 100%		Al Radke
→ Fourth Quarter 2025 Strategic Plan Progress Report : 100%	THAT the Board enter into the minutes and file the report titled Fourth Quarter 2025 Strategic Plan Progress Report dated January 19, 2026.	2026/04/01	2027/03/18	0% 0 / 100%		Al Radke
→ Correspondence dated January 28, 2026 from Jessie MacDonald, President, Kelly Creek Community School Association re Annual Grant Application 2026-2027 : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to include a contribution of \$59,948 to the Kelly Creek Community School Association in the 2026 Community Recreation Area C budget of the 2026-2030 Financial Plan.	2026/04/01	2027/03/18	0% 0 / 100%		Celine Lillies
→ Social Planning Service Review - Service Review Group Recommendations : 100%		2026/04/02	2027/03/25	0% 0 / 100%		Al Radke
→ Social Planning Service Review - Service Review Group Recommendations - Withdrawal Options : 100%	THAT the Board concurs with the recommendation of the Social Planning Service Review Group and requests that staff provide information on options for withdrawal of one or more participants from the Social Planning Service.	2026/04/02	2027/03/25	0% 0 / 100%		Al Radke

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→ Social Planning Service Review - Service Review Group Recommendations - Informal Reviews : 100%	THAT the Board concurs with the Social Planning Service Review Group recommendation and schedules an informal review of the Social Planning Service within two years.	2026/04/02	2027/03/25	0% 0 / 100%		Al Radke
→ Invitation re Sub-Regional Recreation Contribution Agreement - RISE AND REPORT : 100%	The Board directed that representatives from the City of Powell River be invited to a negotiating meeting regarding the Sub-Regional Recreation Contribution Agreement.	2026/04/02	2027/03/25	0% 0 / 100%		Al Radke
→ BC Transit System Fare Review - RISE AND REPORT : 100%	The Board authorized the public disclosure of the BC Transit presentation regarding the Powell River Transit System fare review.	2026/04/09	2027/04/07	0% 0 / 100%		Patrick Devereaux
→ Zoning Compliance - RISE AND REPORT : 100%	The Board will be sending a letter of zoning non-compliance to the property owner of 9655 Highway 101.	2026/04/09	2026/04/30	100% 100 / 100%	Laura Roddan: Progress: Board compliance letter sent via registered mail on April 16, 2026. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> <i>2026/04/23</i>	Julia Dykstra
→ 2026 - 2030 Regional Hospital District Financial Plan Draft Two : 100%		2026/04/13	2027/03/24	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ Accept & Reserves - 2026 - 2030 Regional Hospital District Financial Plan Draft Two : 100%	THAT the Board of the qathet Regional Hospital District accept as draft two, and as guiding information, the 2026-2030 Financial Plan schedule for the qathet Regional Hospital District as presented at the March 24, 2026 Board meeting; and	2026/04/13	2027/03/24	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ Bylaw - 2026 - 2030 Regional Hospital District Financial Plan Draft Two : 100%	THAT the Board of the qathet Regional Hospital District direct that any 2025 surplus be allocated to the Section 20 Reserve. THAT the 2026-2030 Financial Plan schedule as presented at the March 24, 2026 qathet Regional Hospital District Board meeting be incorporated into a 2026-2030 Financial Plan bylaw for the qathet Regional Hospital District and that it be forwarded to the March 24, 2026 qathet Regional Hospital District Board meeting for first reading through adoption.	2026/04/13	2027/03/24	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
We continue to focus on two way communication with residents in our region on matters that affect them		2023/01/01	2027/12/31	82% 82.08 / 100		
→ Communications and Engagement Strategy		2022/07/07	2024/12/31	98% 98.4 / 100		Shelley Termuende

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→ Resident Satisfaction Survey 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research other Local Government Surveys • Prepare Work and Communications Plan • Design Survey • Edit Survey - Consult with MGMT • Release Survey • Develop and Implement Advertisement Campaign • Pull Survey and Compile Results • Disseminate Results 	2025/01/01	2027/12/31	41% 41 / 100	<p>Shelley Termuende:</p> <p>Progress: Reduced survey focused on public notice scheduled for 2025, larger resident satisfaction survey will occur in 2027/2028.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2025/10/28</p>	Shelley Termuende
→ Powell River Energy Inc. (PREI) Power Export Application : 100%	<p>THAT the Board expresses its intent for the Chair to meet with the Tla'amin Nation Hegus, and the City of Powell River Mayor to engage in collaborative discussions regarding the Powell River Energy Inc.'s application to the Canada Energy Regulator, including but not limited to the motion adopted on September 23, 2025.</p> <p><i>Motion from the Special Regional Board meeting on September 23, 2025:</i></p> <p><i>"THAT the Board direct staff to submit a letter to the Commission of the Canada Energy Regulator in opposition to Powell River Energy Inc. (PREI) application for an electricity export permit, supporting the Tla'amin Nation's position, and requesting that all power generated by the PREI facilities in the qathet Regional District be available for local use to be on lot 450, in the City of Powell River, and/or within the qathet Regional District; and</i></p> <p><i>THAT the letter includes the desire for development of a regional trust or similar model to share in a portion of the revenue generated from any export of electricity; and</i></p> <p><i>THAT the letter impresses upon the Commission of the Canada Energy Regulator a duty to notify and consult with local governments on applications within their region; and</i></p> <p><i>THAT the letter be shared with the City of Powell River and the Tla'amin Nation."</i></p>	2025/12/15	2026/12/11	71% 71 / 100%		Michelle Jones

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→ Texada Airport Advisory Committee - RISE AND REPORT : 100%		2025/12/15	2026/12/11	100% 100 / 100%	Mikhael Drosdovech: Progress: At the December 11, 2025 Regional Board Meeting, the Board rose and reported that the Board appointed Joe Martin to a new two-year term and re-appointed Rick Jones for a three-year term to the Texada Airport Advisory Committee. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/04/23	Mikhael Drosdovech
→ Correspondence dated January 11, 2026 from Texada Island Resident re Texada Island Dog Bylaw : 100%		2026/02/17	2027/02/10	100% 100 / 100%	Shelley Termuende: Progress: COMPLETED - Sent with Chair's signature on February 12, 2026 Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/02/17	Michelle Jones
We focus on the safety and resilience of our residents and our region		2023/01/01	2027/12/31	51% 51.17 / 100		
→ New Fire Engine SIVFD - RISE AND REPORT : 100%	The qathet Regional District contracted HUB Fire Engines and Equipment Ltd. to build and deliver the new fire engine for the Savary Island Fire Protection Service.	2024/04/30	2026/05/31	88% 88 / 100%	Ryan Thoms: Progress: It is anticipated that the new Savary Fire Engine will be delivered by March 2026. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/01/15	Ryan Thoms
→ RCMP Objectives : 100%		2024/06/11	2025/06/05	0% 0 / 100%		Al Radke

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→ Fire Department Initial Attack Community Wildfire Protection : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to proceed with the Fire Department Initial Attack program, in collaboration with the BC Wildfire Service, Powell River Community Forest, and Powell River Fire Rescue, for an initial trial period for the 2024 summer wildfire season.	2024/07/08	2025/07/03	40% 40 / 100%	Ryan Thoms: Progress: Collaborations with PRCF, BCWS ongoing. Training provided through spring 2024. Moderate fire risk across qathet and BC led to lack of opportunity to test out the program. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2025/01/20	Ryan Thoms
→ Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training Grant Opportunity : 100%	THAT the Board endorse an application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for the Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training funding stream of the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) for the Northside Volunteer Fire Department, Savary Island Volunteer Fire Department, Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department, and the Lasqueti Island Volunteer Fire Department; and THAT the Board endorse the qathet Regional District providing overall grant management for this project.	2024/10/31	2025/10/23	90% 90 / 100%	Ryan Thoms: Progress: Grant funding application was successful. All grant funded equipment was ordered in 2025 though some items are backordered and awaiting delivery. Grant final report extended pending final delivery and payment. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/01/15	Ryan Thoms
→ Fire Services Review Costs and Other Implications : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to include funding in the Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department 2025 operations budget to perform a workplace assessment in the new year.	2025/01/02	2025/12/18	80% 80 / 100%	Ryan Thoms: Progress: Funding is allocated in the service budgets. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2025/01/20	Ryan Thoms
→ 2025 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Emergency Operations Centre and Training Funding : 100%	THAT the qathet Regional District endorse an application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for the 2025 Emergency Operations Centres & Training funding stream of the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF); and THAT the qathet Regional District will provide overall grant management for this project.	2025/02/13	2026/01/29	88% 88 / 100%	Ryan Thoms: Progress: The funding application was successful. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/01/15	Ryan Thoms

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→ FireSmart Community Funding & Supports	<p>THAT the Board endorse an application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) 2025 Community Resiliency Investment Program, FireSmart Community Funding & Supports to support the qathet Regional FireSmart Program; and</p> <p>THAT the Board endorse the qathet Regional District providing overall grant management for this project.</p>	2025/03/06	2026/02/26	88% 88 / 100	<p>Ryan Thoms:</p> <p>Progress: The funding applications was successful. The qRD FireSmart Program is now ongoing and has confirmed provincial funding through to July 2027.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/01/15</p>	Ryan Thoms
→ Bicycle Storage Shed at Texada/Gillies Bay Airport (CYGB) : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to investigate covered storage solutions and potential liability risks related to free-for-use bicycles stored at the Texada/Gillies Bay Airport (CYGB).	2025/11/21	2026/11/12	40% 40 / 100%	<p>Mikhael Drosdovech:</p> <p>Progress: Requests for opinion from qRD legal counsel and MIABC was sent out. Responses have been received in the last week (April 20-24, 2026). The responses initially indicate that, while there is liability risk, these risks can be mitigated through appropriate signage and other means to reduce liability exposure to the qRD related to the "Free Bikes" at the Texada/Gillies Bay Airport (CYGB).</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: Review legal opinion on liability risk associated with providing shelter for the "Free Bikes" in detail. Develop strategies to mitigate the liability risks based on the legal opinions. Request quotes for the construction of the shelter. 2026/04/23</p>	Mikhael Drosdovech
→ Rescinding Policy 4.16 Workplace Discrimination, Bullying & Harassment, Policy 4.8 Prevention of Violence in the Workplace, and Policy 4.22 Anti-Racism : 100%	THAT the Board rescind Policy 4.16 Workplace Discrimination, Bullying & Harassment, Policy 4.8 Prevention of Violence in the Workplace, and Policy 4.22 Anti-Racism which were replaced by Policy 4.27 Respectful Workplace on January 28, 2026.	2026/04/02	2027/03/25	100% 100 / 100%		Melanie Taylor
→ Provincial Grant Funding for Local Fire and Emergency Services : 100%	THAT the Board send correspondence to the Union of BC Municipalities expressing concern at the reduction in available grant funding to meet provincial requirements for local fire and emergency services and to advocate for sustainable funding toward achieving these requirements.	2026/04/02	2027/03/25	0% 0 / 100%		Ryan Thoms

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→ Savary Island Road Maintenance : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to contact the Ministry of Transportation and Transit requesting they continue to work with RCMP and local groups to address the traffic congestion near the Savary Island Wharf.	2026/04/09	2027/04/07	0% 0 / 100%		Patrick Devereaux
→ Host Green Shores Training Event on Electoral Area A (Lund)		2026/06/01	2026/08/31	0% 0 / 100		Julia Dykstra

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE

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Focus on conserving our natural environment and enhancing our parks infrastructure		2023/01/01	2027/12/31	87% 87 / 100		
→ Textile Recycling Program Re-instatement : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to engage with Diabetes Canada to re-establish clothing donation bins at the qathet Regional District's (qRD) mainland regional district recycling depots.	2023/03/28	2024/03/22	74% 74 / 100%	Patrick Devereaux: Progress: waiting on Diabetes Canada Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2023/07/17	Patrick Devereaux
→ Coastal Douglas-Fir Conservation Partnership Statement of Cooperation : 100%	THAT the qathet Regional District maintain membership in the Coastal Douglas-fir and Associated Ecosystems Conservation Partnership by re-signing the Statement of Cooperation attached as Appendix A.	2026/01/15	2026/01/30	100% 100 / 100%	Laura Roddan: Progress: Regional Board Chair signed the Statement of Cooperation. Staff sent a certified copy of the Board Resolution and the signed Statement of Cooperation to the Coastal Douglas Fir Conservation Partnership on January 23, 2026. The following media release was issued: https://qathet.ca/2026/01/23/qathet-regional-district-renews-membership-in-the-coastal-douglas-fir-and-associated-ecosystems-conservation-partnership/ Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/03/20	Julia Dykstra
We are disciplined in how we manage the region to minimize our impact on the environment and climate		2023/01/01	2027/12/31	60% 59.75 / 100		

First Quarter 2026 Strategic Plan Progress Report

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→ C0027, C0086, C0295 Resource Recovery Centre : 100%		2020/01/01	2025/12/31	100% 100 / 100%	<p>Mike Wall:</p> <p>Progress: Site works to remove the remaining estimated 6000m3 of ash and screen it have resumed March 2nd 2021. Additionally Revegetation work (Grading, drainage works and planting) also started March 2nd 2021. Both works are scheduled to complete by end of April 2021.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>2021/03/02</p>	Mikhael Drosdovech
→ Complete Federal and Provincial Waste Volume Reporting : 100%		2021/01/01	2025/12/31	0% 0 / 100%		Jason Kouwenhoven
→ Complete Solid Waste Management Plan Deliverables Progress Report : 100%	Annually	2022/01/01	2025/12/31	0% 0 / 100%		Jason Kouwenhoven
→ Conduct Well Testing at Lasqueti and Marine Avenue Sites : 100%	Quarterly	2023/01/01	2025/12/31	100% 100 / 100%	<p>Jason Kouwenhoven:</p> <p>Progress: Well testing for both site for 2025 is complete. Annual reports were submitted to the MOEP in March 2026.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>2026/04/23</p>	Jason Kouwenhoven
→ Tender RRC Environmental Monitoring		2023/07/31	2025/12/31	75% 75 / 100	<p>Arnold Schwabe:</p> <p>Progress: New contract signed with Tetra-tech for 2024. Tender for monitoring will go out after RRC is open, new well is drilled, and closure processes are complete.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>2024/02/22</p>	Jason Kouwenhoven

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→ Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Recycling Changes : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to explore new Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional recycling programs for the region and report back to the Board with options.	2024/07/08	2025/07/03	50% 50 / 100%	<p>Jason Kouwenhoven:</p> <p>Progress: Staff have received updated cost figures from ICI recyclers and material transport companies which will inform the upcoming report on ICI options. Tentative plans with a local facility are in place to recycle corrugated cardboard and metal containers from ICI sources.</p> <p>Challenges: Some materials collected under ICI programs are sold, processed, or marketed in the USA. Border tariffs have created uncertainty in these markets, which has impacted demand, and is causing cost inflation.</p> <p>Work on this project has been slowed down to prioritize opening of the Resource Recovery Centre.</p> <p>Next Steps: Staff will compile information found on ICI recycling and bring forward a report outlining potential solutions and costs.</p> <p>2025/04/18</p>	Jason Kouwenhoven	
→ Michael Ernst, Director and Jim Phillips, President, BC Marine Parks Forever Society re Partnerships in the qathet Regional District : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to engage with the BC Marine Parks Forever Society and to develop a report that evaluates the potential impacts and benefits to the qathet Regional District.	2025/04/24	2026/04/08		53% 53 / 100%		Patrick Devereaux
→ Provincial Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program 2025 Summary & 2026 Program Outline : 100%	THAT the qathet Regional District continue to offer the Provincial Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program in 2026 with rebates available on a first-come, first-served basis, until the remaining grant funds are fully depleted.	2026/04/09	2027/04/07		100% 100 / 100%	<p>Jason Kouwenhoven:</p> <p>Progress: The 2026 program is active.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>2026/04/23</p>	Jason Kouwenhoven
We proactively plan for growth in our region to ensure our land use is responsible and sustainable		2023/01/01	2027/12/31	71% 71.13 / 100			
→ Savary Island Official Community Plan Review and Update : 100%	This project responds to a 2022 Board Resolution directing staff to proceed with a review and update of the Savary Island Official Community Plan (OCP). The current OCP was completed in 2006, twenty years ago.	2024/07/01	2026/12/18	80% 80 / 100%	<p>Laura Roddan:</p> <p>Progress: The Savary Island Official Community Plan review and update process is currently</p>	Julia Dykstra	

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<p>The project to review and update the Savary Island OCP officially started in July 2024.</p>				<p>in Phase 4 of the five phase planning process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During 'Phase 1: Project Initiation' the following tasks and activities were completed: project launch; project communications and engagement plan; project webpage; island tour; on-island community open house (50 participants); on-island farmers market event (30 participants); phase one engagement report; and, establish Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee composed of 15 community members. • During 'Phase 2: Community Exploration & Visioning' the following tasks and activities were completed: meeting #1 of Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee (orientation); online community visioning survey (575 participants); development of frequently asked questions document; online community webinar with question and answer (158 registrants); community mailout; online small group community sessions (102 registrants); phase two engagement report; and, project background report. • During 'Phase 3: Key Directions' the following tasks and activities were completed: meeting #2 of Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee (review of technical background reports); development of key directions discussion book; meeting #3 of Advisory Committee (review of key directions discussion book); on-island engagement events on July 28-29 (100 plus participants); on-line 	

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				<p>engagement webinar on August 5 (70 registrants); on-line key directions survey (497 participants); phase 3 engagement report; and meeting #4 of Advisory Committee (review of engagement report and next steps).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During 'Phase 4: OCP Preparation' the following tasks and activities have been completed: technical online webinar on Savary Groundwater Study (100+ registrants); technical online webinar on Savary Slope Hazard Study (100+ registrants); preparation of a rough draft Savary Island OCP by Bluerock Consulting Inc; refinement of draft Savary Island OCP by qRD Planning staff to ensure plan reflects what was learned through phases one to three of the planning process and aligns with qRD strategic plans and scope of authority; and, monthly meetings with the Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee from January through April 2026 to review and refine the draft Savary Island OCP. <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: During the final 'Phase 5: OCP Approvals Process' the following next steps will need to be completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Committee to consider staff report on draft Savary Island OCP and consider 1st reading of OCP Bylaw. Staff to implement community engagement on proposed Savary Island OCP, on-island pop-up events and community survey through the summer. 	

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff to send out proposed Savary Island OCP referrals to provincial agencies and First Nations. Planning Committee to consider staff report on feedback received from the public and referral agencies and consider 2nd reading of the OCP Bylaw. Public Hearing. Planning Committee to consider report on public hearing and consider 3rd reading and final adoption of the OCP Bylaw. 	
				2026/04/01	
<p>→ Housing Capacity Analysis for Electoral Areas A, B, C and D</p> <p>This project responds to Provincial Housing Legislation and requirements to proactively plan for long term housing needs.</p> <p>Funding for the project covered by BC Housing Capacity Initiative Grant.</p>	2025/09/01	2026/03/31	<p>100% 100 / 100</p>	<p>Laura Roddan:</p> <p>Progress: Between October 2025 and March 2026 qRD Planning staff worked with Licker Geospatial Consulting Ltd. to complete a "Housing Capacity Analysis" that improves the qRD's understanding of the region's capacity for residential growth (housing capacity) under existing official community and zoning bylaws. The project work plan was composed of the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task 1.1 Project Initiation: An introductory meeting was held between Licker Geospatial consultants and qRD staff to set and confirm the direction for the project at large. The meeting included a high-level discussion of the methodological approach, the project scope and timeline, and the project information requirements. Task 1.2 Data Collection & Evaluation: In order to successfully model and evaluate the development capacity of the electoral 	Julia Dykstra

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areas for new housing, the project required the compilation of a significant volume of data, both from the qRD and outside sources. During this task the data was prepared and processed to ensure it was fit for use, and all data used was logged in a dictionary to ensure transparency.

- Task 1.3 - Current State Memo - After preparing and processing the data used for the assignment, a current state memo was prepared which outlined the current profile of land use in the qRD. The purpose of the memo was largely to ensure the accuracy of data, and that it reflected reality to an acceptable degree as qRD staff understand it. The memo included an overview of the number of units by archetype and by land use and the absolute housing capacity of the land under existing OCP and zoning bylaws. The memo was circulated to qRD staff (Planning, GIS, Asset Management, and Emergency) and a meeting was held to discuss staff considerations and develop a mutual understanding of supporting data and land use in the qRD and updates to the model to improve accuracy.
- Task 1.4 Constrained & Development Likelihood Assessment: Using the data developed in above steps, this task assessed the likelihood of development at the parcel level.
- Task 1.5 Residential Capacity Modelling: Using the development likelihood and constraints modeling from task 1.4, and land use / achievable densities from

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current OCP and zoning bylaws, this task modelled the capacity of land for future residential growth.

- Task 1.6 Reporting: A final report was prepared that outlines findings of the work carried out, including a technical methods appendix that outlines the methods used to carry out the assessment. The final report and key findings were presented to the qRD Planning Committee on March 24, 2026.

Findings from the Housing Capacity Analysis support our understanding of the region's capacity for residential growth and provide assurance that the projected 5-year and 20-year housing needs can be met under current Official Community Plan policies and zoning bylaws.

Challenges: *No value*

Next Steps: Conclusions and next steps outlined in the Housing Capacity Analysis can be used in the future to:

- Monitor and track capacity for housing growth over time.
- Assess systematic gaps in infrastructure and other constraints to development.
- Inform new infrastructure and service planning and development.
- Inform policy making related to land use and new infrastructure development.

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Goal	Details	Start Date	Due Date	Curren...	Update	Owner
→ Crown Land Application for Utilities, District Lots 3814, 3816, 5225, 5226, 5232, Electoral Areas B and C : 100%	<p>THAT the qathet Regional District advise the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship that qathet Regional District has no objection to the Crown Land Application for Utilities - Electric Powerline (BC Land File No. 2412929), over land legally described as Unsurveyed Right Of Way Over Those Parts Of District Lots 3814, 3816, 5225, 5226, 5232, Group 1, New Westminster District, Containing 1.12 Hectares, More Or Less, in Electoral Areas B and C.</p>	2026/02/17	2026/03/06	100% 100 / 100%	<p>Laura Roddan:</p> <p>Progress: Staff sent a certified copy of the Board Resolution and a copy of the staff report to the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship on February 19, 2026.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/03/20</p>	Julia Dykstra
→ Amend Something Previously Adopted - Provincial Referral for Two-Lot Conventional Subdivision, 1075 Mead Rd, Electoral Area A : 100%	<p>THAT the Board amend the resolution adopted November 12, 2025, titled "Provincial Referral for Two-Lot Conventional Subdivision, 1075 Mead Rd, Electoral Area A" item #R 10.4.2, by striking out:</p> <p>"subject to:</p> <p>The property owner enter into a section 219 covenant with the qathet Regional District that the 8.19-hectare remainder parcel shall be used for conservation purposes only and shall not be subdivided or built upon in perpetuity"</p> <p>Resolution 10.4.2 Provincial Referral for Two-Lot Conventional Subdivision, 1075 Mead Rd, Electoral Area A, is amended accordingly and now reads as follows:</p> <p>THAT the qathet Regional District waive the requirement under Covenant CA5270890 for the property owner to connect to Lund Sewer at the time of subdivision to service any future dwellings.</p>	2026/03/11	2026/03/27	100% 100 / 100%	<p>Laura Roddan:</p> <p>Progress: Staff sent a certified copy of the Board Resolution to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit on March 11, 2026.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/03/20</p>	Julia Dykstra
→ Proposed Nootka Street Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 321.3, 2025 : 100%	<p>THAT the Board endorse the proposed Nootka Street Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 321.3, 2025; and</p> <p>THAT the bylaw be forwarded to a future Board meeting for first and second reading.</p>	2026/04/01	2026/05/29	89% 89 / 100%	<p>Laura Roddan:</p> <p>Progress: Staff are preparing a report for the Planning Committee on proposed Nootka Street Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 321.3, 2025.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/04/01</p>	Julia Dykstra

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→ qathet Regional District Housing Capacity Analysis Final Report : 100%	THAT the qathet Regional District accept the "qathet Regional District Housing Capacity Analysis" final report dated March 5, 2026.	2026/04/09	2026/04/30	100% 100 / 100%	Laura Roddan: Progress: This project is complete Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/04/23	Julia Dykstra
→ Subdivision Application, District Lot 1630, 14171 Highway 101, Electoral Area C : 100%	THAT the qathet Regional District advise the Ministry of Transportation and Transit that qathet Regional District supports the proposed two-lot conventional subdivision application (eDAS File No. 2025-03741) for the property located at 14171 Highway 101, in Electoral Area C, as shown on the plan of proposed subdivision, dated November 21, 2025, subject to the following conditions: 1. Proof of water and septic servicing that meets provincial standards for proposed Lot A; 2. The Ministry of Transportation and Transit consider requesting the applicant obtain a site-level assessment conducted by a qualified professional of any lands identified with fluvial hazard potential to inform future development and minimize any risk from hazardous conditions; and 3. The Ministry of Transportation and Transit consider requesting the applicant obtain a site-level assessment conducted by a qualified professional of any lands identified with slope hazard potential to inform future development and minimize any risk from hazardous conditions.	2026/04/09	2026/04/30	0% 0 / 100%		Julia Dykstra
→ Report on Electoral Area A, B and C OCP Review and Updates		2026/10/01	2026/12/31	0% 0 / 100		Julia Dykstra
We provide services and supports to sustainably support our region		2023/01/01	2027/12/31	21% 21.25 / 100		
→ Ocean Legacy Foundation - RISE AND REPORT : 100%	THAT the Board has directed staff to engage the Ocean Legacy Foundation to establish a new recycling program agreement and a redesign of the Ocean Plastic Recycling Depot operations for use at the qRD's Resource Recovery Center.	2024/09/09	2025/08/28	25% 25 / 100%	Jason Kouwenhoven: Progress: This project is on hold while staff prioritize opening the Resource Recovery Centre. Challenges: Next Steps: 2025/04/18	Jason Kouwenhoven

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→ Maddy From, Municipal Partnerships Representative, Food Cycle Science re Food Cyclers Municipal Solutions : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to explore grant opportunities for an electronic home food composter pilot program.	2025/05/14	2026/05/13	10% 10 / 100%	<p>Jason Kouwenhoven: Progress: In progress</p> <p>Challenges: No grants have been found to date.</p> <p>Next Steps: Staff continue to look for grant opportunities to fund purchases of individual composter units.</p> <p>2026/01/07</p>	Jason Kouwenhoven
→ Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee Barriers and Recommended Solutions : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to amend the SWMPMAC Terms of Reference within the existing SWMP to broaden membership criteria and improve the ability to recruit community members.	2025/12/15	2026/12/11	50% 50 / 100%	<p>Jason Kouwenhoven: Progress: Staff have prepared a report with the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference for Board consideration.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: The Board approved Terms of Reference will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Parks for approval for inclusion in the qRD's Solid Waste Management Plan.</p> <p>2026/04/23</p>	Jason Kouwenhoven
→ Lasqueti Island Residual Waste - Out of District Waste Disposal Request : 100%	THAT the Board make a formal request to the Regional District of Nanaimo to extend the agreement to accept residual waste from qathet Regional District Electoral Area 'E' Lasqueti Island at RDN waste facilities for an additional five-year term.	2026/04/09	2027/04/07	0% 0 / 100%		Jason Kouwenhoven

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Goal	Details	Start Date	Due Date	Curren...	Update	Owner
<p>→ Honour and respect the First Nations on whose land we operate</p> <p>→ Invite Joseph R. Scafe from Young Anderson To Present : 100%</p>	<p>→ THAT the Board direct staff to invite Joseph R. Scafe from Young Anderson to present to the Board on the topic of Forums, Open Meetings, and Closed Meeting requirements. Specifically related to the context of intergovernmental gatherings between Municipalities, Regional Districts and Treaty First Nations; and</p> <p>→ THAT the Powell River City Council and Tla'amin Nation Executive Council be invited to attend.</p>	2023/01/01	2027/12/31	25% 25 / 100	<p>AI Radke:</p> <p>Progress: Originally contacted Mr. Scafe on May 2, 2024. Received notification of grant award of \$20,000 for Regional Community-to-Community grant program from the UBCM on May 3, 2024. Had 3 CAO meeting on July 5, 2024. Learned that Tla'amin elections will be taking place on September 14, 2024 and their inaugural meeting will be October 2, 2024. As the Tla'amin Nation and City of Powell River have been invited to hear Mr. Scafe, out of courtesy and respect to the Tla'amin Nation, Mr. Scafe will be invited sometime after the inaugural meeting.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>2024/07/09</p>	AI Radke
<p>→ Proposed Tla'amin Lands within Lund Community Watershed : 100%</p>	<p>→ THAT the Board invite the Tla'amin Nation to a C2 meeting.</p>	2025/06/20	2026/06/10	0% 0 / 100%		AI Radke
<p>→ We enable the extraordinary volunteer networks in our region</p> <p>→ Correspondence dated December 11, 2024 from Stacey Fletcher, Villani & Company, Barristers, Solicitors & Notaries Public re Mural Wall Project : 100%</p> <p>→ Texada Island Recreation Commission - RISE AND REPORT : 100%</p>	<p>→ THAT the Board direct staff to prepare a report to identify appropriate spaces for the Mural Wall Project and bring back said report to the Committee.</p> <p>→ The Board reappointed Theresa Hollo, Brian Redman, and Joseph Scott to the Texada Island Recreation Commission for two (2) year terms ending December 31, 2027.</p>	2023/01/01	2027/12/31	75% 75 / 100		Patrick Devereaux
		2025/02/25	2026/02/11	50% 50 / 100%		Patrick Devereaux
		2026/02/17	2027/02/10	100% 100 / 100%	<p>Patrick Devereaux:</p> <p>Progress: Re-appointment letters sent to TIRC members on February 19th, 2026</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>2026/02/20</p>	Patrick Devereaux
<p>→ We fund and support active transportation, both through built infrastructure as well as trail systems</p>		2023/01/01	2027/12/31	50% 50 / 100		

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→ Annie Wise, Sunshine Coast Tourism & Gavin Davidson re Connect the Coast Preliminary Design Report for All Ages and Abilities Active Transportation Route Linking Sechelt and Lund and Request Support in Principle for the "Connect the Coast" Active Transportation Route : 100%		2024/03/06	2025/03/06	0% 0 / 100%		Laura Roddan
→ Sunshine Coast Tourism "Preliminary Design Report for Connect the Coast: All Ages and Abilities Active Transportation Route linking Sechelt and Lund" : 100%	THAT the qathet Regional District receive the Sunshine Coast Tourism "Preliminary Design Report for Connect the Coast: All Ages and Abilities Active Transportation Route linking Sechelt and Lund" for information purposes.	2026/01/15	2026/01/30	100% 100 / 100%	<p>Laura Roddan:</p> <p>Progress: The Regional Board received the Sunshine Coast Tourism "Preliminary Design Report for Connect the Coast: All Ages and Abilities Active Transportation Route linking Sechelt and Lund" for information purposes on January 13, 2026.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>2026/03/20</p>	Julia Dykstra
→ We enable economic health in the region by advocating for the infrastructure businesses need to survive and thrive		2023/01/01	2027/12/31	46% 46.25 / 100		
→ Road Approaching the Marine Ramp on Lasqueti Island : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) District Manager in Nanaimo to request a joint staff meeting with the qRD and Islands Trust regarding the road that approaches the marine ramp on Lasqueti Island.	2023/05/02	2024/04/26	85% 85 / 100%	<p>Al Radke:</p> <p>Progress: A meeting with Ashok Bhatti and Maziar Kazemi of MOTT was held on January 23, 2025. A follow up meeting was recommended. During that time it was determined that this initiative would be managed by Maziar's colleague on Vancouver Island. Maziar reached out on July 7, 2025 to set up a joint call. However, I was away on extended sick leave. I have since followed up on January 21, 2026 to refresh the conversation.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>2026/01/21</p>	Al Radke

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<p>→ Financial Assistance 2024 - Intake 2 - Four Tides Hospice Society : 100%</p>	<p>THAT the Board approve a grant of \$1,204.05 to the Four Tides Hospice Society for general operating costs from the Electoral Area A Grants-in-Aid Service; and</p> <p>THAT the Board approve a grant of \$416.02 to the Four Tides Hospice Society for general operating costs from the Electoral Area B Grants-in-Aid Service; and</p> <p>THAT the Board approve a grant of \$568.77 to the Four Tides Hospice Society for general operating costs from the Electoral Area C Grants-in-Aid Service; and</p> <p>THAT the Board approve a grant of \$360.09 to the Four Tides Hospice Society for general operating costs from the Electoral Area D Grants-in-Aid Service; and</p> <p>THAT the Board approve a grant of \$165.06 to the Four Tides Hospice Society for general operating costs from the Electoral Area E Grants-in-Aid Service.</p>	2024/12/11	2025/11/27	100% 100 / 100%	<p>Celinde Lillies:</p> <p>Progress: For Financial Assistance 2024 - Intake 2, the Four Tides Hospice Society was paid \$4,706.00 from the General Grants in Aid, Area A, Area B, Area C, Area D, and Area E Grants in Aid service by EFT on January 10, 2025. A letter advising the organization of the grant approval was sent by email on December 2, 2024.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2025/01/23</p>	Celinde Lillies
<p>→ Correspondence dated February 9, 2026 from Cathy Brown, President, Texada Island Non-profit Seniors Housing Society, re TINSHS Project Evaluation and qathet Regional District Grant Evaluation Final : 100%</p>	<p>THAT the Board authorize a partnership with Texada Island Non-Profit Seniors Housing Society to make application to the BC Healthy Communities 2026 Age-Friendly Communities (AFC) Stream 1 grant for their seniors housing initiative on Texada Island; and</p> <p>THAT the Board affirm its support for the project; and</p> <p>THAT the submission of the application be subject to Texada Island Non-Profit Seniors Housing Society entering into an agreement with the qathet Regional District under Regional District terms for administration of the grant, and the commitment by Texada Island Non-Profit Seniors Housing Society to cover any ineligible costs and cost overruns.</p>	2026/03/11	2027/02/25	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan

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→ Regional Animal Shelter Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 435.2, 2026 : 100%	<p>1. THAT the Board give first and second reading of "Regional Animal Shelter Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 435.2, 2026".</p> <p>2. THAT the Board give third reading of "Regional Animal Shelter Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 435.2, 2026".</p> <p>3. THAT the Board adopt "Regional Animal Shelter Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 435.2, 2026".</p>	2026/04/09	2027/04/07	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ Support community connection through recreation, arts and culture in the region		2023/01/01	2027/12/31	43% 42.5 / 100		
→ Northside Recreation Community Hall Upgrade		2023/01/01	2026/12/31	85% 85 / 100	<p>Arnold Schwabe: Progress: RFP process complete. Report to Board on selection process.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2024/06/26</p>	Mikhael Drosdovech
→ 2026 Grants in Aid Funding Levels : 100%		2026/01/30	2027/01/28	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan

SOCIAL SUPPORTS

Goal	Details	Start Date	Due Date	Curren...	Update	Owner
Focus on diversity of housing throughout our region, encouraging density in our municipal areas → Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) Revenues : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to report back with options for future Municipal and Regional District Tax revenues allocation; and THAT the Board inform Sunshine Coast Tourism to put the current Municipal and Regional District Tax revenues on hold.	2023/01/01	2027/12/31	0% 0 / 100		Al Radke
Support our rural areas in water governance to ensure safe and sustainable water access that meets the needs of their unique areas → Water Well and Infrastructure on Airport Lands : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to provide the Texada Airport tenant leasing Unit #101 with a letter that instructs them to not proceed with, or halt, any work at the Texada Airport on water well infrastructure until such time that the legality of the existence of the well is determined by provincial authorities.	2023/01/01	2027/12/31	38% 37.5 / 100	Arnold Schwabe: Progress: Recent decision by the Board (August 7, 2024) to take over the well and infrastructure. Tenant has 60 days to present arguments or appear as a delegation. 60 days expires October 11, 2024 Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2024/08/22	Mikhael Drosdovech
→ Myrtle Pond Water System Boundary Extension Policy and Reserve Fund Bylaw : 100%		2024/05/02	2025/05/01	25% 25 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ Myrtle Pond Local Water System : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to provide a report on options to incentivize water conservation in the Myrtle Pond Water System, in particular when water restrictions are in place, including but not limited to potential changes to water rates and regulations, preliminary costs and public engagement.	2025/11/21	2026/11/12	46% 46 / 100%		Patrick Devereaux

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<p>→ Myrtle Pond Water System - Water Supply : 100%</p>	<p>THAT the Board direct staff to have a new well and associated equipment installed at the Myrtle Pond Water System for a cost of \$142,500.00; and</p> <p>THAT the Board approve a budget amendment of \$142,500 to finance the well installation from the Myrtle Pond Water System Statutory Reserve Fund.</p>	2025/12/15	2026/12/11	29% 29 / 100%	<p>Linda Greenan:</p> <p>Progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The projected cost of the new well in included in the 2026 capital plan during the financial plan draft 1. A formal budget amendment to include the project in the 2025-2029 financial plan will come forward at a later date. <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/01/16</p>	Patrick Devereaux
<p>→ Information on qRD Utility Acquisition Policy 3.15, BC Building Code Post Disaster Exemptions and Hybrid Model for Water Treatment Related to Lund Waterworks District (LWD) Conversion to a qRD Service : 100%</p>	<p>qRD Utility Acquisition Policy 3.15</p> <p>THAT the Board choose to override certain clauses in Article 6 of Policy 3.15 in order to proceed with the conversion of the LWD to a qathet Regional District service but not Article 6.9 - Rights-of-way, Easements and Ownership of Lands.</p> <p>BC Building Code Post Disaster Standards</p> <p>THAT the Board confirm that exemptions to BC Building Code post disaster standards not be pursued any further.</p> <p>Hybrid Model for Water Treatment Facility</p> <p>THAT the Board direct staff to pursue the hybrid model of a municipal-style water treatment facility with a commercial-grade water treatment plant that conforms to BC Building Code post disaster standards.</p>	2025/12/15	2026/12/11	30% 30 / 100%	<p>Mikhael Drosdovech:</p> <p>Progress: Continuing work on LWD conversion.</p> <p>Challenges: LWD conversion.</p> <p>Next Steps: Await decision by community on petition to convert LWD to a qRD service. 2026/04/23</p>	Mikhael Drosdovech
<p>→ Northside Volunteer Fire Department Fire Hall Groundwater Well Testing and Groundwater Source Cost Analysis : 100%</p>	<p>THAT the Board direct staff to engage a consultant to perform a 72-hour pump test on the Northside Volunteer Fire Department Fire Hall groundwater well, a full-spectrum water quality analysis, and provide a technical memo and high-level cost estimate to review potential groundwater well sites and provide estimated costs for well development, including drilling, access road, and power at a ceiling cost of \$30,000 and allocate these expenditures against Feasibility Studies.</p>	2026/04/09	2027/04/07	0% 0 / 100%		Al Radke
<p>→ Facilitate the supports our residents need to balance their family responsibilities and economic and financial health</p>		2023/01/01	2027/12/31	0% 0 / 100		
<p>→ We support the diversity of our residents through a focus on accessibility</p>		2023/01/01	2027/12/31	0% 0 / 100		

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Facilitate resident and regional emergency preparedness		2023/01/01	2027/12/31	28% 27.5 / 100		
→ 2025 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning : 100%	<p>THAT the qathet Regional District endorse an application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for the 2025 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning (CEPF); and</p> <p>THAT the qathet Regional District will provide overall grant management for this project.</p>	2025/05/07	2026/04/29	60% 60 / 100%	<p>Ryan Thoms:</p> <p>Progress: The funding application was successful and the project is now ongoing.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/01/15</p>	Ryan Thoms
→ Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training Grant Opportunity : 100%	<p>THAT the Board endorse an application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for the Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training funding stream of the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) for the Northside Volunteer Fire Department, Savary Island Volunteer Fire Department, Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department, and the Lasqueti Island Volunteer Fire Department; and</p> <p>THAT the Board endorse the qathet Regional District providing overall grant management for this project.</p>	2025/11/10	2026/10/22	50% 50 / 100%	<p>Ryan Thoms:</p> <p>Progress: Grant application submitted October 29</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2025/11/26</p>	Ryan Thoms
→ Next Generation 911 Grant Application : 100%	<p>THAT the qathet Regional District endorse an application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for the 2026 Next Generation 911 Funding Program; and</p> <p>THAT the qathet Regional District will provide overall grant management for this project.</p>	2026/01/30	2027/01/28	0% 0 / 100%		Ryan Thoms
→ 2026 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning : 100%	<p>THAT the qathet Regional District endorse an application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for the 2026 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning (CEPF); and</p> <p>THAT the qathet Regional District will provide overall grant management for this project.</p>	2026/04/02	2027/03/25	0% 0 / 100%		Ryan Thoms

NON-STRATEGIC REQUESTS

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Horizons for Seniors Grant Application - Van Ande Walking Oval : 100%	<p>THAT the Board concur with the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to suspend its direction that staff apply for grant funding for the proposed walking oval to be located within Van Ande Ball Park until: The Province completes the mine shaft inspection and renews its lease agreement with the Powell River Regional District (PRRD). The Texada Island Recreation Commission (TIRC) provides the PRRD with a design, size and estimated construction costs for the walking oval that they have in mind. Using the information from TIRC, staff develop budget estimates for the grant application and estimates of ongoing maintenance costs. Staff or TIRC confirm community and volunteer donations to the project. A process of public engagement has been undertaken to gauge the Texada Island property owner's interest in the project. The project is prioritized in relation to other capital projects and staff resources and is added to the budget.</p>	2017/05/24	2020/12/30	<p>50% 50 / 100%</p>	<p>Linda Greenan:</p> <p>Progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project is on hold until staff receive further input from the members of the Texada Island Recreation Commission on the design, size and estimated construction cost for the walking oval. <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff need further information on what the members of the TIRC would like to see for the design, size and estimated construction costs of the walking oval before they can take the project any further. <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2020/05/25</p>	Linda Greenan
2026 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Emergency Operations Centre and Training Grant Funding : 100%	<p>THAT the qathet Regional District endorses an application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for the 2026 Emergency Operations Centres & Training funding stream of the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF); and THAT the qathet Regional District will provide overall grant management for this project.</p>	2026/01/30	2027/01/28	<p>0% 0 / 100%</p>		Ryan Thoms

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENT

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2026-2030 Financial Plan Draft Two : 100%		2026/03/11	2027/02/25	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ Community Works Funding - 2026-2030 Financial Plan Draft Two : 100%	<p>THAT the Board direct staff to include in draft 3 of the 2026 - 2030 Financial Plan Community Works Funding toward the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Myrtle Pond Water System installation of a new well \$142,500 <input type="checkbox"/> Texada Island Community Hall flooring replacement \$55,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Farmer's Market Booth electrical upgrades \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Savary Island Wharf fire protection \$120,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Malaspina Fire Service 2005 Ford pumper truck replacement (2029) \$750,000 	2026/03/11	2027/02/25	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ Lund Recycling Depot - 2026-2030 Financial Plan Draft Two : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to include in draft 3 of the 2026 budget Local Government Climate Action Grant Program funding of \$120,000 toward replacement of the Lund Recycling Depot within the Waste Management Service.	2026/03/11	2027/02/25	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ 3rd Party Accessibility Audit - 2026-2030 Financial Plan Draft Two : 100	THAT the Board direct staff to include in draft 3 of the 2026 budget COVID19 funding of \$13,018 toward the cost of a third-party accessibility audit of the qRD buildings within the General Administration Service.	2026/03/11	2027/02/25	0% 0 / 100		Linda Greenan
→ Myrtle Pond Water Service - 2026-2030 Financial Plan Draft Two : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to approve a limit of \$6,000 in the Myrtle Pond Water Service to retain a consultant to assist in the design of water rates for the Myrtle Pond Water System.	2026/03/11	2027/02/25	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ Lund Sewer System - 2026-2030 Financial Plan Draft Two : 100%	THAT the Board include \$4,500 in the Lund Sewer service to retain a consultant in 2026 to assist in the design of sewer rates for the Lund Sewer System.	2026/03/11	2027/02/25	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ LVFD - 2026-2030 Financial Plan Draft Two : 100%	<p>THAT the Board approve in the Lasqueti Island Volunteer Fire Department service schedule a change to allocate all 2025 surplus as 2026 revenue, and change the transfer to reserves from \$65,367 to \$85,367 inclusive of interest for 2026; and</p> <p>THAT transfers to reserves be \$60,000 plus interest for 2027, \$60,000 plus interest for 2028, \$60,000 plus interest for 2029 and \$60,000 plus interest for 2030.</p>	2026/03/11	2027/02/25	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
2026-2030 Financial Plan Draft Two - Postponed from the February 25, 2026 Regional Board Meeting : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to include a requisition of \$250,000 in the final 2026 schedule for the Sub-Regional Recreation Contribution Service.	2026/04/01	2027/03/18	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan

Goal	Details	Start Date	Due Date	Curren...	Update	Owner
2026 Elections Appointment of Officers and Local Public Bodies : 100%		2026/04/01	2027/03/18	43% 42.5 / 100%		Rebecca Coleman
→ 2026 Elections Appointment of Officers and Local Public Bodies - Appointments RD Election : 100%	THAT the Board appoint Michelle Jones as Chief Election Officer and Rebecca Coleman as Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2026 Regional District elections and for other questions as may be put to the electorate at the time.	2026/04/01	2027/03/18	85% 85 / 100%	Rebecca Coleman: Progress: CEO and Deputy CEO have been appointed. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/04/24	Rebecca Coleman
→ 2026 Elections Appointment of Officers and Local Public Bodies - Lasqueti Island Election : 100%	THAT the Board authorize Regional District administration of the 2026 elections for Lasqueti Island Local Trust on behalf of Island Trust, School District #69, School District #47 and the shishálh Nation Government District, as requested and on a cost-recovery basis.	2026/04/01	2027/03/18	0% 0 / 100%		Rebecca Coleman
2026-2030 Financial Plan Draft Three : 100%		2026/04/01	2027/03/18	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ 2026-2030 Financial Plan Draft Three - Regional Animal Shelter Service : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to increase the requisition limit for the Regional Animal Shelter Service Establishment Bylaw No. 385, 2010 by 25% to \$129,687.50; and	2026/04/01	2027/03/18	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
	THAT the amendment bylaw be forwarded to the March 25, 2026 Board meeting for first reading through adoption.					
→ 2026-2030 Financial Plan Draft Three - Myrtle Pond New Well : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to increase the Myrtle Pond New Well project by \$30,000 and that an additional \$30,000 of Community Works Funding be allocated toward the project	2026/04/01	2027/03/18	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
→ 2026-2030 Financial Plan Draft Three - Masaspina Fire Protection Local Service : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to reduce the 2026 Malaspina Fire Protection Local Service schedule in order to achieve a 3% overall requisition increase for the service in 2026; and	2026/04/01	2027/03/18	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
	THAT any unused surplus in the 2025 Malaspina Fire Protection Local Service be added to the Malaspina Fire Protection Local Service Firehall Statutory Reserve.					
→ 2026-2030 Financial Plan Draft Three - Lasqueti Volunteer Fire Service : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to revise the transfer to statutory reserves in the Lasqueti Volunteer Fire Service schedule to \$50,367 (contribution of \$45,000 + \$5,367 estimated interest), balanced by a reduction in the tax requisition.	2026/04/01	2027/03/18	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan

	Goal	Details	Start Date	Due Date	Curren...	Update	Owner
First Quarter 2026 Strategic Plan Progress Report	→ 2026-2030 Financial Plan Draft Three - Northside Recreation Service : 100%	<p>THAT the Board direct staff to bring an additional \$100,000 of the 2025 Northside Recreation surplus forward for use in the Northside Recreation Service 2026 budget schedule to mitigate the 2026 tax increase; and</p> <p>THAT any remaining 2025 surplus be added to the Northside Recreation Non-Statutory Reserve Fund.</p>	2026/04/01	2027/03/18	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
	→ 2026-2030 Financial Plan Draft Three - Solid Waste Management Service : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to bring forward a further \$455,000 of the 2025 surplus in the Solid Waste Management Service for use in the 2026 Waste Management service schedule to mitigate 2026 tax increases.	2026/04/01	2027/03/18	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
	2026-2030 Financial Plan Draft Three : 100%	THAT the Board direct that any 2025 surpluses, not budgeted for use in the 2026 budget, be added to the most appropriate reserve fund for the respective service schedule.	2026/04/01	2027/03/18	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
	2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 608, 2026 : 100%	<p>THAT the Board give first and second reading of "2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 608, 2026".</p> <p>THAT the Board give third reading of "2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 608, 2026".</p> <p>THAT the Board adopt "2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 608, 2026".</p>	2026/04/02	2027/03/25	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan

EMERGENCY/ARISING REQUESTS

Goal	Details	Start Date	Due Date	Curren...	Update	Owner
Correspondence dated December 20, 2025 from Hilary Duinker, President, Lasqueti Island Community Association re Request for Funding for Excavation of a Sump : 100%	THAT item #7.2 Correspondence dated December 20, 2025 from Hilary Duinker, President, Lasqueti Island Community Association re Request for Funding for Excavation of a Sump, be referred to staff to consider and report on options including appropriate service and funding.	2026/01/13	2027/01/13	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
Appointment of Signing Officers : 100%	THAT the designated signing officers for the Regional Hospital District are Chair Louie or Acting Chair Elliott and the Chief Administrative Officer, Al Radke, or the General Manager of Financial Administration, Linda Greenan, or the General Manager of Corporate Administration, Michelle Jones or the General Manager of Operational Services, Patrick Devereaux.	2026/01/27	2027/01/27	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan
Director's Memo - Director Gisborne : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to publish the videos of the Service Review Sessions, and THAT the cost of this work be allocated to the Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department Service, the Social Planning Service, and the Sub-Regional Recreation Service respectively.	2026/01/28	2027/01/28	0% 0 / 100%		Rebecca Coleman
Policies Updates - RISE AND REPORT : 100%	The Board adopted the December 11, 2025 updated the Respectful Workplace Policy, and the December 11, 2025 updated Progressive Coaching and Discipline Policy, and endorsed the continued development and implementation of the full Respectful Workplace Framework to support WorkSafe BC Certificate of Recognition (COR) Audit requirements, WorkSafe BC regulatory compliance, and organizational psychological safety.	2026/01/28	2027/01/28	0% 0 / 100%		Michelle Jones
Seanna McConnell, Vice President, Indigenous Partnerships, Western Forest Products and Adam Culos, General Manager, Thichum Forest Products Presenting on the Sale of TFL 39 (1) to Qwoqwnes Forestry Holdings Limited Partnership : 100%	THAT the Board refer the motion back to staff for more research: <i>THAT the Board provide a letter of support for the proposed sale of the Stillwater Forest Operation by Western Forest Product Inc. to Qwoqwnes Holdings Limited Partnership.</i>	2026/04/09	2027/04/07	0% 0 / 100%		Michelle Jones
Correspondence dated March 25, 2026 from BC Timber Sales re BC Timber Sales Sunshine Coast – Public Information Materials and Ongoing Engagement : 100%		2026/04/09	2027/04/07	88% 87.5 / 100%		Michelle Jones

First Quarter 2026 Strategic Plan Progress Report

Goal	Details	Start Date	Due Date	Curren...	Update	Owner
→ PRCF Agreement - Correspondence dated March 25, 2026 from BC Timber Sales re BC Timber Sales Sunshine Coast – Public Information Materials and Ongoing Engagement : 100%	<p>THAT the qathet Regional District write to BC Timber Sales regarding the 2026-2030 Sunshine Coast Operating Plan, provide comments consistent with the City of Powell River's March 26, 2026 letter, and request that proposed timber sales not proceed in areas identified by Powell River Community Forest Ltd. until Community Forest Agreement additions are finalized; and</p> <p>THAT Powell River Community Forest, Forestry Manager Chris Laing be copied on the correspondence.</p>	2026/04/09	2027/04/07	75% 75 / 100%		Michelle Jones
→ Public Info Materials - Correspondence dated March 25, 2026 from BC Timber Sales re BC Timber Sales Sunshine Coast – Public Information Materials and Ongoing Engagement : 100%	THAT the Board direct staff to share the BC Timber Sales Sunshine Coast public information materials regarding the Sunshine Coast 2026–2030 Operating Plan and accompanying information bulletin on Wildfire Resiliency Planning, through qathet Regional District communication channels, as appropriate.	2026/04/09	2027/04/07	100% 100 / 100%	<p>Shelley Termuende:</p> <p>Progress: COMPLETED - Posted to the website on April 8, 2026</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/04/23</p>	Michelle Jones
Correspondence received from Robert Fitzpatrick, Program Manager, Miklat Recovery Program and Together We Can Drug & Alcohol Recovery & Education Society re Letter of Support : 100%	THAT the Board provide a letter of support for Miklat Recovery and Together We Can in support of the development of a dedicated women's treatment and recovery program in the qathet region.	2026/04/09	2027/04/07	100% 100 / 100%	<p>Shelley Termuende:</p> <p>Progress: COMPLETED - Sent with Chair Signature on April 14, 2026</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2026/04/23</p>	Michelle Jones
Repeal and Replace - Regional Animal Shelter Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 435.2, 2026 : 100%	<p>THAT the Board repeal and replace Regional Animal Shelter Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 385.2, 2026 with Regional Animal Shelter Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 435.2, 2026; and</p> <p>THAT the applicable bylaw be forwarded to the April 7, 2026 Board meeting for first reading through adoption.</p>	2026/04/09	2027/04/07	0% 0 / 100%		Linda Greenan

REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORT

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Patrick Devereaux, General Manager of Operational Services

IN COLLABORATION WITH:

SUBJECT: Texada Island Community Hall - Theatrical Curtain Replacement

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee recommend the Board direct staff to investigate options and prices for stage curtain and track replacement, and
That the Committee recommend the Board direct staff to bring back these options to a future Board meeting.

PURPOSE/SUMMARY

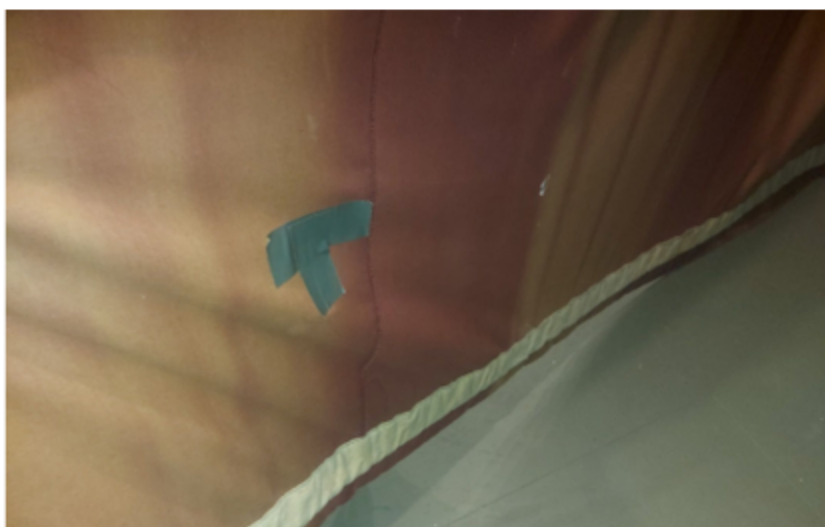
To consider options for stage curtain and track replacement at the Texada Island Community Hall.

BACKGROUND

At the December 4, 2025 Texada Island Recreation Commission (TIRC) meeting the following motion was approved:

THAT the Texada Island Recreation Commission request the Board direct staff to investigate options and pricing on replacement stage curtains and drapery track for the Texada Island Community Hall.

At the TIRC meeting a delegation representing the Rock Island Players spoke to the Commission requesting the replacement as the curtains and supporting structure are very old and worn out, see photos below.



STRATEGIC PLAN:

Community Connections: We enable the extraordinary volunteer networks in our region.

We support community connection through recreation, arts and culture in the region.

Organizational Excellence: We ensure our assets are proactively funded and maintained to support our region.

TYPE OF DECISION

Directive Decision

HEALTH & SAFETY IMPACT/RELATIONSHIP

All drapes and curtains used in assembly occupancies (theatres, schools, community halls) must conform to CAN/ULC-S109, the "Standard for Flame Tests of Flame-Resistant Fabrics and Films".

In British Columbia, theatrical curtains are subject to strict fire safety regulations governed by the British Columbia Fire Code 2018.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The Texada Island Community Centre is the central point for recreation and culture on Texada Island. The hall hosts everything from weddings, birthday parties, and artistic performances to bingo and vaccination clinics.

The theatrical curtains at the Community Hall are approximately sixty (60) years old; they are worn out and beyond their useful life. Staff are recommending they be replaced.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Unknown at this time; preliminary research estimates the cost to be between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

CONCLUSION

Staff are recommending that prices and options for curtain replacements be researched and brought back to the Board for consideration.

Approved By:

Patrick Devereaux, General Manager of Operational Services

Al Radke, Chief Administrative Officer

Status:

Approved - 06 May 2026

Approved - 07 May 2026

REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORT

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Patrick Devereaux, General Manager of Operational Services

IN COLLABORATION WITH: Ryan Thoms; General Manager of Emergencies Services; and Caleb Allen, Manager of Technical Services

SUBJECT: Texada Island Community Hall - Cellular and Internet Service

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the Board direct staff to facilitate the installation of cellular and wifi internet at the Texada Island Community Hall.

PURPOSE/SUMMARY

To consider the installation of equipment to provide internet and cellular service to the public while at the Texada Island Community Hall.

BACKGROUND

At the March 19, 2026 Texada Island Recreation Commission meeting the following motion was passed:

THAT the Commission recommends to the Board that the Board update the cellular and internet service at the Texada Island Community Hall to achieve the standard required for an emergency response center.

The rear of the community hall is the location of the Texada Island emergency response supply container. In the event of an emergency/natural disaster the container would be opened and the necessary emergency supplies allocated to those in need. The hall itself may be used as a temporary shelter or gathering place in a post disaster / emergency event.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Organizational Excellence:

We ensure our assets are proactively funded and maintained to support our region.

Our decisions are based on facts, and balance the needs of the region with uniqueness of our electoral area and municipal residents.

Community Connections:

We enable the extraordinary volunteer networks in our region.

Social Supports:

We facilitate resident and regional emergency preparedness.

TYPE OF DECISION

Directive Decision

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The Texada Island Community Hall is located in Gillies Bay. The cell service in Gillies Bay is generally weak and it is intermittent inside the hall.

The hall is also designated as a emergency response support location, and has an emergency supplies container on site. TIRC's motion speaks to this and their belief that any such site should have cellular and WIFI coverage.

Cell boosters are not a good option; Industry Canada has restricted the options and a typical household booster has gone from a minimum \$500 to \$1,500. The narrowing of bandwidth and the boosters' interference with tower function was the reason. Costs have escalated and the boosters are not as reliable. In speaking with industry salespeople, they will not recommend a booster. The cost (starting at \$2,000 due to the size of the building) is just not worth it to them to recommend a booster. The boosters don't deliver and the problems associated with boosters has pushed the industry to recommending either enhanced WIFI or satellite coverage.

City West is currently in Gillies Bay and is connecting residents and businesses to high speed internet. Hooking up the internet service to the Community Hall is the most practical option for increase cellular function and establishing WIFI connectivity to hall users.

All modern smart phones have a WIFI call/text function that will enable over-internet calls and text. This eliminates the need for cellular service inside the hall.

Staff are unable to determine where new towers are being placed, but there's a good chance that the cellular providers will put up new towers to increase the coverage in the Gillies Bay area, as this continues to be the direction on the coast.

OPTIONS

Option 1: Recommended by staff.

Staff contact City West and request the hall be hooked up to their high-speed internet, and that the internet be open to anyone using the hall. Staff will post signage in the hall explaining to patrons how to use WIFI to make calls and text on their phones.

Recommended motions:

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the Board Direct staff to contact City West and have high-speed internet installed at the Texada Island Community Hall; and,

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the Board Direct staff to post signage explaining to patrons how to access WIFI calling on their apple or android phones.

Option 2: not recommended by staff

Staff contact City West and request the hall be hooked up to their high-speed internet, and staff purchase and install a cellular booster.

Recommended motions:

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the Board Direct staff to contact City West and have high speed internet installed at the Texada Island Community Hall; and,

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the Board Direct staff to purchase and install a cellular booster at the Texada Island Community Hall.

Option 3: not recommended by staff

The Board directs staff to do nothing and the status quo of people going outside to make calls is maintained. This is a low impact suggestion and requires no new funding. No motion required.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Option 1 financial impact: \$200 for hookup of City West high-speed internet and a monthly ongoing fee of \$115.

Option 2 financial impact: \$200 for hookup of City West high speed internet and a monthly ongoing fee of \$115, plus \$4,000 for a cellular booster purchase and installation.

Option 3 financial impact: Retain the status quo of cellular service, \$0.00.

CONCLUSION

Staff are recommending Option 1; that the Board direct staff to have high-speed internet installed at the Texada Island Community Hall and that staff install signs explaining how users can access WIFI calling.

Approved By:

Patrick Devereaux, General Manager of Operational Services

Al Radke, Chief Administrative Officer

Status:

Approved - 06 May 2026

Approved - 07 May 2026

REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORT

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Ryan Thoms, General Manager of Emergency Services

IN COLLABORATION WITH:

SUBJECT: Fire Departments Automatic Aid

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee Recommend to the Board that the Board direct staff to engage with Tla'amin Nation and the City of Powell River regarding potential for an Automatic Aid Agreement among the local fire services in the mainland portion of the qathet Region and report back with findings and recommendations.

PURPOSE/SUMMARY

To consider exploring a potential Automatic Aid Agreement for the qRD's local fire services.

BACKGROUND

A fire department Automatic Aid Agreement is an agreement between two or more fire services for the automatic dispatching of more than one fire department's resources to an agreed upon area. Automatic Aid differs from a Mutual Aid agreement that is triggered by the responding fire department usually once they arrive on scene at the emergency incident and confirm the need for assistance beyond their department's own resources.

The qRD and City of Powell River had an agreement for automatic aid for portions of the Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) and Powell River Fire Rescue (PRFR) service areas. The agreement was not renewed when it expired on December 21, 2021.

The region's Fire Chiefs get together informally at each other's fire halls on a regular basis to build relationships, share information, and to discuss training or other operational opportunities. Over the past year the Fire Chiefs have discussed the

potential for Automatic Aid among some of the departments particularly on the mainland.

On March 19, 2026, the Council of the City of Powell River passed the following resolution:

PURSUANT to the report of the Fire Chief, Director of Emergency Services dated for the Committee meeting of March 3, 2026, entitled "Regional Automatic Aid for Fire Response":

THAT staff be directed to enter into discussions with Tla'amin Nation and the qathet Regional District regarding an automatic aid agreement and report back to Council with findings and recommendations.

qRD staff have now received a request from staff at the City of Powell River to engage in automatic aid discussions.

At the time of writing this report qRD staff have not received any request from staff at Tla'amin Nation to engage in automatic aid discussions.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

We facilitate resident and regional emergency preparedness

TYPE OF DECISION

Directive Decision

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPACT/RELATIONSHIP

Automatic Aid agreements increase the likelihood of successful fire suppression within the predetermined response areas, increasing the likelihood of extinguishing a structure fire before it spreads, thereby reducing the risk of larger fires and the resulting safety implications.

LEGISLATIVE, REGULATORY, BYLAW OR POLICY IMPACT/RELATIONSHIP

The qRD has established each of its four local fire protection service areas through establishing bylaws. The fire department operations bylaws for each of the qRD's local fire protection services allows for the fire departments to operate beyond the limits of their respective fire protection boundaries with the express authorization of a written contract or agreement entered into by the Board providing for the supply of firefighting, rescue, or first responder services.

There is no legislative, regulatory, bylaw, nor policy requirement for the qRD to establish or maintain an Automatic Aid Agreement. The qRD local fire services are all part of the qathet Regional Fire Departments' Emergency Services Agreement that provides for Mutual Aid support among all eight local fire services within the region.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

There is the potential to explore options for the provision of automatically dispatching fire services' supports among the four local fire services spanning the highway 101 corridor. The Northside, Tla'amin Nation, Powell River, and Malaspina local fire protection services all abut each other's local fire service response areas along the 50 km span of the region. All of the fire departments currently participate in the qathet Regional Fire Departments' Emergency Services Agreement for mutual aid supports .

While there have been some informal discussions primarily among the region's Fire Chiefs there has not been any formal discussions involving qathet Regional District. The exploration of an Automatic Aid Agreement is not currently identified on staff's work plan.

Exploring the potential for an Automatic Aid Agreement will require staff time to engage with the interested parties to understand their interests and their capacity to provide supports within a potential agreement; what resources would each party request for which parts of their service areas and what frequency do they foresee these requests. Staff will need to review with the Northside and Malaspina Fire Chiefs the interests within their respective service areas and their capacities for providing supports.

It should be stated that the recommended Board direction would not result in any discussions regarding the qRD's Savary Island and Lasqueti Island Volunteer Fire Departments. An Automatic Aid Agreement is not a viable option for the two island departments given the logistical challenges associated with their remoteness from neighbouring fire departments. The qathet Regional Fire Departments' Emergency Services Agreement will continue to allow the island fire departments to request mutual aid from the other fire departments within the region.

OPTIONS

Option 1:

The Board could direct staff to enter into discussions with Tla'amin Nation and the City of Powell River regarding potential for an Automatic Aid Agreement among the local fire services in the qathet Regional and report back with findings and recommendations.

Option 2:

The Board could direct staff to not proceed with exploring an Automatic Aid Agreement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Staff have not formally nor fully explored this topic and therefore it is too early to confirm financial impacts. A follow up report should provide a better understanding of the potential options and their financial impacts of an Automatic Aid Agreement.

PUBLIC AND/OR STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT REQUIRED OR PERFORMED

Engagements with City of Powell River and Tla'amin Nation will be required.

CONCLUSION

The qRD staff have received a request from the City of Powell River Fire Chief to explore a potential Automatic Aid Agreement. Staff are seeking direction from the Board to formally add this to the work plan and to communicate to the City of Powell River and Tla'amin Nation a willingness to explore this topic.

Approved By:

Ryan Thoms, General Manager of Emergency Services
Al Radke, Chief Administrative Officer

Status:

Approved - 11 May 2026
Approved - 12 May 2026

REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORT

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Patrick Devereaux, General Manager of Operational Services

IN COLLABORATION WITH:

SUBJECT: Murals and Graffiti Walls

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the Board take no action and that the report dated May 27, 2026, titled "Murals and Graffiti Walls", be entered in the minutes and filed.

PURPOSE/SUMMARY

To consider adopting a zone for street murals and graffiti.

BACKGROUND

At the February 11, 2025 qathet Regional District Board meeting the following motion was passed.

THAT the Board direct staff to prepare a report to identify appropriate spaces for the Mural Wall Project and bring back said report to the Committee.

The motion was passed after the Board received correspondence from Stacey Fletcher, attached as Appendix A.

The letter was addressed to the the City of Powell River, School District 47, the qathet Regional District

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Not identified as a strategic priority.

TYPE OF DECISION

Directive Decision

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Staff reached out to Ms. Fletcher, she thanked the Regional District for their interest but she said that the initiative has been put in hiatus for now.

There are currently no youths with court ordered conditions that would be included in the proposed program, so no need to follow up. She said that the School District was the most likely candidate to partner with in the future, as they have interest in this project and the resources, such as art teachers, to help run and monitor a program.

Ms. Fletcher is interested in moving forward with the project if there are youth in court ordered conditions and the school district continues to have an interest.

CONCLUSION

Staff are recommending no further action be taken and that the Board will be informed if circumstances change.

ATTACHMENTS

[AppendixA_FletcherLetter](#)

Approved By:



Patrick Devereaux, General Manager of Operational Services
Al Radke, Chief Administrative Officer

Status:

Approved - 12 May 2026
Approved - 12 May 2026

From: [Stacey Fletcher](#)
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 11:26 AM
To: info@sd47.bc.ca; info@powellriver.ca; [gRD Administration](#);
admin@youthandfamily.ca; 'Miller, Jaclyn MCF:EX'
Cc: 'King, Leah MCF:EX'; [REDACTED]
Subject: Mural Wall project
Attachments: SKM_551i24121111000.pdf

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Good morning,

Please see attached correspondence.

Kind regards,

Stacey Fletcher



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I recognize that I live, work, and play on the traditional lands of the Tla'Amin Nation, and for that I am grateful.

PLEASE NOTE our office will be closed over the Christmas holidays
from **Tuesday, December 24, 2024, at 12:00 noon** until **Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 9:00 am.**
Service of materials will not be accepted during this time.



Please contact our office prior to December 23rd should you have an urgent matter requiring our attention during this office closure.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from everyone at VILLANI & COMPANY



Via: Email

December 11, 2024

School District #47 info@sd47.bc.ca
City of Powell River info@powellriver.ca
Regional District of Powell River administration@qathet.ca
Ministry of Children and Family Development Miller, Jaclyn.Miller@gov.bc.ca
Powell River Child, Youth and Family Services Society admin@youthandfamily.ca

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: *Mural Wall project*

I work with Youth in the context of my criminal law practice. I'm trying to reduce the number of criminal charges I see for graffiti. Several of my clients see themselves as artists, not criminals, and my hope is to try and find them an alternative to putting their "art" onto local businesses. With this aim, I am trying to set up a Mural Wall Project to try and help youth express themselves through art, understand the affects graffiti has on the community and businesses, and form better connections with these youth to others and the community in general.

It would be my hope that through this project the participating youth would become more involved in expression through art in general, learn some art resources and groups in our community and have more respect for the City and businesses and a better understanding of how graffiti impacts businesses and property owners.

The first step in making this project work, is identifying some key players and then locating (or perhaps building?) a wall for a mural project to commence. Once identified, I'd be reaching out to the Arts community for supervisors and supplies, so it would not be a "free for all" with spray cans, I assure you. I am hopeful that some of you may know of a suitable structure for such an undertaking and may pass that information on, but otherwise my thought is to do recognizance of my own to see if an area can be identified. I would really appreciate your thoughts, input and support. I appreciate your time and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

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REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORT

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Linda Greenan, General Manager of Financial Administration

IN COLLABORATION WITH:

SUBJECT: Liability Insurance - Q Climbers Access and Development Association

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee recommend to the Board that the Board approve the qathet Regional District entering into a Service Provider Agreement with the Q Climbers Access and Development Association for the development and management of a network of trails and recreational amenities on land and water which are identified in the qathet Regional District Trails Plan dated December, 2016; and

That the agreement continue in perpetuity until it is cancelled by the qathet Regional District; and

That the annual cost of the coverage, estimated at \$250, be included in the annual budget for the Regional Parks Service.

PURPOSE/SUMMARY

To consider entering into a Service Provider Agreement with the Q Climbers Access and Development Association in order to provide liability insurance to the volunteers while they are working on public trails within the qathet Regional District, as defined in the qathet Regional District Trail Plan dated December, 2016.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of March 23, 2017 the Board accepted the qathet Regional District Trails Plan dated December, 2016 and adopted a motion which included in part, "Secure liability insurance to indemnify trail volunteers".

At its meeting of August 23, 2018 the Board carried the following motion:

THAT the Board approve the qathet Regional District entering into Service Provider Agreements with the following groups for the development and management of the network of trails and recreational amenities on land and water which are identified in the Powell River Regional District Regional Trails Plan dated December, 2016:

- Bloody Old Men's Brigade (BOMB Squad)
- Powell River Cycling Association (PRCA)
- Knuckleheads Winter Recreation Association (KWRA)
- Powell River ATV Club (ATV; and

That the agreements continue in perpetuity until they are cancelled by the qathet Regional District; and

That the annual cost of the coverage be included in the annual budget for the Regional Parks Service.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This initiative aligns with the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan community connections area of focus in that we enable the extraordinary volunteer networks in the region.

TYPE OF DECISION

Directive Decision

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPACT/RELATIONSHIP

Entering into a Service Provider Agreement with the volunteer group exposes the qRD to the risk that any claims made by the group could negatively impact the qRD's claims experience rating, potentially leading to higher insurance premiums. To date, no claims have been made by any of the groups with which the qRD has entered into such agreements.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Page 13 of the Regional Trails Plan outlines the need for indemnification of trail volunteers and reads as follows:

"One of the critical components of developing an effective means of managing the PRRD trail network is the indemnification of trail volunteers. To ensure that trail volunteers are not legally liable for the work they do on the trails, an insurance policy that covers volunteers must be put in place and waivers must be signed. Without this type of insurance, individual volunteers could be found liable if a trail user were to injure themselves, or another trail issue arose.

For example, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) holds an insurance policy that indemnifies trail volunteers. All volunteers working on the trails are required to sign a waiver, and are registered with the SCRD. An activity log is kept up to date to maintain an accurate record of all trail work done.

The lack of indemnification for trail volunteers is partially responsible for the very limited number of trail in the PRRD that have a Section 57 authorization."

In the above noted example, the SCRD holds an insurance policy that indemnifies trail volunteers. All volunteers are required to sign a waiver and are registered with the SCRD. An activity log is kept up to date to maintain an accurate record of all trail work done. In this example the volunteers are operating under the SCRD's direction or control, i.e. the SCRD directs their work and they report directly to the SCRD.

The relationship between the qathet Regional District (qRD) and the trail volunteers differs from the relationship between the SCRD and the SCRD's trail volunteers. In the case of the qRD the groups have volunteered to maintain the trails but they are not operating under the qRD's director or control, i.e. the volunteer groups decide how and when the trail maintenance will take place. The volunteer groups also maintain the records of which volunteers are working on a trail and of all the work that is done.

Because the qRD does not direct or control the work of the volunteers, the volunteers cannot be covered through the qRD's existing liability insurance policy with the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia (MIABC). One way to attain the liability insurance that the volunteers require would be for the qRD to sponsor the volunteers through the MIABC's Associate Member Program by entering into a Service Provider Agreement with the volunteer group.

Sponsorship is possible only if the service is being provided for or on behalf of the qRD. Because the qRD has conveyed that they want the trails maintained, but that it does not have the staff or budget to do so, it seems reasonable that the volunteer group would be maintaining the trails on behalf of the qRD, and that sponsorship is possible.

There are currently four volunteer groups that have been identified as maintaining trails on behalf of the qRD.

Staff have been approached by the Q Climbers Access and Development Association to see if the Board would consider allowing that group to also enter into a service provider agreement for maintenance of trails in the qRD.

The Outdoor Recreation Users Group (ORUG) President provided an outline of the trail maintenance and community benefit provided by the Q Climbers Access and Development Association (qCAD):

- They provide the only developed campsite in the Eldred Valley which the Trails Plan describes as rivalling Yosemite National Park.

- They have responsibility for established (section 56 ad 57) multi use trails in the Eldred and Lake Bluffs areas with the qRD.
- Some of the trails maintained by CAD provide the only human powered access to the alpine environment which covers a huge portion of Electoral Area C. Without these trails the only access is via helicopter whose cost precludes use by most of the community.
- qCAD is seeking to grow as an organization and having insurance for their volunteer workers could be instrumental to them securing more volunteers.
- The actions of qCAD help with all of the intangible benefits to our community that were laid out in the Trails Plan; increased tourism, healthy community, increased quality of life, attracting professionals, etc.

Under a Service Provider Agreement the Board has the option that either the qRD or the volunteer group agree to be responsible for any and all deductible amounts, including any claim expenses incurred and policy premium payments. With the previous Agreements the Board has agreed to take on the responsibility for any and all deductible amounts including any claims expenses incurred and policy premium payments.

OPTIONS

Option 1:

The Board could consider entering into a Service Provider Agreement with the volunteer group and that the Board take on the responsibility for any and all deductible amounts, including any claim expenses incurred and policy premium payments. A potential motion for this option might be:

That the Committee recommend to the Board that the Board approve the qathet Regional District entering into a Service Provider Agreement with the Q Climbers Access and Development Association for the development and management of a network of trails and recreational amenities on land and water which are identified in the qathet Regional District Trails Plan dated December, 2016; and

That the agreement continue in perpetuity until they are cancelled by the qathet Regional District; and

That the annual cost of the coverage, estimated at \$250, be included in the annual budget for the Regional Parks Service.

Option 2:

The Board could consider entering into a Service Provider Agreement with the volunteer group on the condition that the group take responsibility for any and all deductible amounts, including any claim expenses incurred and policy premium payments. A potential motion for this option might be:

That the Committee recommend to the Board that the Board approve the qathet Regional District entering into a Service Provider Agreement with the Q Climbers Access and Development Association for the development and management of a network of trails and recreational amenities on land and water which are identified in the qathet Regional District Trails Plan dated December, 2016; and

That the agreement continue in perpetuity until they are cancelled by the qathet Regional District; and

That the Climbers Access and Development Association be responsible for any and all deductible amounts, including any claim expenses incurred and policy premium payments.

Option 3:

The Board could deny the request. A potential motion for this option might be:

That the Committee recommend to the Board that the Board respectfully deny the request to enter into a Service Provider Agreement with the Q Climbers Access and Development Association for the development and management of a network of trails and recreational amenities on land and water which are identified in the qathet Regional District Trails Plan dated December, 2016.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The annual premium is estimated at \$250. The premiums would need to be added to the Regional Parks budget. There is adequate funding in the 2026 Regional Parks operating budget to allow for this cost.

PUBLIC AND/OR STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT REQUIRED OR PERFORMED

Extensive public and stakeholder engagement was conducted during the development of the qathet Regional District Regional Trails Plan dated December, 2016.

CONCLUSION

Entering into a Service Provider Agreement with the volunteer group would provide a mechanism to access liability insurance for the volunteers at a reasonable cost. As noted on page 13 of the Regional Trails Plan "This community of trail users and outdoor recreation enthusiasts who are willing to volunteer their time to build and maintain the trail network is one of the greatest asset that the PRRD trails network has."

Approved By:
Linda Greenan, General Manager of Financial

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Administration
Al Radke, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved - 13 May 2026

REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORT

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Michelle Jones, General Manager of Corporate Administration | Corporate Officer

IN COLLABORATION WITH: Rebecca Coleman, Legislative Services Coordinator & Deputy Chief Election Officer

SUBJECT: Election Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 420.6, 2026

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee recommend the Board accept the changes to "Election Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 420.6, 2026" as proposed to:

- Change references to "secrecy envelopes" to "secrecy enclosures"; and

THAT the amendment bylaw be presented to the June 9, 2026 meeting for first reading through adoption.

PURPOSE/SUMMARY

To consider language changes to the word secrecy envelopes to reflect legislated changes.

BACKGROUND

The Election Amendment Act, 2023 (Bill 11) introduced a new defined term:

“Secrecy enclosure” is defined to include a secrecy envelope, secrecy sleeve, or any other means of keeping a ballot or document secret.

At the same time, the Act directs that references to “secrecy envelope” be replaced with “secrecy enclosure.”

TYPE OF DECISION

Directive Decision

LEGISLATIVE, REGULATORY, BYLAW OR POLICY IMPACT/RELATIONSHIP

The Election Amendment Act, 2023 (Bill 11)

The Local Government Act

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Previously, the legislation referred only to a specific format (“secrecy envelope”).

The Election Amendment Act, 2023, updated the terminology in the Election Act by replacing the term “secrecy envelope” with “secrecy enclosure.” The amended definition clarifies that a secrecy enclosure may include a secrecy envelope, secrecy sleeve, or any other means of keeping a ballot or related document confidential. This change modernizes the legislation by using broader, technology-neutral language that reflects current voting practices, including mail-in and special ballot processes that may use different forms of ballot packaging. The amendment does not change the underlying requirement for ballot secrecy but ensures flexibility and consistency across various election processes.

The Local Government Act requires that any election procedure bylaw, or amendments thereto, be adopted at least 56 days prior to the commencement of the nomination period for a general local election. Accordingly, any amendments required to align with recent legislative changes, including the adoption of the term “secrecy enclosure,” must be approved by the Board prior to this statutory deadline in order to be effective for the upcoming election. The deadline is July 8, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Use of a secrecy sleeve will make the processing and counting of ballots more efficient on election night. It has not yet been determined which type of secrecy enclosure will be used for the 2026 election.

CONCLUSION

The proposed amendment to the Election Procedure Bylaw is administrative in nature and is required to align the bylaw with recent provincial legislative changes introduced through Bill 11, which replaced the term “secrecy envelope” with the broader and more flexible term “secrecy enclosure.” This update modernizes the terminology without altering election procedures or compromising ballot secrecy.

ATTACHMENTS

[BL420.6 - Election Procedure Amendment, 2026](#)

Approved By:

Michelle Jones, General Manager of Corporate
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Al Radke, Chief Administrative Officer

Status:

Approved - 15 May 2026

Approved - 19 May 2026

REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORT

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Michelle Jones, General Manager of Corporate Administration | Corporate Officer

IN COLLABORATION WITH: Rebecca Coleman, Legislative Services Coordinator & Deputy Chief Election Officer

SUBJECT: 2026 UBCM Convention Attendance and Meetings with Ministers and MACC Staff

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board direct staff to register interested Directors and the Chief Administrative Officer, or designate, for the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' 2026 Convention being held September 14-18, 2026 in Vancouver, B.C.

PURPOSE/SUMMARY

To consider registering Directors and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or designate for the 2026 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) convention in Vancouver, BC, and to provide direction to staff on potential meetings with the Premier, Cabinet Ministers, and/or Provincial Government Staff from Ministries, Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations (MACC).

BACKGROUND

The Regional District's Travel Expense Policy No. 4.2 provides for the following:

Major Conventions

7. Notwithstanding the preceding clauses, Directors and/or Employee/Volunteer attendance at the UBCM and the AVICC Conventions shall require the approval of the Regional Board.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Organizational Excellence:

- We ensure our assets are proactively funded and maintained to support our region.
- We focus on the safety and resilience of our residents and our region.

Community Connections:

- We enable economic health in the region by advocating for the infrastructure businesses need to survive and thrive.

TYPE OF DECISION

Directive Decision

LEGISLATIVE, REGULATORY, BYLAW OR POLICY IMPACT/RELATIONSHIP

qRD Travel Expense Policy No. 4.2

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The theme for the 2026 UBCM Convention is "Common Good". Attached as Appendix A is an outline from the Convention website giving a brief overview of the theme. Registration for the Convention is set to open on July 2, 2026.

Should Directors wish to send resolutions to the UBCM, local governments may submit board-endorsed resolutions directly to the UBCM until June 15, 2026. Background information must be included. Staff request that any resolutions be submitted to staff by Monday, June 1, 2026, in order to be included on the June 9, 2026 Regional Board Agenda.

Minister and MACC Staff Meetings

During the convention, there are opportunities to meet with the Premier and Ministers.

NEW THIS YEAR:

Meetings with provincial Ministries, Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations (MACC) staff will happen the week prior to the convention, from September 8-11, 2026, and will be held virtually.

The meeting request deadline for the Premier and Cabinet Ministers is June 24, 2026. The meeting request deadline for MACC staff is August 5, 2026.

qRD staff are requesting that Directors provide, in advance, the names of individuals they wish to meet with and the topics to be discussed. This will allow time for the preparation of clear, detailed meeting requests that align with UBCM standards.

Meeting requests can be proposed by members of the Board via a motion.

Here is a structure for a motion should a member want to propose a meeting:

THAT the Committee recommends to the Board that the Board direct staff to schedule a meeting with _____ regarding _____.

The Premier and UBCM have shared the 2026 Provincial Appointment Book (PAB), attached as Appendix C (letter from the Premier is attached as Appendix B). The appointment book outlines the Premier, Cabinet Ministers, and MACC staff available to meet at the 2026 UBCM convention. Directors should use the PAB as a reference when requesting meetings to ensure the appropriate department is selected.

Highlighted UBCM booking guidelines for the Premier and Ministers meetings are as follows:

- In-person only
- Fifteen-minute meetings
- Each community may request one meeting per Minister
- May request up to three topics
- Cannot submit the same topic with multiple ministers
- Limited seating capacity (maximum 10 participants from organization)

Highlighted UBCM booking guidelines for the MACC staff meetings are as follows:

- Virtually via Microsoft Teams
- Thirty-minute meetings (20-minute meetings for Ministry of Transportation and Transit staff)
- Each community may request one meeting per MACC
- May request up to three topics

Note: Ministers and provincial government staff will grant meetings based on a variety of criteria, rather than the order they are received, and meeting requests may not be granted due to the number of requests received.

Convention website: www.ubcm.ca/2026

OPTIONS

Option 1:

THAT the Board direct staff to register interested Directors and the Chief Administrative Officer, or designate, for the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' 2026 Convention being held September 14-18, 2026 in Vancouver, B.C.

Option 2:

Any meeting requests with the Premier and Cabinet Ministers, and/or provincial Ministries, Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations (MACC) staff:

THAT the Committee recommends to the Board that the Board direct staff to schedule a meeting with _____ regarding _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The registration rates have not yet been set for the UBCM 2026 Convention and are set to be released around July 2, 2026. The convention registration fees are on a sliding scale based on how early or late participants register. The earlier the registration, the lower the registration fee.

In 2025, registration fees were approximately \$1300, and in 2024, registration fees were approximately \$1000 per registrant depending on which sessions were selected. In addition to registration fees, there will also be costs related to travel and accommodation for the duration of the conference.

CONCLUSION

This item is being brought forward to ensure the Board can direct staff on registration, and requests for meetings at the UBCM 2026 Convention with Ministers and MACC staff. These meetings provide an opportunity to advance various community issues, initiatives, or concerns of the Regional District with the Province.

ATTACHMENTS

[Appendix A - 2026 UBCM Convention Theme - Common Good](#)

[Appendix B - Letter from Premier Eby re Ministers and MACC Staff Meetings](#)

[Appendix C - 2026 UBCM Convention Provincial Appointment Book](#)

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Convention Theme



UBCM 2026 Convention: Common Good

The 2026 UBCM Convention brings together local government leaders from across British Columbia to strengthen their capacity to deliver real solutions at home. This year's theme, Common Good, draws our focus to what unites us and invites delegates to explore solutions that strengthen social cohesion.

As the province's largest gathering of local elected officials and staff, UBCM Convention serves as a hub for problem-solving, shared learning and collective advocacy. Delegates exchange best practices, examine emerging models in service delivery and explore innovative approaches. Through resolutions debates and direct engagement with the Province, local leaders articulate the needs of their communities and influence policies and solutions.

In 2026, we gather to equip ourselves with the knowledge, partnerships, and tools needed to benefit the common good.



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
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2026 PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENT BOOK FOR UBCM CONVENTION

Meeting Requests with:

**The Premier, Cabinet Ministers, and
Provincial Government Staff from Ministries,
Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations (MACCs)
at the 2026 UBCM CONVENTION**

Vancouver, British Columbia



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INTRODUCTION

The Provincial Appointment Book provides UBCM local government and First Nations members instructions on requesting meetings with the Premier and Cabinet Ministers, to be scheduled during the week of 2026 UBCM Convention.

As a new approach in 2026, Ministry, Agency, Commission, and Corporation (MACC) staff meetings between provincial public service staff and UBCM members will be held **virtually during the week prior** to the UBCM Convention.

Details on each MACC's programs, projects, and areas of responsibility are also included in this document.

Meeting Details

Meetings with the **Premier and Cabinet Ministers** will be 15 minutes in length and will take place **in person** during the following dates:

**Monday, September 14 to
Friday, September 18**
Vancouver Convention Centre,
East Building, 2nd Level

Meetings with **MACC staff** will be 30 minutes in length (20 minutes for the Ministry of Transportation and Transit), and will take place **virtually** during the following dates:

**Tuesday, September 8 to
Friday, September 11**
Virtually
Prior to UBCM Convention

MEETING REQUEST INFORMATION AND LINKS

Honourable David Eby, Premier and Cabinet Ministers

Including Ministers of State and Parliamentary Secretaries

Click: [Premier and Cabinet Ministers Meeting Requests](#)

Invitation Code: MeetingRequest2026
(case sensitive)

Deadline: June 24, 2026, 6:00 pm PST

Contact:

Hernani Miranda & Katie Carrothers
Premier and Cabinet Ministers Meeting Coordinators
250 213-3856
UBCM.Meetings@gov.bc.ca

Timeline:

Meeting regrets will be communicated by **mid-August**, and meeting confirmations will be sent by **early September**.

Provincial Government MACC Staff

Ministries, Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations

Click: [MACC Staff Meeting Requests](#)

Invitation Code: MACCStaff2026
(case sensitive)

Deadline: August 5, 2026, 6:00 pm PST

Contact:

Sarah Staszkiel
MACC Staff Meeting Lead
778 405-1784
IGRS.UBCM.MeetingRequests@gov.bc.ca

Timeline:

Meeting regrets will be communicated **as they arise**, and meeting confirmations will be sent by **September 2** or sooner.

PROVINCIAL MINISTRIES AVAILABLE FOR THE 2026 UBCM CONVENTION

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat – Local Government Relations Unit</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serves as the primary point of contact for UBCM, local governments, and rural communities. Fosters collaborative relations with Mayors and Councils, Regional District Chairs and Boards, and First Nation Chiefs and Councils to maintain open lines of communication, receive feedback, and identify solutions on shared priorities. Advises the Premier and Cabinet to ensure local government and rural communities' perspectives are considered in government decision-making processes. Hosts and/or participates in various intergovernmental forums to facilitate two-way information sharing. Serves as host Minister at the annual UBCM Convention, facilitating a coordinated provincial presence across government.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Agriculture Development Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthens B.C.'s agriculture sector by providing agrologist expertise that support profitability, sustainable production, and sector competitiveness. Through a province wide network of regional agrologists, and specialists, the branch serves as the primary connection point between the ministry and agricultural producers, provides technical and professional support to partners and builds strategic relationships that help farmers, industry, and communities adapt, grow, and succeed in a changing agricultural environment.
<i>Business Risk Management Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helps producers manage risks such as weather hazards, natural disasters, wildlife, diseases, pests, and market declines, that cause income losses and lead to financial instability. The branch delivers key three programs to help farmers manage financial risk: Production Insurance offers insurance protection for agricultural crops against weather perils; Agri-Stability protects farm enterprises from the financial impacts of significant margin declines which can be caused by increasing input costs or reduced agricultural revenues; and Wildlife Damage Compensation – compensates farmers for losses due to wildlife.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Food Safety Inspection Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguards public health by ensuring that agri-food, meat, and seafood produced in the Province is safe and wholesome. The branch works in partnership with other federal and provincial agencies to facilitate food safety through three main program areas which are led by an Executive Director and supported by a team of administrative and policy and program advisory staff. The branch also supports food safety through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership by administering the Food Safety Program for on-farm and post-farm food safety.
<i>Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a regulator, the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch oversees provincial liquor and cannabis legislation and regulations that govern B.C.'s private retail sale and consumption of liquor and cannabis. Issues liquor and cannabis retail store licenses. Delivers social responsibility training programs including Selling It Right, Serving It Right, and Special Event Server. Works with local government, Indigenous nations, industry, and other stakeholders to develop liquor and retail cannabis policy and provide advice to government concerning decisions related to liquor and non-medical cannabis policy. Includes the Cannabis Secretariat, which is responsible for leading and supporting the advancement of cannabis policy across B.C. ministries, leading negotiation of government-to-government agreements with Indigenous nations pursuant to Section 119 of the <i>Cannabis Control and Licensing Act</i> and working with First Nations and key partners to advance a collaborative approach to cannabis-related governance and jurisdiction, as outlined in the <i>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i> (DRIPA) Action Plan commitment 4.47.
<i>Market Diversification and Growth Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leads market and business development activities that enable B.C.'s agrifood and beverage sector – including farmers, processors, and Indigenous communities – to grow, diversify markets, attract investment, and build processing capacity. The branch works in partnership with regional stakeholders, industry, public sector organizations, and all levels of government to strengthen sector capacity, inclusivity, and competitiveness. Through its initiatives, the branch advances provincial food system resilience, supports workforce readiness and career pathways, promotes client centred service delivery, and ensures sector participants are equipped for market readiness – helping current and next generation entrepreneurs succeed in domestic and international markets.
<i>Office of the Chief Veterinarian</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides provincial leadership on regulated animal and zoonotic diseases, One Health and One Welfare in B.C. Staff in the Office of the Chief Veterinarian are responsible for provincial dairy, apiary, game farm, fur farm, and veterinary drug outlet licensing and inspections. The branch works to build resilient animal health systems for B.C. in collaboration with provincial ministries, the federal government, livestock and poultry industry, and veterinary professionals.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD CONTINUED...

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Plant and Animal Health Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the sustainability, resilience, and competitiveness of B.C.'s animal and plant agriculture sectors by delivering laboratory diagnostic services, surveillance, and risk assessment activities that detect emerging threats early and inform effective mitigation and response. By analyzing diagnostic data and monitoring disease and pest trends, the branch identifies vulnerabilities that could affect agricultural productivity, biosecurity, trade confidence, food security, or regional stability. Through accredited, timely diagnostics for zoonotic and foodborne diseases and close collaboration with producers, veterinarians, government programs, regulators, and industry partners, the branch helps protect public health, strengthens the Province's agricultural systems, and contributes to the wellbeing and food resilience of communities across B.C.
<i>Policy and Legislation Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides corporate leadership, coordination, and analysis of policy, legislative and land use planning issues related to the ministry's mandate. The branch guides the development of ministry policy and legislation, including managing stakeholder relationships, participating in provincial policy and legislation development, and overseeing policy and legislative projects.
<i>Programs and Services Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leads the delivery of funding programs and provides sector intelligence, technology integration, and governance and communications support that strengthen the ministry's programs and services. Working with partners across government and industry, the branch coordinates federal-provincial-territorial agreements, including the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, and supports evidence-based decisions that improve outcomes for B.C.'s agriculture and food sector.
<i>Sector Resilience Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthens B.C.'s agriculture and food systems by coordinating across government and industry to boost climate resilience, protect food security, and lower agricultural greenhouse gas emissions. Key examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing programs that help farmers adapt to climate impacts, such as crop insurance and drought support. Funding research and new technologies that cut emissions, including precision agriculture and renewable energy. Supporting producers and businesses in creating and marketing sustainable food products. Raising public awareness about sustainable agriculture and climate challenges. Works with partners across the sector to build a more sustainable, climate-ready food system for future generations.

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MINISTRY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Court Services Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for case documentation and adjudication support for all matters going before the court, including case initiation and processing, fee collection, file and exhibit management, court clerking, court records and transcripts, interpreter services, and the preparation and dissemination of court orders. Additionally, the Court Services Branch is responsible for courtroom and courthouse security, prisoner custody and escort, document service, and jury administration.
<i>Indigenous Justice Secretariat</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leads the implementation of the First Nations Justice Strategy (“the Strategy”) within government, including influencing social sector areas that provide health and housing supports for individuals in the justice system. At the core of the Strategy is the rebuilding of First Nations justice systems as an expression of self-determination. As such, the Indigenous Justice Secretariat has a vital role in supporting First Nations in that rebuilding work. This includes the Secretariat advancing changes within government to laws, policies, and practices that are directly responsive to what First Nations determine is needed for Strategy implementation and rebuilding of their justice systems. Responsible for cross-ministry implementation of the Strategy and operationalization of the identified priorities within provincial government. This includes the implementation of the <i>Declaration Act</i> where it intersects with justice, as well as supporting relationships between First Nations, the Province, and Canada to advance jointly identified priorities, funding, and partnership opportunities where the Strategy aligns with provincial and federal mandates. Also responsible for working with Métis Nation BC on the cross-ministry implementation of the Métis Justice Strategy, managing the Native Courtworker and Counselling Association contract, and working with Canada to support the implementation of the Federal Indigenous Justice Strategy.
<i>Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandated to provide universal compulsory auto insurance (Basic insurance) to drivers in B.C. In addition, ICBC provides British Columbians with Optional auto insurance products. Provides several non-insurance services on behalf of the provincial government, including vehicle registration and licensing, driver licensing and fines collection. Champions a safe driving culture by working with communities, law enforcement, and other stakeholders on various road safety campaigns and initiatives. Responsible to the Attorney General of British Columbia, who is supported within government by the Justice Services Branch, Ministry of Attorney General. <p>**For requests to meet with ICBC, please see their description in the Provincial Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations section.</p> <p>**For <u>Minister</u> meeting requests related to ICBC matters, please direct these to the Ministry of Attorney General.</p>

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DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Justice Services Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improves users' access to justice and experience with the administration of justice in B.C. by transforming elements of the justice system. The Justice Services Branch delivers programs and services relating to family justice, and access to justice. The branch also develops policy and legislation and supports tribunals, agencies, and independent offices within the ministry, and leads strategic projects to create change and systemic impact on the justice sector.
<i>Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leads cross-government implementation of the <i>Anti-Racism Act</i>, supporting ministries to identify, prevent, and address systemic racism in policies, programs and services. The Branch works with ministries to respond to disparities and inequities identified through implementing findings from the <i>Anti-Racism Data Act</i> to legislative, policy, program, and service-level actions. The Branch also coordinates accountability and reporting on Action Plan commitments and supports engagement with Indigenous partners, racialized communities, and advisory bodies to ensure implementation is evidence-based and aligned with distinctions-based approaches and statutory requirements. Engages communities through the Resilience BC Anti-Racism Network, multiculturalism grants, and related initiatives, to provide them with the information, supports, and training needed to respond to and prevent future incidents of racism. Supports victims of hate incidents in B.C. through the Racist Incident Helpline a free, confidential service that provides trauma-informed support, referrals to local services and community resources, and province-wide incident reporting and tracking. Continues to address historical wrongs through reconciliation efforts with Sons of Freedom Doukhobour community and ongoing collaboration with the National Association of Japanese Canadians.

MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Office of the Indigenous Child Welfare Director</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides leadership and advice for services to First Nations, Metis, and Inuit families. Reduce the overrepresentation of Indigenous children and youth in care. Keep children and youth connected to their families, culture, and languages. Deepen culturally safe and trauma-informed practice grounded in Indigenous worldviews.
<i>Partnership and Indigenous Engagement</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works to affirm, uphold and advance Indigenous Peoples' ability to exercise their inherent rights, jurisdiction, and self-governance over their children, youth and families. Address systemic barriers in the child welfare system. Collaborate with partners on a multi-jurisdictional child welfare services model.
<i>Practice and Quality Assurance Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides practice leadership and consultation to MCFD leaders and front-line staff. Support practice transformation and system improvements, including training. Monitor and evaluate practice performance.

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MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CONTINUED...

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Policy, Legislation and Litigation Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leads strategic and operational policy, legislation and service design for programs and services, including adoption, children with support needs and mental health concerns, community resources for children and youth in or transitioning from government care, child welfare, and support for youth involved in the justice system's practices.
<i>Service Delivery Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a network of care across the Province focused on children and youth with support needs, child and youth mental health, adoption, family support, child protection, youth justice and helping youth transition from government care to adulthood. Services, including 24/7 emergency response, are delivered through 169 community-based District Offices, Provincial Centralized Services Centre, Maples Adolescent Treatment Centre, Child & Youth Mental Health Intake Clinics, Victory Hill Dorm, Burnaby Youth Custody Centre, Inpatient Assessment Unit, Youth Forensic Services, and Family Connections Centres.
<i>Youth Justice Services</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides community and custody-based youth justice programs and services, including youth forensic psychiatric services. Promote the rehabilitation and reintegration of justice-involved youth to support the prevention of crime and ensure public safety. Work with community agencies to address reasons for underlying offending behaviour.

MINISTRY OF CITIZENS' SERVICES

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Connectivity Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet and cellular connectivity: The division provides guidance on planning for broadband internet to communities and highway and community cellular coverage to municipal and regional governments and oversees the Connecting British Columbia and the Connecting Communities BC funding programs.
<i>Procurement and Supply Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plays a leadership role in government procurement and supply services. These activities serve the provincial government, the broader public sector, the public and, in some cases, municipalities. For example, municipalities use BC Bid to provide vendors with information on upcoming procurement operations and Asset Investment Recovery to dispose of municipal surplus assets in a convenient, environmentally friendly manner that returns a fair market value to the municipality.

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MINISTRY OF CITIZENS' SERVICES CONTINUED...

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<p>Connected Services BC (CSBC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brings together people, resources, and technology to improve collaboration, reduce duplication and support innovation across government. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ This transformation is part of government's broader modernization efforts, ensuring public services are more connected, responsive and centred on the needs of people in B.C. ◦ The goal is that by 2030, there will be one front door for people and one front door for businesses interacting with government online, a connected service experience that allows for whole-of-government co-ordination and reduces delays and duplication. • Leads strategy, policy, and standards that support digital government and information management (IM) including information technology (IT), IT security, integrated data, privacy, and the management of the IM/IT investment portfolio for the Province. • Provides corporate information management services to government including Freedom of Information; proactive disclosures of information; privacy, records management, and elements of information security. • Delivers trusted data services and analysis, including population projections, community economic resilience indicators and service-level equity research. It is responsible for the implementation of the <i>Anti-Racism Data Act</i> and the BC Data Plan. • Through the CyberBC program, CSBC provides broader B.C. public sector organizations with resources to help improve cybersecurity. Specifically, it covers the foundations of cybersecurity including security frameworks, policy, standards, assessments of threats and weaknesses, and minimization of risks.
<p>Service BC - a Division of CSBC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through a provincial network of 65 service centres and the Service BC (SBC) Provincial Contact Centre through multiple service channels including mobile outreach, digital and web-based information, SBC provides approximately 300 government services on behalf of more than 40 partner ministries and agencies. • Enables the design and delivery of accessible, responsive, and cost-effective services, making it easier for residents and businesses to interact with government. • The BC Registries and Digital Services Branch facilitates and supports commerce in the Province through administration and verification of business, personal property, and manufactured home registrations.

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<p>Child Care Programs and Policy Division (CCPP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leads implementation of ChildCareBC, government's long-term strategy to build an affordable, accessible, high-quality, and inclusive child care system for families with children aged 0-12. This includes developing policies, funding programs, legislation, and system-planning approaches relevant to local governments, First Nations, and community partners. Delivers programs that support affordability for families, including the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative (CCFRI) (fee reductions of up to \$900/month per child), the Affordable Child Care Benefit (ACCB) (up to \$1,250/month per child for eligible families), and the \$10-a-Day ChildCareBC program (over 17,500 spaces). Approximately 150,000+ spaces receive CCFRI monthly, and over 34,600 children receive ACCB. Supports access and space creation, including through the ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund, the Start-Up Grants, and the Maintenance Fund. Since 2018, over 42,400 new licensed child care spaces have been funded, with over 29,000 opened, contributing to B.C. province-wide coverage rate of 28 per cent (52 per cent for ages 0-5; 11 per cent for ages 6-12). Expansion of before- and after-school care, especially on school grounds, remains a priority – there are now more than 48,000 child care spaces on school grounds across 58 school district catchments. Supports school districts to expand child care on school grounds. This includes recent <i>School Act</i> amendments enabling board-operated care for children aged 0-12, even on non-school days; district Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) leads; and new funding through the Ministry of Infrastructure for minor capital projects and operational supports. Invests in quality and workforce, including the Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Wage Enhancement (up to \$6/hour, raising median wages to \$30/hour), Specialized Certification Grants, professional development programs, and ECE recruitment and training supports. B.C. now has over 30,000 active ECE certificates (up from ~16,700 in 2018/19). Supports inclusive child care through provincial and federal funding for Supported Child Development (SCD) and Aboriginal Supported Child Development (ASCD). In 2024/25, an average of 8,413 children per month received supports—a 41 per cent increase since 2017/18. The division has also launched the Inclusive Child Care Strategy and partnered with CanAssist to deliver province-wide inclusion training. Funds and collaborates with Indigenous partners to expand Indigenous led, culturally grounded early learning and child care. Over 2,200 Aboriginal Head Start spaces have been supported, alongside more than 2,700 Indigenous led licensed child care spaces since 2018. Through the Tripartite MOU with the First Nations Leadership Council and Canada, B.C. is advancing First Nations jurisdiction over ELCC, consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), the <i>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i> (DRIPA), and Action 4.19 of the Declaration Act Action Plan. In 2026/27, the child care operating budget is \$947 million, complemented by over \$1.12 billion in federal ELCC funding under multi-year agreements extended to 2031.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Education Programs & Policy Division (EPP)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for defining what children learn and when (curriculum); whether they have learned it (assessment, reporting, and graduation requirements); the extent to which what they learn equips them for the job market and/or post-secondary education (student transitions and career development); and the environment in which they learn (equitable systems and supports). EPP is made up of four branches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The Student Learning Programs Branch oversees curriculum, provincial assessments, policies for providing feedback on student progress to parents and students (report cards), French education, student transcripts, scholarships and student transitions to the post-secondary system and the labour market. ◦ The Education Policy Branch is responsible for developing policies relating to inclusive education, student learning, Indigenous education, and career and post-secondary transitions. ◦ The Specialized Education Programs Branch oversees independent schools, international education, homeschooling, and online learning. ◦ The Education Systems Supports Branch oversees programs related to mental health and wellness, school foods, student safety, and inclusive educations.
<i>Financial Management Division (FMD)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a wide range of corporate functions for the ministry for both the K-12 sector and Child Care, including budgeting and financial support services, workplace and facilities support, and risk management and emergency preparedness. The division also allocates operating funding to school districts and monitors the financial accountability of boards of education against ministry and government policy.
<i>Strategic Integration, People & Partnerships (SIPP)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides analytics, modelling, and reporting for the K-12 and child care sectors, as well as ministry-wide corporate services including human resources, communications and engagement, intergovernmental relations, project management, governance, business intelligence, corporate reporting and strategic planning. Also, leadership and support to school districts and independent schools in the areas of Early Learning, Indigenous Education, Mental Health and Substance Use, School Food Programs, Strategic Priorities (e.g., anti-racism, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)), and Student Safety and Wellness. Overall, the division is responsible for promoting safe, caring and inclusive school environments with a focus on equity.
<i>Workforce, Accountability & Governance Division (WAG)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WAG is a sub-unit of SIPP that oversees regulation of teachers and early childhood educators. WAG leads the development and oversight of K-12 and child care legislative frameworks and oversees the professional standards and licensing/certification of teachers and early childhood educators. WAG is the ministry lead for the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning, the key accountability mechanism for the K-12 sector. The division also develops K-12 recruitment and retention strategies and supports the K-12 sector's collective bargaining process.

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MINISTRY OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE READINESS

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Corporate Services and Accountability Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for the provision of strategic advice and the delivery of corporate services to support ministry programs and services. • Manages the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA) claim administration and provincial cost tracking.
<i>Disaster Resilience Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads recovery and provides supports for communities following a disaster using regionally-based teams. • Administers funding programs for First Nations and local governments to advance disaster risk reduction through planning and mitigation activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The Disaster Resilience and Innovation Fund. ◦ Community Emergency Preparedness Fund. • Leads provincial level emergency management planning including the development of B.C.'s Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. • Partners with the Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship and the Ministry of Finance to engage Public Safety Canada in the development of a National Flood Insurance Program. • Leads provincial business continuity management programming and planning. • Conducts emergency management training and exercises. • Undertakes strategic after action reviews of disaster events. • Develops risk assessment guidance for regulated entities. • Advances research, strategies, guidelines and programs to reduce disaster and climate risks. • Leads public education initiatives in emergency management including Prepared BC programs, guides and emergency preparedness events.
<i>Readiness, Response and Recovery Operations Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads and coordinates front line work with communities before, during and immediately following emergencies. This includes supporting other Ministries; First Nations and local governments to be prepared for and respond to emergencies (including early stages of post-emergency recovery); and coordinating with federal departments, other jurisdictions, NGOs, and industry during emergencies. • Leads and coordinates 24/7/365 emergency management capability through six regional offices located in Surrey, Kamloops, Nelson, Prince George and Smithers, with the Vancouver Island Regional Office co-located at the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) Headquarters (HQ) in Victoria. In addition, EMCR HQ houses the Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre providing 24/7 situational awareness, and reporting of emergencies and activation of response actions, including broadcast intrusive alerting. • Responsible for Emergency Support Services (ESS) programs and operational support to local governments' ESS teams. • Responsible for Search and Rescue programs, including Ground Search and Rescue, Air Search and Rescue, Road Rescue, and Emergency Radio Communications.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Reconciliation, Strategic Partnerships, Policy and Legislation Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads the ministry's strategic policy, legislation and regulation development. • Provides guidance on the implementation of the <i>Emergency and Disaster Management Act</i>. • Leads the negotiation, development and implementation of the ministry's inter-agency and inter-governmental partnerships. • Leads the negotiation and implementation of the ministry's emergency management partnership agreements with the federal government, local governments, First Nations, emergency management partner agencies, critical infrastructure operators, non-governmental, faith-based, and other emergency management partners and agencies.

MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Climate Solutions Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountable for government-wide climate policy and progress on climate goals. • Responsible for the development and administration of policies and programs to decarbonize the industrial, transportation, fuels, buildings and remote community sectors and advance energy efficiency across the economy. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Low Carbon Fuel Standard; ◦ Home energy retrofit programs (Better Homes Better Buildings); ◦ Energy efficiency standards for building equipment and components; ◦ Indigenous clean energy funding programs; ◦ Clean Industry Fund; ◦ Output Based Pricing System; ◦ B.C.'s carbon offset program; ◦ Net Zero New Industry policy; ◦ Industrial methane; ◦ <i>Zero Emission Vehicles Act</i>; and ◦ CleanBC suite of programs for zero emission vehicles and infrastructure. • Identifies innovative ways to work towards B.C.'s carbon emission goals while growing our economy, diversifying trade, and reducing cost burdens for B.C. families and businesses.

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MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND CLIMATE SOLUTIONS CONTINUED...

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<p><i>Electricity and Utility Regulation Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for B.C.'s regulated and low-carbon energy sectors, including BC Hydro. These sectors are made up of diverse interests that develop electricity generation, transmission and distribution infrastructure, clean or renewable energy sources, including renewable natural gas, hydro, geothermal, solar and wind. • Supports the Minister's oversight of BC Hydro and is responsible for public utility regulatory policy under the <i>Utilities Commission Act</i>. • Focuses on increasing diversification of electricity generation and deployment of low carbon energy by supporting frequent and competitive BC Hydro Calls for Power. • Develops and implements energy system policies and legislative frameworks, and planning and governing of electric and gas utilities in B.C. • Responsible for policies, programs, regulations, and legislation to support the Province's energy objectives. • Administers the Innovative Clean Energy Fund, a special account used to further the energy and environmental priorities of the government. • Energy affordability. • Gasoline and diesel prices. • Responsible for co-leading the Indigenous Clean Energy Opportunities (ICEO) process with the First Nations Energy and Mining Council, which engages with First Nations rights holders and organizations in a collaborative dialogue to fully participate in current and future clean energy opportunities. • Develops and delivers policies, programs, regulations and legislation to support the Province's climate and energy objectives, including engagement and collaboration with communities across B.C. • B.C.'s lead on Canada's delegation for modernizing the Columbia River Treaty.
<p><i>Energy Resources Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountable for the management and responsible development of the Province's energy resources. • Primary point of contact for many key pieces of energy infrastructure that play critical roles in providing energy security for British Columbians. The division supports Liquid Natural Gas (LNG), pipelines, natural gas liquids and oil infrastructure, and the upstream sector. • Oversees the Province's royalty system (with the Ministry of Finance), including modelling and critical competitive analysis. • Develops policy, statutes, and regulations that apply to the energy resource sector and supports achieving greenhouse gas reduction targets as it relates to the sector, including methane emissions targets. • Includes the Clean Energy and Major Projects Office (CEMPO) which focuses on renewable energy, transmission and low carbon fuels (e.g., Hydrogen) projects. • Supports the North Coast Transmission Line, as one of the Province's priority projects. • Works with internal and external partners to dramatically accelerate permit approval for clean and low-carbon energy infrastructure while preserving our world-leading environmental standards.

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MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND CLIMATE SOLUTIONS CONTINUED...

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Northeast Initiatives Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborates with agencies across the natural resource sector and works closely with the BC Energy Regulator to ensure clear goals, coordination and alignment in advancing priority work (including restoration) and deliver regional solutions. • Advances initiatives and coordinates cross-agency collaboration centered in the northeast, specifically focused on delivery of commitments with Treaty 8 First Nations. • Collaborates across government on Indigenous reconciliation initiatives. • Manages resource development planning and cumulative effects, guides modernized land use planning, develops environmental practices, and initiates and administers restoration agreements with Treaty 8 First Nations. • Issues and administers Crown petroleum, natural gas, geothermal and carbon capture related subsurface tenures; oversees tenure development and resources access planning; collects tenure-related revenues; and maintains geological databases and systems. • Manages programs and supports priority negotiations across the ministry.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND PARKS

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Conservation and Recreation Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parks and Recreation Program is responsible for the integrated delivery of two public facing lines of business: BC Parks and Recreation Sites and Trails B.C. (RSTBC). • BC Parks is a land management and regulatory program focused on conservation and recreation services. These services are delivered through the acquisition, designation, administration, planning, management and regulation of natural resources and activities in 1,050 provincial parks, recreation areas, conservancies, ecological reserves, and protected areas. The BC Parks system encompasses protected areas established under the <i>Park Act</i>, the <i>Protected Areas of British Columbia Act</i>, and <i>Environment and Land Use Act</i>. • RSTBC provides public recreation opportunities by developing, maintaining, and managing a network of recreation sites and recreation trails on Crown land outside of parks and protected areas. The <i>Forest and Range Practices Act</i> is the legislative framework to manage B.C.'s recreation sites, recreation trails and interpretive forest sites.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<p><i>Environmental Assessment Office (EAO)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EAO is a neutral regulatory agency that reviews proposed major projects such as mines, pipelines, oil and gas facilities, water management, waste disposal, resorts, and large infrastructure projects. • Under the legal framework of the 2018 <i>Environmental Assessment Act (the Act)</i>, the EAO implements a process to ensure that any environmental, economic, social, cultural and health effects that may occur during the lifetime of a project are thoroughly assessed. • Coordinates its work with federal and provincial agencies, local governments, and First Nations, and engages the public throughout the environmental assessment process, to inform provincial Ministers' decision on whether projects should be approved to proceed. • Works closely with other provincial regulators and permitting agencies to ensure all provincial reviews are efficient and streamlined – including coordinating with permitting processes while meeting consultation obligations with First Nations. • Has a reconciliation purpose under the <i>Act</i>, and accordingly works jointly with B.C. First Nations to assess a proposed project's impact on Nations and their rights. • If a project is approved to proceed, the EAO monitors and enforces compliance with its requirements to ensure that projects are designed, built, operated, decommissioned, and reclaimed in compliance with the conditions of their approval. • The EAO is carrying out a review of the <i>Act</i> to ensure the statute is meeting its intended purpose to provide a clear and timely path for the assessment and potential authorization of responsible resource projects, while advancing reconciliation with First Nations, ensuring public engagement and transparency, and delivering strong environmental protections. After preliminary engagement last year to learn what's working and what's not, the EAO has begun engaging on specific focus areas. The EAO is taking a sequenced approach by addressing pressing priorities while engaging with First Nations, industry, local governments and provincial and federal partners throughout the review. Current and upcoming areas of review include: an expedited assessment process for designated projects in the public interest; regulatory predictability; process effectiveness and timelines; First Nations participation and decision-making; and project reviewability.
<p><i>Strategic Services and Indigenous Partnerships Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of cross-ministry initiatives and corporate support for policy development, legislation, and intergovernmental relations. • Transboundary partnerships with neighboring U.S. states regarding environmental protection. • Provincial lead for the intergovernmental relationship with Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) including the Parks Canada Agency. • Business improvement and corporate reporting. • Advice and recommendations on cross-cutting Indigenous initiatives, Indigenous relationship practices evaluation, strategies, and development of guiding principles for partnerships with First Nations.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Environmental Protection Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and authorizations under the <i>Environmental Management Act</i> and <i>Integrated Pest Management Act</i> including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Air quality. ◦ Reducing toxins. ◦ Pollution prevention. ◦ Environmental emergencies/provincial spill response. ◦ Contaminated site remediation, brownfields, hazardous and industrial waste ◦ Reducing unnecessary pesticide use. ◦ Extended producer responsibility, circular economy, recycling, CleanBC Plastics Action Plan, Plastic Action Fund. ◦ Organics infrastructure funding programs. ◦ Community Woodsmoke Reduction Program. ◦ Securities policy. ◦ Local government waste management planning. ◦ Waste management facilities (incineration, landfilling, municipal liquid [sewage] and solid waste). ◦ Sewage management for large, private wastewater treatment systems. ◦ Environmental impact assessment for waste discharge authorizations. ◦ Mining effluent discharge authorizations. ◦ Permitting reporting for industrial operations' emissions to air, ground, and water. ◦ Provincial environmental monitoring networks (air and water quality, hydrometric, snow survey, groundwater, climate), environmental databases, State of Environment reporting. ◦ Air and water quality stewardship & partnerships. ◦ Analytical chemistry laboratory services, provincial laboratory quality assurance, and standards. ◦ Indigenous relations and partnerships development related to environmental quality and monitoring.
<i>Integrated Service Delivery Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verifies compliance with environmental legislation through inspections and investigates serious environmental crimes, including matters related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>Environmental Management Act</i> (including waste discharges, air emissions, spills, contaminated sites, and pollution incidents); ◦ <i>Integrated Pest Management Act</i> (pesticide sales and use); and ◦ Industrial, commercial, and sector-based environmental activities. • Provides cross-ministry leadership to promote transparent, principled and consistent approaches to compliance and enforcement (C&E), including the integration of C&E policies, tools and practices across the Natural Resources Sector. Leads public proactive reporting of C&E actions. • The B.C. Conservation Officer Service (COS) provides public safety and environmental enforcement services to British Columbians. The agency's core mandates include natural resource law enforcement and human-wildlife conflicts prevention and response. The COS is the lead agency in B.C. to respond to problem wildlife, including predator attacks on people that cause serious injury and death.

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Crown Agencies Secretariat</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership and oversight of public sector board recruitment, appointments and capacity building to support strong and inclusive boards. • Annual performance management and reporting cycle for ministries and Crown agencies in alignment with government strategic priorities. • Provides advisory services to ministries to support effective oversight of the Public Sector Organizations (PSOs), including best practice governance guidance, lifecycle oversight (creation, dissolution, mandate reviews), and proactive issues management. • Shared oversight of provincial gaming policy with the Independent Gambling Control Office.
<i>Gender Equity Office</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay Transparency Reporting. • Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+).
<i>Policy and Legislation Division / Financial And Corporate Sector Policy Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-money laundering in real estate and the financial sector, including beneficial ownership transparency initiatives. • Financial and corporate sector policy including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Securities. ◦ Real Estate (including mortgage brokers and real estate developers). ◦ Financial institutions. ◦ Money Services Businesses. ◦ Insurance. ◦ Pensions. ◦ Personal Property Security. ◦ Business Organizations (including companies, societies, and cooperatives and corporate beneficial ownership transparency. ◦ Land owner transparency. ◦ Land Title and Survey Authority.
<i>Policy and Legislation Division / Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal-provincial fiscal relations (e.g., intergovernmental transfers). • Joint federal-provincial social policy priorities (e.g., income security and the Canada Pension Plan). • Local government fiscal relations with the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs and UBCM. • First Nations fiscal relations, with the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (as it relates to funding formula design). • Land Title & Survey Authority (LTSA) five and 10 Year Reviews. • Strategic projects in relation to InnovateBC.
<i>Policy and Legislation Division / Property Tax and Assessment Policy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property tax and assessment policy including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Provincial property assessment policy, legislation, and methodology. ◦ Oversight of BC Assessment (BCA) and the Property Assessment Review panels. ◦ Provincial property taxes (school, rural, police). ◦ Property Transfer Tax. ◦ BC Hydro Grants-in-Lieu of Taxes (GILTs) ◦ Speculation and Vacancy Tax. ◦ First Nations property tax policy.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Policy and Legislation Division / Tax Policy Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial tax policy, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Cannabis Excise Tax. ◦ Employer Health Tax. ◦ Flipping Tax. ◦ Indigenous Taxation. ◦ Insurance Premium Tax. ◦ Logging Tax. ◦ Motor Fuel Tax. ◦ Municipal and Regional District Tax (on short-term accommodation). ◦ Provincial Income Tax. ◦ Provincial Sales Tax. ◦ Tobacco Tax.

MINISTRY OF FORESTS

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Associate Deputy Minister's Office</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Permitting Process Improvements, Performance Measures, and Collaboration. • Corporate Administration and Operational Support. • Forestry Digital Services Program. • Critical Incident Stress Management Program. • Corporate Planning and Reporting.
<i>BC Wildfire Service</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention (Community Resiliency Initiative, FireSmart, Cultural and Prescribed Fire, Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction). • Preparedness (Regional District Cooperative Community Wildfire Program, Engagement and Wildfire Emergency Planning). • Response. • Wildfire Land Based Recovery and Fire Rehabilitation.
<i>Office of the Chief Forester</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides provincial leadership for forest management, forest health, silviculture, and stewardship. • Continuous improvement of forest management policies, legislation and practices. • Acquisition and update of forest inventory, spatial analysis, and reporting of timber and non-timber values. • Setting sustainable harvest levels through allowable annual cut determinations across 71 forest management units. • Forest genetics, management of ministry research program, and provincial seed supply. • Continued conservation and management of old growth through Forest Landscape Plan establishment. • Provides science-based guidance on forest ecosystem standards and reporting on the Province's State of the Forest.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Provincial Operations Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeology Branch. • BC Timber Sales provincial operations. • First Nations Reconciliation and Negotiations Strategy, New Fiscal Framework and Revenue Sharing, First Nations Forest Tenure, First Nations Forestry. • Management of Forest Service Roads. • Natural Resource Officer Service: Inspections and investigations related to contraventions of a wide range of natural resource legislation including the <i>Forest Act</i>, <i>Forest and Range Practices Act</i>, <i>Wildfire Act</i>, <i>Heritage Conservation Act</i>, <i>Water Sustainability Act</i>, and <i>Land Act</i>. • Supports the Province's goal of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples through the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. • Provincial oversight of reforestation including partnerships with the federal government on 2 billion trees. • Forest investment program, integrated investment and investment partnerships with federal government and other partners. • Integrated ecological adaptation strategies to mitigate climate change. • Provincial Forest Landscape Planning.
<i>Regional Operations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities that occur within regional operations include forestry, range, tenure management, authorizations, and Indigenous consultation. • Operation of regional and District offices that support providing client access to natural resource authorizations, (in partnership with the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship and FrontCounter BC) geographic information and forest revenue management. • Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, BC Wildfire Service support, wildfire risk reduction, wildfire rehabilitation and recovery, and resource stewardship (resource value monitoring and assessment). • BC Timber Sales (regional timber sales), investment and reporting on forest management to the Office of the Chief Forester and timber sales reviews for regions. • Strategic initiatives and forest landscape planning, silviculture project delivery, resource roads, infrastructure including access and land management issues. • Invasive plants.
<i>Tenures and Economics Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest sector economics and transformation. • Forest tenures policy, coordination of tenure replacements, tenure transfers, negotiation and implementation of access agreements. • <i>Heritage Conservation Act</i> Transformation Project (HCATP). • Modernizing forest policy. • Pulp and paper and utilization policy. • Softwood lumber. • Timber pricing, timber measurements and stumpage. • Trade and log export policy. • Value added forestry.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
Corporate Services Division (CSD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports programs and health authorities by managing and ensuring a consistent approach to financial and corporate services planning, policy, performance oversight/reporting, and critical financial and corporate services issues management. • Services provided include Health Authority, Finance and Decision Support, and Emergency Management.
Health Services Integration Division (HSID)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focused on the integration and coordination of healthcare access across primary and community care services, seniors' care, and hospitals and acute care. • Has operational responsibility for the Assisted Living Registry and stewardship for the Community Care Licensing Program. • Also focused on connecting people to timely, quality and culturally-safe care through: increased attachment to primary care providers, virtual care, physical models of care such as Urgent and Primary Care Centres, Community Health Centres, First Nations Primary Care Clinics and Nurse Practitioner-led Primary Care Centres, as well as Home Health programs, Long-Term Care and Assisted Living. • Includes HealthLinkBC, a 24/7 multi-disciplinary virtual team that provides health information and advice, and the digital front-door for health information and finding health services across B.C. at healthlinkbc.ca. The division includes the Provincial Attachment System program which includes the Health Connect Registry where patients can register for and be attached to a primary care provider in their community. • Leads acute care programs including acute care access and flow, emergency department services and inpatient/outpatient rehabilitation services, as well as oversight of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD).
Health Workforce Policy and Planning Division (HWPP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for provincial strategies to plan for and support the health workforce required to deliver health services to British Columbians now and in the future. The division focuses particularly on nursing and allied professions and associated occupations and works in the areas of planning, education and training, recruitment and retention, and creating quality professional practice environments. A major focus of the division is on optimizing the nursing and allied workforce through scope of practice and service design, as well as the adoption of new technologies. The division also includes responsibility for a number of areas that apply across all professions, such as professional regulation and oversight.
Labour Negotiations and Beneficiary Services Division (LNBS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the primary point of contact between government, health authorities, and professional associations and unions for the purposes of compensation, negotiations, and labour relations-related issues. It provides the key linkage between the ministry and health authorities for priority programs, initiatives, and activities related to physician and health care provider compensation, and the interpretation of the <i>Medicare Protection Act</i> and regulations, and provides policy direction to Health Insurance BC in the operation and administration of the Medical Services Plan. The division is also responsible for operational delivery of beneficiary and diagnostic services that contribute to effectively meeting patient and population health needs.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<p><i>Health System Policy & Oversight Division (HSPO)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides system level leadership for the B.C. health system's efforts to provide equitable services and supports, and to oversee necessary system change. In addition to supporting all people across B.C. through the provincial PharmaCare program, the division oversees an integrated approach to advancing health care delivery and improves the alignment of clinical services with research and innovation efforts including provincial clinical services, BC Cancer, BC Ambulance, surgery and diagnostics.
<p><i>Indigenous-Specific Anti-Racism & Reconciliation Division (ISARR)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works alongside Health Sector and Indigenous partners to address Indigenous-specific racism and improve the health and well-being of Indigenous peoples (Modern Treaty Nations, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) in B.C. Provides strategic leadership and guidance on Indigenous priorities related to strategic initiative, legislation, policy, and program development in the Ministry of Health, as well as other ministries where appropriate. Works collaboratively with the First Nations Health Authority, the regional health authorities, Providence Health, and the Provincial Health Services Authority during service planning and policy development to ensure Indigenous specific Anti-Racism is hard wired across the health system and service delivery is culturally safe. Leads and represents the Province's interests, obligations, and priorities under the Tripartite Framework Agreement, including the Tripartite Committee on First Nations Health. Collaborates with key Indigenous partners and provincial organizations such as Métis Nation B.C. and the B.C. Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres, as well as other Indigenous-led organizations. Leads Indigenous Specific Anti-Racism and reconciliation (ISAR) work on the implementation of the In Plain Sight report recommendations for the elimination of Indigenous-specific racism within the health system. Leads the <i>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i> (DRIPA) health actions. Responsibilities include aligning laws, implementing the Action Plan, and annual reporting.
<p><i>Population and Public Health (PPH)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focuses on improving people's overall health and well-being by preventing disease, disability and injury, protecting people from harm, promoting health and ensuring a focus on key priority groups, including Indigenous Peoples, women and children. The purpose is to promote a healthier population and reduce current and future demands on the health care system. Provides strategic leadership, policy development and oversight for population and public health programs and services delivered by regional and provincial health authority partners. Population and public health service delivery includes maternal and early childhood health programs, health promotion in schools and communities, injury prevention, communicable disease prevention and control, and routine vaccinations. Has statutory responsibility to protect health and well-being in natural and built environments, in areas such as food and drinking water safety, tobacco and vapour products control, personal service establishments, and industrial camps. Works closely with partners to advance population health equity and evidence-informed decision-making through monitoring, evaluation and healthy public policy.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Substance Use, Treatment and Recovery Division (SUTR)</i>	
<i>Child & Youth Mental Health Policy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sets strategic direction and leads initiatives related to child and youth mental health and substance use, including the expansion of Foundry Youth Centres, Foundry Virtual, developing a youth substance use system of care, including youth substance treatment beds and non-bed-based youth substance use services, and implementing Integrated Child and Youth teams.
<i>Mental Health and Concurrent Disorders (MHCD)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead for adult mental health policy and programs for individuals with mild to moderate and moderate to severe mental health needs. • Lead for adult mental health initiatives such as suicide prevention and affordable community counselling. • Lead for services supporting individuals with complex, severe mental health and concurrent disorders, including individuals with hypoxic or anoxic brain injury due to substance use. • Lead for the <i>Mental Health Act</i>, including secure care, involuntary treatment, tertiary services, and correctional mental health services. • Lead for community-based Mental Health and Substance Use (MHSU) teams, including assertive community treatment, intensive case management, and community outreach teams. • Lead for health supports for complex populations as part of the provincial homelessness strategy, including implementation of complex care housing. • Lead for community-based MHSU crisis response services, including Peer Assisted Care Teams (PACT), Mobile Integrated Crisis Response (MICR) teams, also known as Car programs, and provincial crisis line services.
<i>Overdose Response</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes strategic direction and exercises leadership to advance the quality and oversight of critical policies and programs for substance use policy and programs, and the toxic drug public health emergency. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ This includes strategic priorities such as improving overdose prevention services with the Minimum Services Standards and drug checking services. ◦ Leading the work to strengthen naloxone availability and expand access to nasal naloxone. ◦ Leading the changes to the prescribed alternatives policy, which will now require all prescribed alternatives to be witnessed by health professionals prescribed Alternatives. ◦ Piloting the recently concluded three-year decriminalization pilot. Work now includes ongoing work to sustain harm reduction services and other initiatives that preceded decriminalization and enhance the justice/ substance use interface generally.
<i>Strategic Planning & Governance</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead for public information, social marketing, and anti-stigma campaigns for mental health and addictions in the Province. • Lead for HelpStartsHere.gov.bc.ca, a provincial website that helps people in B.C. find mental health and substance use supports near them. • Lead for mental health and substance use strategic planning and progress reporting.

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<i>Substance Use, Treatment and Recovery Division (SUTR) Continued...</i>	
<i>Substance Use Treatment and Recovery</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sets strategic direction and leads initiatives to improve access to adult substance use treatment and recovery services from withdrawal management through treatment of longer-term aftercare services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ This includes the expansion of provincial models of care such as Road to Recovery and Recovery community centres, and the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) treatment and recovery bed grant program. ◦ It includes both bed-based and non-bed-based services, such as the Opioid Treatment Access Line, and Rapid Access Addiction Clinics (RAACs). • Sets strategic direction and leads initiatives to strengthen the quality and oversight of treatment and recovery services, including the development and implementation of policy, legislation, and standards. • Leads the monitoring and evaluation of programs and policies to enable evidence-based strategic planning, assess impacts, and inform improvements. • Advances Indigenous-led services through leadership of major initiatives and partnerships to improve access to treatment and recovery for Indigenous People, while supporting capacity building and cultural safety, including oversight of the Indigenous Treatment, Recovery and Aftercare Services (ITRAS) program and First Nations Treatment Centres (FNTC), support for key negotiations and planning, and coordinated engagement with First Nations, the First Nations Health Authority, regional health authorities, and inter-ministerial partners. • Supports Indigenous-led solutions for mental health and substance use services and supports. This includes responsibility for the Indigenous treatment, recovery, and aftercare program, which, through Indigenous partnerships, advances broader commitments to Indigenous reconciliation through the social determinants of health, land-based healing initiatives, and First Nations-run treatment centres.

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Building, Governance and Innovation Division</i>	
<i>Development and Partnerships Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports innovations in the approvals and construction of housing. • Development of ongoing programs and housing development partnerships. • Intergovernmental relations on housing and homelessness. • Ministry's overall approach to engagement, consultation, and partnership with Indigenous Peoples; supports alignment between provincial housing initiatives and the Province's commitments to reconciliation; advises on housing-related topics of mutual interest to Indigenous Peoples and local governments. • Process development with other governments (First Nation and federal) and provincial ministries and agencies to identify land for housing. • Safety Standards for technical systems: The regulatory framework for electrical and gas systems, elevators, amusement devices, and liaison for Technical Safety BC.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Building, Governance and Innovation Division Continued...</i>	
<i>Construction Standards and Digital Solutions Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buildings and Construction: The regulatory framework for the design and construction of buildings including development of building, plumbing, fire, and energy codes homeowner protection (e.g., home warranties), oversight of certain industry professionals and trades (e.g., home builder licensing and mandatory building official qualifications), and policy advice relating to the built environment, including climate, mass timber construction, and accessibility for new buildings. Liaison with BCH Licensing and Consumer Services, Building Officials Association of BC, National Research Council and Accessibility Standards Canada. Technical requirements for existing buildings related to CleanBC, climate adaptation, and disaster mitigation (e.g., earthquakes, flooding, and wildfires). National Building Code, BC Building Code, Digital Permitting Construction Codes: Building Permit Hub; Digitized Construction Codes. Local government authority to enforce building standards.
<i>Crown Governance and Oversight Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance and oversight for BC Housing (BCH) as well as BCH performance monitoring/reporting. Responsible for developing strong partnerships to support the work of BC Housing. Partners with BCH on strategic projects for business transformation and improvement projects to improve housing delivery across the Province. Develops and supports the delivery of capital programs within fiscal boundaries and employing appropriate risk management strategies. Works with BCH to identify opportunities for improving and refining housing delivery across the Province. <p>BC Housing (BCH):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCH is responsible for implementation of Building BC programs that are helping government to deliver 114,000 units of affordable housing including the following programs: Supportive Housing Fund, Women’s Transition Housing Fund, Community Housing Fund, Indigenous Housing Fund, Rapid Response to Homelessness, Deepening Affordability program. It is also responsible for BC Builds and HousingHub which works with communities, governments, non-profit, and private sector stakeholders to facilitate the creation of new affordable rental housing.
<i>Strategic Initiatives Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversight on housing and homelessness strategy implementation, monitoring, and reporting. Strategic Issues Management and development of strategic framing. Coordination and alignment of issues and information between BC Housing, the Minister’s Office, and MLA Offices.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Housing and Land Use Policy Division</i>	
<i>Data and Analytics Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leads collection and development of housing data. Conducts housing market economic and data analyses. Works with BC Housing to align research and data initiatives/products. Provides data and analytics in support for program and policy development, monitoring, reporting, and evaluation.
<i>Housing Policy Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports housing policy and legislation for market and non-market housing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the <i>Strata Property Act</i> and regulations; the <i>Short Term Rental Accommodations Act</i> and regulations; and other housing types, including purpose-built rentals, co-ops and long-term tenancy leases. Develops provincial housing strategies.
<i>Housing Targets Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administers the housing targets program to issue targets for specified municipalities under the <i>Housing Supply Act</i> and regulation. Prioritizes specified municipalities for targets assessment, estimate housing needs and produce housing targets. Consultation with specified municipalities and First Nations with land interests, issues timebound Housing Target Orders and evaluates progress reports that track progress toward meeting housing targets: 1) net-new units; 2) housing units by type, tenure, and affordability; and 3) municipal actions to increase housing supply (housing policies, bylaws, partnerships, development approvals, and permitting). Consideration of compliance measures if satisfactory progress has not been made by municipalities to meet housing targets.
<i>Planning and Land Use Management Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land use planning policy and program development. Legislation and program supports for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small-scale, multi-unit housing. Housing needs reports. Proactive zoning (OCP and zoning bylaws). Amenity cost charges. Inclusionary zoning. Density bonus. Public hearings. Works and services Transportation demand management. Grants & funding: Local Government Housing Initiatives Capacity Funding, Local Government Development Approvals PIBC Peer Learning Network.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Housing and Homelessness Programs Division</i>	
<i>Residential Tenancy Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversight of the <i>Residential Tenancy Act</i> and <i>Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act</i>, the regulatory framework for landlords and tenants, including conventional residential and manufactured home park tenancies. • Information services, disputes resolution, and compliance & enforcement for landlord and tenant disputes.
<i>Engagement and Encampment Response Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial coordination for cross-ministry encampment responses including Homeless Encampment Action Response Team (HEART)/Homeless Encampment Action Response Temporary Housing (HEARTH) programs and the Provincial Encampment Response Framework. • Engagement to inform the implementation and development of Belonging in BC, including advisory committees. • Oversight of the provincial emergency shelter policy and program. • Development and implementation of the Downtown Eastside – Provincial Partnership Plan. • Implementation of initiatives related to experiences of Gender Based Violence and homelessness.
<i>Homelessness and Supportive Housing Policy Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and policy development related to homelessness, supportive housing and rent supplements. • Development and implementation of several initiatives within Belonging in BC Homelessness Plan, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Integrated Support Framework to coordinate and streamline access to supports. ◦ Supported Rent Supplement Program. ◦ Point in Time Homelessness Count. ◦ Preventing and Reducing Homelessness Integrated Data Project. • Research and policy development related to rental assistance, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Rental Assistance Program. ◦ Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters Program. ◦ Canada-BC Housing Benefit. ◦ Homeless Prevention Program. ◦ BC Rent Bank.
<i>Short-Term Rental Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance and enforcement of short-term rental legislation and regulations; including voluntary compliance through education, compliance orders, and administrative penalties. • Local government short-term rental data sharing, and delisting requests. • Registration of Short-Term Rentals required under the <i>Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act</i>. • Platform data sharing (listings) with the Province. • Platform (major, medium, minor) validation of registered hosts.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
Local Government Division	
Governance and Structure Branch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporation, restructuring, boundary extensions, structure-related legislation and processes, and local and regional governance. • Local government administration, elections, governance operations-related legislative requirements/powers, and local and regional services. • Local government-First Nations/Indigenous relations and reconciliation, Crown Grant/Nominal Rent Tenure sponsorships, Business Improvement Areas, and Resort Associations. • Dispute resolution related to Regional District service reviews/withdrawals and other intergovernmental disputes.
Infrastructure and Engineering Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset management, value engineering drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, solid waste, green energy, resource recovery, recreation, natural assets, and other capital grants, infrastructure planning grants and programs. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (Environmental Quality; Community, Culture and Recreation, Rural and Northern Communities, CleanBC Communities Fund), Critical Community Infrastructure, Building Communities Strong Fund and Universal Water Metering Pilot).
Local Government Finance Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual financial reporting from local governments, including financial plans, audited financial statements and property tax bylaws used to create local government financial data tables. Unconditional grants; Growing Communities Fund. • Investments and municipal corporations. Long-term liabilities. Development financing (including Development Cost Charges). • Property tax, user-fees, and other sources of revenue. • The financial impact of local government services.
Policy, Research and Legislation Branch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall responsibility for local government legislation development for the <i>Community Charter</i>, <i>Local Government Act</i>, <i>Local Elections Campaign Financing Act</i>, <i>Vancouver Charter</i>, and other local government legislation. • Broad responsibility for forward-looking policy development in the local government sphere including monitoring trends and developments in other jurisdictions and reviewing UBCM resolutions. Provide advice and support to other ministries in the development of legislation or policies that impact local governments.

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<i>Local Government Division Continued...</i>	
<i>Land Use, Planning, and Regional Impacts Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local government planning program support, land use management framework, and public hearings (in support with the Planning and Land Use Management Branch), along with other local planning and land use tools through the <i>Local Government Act</i> and <i>Community Charter</i>. • Implementation of regional growth strategies, land use bylaw approvals (Islands Trust, Sun Peaks, University of British Columbia (UBC), and collaborating on climate mitigation with the Joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee. • Cross-ministry support and advice on issues that intersect with local government land use planning. • Supporting work on inclusive regional governance. • Monitoring socio-economic effects of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) projects on local governments and Indigenous Nations in B.C., including the Northern Healthy Communities Fund through the Northern Development Initiative Trust. • Developing and implementing policies and programs that facilitate collaboration with and between local governments, other provincial ministries, and interested parties, particularly in relation to provincially approved projects with local impacts. • Support for all phases of emergency management (preparation, response, recovery, mitigation) at both a provincial level and local government level.
<i>Public Libraries Branch (PLB)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works with public library boards, library staff, and local governments, in their roles and responsibilities under the <i>Library Act</i>. • Helps communities improve and access public library services. • Provides advice and guidance on related legislation, governance, financial reporting, provincial funding, digital infrastructure, provincial-wide services, and provincial policies. • Manages the apportionment of provincial public library grants (not capital). • Questions about financing new library buildings/significant renovations, ownership, or infrastructure questions should be directed to the Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Branch, but PLB may also be included.

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MINISTRY OF INDIGENOUS RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<p>Government to Government and Community Relations Division</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads provincial engagement with First Nations to advance reconciliation initiatives, including negotiating and implementing treaties, reconciliation agreements, and other constructive arrangements with First Nations partners in conjunction with other provincial agencies, federal and local government, and working with partner and interest holders and the public to ensure the success of reconciliation initiatives. • Leads the Province's government-to-government relationships and agreement-making with First Nations on matters related to Section 35 rights and title. • Provides guidance and leadership to other provincial agencies on establishing and enhancing relationships with Indigenous Peoples including the advancement of shared decision-making initiatives with First Nations, consistent with sections 6 and 7 of the <i>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i>.
<p>Declaration Act Secretariat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falls under the responsibility of the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, but is a separate central agency distinct from the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. • Assists ministries in advancing legislative initiatives in alignment with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and in meeting legislative alignment obligations as set out in section 3 of the <i>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i>. • Works with Indigenous partners to help set legislative priorities. • Leads provincial development and implementation of sections 4 and 5 of the <i>Declaration Act</i> (the action plan and annual report). • Provides guidance to ministries on undertaking consultation and cooperation and serves as an interlocutor role for the Province and Indigenous partners.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Policy, Intergovernmental Relations & Legislation Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides strategic policy leadership within the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR) and across government to advance B.C.'s reconciliation commitments. • Leads MIRR's consultation and engagement for agreements, policy, and legislation. • Leads MIRR's intergovernmental relations with local, provincial, territorial and federal governments. • Leads MIRR's legislative work and support for implementation of the Civil Litigation Directives for Indigenous Peoples. • Leads agreement and treaty-related policy. • Leads strategic financial management, cost-sharing, fiscal negotiations, revenue sharing, and fiscal policy development. • Works with provincial partners, organizations, and communities to guide relationships with First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and urban Indigenous partners. • Leads the provincial response to Residential School investigations and collaborates with Canada on advancing research, protection, and commemoration related to the history and legacy of residential schools and Indian Hospitals in B.C.

MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Capital Development</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and oversight of construction for capital building projects and initiatives related to public K-12 schools, childcare, public post-secondary education and health care facilities, including hospitals and long-term care facilities along with other provincial building projects.
<i>Infrastructure Policy and Partnerships</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for legislation, including the <i>Infrastructure Projects Act</i> and the <i>Construction Prompt Payment Act</i>. Lead on relationships with other levels of government, including First Nations. • Lead on relationship with the ministry's two crown agencies – Infrastructure BC and BC Infrastructure Benefits – the agency responsible for administering Community Benefits Agreements.
<i>Real Property</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for the design, set up and management of a government's physical workplaces. • Management and maintenance of the Province's real estate portfolio, including courthouses, correctional centres, and government program space.

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MINISTRY OF JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<p><i>Economic and Business Development Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic research, analysis and policy. • Better Regulations for British Columbians omnibus regulatory and legislative amendment processes. • Small business programs, resources, and available support including Mobile Business Licenses, BizPaL, and business advisory services. • Lead on the Ease of Doing Business to identify and remove barriers to establishing or growing businesses in B.C., improve competitiveness and work with business leaders to develop a set of performance measurements. • Manages legislation and relationships with the northern, southern interior, and island-coastal economic trusts. • Lead on the Province's Rural Initiative, including draft guidance, tools and resources for Ministry staff to apply a rural lens and build capacity to design programs, policy and decision-making with rural contributions and diverse rural realities in mind. • Development and delivery of policies, initiatives and funding programs to support inclusive economic development and diversification in rural, regional, and Indigenous communities. • Delivery of free and accessible economic development services to rural and regional local governments, Indigenous communities, businesses and economic development agencies through a team of specialized economic development staff located on-the-ground throughout B.C. • Support to communities experiencing an economic disruption and significant job loss (such as a mill closure) through coordination of community transition programs and services for workers, businesses, and communities. • Support to communities for economic recovery following a natural disaster, under the Provincial Disaster Recovery Framework. • Support to communities and proponents of major projects such that projects are well supported, and an outsized, positive and shared economic impact is realized in rural and regional areas. • Updates and shares data, tools, and resources to support community economic development. • Develops positions, and advance and defend B.C. interests in international and domestic trade negotiations, agreements, and disputes. • Leads work with the federal government and other provinces and territories to eliminate or reduce trade barriers and protectionist measures impacting B.C. including tariffs and non-tariff barriers in Canada and in foreign markets. • Leads work across government to review legislative and regulatory proposals for potential trade impacts and compliance with legal obligations. • Ensures awareness of Free Trade Agreement obligations and identify opportunities to increase utilization.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<p><i>Innovation and Industry Development</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implements Look West Strategy including reporting and communications and leading Sector Action Plans in areas the ministry is responsible for. • Develops and delivers policy and programming for B.C.'s technology and innovation sectors, and emerging technology sectors like artificial intelligence and quantum computing technologies. • Advances the Province's Intellectual Property Strategy to build the Province's intellectual property capacity by increasing the awareness, use and protection of intellectual property by small and medium-sized enterprises. This does not include patent boxes which is Ministry of Finance. • Supports the expansion of the Integrated Marketplace Initiative (IMI). The IMI increases innovation and technology adoption by linking industry with local innovation suppliers to implement, scale, and ultimately export B.C. technology solutions. The initiative is helping industry address its business needs while helping reduce carbon emissions, increase productivity and resiliency, or increase safety with domestic innovative solutions. The Province's Crown agency, Innovate BC, delivers the program. • Oversight of the BC Knowledge Development Fund (BCKDF) that supports the development of research infrastructure, like labs and equipment. The BCKDF helps B.C.'s institutions attract researchers, skilled technicians, and research users. Supporting research infrastructure can foster innovation and help institutions collaborate with industry. • Reduces the time, cost and effort required to construct buildings through the, cross-government Construction Innovation Action Plan that seeks to bring more of the construction process into factory settings, implement more digital tools, and optimize the approvals/permitting for these modern methods of construction. • Works with the federal government, through Build Canada Homes, and other partners to incorporate more wood-based solutions into building technology. • Develops and implements key Sector Action Plans for Aerospace and Maritime sectors that build on industry strengths and position B.C. to take advantage of federal investments in sovereignty and defence-related investments. • Creates an inventory of existing industrial lands, carrying out a land-use needs assessment and a strategy for protecting and growing the industrial land base. • Develops and implements the Province's Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Technologies Sector Action Plan and Life Sciences Sector Action Plan to double the technology workforce and increase the tech sector GDP contribution to B.C.'s economy by 75 per cent by 2035: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Conducts technology and life sciences policy analysis. ◦ Develops and maintains sector intelligence resources on B.C.'s technology and life sciences sectors, including through engagement with sector stakeholders and in collaboration with BC Stats. • Coordinates the BC Pavilion booth design and programming to showcase the B.C. tech ecosystem at the Web Summit Vancouver (WSV) conference. WSV will take place for the second year in Vancouver May 11 to 14, 2026. It is part of a suite of global tech conferences that includes Lisbon, Doha, Rio, and Hong Kong that unites global tech leaders, investors, startups, and media.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<p><i>International Trade and Investment Attraction Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitates trade promotion, investment attraction, and supports initiatives to increase export capacity in all regions of the Province. • Works collaboratively with key stakeholders, industry, and all levels of government to grow the economy by creating good jobs across B.C. • Establishes and delivers integrated trade and investment programs to help B.C. increase exports, solidify international alliances, and attract foreign direct investment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Develops and delivers events and outreach to support awareness and networking for B.C. businesses in the Province and abroad. ◦ Delivers and coordinates export readiness and export services programs serving communities across the Province including Indigenous communities and helping develop prosperous exporting companies positively impacting these communities. ◦ Supports the delivery of the Export Navigator Program and Trade Accelerator Program, helping firms build capacity to enter global markets. ◦ Develops and delivers initiatives to attract, retain, and support the expansion of international investors and business in B.C., providing site selection assistance, investment tours, customized business case analysis, and navigation of local markets, while coordinating with municipal and federal partners to maximize high-value investment opportunities for the Province. • Monitors, analyzes, and communicates investment, export, and policy trends, translating these insights into actionable priorities aligned with B.C.'s industry needs to support planning and decision-making, while leading the implementation of the Trade Diversification Strategy. • Oversees B.C.'s international network of Trade and Investment Representatives (TIRs) located in 14 major global markets (Asia, Europe, North America), including co-locations in Embassies, to bridge trade and investment connections. • Champions targeted international trade missions, inbound buyer visits, and global engagement initiatives to advance B.C.'s products, services, and investment opportunities, providing on-the-ground support, market insights, and strategic business connections.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Investment Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitates investments through the Major Investments Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Assesses the technical, financial, and strategic scope of investment opportunities to determine the appropriate level of ministry engagement. ◦ Engages with potential investors who have a viable project opportunity and provides customized support to enable the investment to advance in B.C. ◦ Works closely with other ministries to boost B.C. as a global exporter of climate solutions, carbon capture, storage, and other low carbon technologies. ◦ Leads and/or collaborates on complex cross-ministry/government activities or strategic initiatives. ◦ Develops partnerships with investors to match project financing needs with strategic sources of capital. ◦ Leads the ministry's investment evaluation process. • Delivers the \$1 billion First Nations Equity Financing Program in partnership with the Ministry of Finance to help support equity financing opportunities that provide meaningful participation for First Nations in projects of shared interest with the Province, anchoring investment and creating jobs and new economic growth (scheduled for launch in Spring 2026). • Delivers the BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund, which provided incentive funding of up to \$10 million to manufacturing operators to scale, grow, and modernize their facilities through capital investment. The intake is currently closed. • Delivery of the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP), providing funding for economic diversification, resilience, clean growth, and infrastructure development in rural and regional communities. • Administers the Small Business Venture Capital Tax Credit Program that provides a tax credit to investors to help off-set some of the risk of investing in B.C.'s start-up and early-stage small businesses, predominantly businesses involved in tech development or small business manufacturing. The 30 per cent tax credit helps entrepreneurs and innovators raise investment capital to commercialize ideas, develop technologies, and grow their business operations. • Responsible for InBC Investment Corporation, a \$500 million strategic investment fund that invests in B.C.'s high-growth potential businesses to help them scale up. • Responsible for the new \$400 million Strategic Investment Fund.

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MINISTRY OF LABOUR

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Employment Standards</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration of the <i>Employment Standards Act</i> and the <i>Temporary Foreign Worker Protection Act</i>, through the Employment Standards Branch and the independent Employment Standards Tribunal, to ensure that employees receive basic standards of compensation and conditions of employment, including the minimum wage, and that foreign workers in B.C. have appropriate protections. Provide fair and efficient procedures for resolving disputes under these Acts between employees and employers and foreign workers and employers/recruiters.
<i>Labour Relations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration of the Labour Relations Code through the independent quasi-judicial B.C. Labour Relations Board. The ministry also promotes stable labour relations by monitoring collective bargaining disputes and providing formal and informal assistance to the parties. Also, responsible for the <i>Fire and Police Services Collective Bargaining Act</i> and the <i>Fire Department Act</i>.
<i>Workers' Compensation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration of the <i>Workers Compensation Act</i> through WorkSafeBC (provincial Workers' Compensation Board) and the independent Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal (WCAT). WorkSafeBC provides compensation services, health care and vocational rehabilitation to injured workers. WorkSafeBC also has authority to develop, enact and enforce the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation. WCAT decides appeals of WorkSafeBC decisions. The ministry is also responsible for the Employers' Advisers Office and the Workers' Advisers Office.

MINISTRY OF MINING AND CRITICAL MINERALS

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Mines Health, Safety and Enforcement Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for mine workers' health and safety, compliance verification and enforcement, and investigations of serious incidents at mines. Oversees the regulation of abandoned mines including addressing hazards (e.g., unsecured mine openings, stability issues at legacy tailings storage facilities, and managing sites under receivership or where permit holders are no longer viable). Oversees policy, Indigenous engagement, inspector training, and compliance data and reporting in its core business areas. Includes the Office of the Chief Inspector of Mines which is responsible for leading compliance and enforcement of the <i>Mines Act</i>. Oversees the development and implementation of updates to the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines in B.C., through the Standing Code Review Committee. Conducts audits to assess the effectiveness of the mining regulatory framework under the direction of the Chief Auditor and coordinates ministry responses to audits.

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MINISTRY OF MINING AND CRITICAL MINERALS CONTINUED...

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<p><i>Mining Competitiveness and Authorizations Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for managing authorizations, geoscience, and policy for the mining cycle from early mineral exploration, construction and development of major and regional mines, and mine closure and reclamation. • Manages the cross-ministry coordinated authorization process for major mines, involving the Ministry of Environment and Parks, the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship and the Ministry of Forests, supports the Environmental Assessment Office on mining projects, and is responsible for reviewing and permitting all metal and coal mines in the Province under the <i>Mines Act</i>. • Provides a leadership role in reconciliation efforts with Indigenous Peoples to advance and resolve key strategic issues relating to mining activity. • Includes the B.C. Geological Survey which conducts research to assess the geological evolution and mineral resources of the Province. • Supports the competitiveness of B.C.'s mining sector, including critical minerals, and helps position B.C. as an attractive jurisdiction for investment by providing a fair, effective, and transparent authorizations process, and focusing on regulatory certainty (including reducing permitting timelines), Indigenous reconciliation and partnerships, world-class geoscience, innovation, economic analysis, and leading environmental standards. • Supports the advancement of B.C. critical minerals projects and policies across the value chain that contributes to a low carbon future by increasing industry and investor interest in the sector, promoting projects to capital markets and the federal government, finding alignment between provincial strategies and other jurisdictional strategies, and working with interested parties (industry, unions, First Nations and others) to develop and implement strategies that identify opportunities for mineral exploration and the critical minerals sector. • Delivers frontline regulatory services across B.C., overseeing regional and major mine permitting under the <i>Mines Act</i>.
<p><i>Strategic and Indigenous Partnerships Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works to advance Indigenous reconciliation and key sector negotiations, supports cross-ministry policy, intergovernmental relations, ministry planning, strategic initiatives, and engages with Indigenous groups on policy matters. • Authorizes and administers the legislation governing the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral, placer, and coal rights in the Province. • Responsible for implementing the Mineral Claims Consultation Framework, and updating the <i>Mineral Tenure Act</i> in a manner that engages directly with and is respectful of First Nations rights and interests; and an expanded focus on the Northwest Strategy to advance prosperity, reconciliation, and conservation in Northwest B.C. • Works with other ministry divisions, the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, and the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation on key reconciliation related matters and initiatives including modernized land use planning. This work is consistent with the Province's objectives under the <i>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i> (DRIPA) and ensures that First Nations actively participate in natural resource development in their Traditional Territories.

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MINISTRY OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND FUTURE SKILLS

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Finance, Technology And Management Services Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for financial oversight of all 25 public Post-Secondary Institutions (PSI), including distribution of operating grants, financial reporting, setting and monitoring student Full-Time Equivalent performance measures, and monitoring general PSI financial health and the PSI sector sustainability review. • Coordination of sector-wide collaborations on shared procurement, IM/IT, student housing policy, information security, and administrative services. • Coordination and support for emergency response readiness for the sector and overdose prevention and response. • Responsible for ministry budget management, financial operations and corporate services functions.
<i>Governance, Legislation and Engagement Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for the ministry's legislative development, as well as Order In Council board appointments, labour relations, PSI governance, intergovernmental relations, and corporate planning. • Leads the ministry's work on Indigenous post-secondary education and training, including implementation of Declaration Act Action Plan initiatives. The Indigenous Policy and Engagement Branch undertakes engagement, policy development, program development and implementation with Indigenous partners and public post-secondary institutions. • Houses the Office for International Credential Recognition, responsible for oversight of 18 regulatory authorities' international credential recognition processes, and the Office of the Superintendent of Professional Governance, responsible for oversight of six <i>Professional Governance Act</i> regulatory bodies in the natural and built environment.

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MINISTRY OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND FUTURE SKILLS CONTINUED...

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<p><i>Labour Market Development and Immigration Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for the development and management of targeted labour market and workforce development policies and programs to help people get the information and skills they need to participate in B.C.'s labour market. • Oversight of the trades training system, including Skilled Trades Certification and the Crown agency responsible, SkilledTradesBC. • Responsible for programs for people, employers, and communities, including the Sector Labour Market Partnerships program, the Community Workforce Response Grant, the BC Employer Training Grant, Skills Training for Employment programs, and skills training for forestry dependent communities. • Produces a wide range of labour market information and insights, including B.C.'s Labour Market Outlook, and disseminates labour market information, career planning tools, and other resources through the WorkBC.ca website. • Responsible for immigration policy, programs, and services for the Province including the Provincial Nominee Program (PNP), supporting the attraction of international skilled and semi-skilled workers and entrepreneurs to all regions. Priority occupations include health, childcare, and tech, plus attraction to smaller centres. • Ensures new residents and aspiring newcomers have timely and equitable access to settlement and integration services through BC Newcomer Services, BC Safe Haven, and Career Paths. • Leads the Province's approach to exceptional migration measures (i.e. border readiness and emergency humanitarian response).
<p><i>Post-Secondary Policy and Programs Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for 25 public PSIs and their programs including: Adult Basic Education and English Language Learning; tech-relevant programs; teacher education and early childhood educator programs; veterinary medicine education; and health and medical education. • Administers StudentAid BC programs including the BC Access Grant, the Provincial Tuition Waiver for Former Youth in Care, and the BC Loan Forgiveness Program. • Leads strategic policy/liaison for the sector including the Tuition Limit Policy; international education and overseeing the British Columbia Council for International Education (BCCIE, a Crown corporation); and enhancing the learner experience through student mental health initiatives, combatting sexualized violence, promoting work integrated learning and co-ops, developing micro-credentials, and advising the minister on new degree programs through the Degree Quality Assessment Board. • Regulation, oversight and monitoring of over 300 private training institutions, including student protection, and Education Quality Assurance designation. • B.C.'s Post-Secondary Digital Learning Strategy and Digital Services Strategy, which aims to improve how digital technologies support access to flexible, high-quality post-secondary education. • Oversight of four shared service program offices providing B.C.'s central online application service (EducationPlannerBC), B.C.'s academic credit transfer system (BC Council on Admission and Transfer), and centralized teaching and learning supports (BCcampus and the BC Electronic Library Network).

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>BC Coroners Service</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for investigating and determining the circumstances of all unnatural, sudden, and unexpected, unexplained, or unattended deaths in the Province. • Makes recommendations to improve public safety and prevent death in similar circumstances. • Responsible for the investigation of all child deaths (under the age of 19 years) in B.C. and for investigating all deaths in custody. • Responsible for conducting inquests into deaths in the custody of peace officers, deaths that involve strong public interest, or when there is a need to review a dangerous practice or circumstance. • Responsible for convening Death Review Panels for the aggregate review of deaths with similar circumstances to identify opportunities for intervention to prevent future deaths. • Provides statistical information and analysis to agencies, government ministries, academic institutions, and other jurisdictions to support research and inform policies and legislation in support of public safety.
<i>BC Corrections</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for the supervision of individuals, 18 years or older, on bail or serving a sentence in the community, and the supervision of individuals in custody awaiting trial or serving a sentence under two years. • Responsible for the Repeat Violent Offending Intervention Initiative (ReVOII) and the Chronic Property Offending Intervention Initiative (C-POII).
<i>Corporate Strategic Initiatives Branch and Office of the Fire Commissioner</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for Policing and Public Safety Modernization initiatives, including managing amendments to policing legislation and/or regulations, and other relevant public safety statutes (e.g., the <i>Firearm Violence Prevention Act</i>). • Responsible for leading development of the provincial safety officer model. • Facilitates cross-government coordination of the Province's community safety initiatives and provides support to the Cabinet Committee on Community Safety and the corresponding Minister of State. • Responsible for the development of future-state options for 911 emergency communications services in the Province and monitoring the implementation of the E-Comm 9-1-1 review. • The Office of the Fire Commissioner is the provincial lead for fire safety and is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ administering and enforcing fire safety legislation; ◦ collecting and reporting fire loss statistics; ◦ promoting fire safety awareness; ◦ establishing training standards for structure firefighting, and for fire inspectors and investigators; and ◦ supporting fire inspections and fire investigations.

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL CONTINUED...

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Community Safety and Victim Services Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for funding a provincial network of victim service and violence against women programs, including sexual assault programs. • Training and support for service providers and various gender-based violence response coordination tables is provided through a contract with the Ending Violence Association of BC. • Responsible for funding restorative-justice programs. • Includes the Civil Forfeiture Office, and the Civil Forfeiture Grant Program, the Crime Victim Assistance Program, Family Information Liaison Unit, and the Intimate Images Protection Service.
<i>Independent Gambling Control Office</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened regulator with the mandate, authority and independence to monitor and safeguard the gambling sector in B.C. • Regulates all gambling in B.C., including commercial gambling conducted and managed by the British Columbia Lottery Corporation (e.g., lotteries, casinos, bingo, and online gambling on PlayNow.com), horse racing, and licensed charitable gambling events. • Administers the Gambling Support BC program, which includes responsible and problem gambling prevention and treatment services.
<i>Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a regulator, the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch oversees provincial liquor and cannabis legislation and regulations that govern B.C.'s private retail sale and consumption of liquor and cannabis. • Educates establishments about liquor and cannabis laws and rules. • Takes enforcement action when licensed establishments do not follow the <i>Cannabis Control and Licensing Act</i> and the <i>Liquor Control and Licensing Act</i>, associated regulations or their specific terms and conditions.
<i>RoadSafetyBC</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the key provincial agencies responsible for road safety in the Province. • Governs drivers, oversees driver medical fitness, runs driver programs, and implements road safety policies. • Focuses on addressing high-risk driving behaviours (speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving) and works with partners to help reach their goal of zero traffic fatalities. • Operates provincial road safety programs and is the policy and regulatory agency responsible for ensuring the safe and responsible operation of motor vehicles in B.C. • The Superintendent of Motor Vehicles is the administrative authority governing drivers and has authority to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Prohibit a person from driving a motor vehicle. ◦ Require a driver to take part in a program to improve their driving. ◦ Review and make decisions about sanctions, driving prohibitions and ICBC licensing decisions. ◦ Make sure B.C. drivers are medically fit to drive.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<p><i>Policing and Security Branch</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintends and provides central oversight of B.C. policing and law enforcement by developing and administering policing policy, programs, and provincial standards, ensuring adequate and effective delivery of policing throughout B.C. • Security Programs Division: Leads the Criminal Record Review Program, Guide Dog and Service Dog certification program, Protection Order Registry, security screening for cannabis retail applicants, and regulates the security industry, metal dealers and recyclers, pill presses, and armored vehicles / body armor. • Municipal Policing, Governance and Oversight Division: Responsible for superintending, oversight and alignment of municipal police departments (non-RCMP) and their boards. The division also has responsibility for areas including provincial policing standards, compliance and training, Justice Institute of BC Police Academy, police technologies, special police constable appointments and designation, and decriminalization. • Serious and Organized Crime Division: Responsible for oversight, policy development and program management in the areas of organized crime, gang violence, extortion, human trafficking, child exploitation and other serious crime, administration of Specialized Investigation and Targeted Enforcement (SITE) and Community Safety and Targeted Enforcement (CSTEP), and innovative crime prevention responses, such as Hate Crime, Countering Radicalization (Shift) and Situation Tables. • Serious and Organized Crime Division: The Province's central authority for coordinating and supporting public safety responses to large-scale events, protests, and critical incidents. Indigenous, Core Policing, and Contract Management Division provides provincial oversight of Police Service Agreements (PSAs) that authorize the RCMP to serve as the Provincial Police Service and Municipal Police Units in municipalities with a Municipal Police Unit Agreement, including Indigenous policing agreements across B.C. The division works closely with provincial and territorial partners, Public Safety Canada, RCMP E Division and National Headquarters, and municipalities to manage and administer the PSAs and RCMP service delivery. The division also works closely with Public Safety Canada in support of the First Nations Policing Program and ensures that policing services delivered under these agreements are effective, culturally informed and responsive to community needs. The division also leads oversight of police model transitions. • Community Safety Unit (CSU): Responsible for compliance and enforcement under the Cannabis Control and Licensing Act, with a focus on the illegal sale and production of cannabis. CSU investigators carry out compliance and enforcement activities against unlicensed cannabis retailers and producers across the Province. Investigations are conducted through a variety of strategies, including complaints received from the public, government agencies, police, and legal market operators. Potential enforcement is prioritized on several factors, including public safety, links to organized crime, proximity to licensed stores, and the Province's commitment to reconciliation. The CSU works collaboratively with enforcement partners, including police agencies, the Civil Forfeiture Office, Ministry of Finance (responsible for illegal tobacco enforcement), and Health Canada.

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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<p><i>Employment and Labour Market Services Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WorkBC Employment Services is the largest network of employment providers in the Province and supports all British Columbians seeking work regardless of where they live or employment barriers they may face. Services are delivered through 102 WorkBC Centres as well as through a strong online presence, accessible from anywhere in the Province. Services include access to individualized employment counselling, job search resources, employment planning, skills training, financial supports, wage subsidy placements, assistive technology supports, apprentice services, and more. • Currently working on an Employment Service Modernization Project to ensure future service delivery meets the diverse and evolving needs of job seekers and employers in B.C. • Community and Employer Partnerships (CEP) is a funding program that supports community-based projects to increase employment and training for job seekers across B.C. Funded projects help unemployed British Columbians to gain work experience and training while addressing local labour market needs. CEP 2026/27 will prioritize projects that respond to labour market impacts of uncertainty in global trade and tariffs, such as in the forestry sector. • Supports employment services for youth and young adults through the Foundry Work & Education Program, delivered as a part of Foundry BC's provincial network of integrated health and wellness services for young people. The Program is delivered in person at Foundry centres and virtually through the Foundry BC app. • Working to address gaps in labour supply resulting from reductions to Canada's temporary foreign worker program by engaging with impacted sectors and employers to tap into domestic talent. This includes connecting employers to WorkBC Centres, implementing projects to increase hiring of youth, as well as supporting large scale, sector-specific initiatives such as the Agriculture and Food Workforce Development Initiative to support B.C.'s agriculture and food industry. • B.C. is strengthening support workers affected by tariffs and global economic shifts through an amendment to the Labour Market Development Agreement, providing \$70.4 million over three years. Funding through the Canada-British Columbia Workforce Tariff Response will support workers within the softwood lumber, steel and other impacted sectors. This new funding will help workers, including those affected by forestry sector disruptions, to upskill, reskill, and seize emerging opportunities. Supports will be delivered through strategic investments and integrated with WorkBC's provincewide services to ensure timely, local, and personalized support, ensuring workers get timely assistance as they transition into new opportunities.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Accessibility Directorate</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing cross-government advice and support to promote greater accessibility and inclusivity of policies and programs. • Implementation of the <i>Accessible British Columbia Act</i>, which seeks to identify, remove, and prevent barriers to inclusion experienced by people with disabilities. • Development of accessibility standards for service delivery and accessible employment. • Implementation of the Accessible B.C. Regulation, which requires local governments to implement an accessibility plan, accessibility committee, and an accessibility feedback tool. • Supports the Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility. • Support for Ministerial Advisory Committees, including Registered Disability Savings Plan Action Group and Provincial Accessibility Committee.
<i>Research, Innovation and Policy Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides research, policy, and legislation support to the ministry to deliver income and disability assistance to British Columbians most in need. • Leads development, evaluation, and implementation of the government's policies on income and disability assistance. • Leads government's work on B.C.'s Poverty Reduction Strategy, and the ministry's food security mandate item. • Supports the Parliamentary Secretary for Community Development and Non-Profits. • Leads ministry intergovernmental relations related to social services, Indigenous policy and <i>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i> accountabilities. • Provides reconsideration services for clients disputing eligibility decisions regarding income assistance, disability assistance, and child care subsidy.
<i>Service Delivery Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivers income and disability services through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Community Services Branch (CSB): Provides in-person services at 84 locations around the Province, including 36 Ministry office locations and 48 partnership Service BC office locations. ◦ Community Integration Services Branch (CISB): Works directly with individuals who are homeless, precariously housed or at risk of experiencing homelessness, or through community partners to connect them with financial assistance and community supports. ◦ Virtual Services Branch (VSB): Provides services by phone and online, connecting clients and applicants with financial assistance and other supports. In addition, this branch is responsible for processing applications for assistance (intake); health assistance services, adjudicating Persons with Disabilities (PWD) applications, and providing specialized services (e.g. funerals and BC Bus Pass). ◦ Prevention and Loss Management Services Branch (PLMSB): Supports and promotes the integrity of the B.C. Employment and Assistance Program through responding to under-reporting, allegations of fraud, investigating serious offences, and developing initiatives and strategies to support and evaluate service quality and mitigate financial loss.

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MINISTRY OF TOURISM, ARTS, CULTURE AND SPORT

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Amateur Sport</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides funding to over 70 designated amateur sports organizations to contribute to the health and wellness of British Columbians. • Funding programs facilitate the development of competitive athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, and sport administrators. • Administers grant programs related to boosting sport participation, high-performance athlete development, and event hosting. • Provides funding to BC Senior's Games Society to stage the annual 55+ BC Games. • Provides funding to the Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Council to support sport and recreation opportunities for Indigenous people. • Provides oversight of the BC Games Society, the Province's Crown Corporation that runs the BC Summer and Winter Games and prepares Team BC for the Canada Games. • Provides oversight and strategic direction to viaSport, the Province's lead service delivery partner.
<i>Arts and Culture - BC Arts Council Secretariat</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BC Arts Council (BCAC) supports the arts and culture sector with funding, policy, programs, outreach, engagement, research, and partnerships. • Provides the secretariat support and administration for the BCAC in support of its legislated mandate, including administration of BCAC programs for non-profit organizations, collectives, individual practitioners, and First Nations to support arts and culture activity.
<i>Arts and Culture - Corporate and Strategic Cultural Priorities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the arts and culture sector with policy, programs, legislation and leads related corporate priorities. • Provides oversight, strategic direction, and corporate support for the Royal BC Museum. • Advances work to co-develop a policy framework to support repatriation initiatives in support of the <i>Declaration Act</i> Action Plan action 4.33. • Leads development, advancement and implementation of cultural infrastructure projects and investments, including the Royal BC Museum Provincial Archives, Collections and Research Building, Chinese Canadian Museum, Canadians of South Asian heritages museum, a provincial Filipino cultural center, as well as supporting the redevelopment of the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver, the Vancouver Art Gallery, and the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria.
<i>BC Athletic Commission</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation and regulatory oversight of professional boxing, kickboxing, and mixed martial arts, as well as all amateur combat sports.
<i>Community Gaming Grants</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports eligible not-for-profit organizations delivering community programs that benefit the citizens of B.C. • Grants are awarded across several sectors including arts and culture, sport, public safety, environment, human and social services, and Parent Advisory Councils and District Parent Advisory Councils.

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MINISTRY OF TOURISM, ARTS, CULTURE AND SPORT CONTINUED...

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Creative Sector</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the economically driven creative sector (i.e., film, television, interactive digital media, music, and publishing) by leading cross-ministry and intergovernmental research, policy and program development. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ This includes policy and program oversight of the Province’s four-year \$42 million investment in the sector, made in 2023. • Provides oversight of Knowledge Network, B.C.’s public education broadcaster, and Creative BC, the Province’s lead economic development agency for the creative sector. • Developing a Provincial Film and Television Strategy to support economic resilience and job stability. • Facilitates cross-ministry, intergovernmental and stakeholder issues management, strategic visioning, consultation, and collaboration on topics of interest (e.g., <i>Online Streaming Act</i>, <i>Copyright Act</i>, Tax Credits).
<i>Heritage</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides advice and information on B.C.’s historic places, paleontological resources, and geographical names. Exercises regulatory authority and develops policy under the <i>Heritage Conservation Act</i> and the <i>Land Act</i> regarding the identification, formal recognition, commemoration, protection and celebration of heritage and fossil sites, management of provincial heritage sites and the management of the BC Register of Historic Places and the BC Geographical Names Office.
<i>Marquee Sports</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for assessing opportunities to bring marquee sport events to the Province. These events are assessed for their economic and social impacts. • Responsible for securing provincial funding, oversight and strategic direction for marquee sport events such as the 2025 Grey Cup, 2025 Invictus Games, and FIFA World Cup 2026.
<i>Mountain Resorts</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivers a one window regulatory approach for resort development and community ski area administration and the review and authorization of expansions and new proposals on Crown land across the Province. • Evaluates phased development plans and conducts major project reviews through working with First Nations, public engagement, and community and stakeholder engagement. • Provides advice and information on resort development policy and programs.
<i>Tourism</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develops and implements policies and programs to support sustainable tourism growth, enhance visitor experiences, and realize economic benefits through tourism. • Administers the Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI), Destination Event Program, and jointly manages the Municipal Regional District Tax program (MRDT) with the Ministry of Finance and Destination BC. Provides oversight of Destination BC (international tourism marketing) and BC Pavilion Corporation (BC Place and Vancouver Convention Centre) and leads implementation of the provincial Look West: Tourism Sector Action Plan.

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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<p><i>Highways and Regional Services Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Developing, maintaining, and operating safe, secure provincial and regional transportation networks. ◦ Leading the ministry in provincial issue management, emergency response, and preservation of transportation infrastructure. ◦ Promoting compliance of safety regulations within the transport sector, with the goal of increasing road safety and protecting public health, the environment, and transportation infrastructure. ◦ Planning and delivering rehabilitation and capital projects in the region. ◦ Fostering partnerships and delivering on commitments with First Nations and Indigenous communities. ◦ Supporting provincial economic growth through regional work and development services. ◦ Implementing sustainable, resilient, and innovative transportation solutions. • The division, through their Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement (CVSE) program, also: Regulates and manages commercial vehicle activities on the provincial highway network and aligns requirements with neighboring provinces to ensure the safe and efficient movement of goods within B.C. and beyond. • Also includes the Passenger Transportation Branch, which regulates commercial passenger vehicles including taxis, ride hailing companies, limousines, charter, and inter-city (scheduled) buses, in accordance with the <i>Passenger Transportation Act</i>.
<p><i>Integrated Transportation and Infrastructure Services Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develops and promotes a world class transportation network through innovation and collaboration. • Oversees aspects of planning, goods movement, engineering, land management, and major project delivery for the ministry. • The primary interface between the government and two Crown Corporations: BC Rail and Transportation Investment Corporation (TI Corp). • Key functions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Integrated Transportation Planning. ◦ Goods Movement and liaison to the Office of the BC Container Trucking Commissioner (OBCCT). ◦ Properties and Land Management. ◦ Transit Oriented Development. ◦ Major project policy and delivery including the TI Corp relationship. ◦ Engineering and Technical Services. ◦ Engineering Standards.

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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT CONTINUED...

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Policy, Programs and Partnerships Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for all aspects of strategic transportation policy and legislation, including transit, ferries, passenger vehicles, passenger directed services, active transportation, rail safety, airports, rural, remote and intercity transportation, emerging transportation technology, and the <i>Motor Vehicle Act</i>. • In addition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Administers a number of grant programs to support the transportation sector and services, including passenger accessibility, airports, and active transportation. ◦ Manages the relationship with transportation service delivery partners including BC Transit, TransLink, BC Ferries, ride hail, taxi, inland ferry operators, airlines, etc. ◦ Intergovernmental relations. ◦ Leads the ministry's participation in CleanBC and climate change initiatives.

MINISTRY OF WATER, LAND AND RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Land Use Planning and Cumulative Effects</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for leading B.C.'s land stewardship strategies, supported by science and knowledge, that promote and guide the Province's goals for reconciliation with First Nations, a sustainable economy and a protected and enhanced biodiversity. • This includes landscape-scale biodiversity assessment and reporting, habitat connectivity for wildlife and ecosystems, Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas, and the "30 per cent by 2030" conservation objective. • Responsible for delivering the following programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Modernized Land Use Planning delivered in partnership with First Nations that includes watershed planning as part of its land-use planning and cumulative-effects mandate. ◦ Collaborative Stewardship Program and regional stewardship forums, strengthening shared governance and on-the-ground stewardship. ◦ Cumulative Effects Framework including provincial policy, decision-support tools, guidance, data and information management, and regional implementation. ◦ Species-at-risk regional planning to guide the protection and recovery of sensitive species and ecosystems.

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MINISTRY OF WATER, LAND AND RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP CONTINUED...

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Permitting Transformation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads on land and water authorizations across the Province. This includes permit applications, First Nation consultation, and major project reviews. • Regional offices provide client access to natural resource authorizations expertise and supports through Front Counter BC. • Holds responsibility for the Housing Action Taskforce to support provincial housing authorizations, connectivity authorizations, and BC Hydro Sustainment Projects as well as interconnects to the Call for Power Wind and Solar projects. • Additional prioritization is on advancing the necessary strategic, policy, process and technology work required to transform and shift permitting across this ministry and the Natural Resource Ministries as a whole.
<i>Reconciliation, Lands, Policy and Data</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides leadership in developing a “roadmap” for the natural resource sector to support the effective operationalization and implementation of the <i>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i>, grounded in authoritative provincial land, tenure and geospatial information to support reconciliation-focused evidence-based decision making. • Lands Program includes Lands Branch and Crown Land Opportunities and Restoration Branch. Lands Branch provides operational policy support for <i>Land Act</i> tenures and transfers, maintains the Crown Land Registry, and offers legislative support for the <i>Land Title Act</i> and other private land legislation. • The Crown Land Opportunities and Restoration Branch comprises of the Crown Land Opportunities Program (CLO), which focuses on priority Crown land sales and transfers to address reconciliation and housing needs, and the Crown Contaminated Sites Program (CCSP), which is the lead agency for the investigation and possible remediation of prioritized, high-risk abandoned contaminated sites on vacant Crown land. • First Nation Land Transfers Branch: provides technical and expertise to the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and First Nations engaged in negotiations and leads the implementation of land-based agreements, including land transfers and vesting of land. • GeoBC provides provincial leadership in geospatial information management, including the creation, maintenance, and publication of foundational datasets such as provincial aerial imagery, LiDAR, land survey monumentation, and species and ecosystems information. GeoBC delivers authoritative geospatial intelligence to support land stewardship, reconciliation, public safety, and evidence-based decision-making across the natural resource sector.

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MINISTRY OF WATER, LAND AND RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP CONTINUED...

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Resource Stewardship</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads the conservation and management of fish, wildlife and habitats to maintain healthy native species and ecosystems across B.C. • Develops and implements wildlife and ecosystem policy, guidance, and standards, and is accountable for the responsibilities under the <i>Wildlife Act</i>. • Acquires and integrates Indigenous, scientific, and local knowledge to improve natural resource decision making. The division also coordinates and delivers on the ground actions that maintain or enhance ecosystem and wildlife health. • Advances fish and wildlife co-management with First Nations and builds collaborative partnerships with all levels of government and stewardship organizations, and it supports implementation of the Tripartite Agreement on Nature Conservation with the First Nations Leadership Council and Canada. • Core program areas include biodiversity, ecosystem, and wildlife stewardship; wildlife policy, allocation, permitting, licensing, data and decision support; and wildlife health. • Leads Together for Wildlife implementation, the Conservation Lands Program, the Caribou Recovery Program, species at risk policy and habitat designations, and regional fish, wildlife, and habitat management. • Additional program responsibilities include terrestrial conservation and wildlife science, along with invasive terrestrial fauna and wildlife response.

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MINISTRY OF WATER, LAND AND RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP CONTINUED...

DIVISION/BRANCH	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Water, Fisheries and Coast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brings together program areas responsible for Watershed Security, Water Management, Aquatic Ecosystems and Freshwater Fisheries, and Coastal Marine Policy and Planning. • Works to support functioning and resilient marine, aquatic, and coastal ecosystems that support a diversity of economic activities and provide the foundation for vibrant and thriving coastal communities and cultures. • Provides oversight to the Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C. (FFSBC) who contribute to recreational fishing by stocking approximately 700 lakes across B.C. with six million trout, kokanee and char annually. • Provides provincial leadership on water and coordinates government's strategy on 'source to tap' drinking water protection. It is also responsible for watershed-related strategic planning, policy, science, assessments and analysis tools for B.C., as well supporting the use of water governance and planning tools in the <i>Water Sustainability Act</i> (e.g., water sustainability plans and water objectives). This work is collaborative by design and will include First Nations, local governments, and other interested parties. • Leads the implementation of the <i>Water Sustainability Act</i> and other water related legislation and regulations as it pertains to the management of water allocation, dam safety and flood safety with a focus on public safety and resiliency of the environment. It also leads on policy, planning and supports in relation to water-related hazards such as flood and drought for the Province. • Supports restoration and rebuilding of wild fish populations and provides leadership for aquatic habitat policy and restoration. It also sets fisheries and aquaculture policy, develops new strategies to protect and revitalize B.C.'s wild salmon populations, and is the provincial lead for interfacing with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). • The Statutory Decision Maker (SDM) under the <i>Wildlife Act</i> for B.C.'s recreational freshwater fisheries as well as administration of the <i>Riparian Areas Protection Act</i>. • Leads prevention and provincial response to aquatic invasive species and leads on assessments, listing and priority recovery actions for aquatic species at risk. • In natural disaster response, leads actions and direction to protect or recover aquatic ecosystems and the aquatic/fish species that rely on them. • The provincial hub for marine and coastal policy, planning, and science providing expertise to drive development and implementation of strategic and operational policies and plans that lead the way on collaborative decision- making with First Nations and Canada.

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PROVINCIAL AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS, AND CORPORATIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2026 UBCM CONVENTION

ACC	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Agricultural Land Commission</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information and advice regarding the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and work of the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission (ALC).
<i>BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the Provincial Health Services Authority, BCEHS governs the emergency medical services system in B.C. and provides pre-hospital emergency and inter-facility patient transfer services. BCEHS paramedics, emergency medical call takers and dispatch staff provide pre-hospital emergency care and ground and air ambulance transport medically necessary transport (ground and air ambulances) for British Columbians. In many rural communities across the Province, BCEHS Community Paramedics also provide scheduled care for patients with chronic health conditions as part of a community based health team. BCEHS also oversees patient inter-facility patient transfers in the Province, working with health authorities to coordinate the transfer of acute and critically ill patients to an appropriate level of care both within and outside of B.C. Members of the BCEHS executive team look forward to participating in productive and engaging sessions with municipal leaders.
<i>BC Energy Regulator</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversees the full life cycle of energy resource activities in B.C., from site planning to restoration. This includes oil, gas, geothermal, hydrogen, ammonia, methanol and wind and solar projects. We welcome any questions regarding our regulatory oversight.
<i>BC Housing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for implementation of Building BC programs that are helping government to deliver 114,000 units of affordable housing including the following programs: Supportive Housing Fund, Women's Transition Housing Fund, Community Housing Fund, Indigenous Housing Fund, Rapid Response to Homelessness, Deepening Affordability program. It is also responsible for BC Builds and HousingHub which works with communities, governments, non-profit and private sector stakeholders to facilitate the creation of new affordable rental housing.
<i>BC Hydro</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BC Hydro's mission is to safely provide our customers with reliable, affordable, clean electricity. Our vision celebrates our clean energy advantage and our environmental stewardship role in B.C. Sustainability is about making the best choices with available resources, which means leveraging our clean electricity for all British Columbians. BC Hydro's Community Relations staff look forward to addressing any questions that you may have related to our operations.

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ACC	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>BC Transit</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From small towns to large urban centres outside of Metro Vancouver, BC Transit delivers safe, reliable, customer focused transportation services you can rely on. BC Transit would be pleased to discuss any questions you may have regarding our services. In order to provide you with the best information possible, please provide specifics relating to your questions within the meeting request.
<i>Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides universal compulsory auto insurance (basic insurance) to drivers in B.C., with rates regulated by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) and sells optional auto insurance in a competitive marketplace. Insurance products are available across B.C. through a network of independent brokers, and claims services are provided at ICBC claims handling facilities located throughout the Province. Invests in road safety and loss management programs to reduce traffic-related deaths, injuries and crashes, auto crime and fraud. In addition, provides driver licensing, vehicle registration and licensing services, and fines collection on behalf of the provincial government at locations across the Province.
<i>The Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia (LTSA)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A non-governmental statutory corporation responsible for operating B.C.'s land title and survey systems and the Land Owner Transparency Registry (LOTR). Processes over seven million online transactions annually and provides land information and datasets to the Province, local governments, and other public agencies. The services include mapped databases such as ParcelMap BC and AUTOPROP. ParcelMap BC is the current, complete, and trusted mapped representation of titled and Crown land parcels across B.C., considered to be the point of truth for the graphical representation of property boundaries. Preserves and maintains historic land title and survey records dating back to the 19th century.
<i>Office of the Seniors Advocate (OSA)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitors and analyzes seniors' services and issues in B.C. and makes recommendations to government and service providers to address systemic issues. The Office also provides information and referrals for individuals who are navigating seniors services and tracks their concerns, which helps inform future work. The services which the Office monitors are in five key areas: health care, housing, income supports, community supports, and transportation. Collaborates with service providers, government, and health authorities to improve effectiveness, efficiency, and outcomes for seniors.

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ACC	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<p><i>Police Victim Services British Columbia (PVSBC)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The B.C. registered not for profit charity membership organization mandated to be the primary advocate for all (95+) police-based victim service (PBVS) organizations within the Province. • PBVS local organizations are physically embedded with the municipal or RCMP detachment delivering ongoing police-based victim services to the citizens of each community. • Our Vision is - All victims of crime and trauma across B.C. receive compassionate, professional, and consistent services. • PVSBC advocates, represents, lobbies, and communicates with members, partners and stakeholders on the development and delivery of PVSBC trauma informed programs, baseline, and advanced training, professional development, and member support programs. • Funding is provided by the provincial and federal governments, with additional resources from corporate and individual contributions, sponsorships, and program revenues.
<p><i>Regional Health Authorities: Fraser Health; Interior Health; Northern Health; Vancouver Coastal Health; Vancouver Island Health</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When most people think about health care, the first thing they think of are hospitals. While many services are offered in the hospitals operated by the regional health authorities, they also offer a wide range of other important services such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ End of life care; ◦ Environmental health; ◦ Healthy Living; ◦ Home and community care; ◦ Indigenous health; ◦ Infant & Youth; ◦ Lab and medical imaging services; ◦ Long-term care and assisted living; ◦ Mental health & substance use; ◦ Primary Care (Health Authority owned/operated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Urgent and Primary Care. ◦ Public health; ◦ Seniors care; ◦ Sexual Health; ◦ Virtual Health Services; and ◦ Women's Health and Cancer Care.

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ACC	AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
<i>Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a unique role in B.C.'s health authority system: to ensure that B.C. residents have access to a coordinated provincial network of high-quality specialized health-care services. • Programs provide care and services through specialized hospitals and centres across B.C. such as BC Children's Hospital and BC Cancer and BC Mental Health & Substance Use Services, including programs such as the Red Fish Healing Centre. • Responsible for specialized health services, which are delivered across the Province in collaboration with regional health authorities, such as cardiac, trauma, perinatal and stroke services. Through BC Emergency Health Services, PHSA oversees the BC Ambulance Service and Patient Transfer Services. • BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) and the Public Health Reference Laboratory.
<i>Royal Canadian Mounted Police</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Canada's national police force, provides policing services to most of B.C., including 150 municipalities. • These services include, but are not limited to, uniformed patrols, response to calls for service, investigative services, community-based policing, and traffic enforcement. Additionally, the B.C. RCMP is part of a number of integrated teams operating throughout the Province who provide specialized police services to British Columbians. • The B.C. RCMP values ongoing collaboration and meaningful communication with our partners. Representatives of the B.C. RCMP's Senior Management Team look forward to hearing your feedback and answer any questions you may have about its services so that we can work together towards our common goal of providing your community with a professional, efficient, and effective police service.

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REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORT

TO: Planning Committee

FROM: Julia Dykstra, General Manager of Planning Services

IN COLLABORATION WITH:

SUBJECT: Savary Island Official Community Plan - First Reading

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT the Committee recommends to the Board that the Board endorse “Savary Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 607, 2026” as presented; and

THAT the bylaw be forwarded to the June 9, 2026 Board meeting for first reading.
 2. THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the Board direct staff to proceed with Phase 5 - Approval Process public engagement.
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PURPOSE/SUMMARY

To consider a draft “Savary Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 607, 2026” intended to replace *Savary Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 403, 2006*.

BACKGROUND

On March 28, 2024, the Regional Board adopted the qathet Regional District 2024-2028 Financial Plan. Within the Financial Plan, the Planning budget allocated funds to complete the Savary Island Official Community Plan review and update project.

On July 22, 2024, the qathet Regional District contracted Bluerock Planning to support staff in the Savary Island Official Community Plan review and update project. The review and update process built on previous plans, reports and studies, and included comprehensive community engagement with Savary Island residents and property owners, inclusive of First Nations.

On October 23, 2024, the Regional Board established the Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee to provide advice on matters related to the review and update of the Savary Island Official Community Plan.

On April 21, 2026, the Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee considered final revisions for the new Savary Island Official Community Plan and adopted the following motion:

THAT the Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee forward the draft Savary Island Official Community Plan to the qathet Regional District Planning Committee to commence Phase 5 of the five phase planning process.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The draft “Savary Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 607, 2026” has been prepared, attached as Appendix A to this report.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This work aligns with the following strategic priority and area of focus in the 2023-2027 qathet Regional District Strategic Plan:

ENVIRONMENT + CLIMATE

We proactively plan for growth in our region to ensure our land use is responsible and sustainable.

TYPE OF DECISION

Directive Decision

LEGISLATIVE, REGULATORY, BYLAW OR POLICY IMPACT/RELATIONSHIP

Under the *Local Government Act*, a formal review and update of an Official Community Plan should be undertaken periodically to determine progress towards achieving goals and objectives, compliance with new legislative requirements, and evolving needs and priorities of the community.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The draft Savary Island Official Community Plan is the outcome of a two and a half year community planning process. The draft Savary Island Official Community Plan reflects a balance of community interests, a renewed community vision, and a policy framework for working together to achieve that vision.

The review and update of the Savary Island Official Community Plan was achieved through a five-phase community planning process working in collaboration with residents, property owners, and key interest holders on Savary Island, inclusive of Tla'amin Nation.

Between July 2024 and April 2026, Phases 1 to 4 of the five phase planning process were completed.

- **Phase 1: Project Initiation (2024)** - during this phase the following tasks and activities were completed: project launch; project communications and engagement plan; project webpage; project email distribution list; on-island community open house (50 participants); on-island farmers market event (30 participants); phase 1 engagement report; and, establish Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee composed of 15 community members.
[Click here to view the Phase 1 Community Engagement Summary Report \(PDF website link\)](#)
- **Phase 2: Community Exploration & Visioning (2024-2025)** - during this phase the following tasks and activities were completed: meeting #1 of Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee (orientation and review of phase 1 engagement report); online community visioning survey (575 participants); frequently asked questions document; online community webinar (158 registrants); community mailout; online small group community discussion sessions (102 registrants); phase 2 engagement report; and, project background report.
[Click here to view the Phase 2 Vision Survey Summary Report \(PDF website link\)](#)
[Click here to view the Phase 2 Group Discussion Summary Report \(PDF website link\)](#)
- **Phase 3: Key Directions (2025)** - during this phase the following tasks and activities were completed: meeting #2 of Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee (review of phase 2 engagement report and technical background reports); development of key directions discussion book; meeting #3 of Advisory Committee (review of key directions discussion book); community mailout; on-island engagement events on July 28-29, 2025 (111 participants); on-line engagement webinar on August 5, 2025 (70 registrants); on-line key directions survey (497 participants); frequently asked questions document update; phase 3 engagement report; and, meeting #4 of Advisory Committee (review of phase 3 engagement report and next steps).
[Click here to view the Phase 3 – What We Heard Report \(PDF website link\)](#)
- **Phase 4: OCP Preparation (2025-2026)** - during this phase the following tasks and activities have been completed: technical online webinar on Savary Groundwater Study (100+ registrants); technical online webinar on Savary Slope Hazard Study (100+ registrants); frequently asked questions document update; preparation of a rough draft Savary Island Official Community Plan by Bluerock Consulting Inc; refinement of draft Savary Island Official Community Plan by qathet Regional District Planning staff to ensure plan reflected what was learned through phases 1 to 3 of the planning process and to ensure alignment with qathet Regional District strategic plans and scope of authority; and, monthly meetings with the Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee from

January through April 2026 to review and refine the draft Savary Island Official Community Plan.

If the Board endorses the “Savary Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 607, 2026” as presented, and forwards the bylaw to the June 9, 2026 Board meeting for first reading, Phase 5 will include further public and key interest holder engagement on the draft Savary Island Official Community Plan:

- On-island community pop-up events and an on-line community survey will be held to solicit feedback on the "Savary Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 607, 2026" from residents and property owners.
- As per the *Local Government Act*, referrals of the "Savary Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 607, 2026" will be required to solicit feedback from other levels of government and First Nations.
- As per the *Local Government Act*, a public hearing will be required prior to final adoption of the "Savary Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 607, 2026".

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with this project are accounted for in the Planning Budget of the 2024-2028 Financial Plan.

PUBLIC AND/OR STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT REQUIRED OR PERFORMED

Preparation of the draft Savary Island Official Community Plan has been informed by a comprehensive public and key interest holder engagement process with Savary Island residents and property owners, inclusive of First Nations.

Phase 5 will include further public and key interest holder engagement on the draft Savary Island Official Community Plan, as discussed above.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, staff is recommending the Board endorse “Savary Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 607, 2026” as presented, and the bylaw be forwarded to the June 9, 2026 Board meeting for first reading.

Proceeding to Phase 5 will allow the wider community to have opportunity to share their feedback on the draft Savary Island Official Community Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

[APPENDIX A DRAFT BL607 - Savary Island Official Community Plan](#)

Approved By:

Julia Dykstra, General Manager of Planning Services

Status:

Approved - 30 Apr 2026

Al Radke, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved - 01 May 2026

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Savary Island's vision is to preserve its off-grid island lifestyle, self-sufficiency, and strong sense of community with minimal regulations, while actively protecting the island's vital groundwater resources and sensitive ecosystems. The community continues to celebrate the beauty of the land and ocean, while stewarding natural and cultural heritage resources.

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Cover image to be determined by Phase 5 community engagement

Savary Island Official Community Plan
Schedule A to Bylaw No. 607, 2026 (First Reading)
May 26 2026



This Official Community Plan was developed through a comprehensive five phase planning process working collaboratively with island residents and property owners, inclusive of the Tla'amin Nation.

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qathet Regional District acknowledges that Savary Island (qeyε qʷən) is located within the Traditional Territory of the Tla'amin, Klahoose, and Homalco First Nations.

We recognize the significant contributions of First Nations people who have lived and worked on this land since time immemorial.

We offer our sincere gratitude for their stewardship of these lands.

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"qeyε qʷən has always been vital to our people and will continue to be for generations, therefore it should be protected from harm and it's health invested in for long term sustainability."

- Tla'amin community member quote



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1 Plan Foundation

1.1 Introduction

The Official Community Plan is a high-level planning document that guides local decision making on land use, development, infrastructure, community services, and environmental stewardship. The Official Community Plan embraces a long-term community vision and sets out specific objectives and policies to achieve that vision.

Legal Context

The Official Community Plan is governed by provisions of the provincial *Local Government Act*. Under Section 471 of the *Local Government Act*, an official community plan is a statement of objectives and policies to guide decisions on planning and land use management, within the area covered by the plan, respecting the purposes of local government.

An official community plan is required by Section 473 of the *Local Government Act* to include statements and map designations for the area covered by the plan respecting the following:

- approximate location, amount, type and density of residential development required to meet anticipated housing needs over a period of at least 20 years;
- approximate location, amount and type of present and proposed commercial, industrial, institutional, agricultural, recreational, and public utility land uses;
- approximate location and area of sand and gravel deposits that are suitable for future sand and gravel extraction;
- restrictions on the use of land that is subject to hazardous conditions or that is environmentally sensitive to development;
- approximate location and phasing of any major road, sewer and water systems;
- approximate location and type of present and proposed public facilities, including schools, parks, and waste treatment and disposal sites;
- policies of the local government respecting affordable, rental, and special needs housing; and
- targets and policies for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

1.1 Introduction

This Plan acknowledges that Savary Island is an off-grid island comprised largely of recreational properties, unpaved roads, with limited potential for commercial, industrial, institutional, or agricultural development. Savary Island is not identified in the region as having a core housing need, and road, sewer and water systems fall under provincial authority. Therefore, the Plan does not consider:

- anticipated housing needs over 20 years;
- proposed commercial, industrial, institutional, agricultural, or public utility development;
- location and phasing of major roads, sewer and water systems;
- proposed public facilities, including schools, and waste treatment and disposal sites; or
- affordable, rental and special needs housing.

The legal effect of an official community plan is set out under Section 478 of the *Local Government Act* as follows:

- an official community plan does not commit or authorize the regional district to proceed with any project that is specified in the plan; and
- all bylaws enacted or works undertaken by the board, after the adoption of an official community plan, must be consistent with the plan.

The policy effect of an official community plan includes:

- establishes a community vision;
- designates future land use patterns;
- coordinates policy to protect features and infrastructure;
- informs financial planning and servicing;
- guides decisions by Regional Board;
- guides decisions by residents and land owners; and
- guides decisions by other levels of government that have jurisdiction within or adjacent to the planning area (provincial agencies, federal agencies, neighbouring municipalities, and First Nations).



Figure 1. Jurisdictional and Electoral Area Boundaries

1.2 Location

Area Covered by the Plan

Savary Island is located within Electoral Area A of the qathet Regional District, off the southern coast of British Columbia, lying within the Georgia Strait between Vancouver Island and the mainland (Figure 1 page 3). The island is positioned approximately 6 kilometers southwest of Lund and 30 kilometers northwest of Powell River.

The Official Community Plan covers all of Savary Island (Figure 2 page 5). Savary Island consists mainly of privately owned residential land, privately owned conservation land, limited public spaces, and no large-scale commercial or industrial development.

Savary Island is located within the traditional territories of the Tla'amin, Klahoos, and Homalco First Nations.

Savary Island is known for its unique geography, featuring extensive sandy beaches, coastal dunes, and diverse ecosystems. The island's natural environment is distinct from much of the south coast of British Columbia, characterized by coastal dunes, dry forests of Douglas-fir and arbutus, and ecologically sensitive shorelines. Its narrow, crescent-shaped landmass extends approximately eight kilometers in length and varies in width, reaching approximately one kilometer at its widest point.

The island's terrain includes a mix of coastal bluffs, forested areas, wetlands, and grasslands, creating a rich and varied landscape. The localized and limited tidal action accounts for the warm water the island is known for.

The island's low elevation and porous, sandy soils contribute to its distinct environmental characteristics, particularly affecting water retention, vegetation, and groundwater availability.





Figure 2. Savary Island Official Community Plan - Planning Area

1.2 Location

The island's remote location and limited infrastructure influence its accessibility and development patterns. Most transportation to and from Savary is facilitated through the unincorporated village of Lund, which serves as the primary departure point for water taxis and private boats from the mainland. Travel from Vancouver Island or other areas is also feasible by boat or float plane. Powell River is the nearest municipality and, located on the mainland, provides a connection to larger regional services, including health care, retail, and transportation links via BC Ferries or Powell River Airport.

Savary Island is primarily a seasonal retreat, attracting visitors with its mild climate, scenic beauty, and recreational opportunities such as beachcombing, hiking, cycling, kayaking, and swimming. While there is a small permanent population, the island's summer population increases significantly, as property owners and visitors occupy seasonal vacation homes.

Savary Island is off-grid. BC Hydro does not serve the island and is generally not desired. The majority of lots on Savary Island are serviced by on-site wells and on-site septic disposal systems, with the exception of lots serviced by Savary Shores Improvement District.

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"Protecting the island's groundwater resources is essential, and this provides an excellent example of the collective and autonomous capacity of the community."
- community quote



1.3 Regional Context

First Nations Stewardship

The Official Community Plan recognizes and respects Tla'amin, Klahoose, and Homalco history, culture, connection, and ongoing stewardship on Savary Island.

Savary Island is called q̣eỵe q̣ẉən (pronounced Qaye qwun) by the Tla'amin people and is located within the traditional territories of the Tla'amin, Klahoose, and Homalco First Nations. These First Nations have a common history in the area that dates back over 8,500 years, with numerous archaeological sites that document their history, culture, and presence on the island. The word q̣eỵe q̣ẉən means freshwater spring. The island has this name because of its three freshwater sources. Other place names (Figure 3 page 7) include ti: ti: may (T'eet'ee may), θaṭəq̣ (Thah teq), and χεχ̣aj̣eỵis (χε χa jey is).

According to the Tla'amin, q̣eỵe q̣ẉən (Savary Island) had large village sites, multiple burial sites and was a cultural place for ceremonial and spiritual gatherings for thousands of years. Tla'amin people participated in ceremonies and spiritual gatherings, clam digging, root digging, berry picking, hunting, bark stamping, and collecting herring spawn on q̣eỵe q̣ẉən (Savary Island).

In the 1990's and early 2000's, the Tla'amin Nation negotiated a Treaty with the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada. The Treaty has been in effect since April 5, 2016. In March 2025, the Tla'amin Final Agreement was amended to include the title ḡaḡj̣inx̣ẉeg̣əs, meaning 'a good relationship with someone' reflecting the intent to guide ongoing relationships. The Treaty includes self-governance provisions and over 8,000 hectares of land, including two waterfront lots on q̣eỵe q̣ẉən (Savary Island). The Treaty includes provisions for hunting, fishing, and resource gathering rights on provincial Crown land and foreshore on q̣eỵe q̣ẉən (Savary Island).

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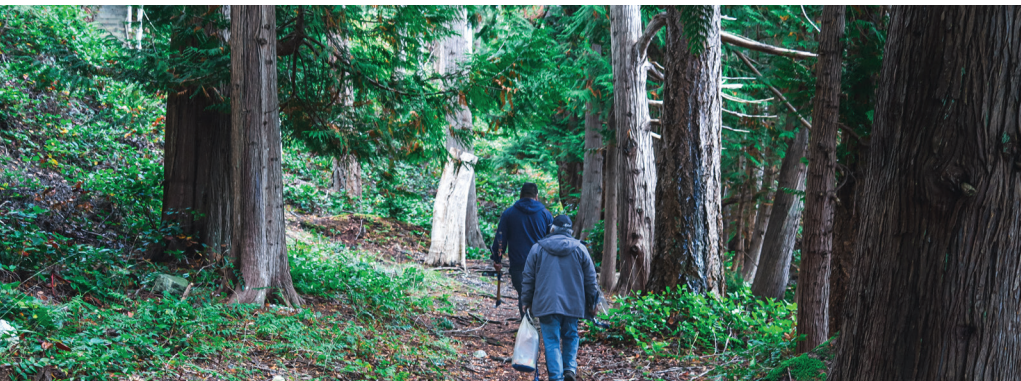


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"Our people have lived on these lands since time immemorial. Reserve and 'community' living is new to us. After visiting q̣eỵe q̣ẉən, it was evident that our people used the entirety of the Island."

- Tla'amin community member quote

1.3 Regional Context

Tla'amin is a self-governing Nation working to restore its stewardship role throughout its territory.

The Tla'amin Nation has signed Shared Territory Agreements with both the Klahoose and Homalco First Nations. The Agreements identify q̄eȳe q̄w̄ən (Savary Island) as within the Tla'amin Nation core territory. q̄athet Regional District and the Tla'amin Nation have signed a Protocol Agreement for Communication and Cooperation. The Agreement sets out shared principles and values for working together on a range of interests including land use planning, environmental protection, and cultural and heritage protection.

Key Tla'amin stewardship and interests on q̄eȳe q̄w̄ən (Savary Island) include:

- working together to harmonize land use planning in interface areas between Tla'amin lands and adjacent lands;
- protecting the natural environment and ensuring a sustainable resource base for hunting, fishing and resource gathering for future generations;
- protecting cultural and archaeological resources and expanding the inventory of known sites. These sites are highly valued by the Tla'amin people and are protected under the provincial *Heritage Conservation Act*;
- being recognized and respected as part of the community in government-to-government relationships; and
- educating the general public on Tla'amin history, culture and connection to the lands and waters of the territory.

"I remember paddling out to Savary as a child with my grandmother to go sell her baskets. We would paddle out to mid channel and set our sail and go all the way. We'd go to the beaches and sell her baskets. We'd also go and harvest roots, dig for clams, and we'd hunt deer... We'd stay and camp on Savary and wait for a westward wind to sail back home."

- Tla'amin community member quote

1.3 Regional Context

Regional Sustainability Charter

The Official Community Plan supports and aligns with the Regional Sustainability Charter, signed in July 2010 by the Regional Board, the City of Powell River Council and the Tla’amin Nation Council.

Charter Principles

- recognize and respect Tla’amin rights, title and cultural history;
- recognize ecological limits;
- take a long view;
- promote self-reliance;
- integrate environment, society and economy;
- work together;
- learn continuously;
- strive for equity;
- manage uncertainty; and
- consider local and global sustainability.

Sustainability Principles

The Official Community Plan embraces the four principles of sustainability set out in the qathet Regional District Strategic Plan 2023 - 2027, adopted in 2023 by the Regional Board.

Environmental Sustainability

Ensure the resiliency, conservation and protection of the natural environment.

Economic Sustainability

Provide and support ongoing economic benefits for the community.

Cultural Sustainability

Provide and promote respect for diversity and heritage.

Social Sustainability

Provide access, support, and advocacy for a safe, secure and inclusive community.



1.4 Population

Area A Population

Population data for Savary Island is not available as the island is not separated out in the Federal Census. This is due to the fact that the island is comprised largely of recreational properties that are occupied seasonally and there are few permanent residents. Due to the lack of population data for the island, the official community plan considers population data and trends for Electoral Area A which includes Savary Island.

Population data from Statistics Canada 2021 Census indicates the Electoral Area A population at approximately 1,250 people. The population of Electoral Area A constitutes 8 percent of the overall qathet Regional District population of 21,496 people.

Anecdotal information suggests there are approximately 100+ permanent residents on Savary Island. The permanent residents of Savary Island constitute a small proportion of the overall Electoral Area A population of 1,250 people, approximately 8 percent.

Population data from Statistics Canada indicates the Electoral Area A population is growing. As shown in Table 1, between 2001 and 2016 the populations of Electoral Area A and qathet Regional District (qRD) remained fairly constant with modest growth. Then between 2016 and 2021 Electoral Area A saw unprecedented growth with a percentage change in population on par with that experienced for the province of British Columbia.

Table 1. Population Change 2001 – 2021

	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021	Total Pop. Change 2001-2021	% Change 2001-2021
Electoral Area A	988	914	1,008	1,105	1,250	262	27%
qRD	19,765	19,599	19,906	20,070	21,496	1,731	9%
British Columbia	3,907,738	4,113,487	4,400,057	4,648,055	5,000,879	1,093,141	28%

Source: Statistics Canada

1.4 Population

While there is no quantifiable evidence for why this occurred, it is considered reasonable that the increased growth occurred during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic when people were migrating from urban areas to rural areas, and many property owners were taking up permanent residence in their recreational homes. It is unclear whether these people will remain as permanent residents or if the 2026 Census will demonstrate a decrease in population as people migrate back to urban areas (qRD Housing Needs Report Electoral Areas A, B, C and D, 2024).

Housing data from Statistics Canada indicates a large number of housing units in Electoral Area A are not lived in by the usual residents, implying either seasonal residency or short-term vacation rentals (qRD Housing Needs Report Electoral Areas A, B, C and D, 2024).

Demographic data from Statistics Canada indicates the Electoral Area A population is aging. As shown in Table 2, between 2001 and 2021 the population of Electoral Area A experienced a decrease in the number of school aged children and an increase in the number of residents in the 65 to 84 age cohort.

Table 2. Electoral Area A Population Change 2001 – 2021 by Age Groupings

Age Group	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021	Pop. Change 2001-2021 ²	% Change 2001 - 2021
0-19	180	140	135	160	160	-20	-11%
20-44	265	170	185	210	270	5	2%
45-64	400	440	475	420	420	20	5%
65-84	130	160	200	320	390	260	200%
85+ ¹	0	5	5	5	5	5	500%
Total ¹	975	915	1,000	1,115	1,245	270	28%

Source: Statistics Canada

¹ Statistics Canada is committed to protect the privacy of all Canadians and the confidentiality of the data they provide to us. As part of this commitment some population counts of geographic areas are adjusted in order to ensure confidentiality. Counts of the total population are rounded to a base of 5 for any dissemination block having a population of less than 15.

² Sub-groups differ due to rounding

1.4 Population

Population Projections

BC Stats has provided 20-year population projections for Electoral Area A from 2021 to 2046. BC Stats uses demographic data accessed through Medical Services Plan BC and Statistics Canada, and applies the component/cohort-survival method to forecast the population. This method grows the population from the latest base year estimate by forecasting births, deaths and migration by age. The risk of error is increased for smaller areas.

As shown in Table 3, BC Stats 20-year population projections for Electoral Area A indicate a percent change in line with the percent change experienced between 2016 and 2021. BC Stats made no interpretation of the unprecedented increase in population in Area A between 2016 and 2021, but carried that growth forward in the forecasted populations.

As noted earlier, it is anticipated that much of this growth was seasonal property owners moving to their recreational homes during COVID-19, and it is not known whether they will remain permanent residents.

Figure 4 (page 14) shows the historical and forecasted population for Electoral Area A from 2001 to 2046. As noted by BC Stats, the further out the projection, the less confidence in the projections, as there could be many things that occur that cannot be predicted and that could change the growth of an area.

Table 3. Electoral Area A Forecasted Population Change 2021 – 2046

	2021	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046	% Change 2021 - 2046
Electoral Area A	1,250	1,282	1,357	1,435	1,528	1,625	23%
qRD	21,496	22,356	22,225	22,621	23,295	24,091	11%
British Columbia	5,000,879	5,707,994	6,023,005	6,351,531	6,647,539	6,915,064	28%

Source: Source BC Stats/ 2023 qathet Regional Housing Needs Report

1.4 Population

Planning Implications

Based on the projected population growth in Electoral Area A to 1,625 people by 2046, it is anticipated that the population of Savary Island will also increase over the next 20 years.

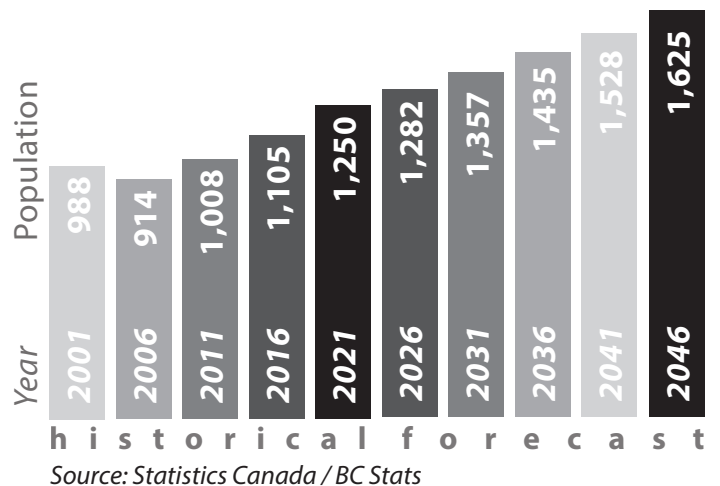
It is anticipated that the future population of Savary Island will continue to be comprised largely of seasonal residents with a small population of permanent residents. As noted earlier, anecdotal information suggests there are currently 100+ permanent residents on the island. While the population of permanent residents may increase in the future, it will likely remain a very small proportion of the overall Electoral A population due to the island's remote location and limited infrastructure.

The 2025 BC Assessment Roll shows a total of 520 vacant residential parcels of land on Savary Island. Fifty of the vacant residential parcels are located within the boundaries of the Savary Shores Improvement District, and 470 of the parcels are located outside of the Savary Shores Improvement District.

Development potential of vacant land on the island is constrained by topography and how the land will be serviced with potable water and septic disposal that meets provincial standards.

It is anticipated that the current vacant residential land inventory will meet the demand for those seeking a remote and self-sufficient island lifestyle well beyond the life of this official community plan.

Figure 4. Electoral Area A Population Change 2001 - 2046



1 Plan Foundation

1.5 Community Planning Process

The Official Community Plan (OCP) for Savary Island was prepared through a comprehensive five-phase planning process working in collaboration with island residents and property owners.

Phase 1 was the “Project Initiation” phase of the process and focused on laying the foundation for the Plan. Key activities included background research, island tours for project team members, an on-island open house event, and on-island community market event. This phase concluded with establishment of the Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee and completion of the Phase 1 Engagement Report.

Phase 2 was the “Community Exploration & Visioning” phase. Key activities included development of a background report, an online visioning survey, and a series of online engagement sessions aimed at identifying community values, priorities and aspirations. This phase also marked the first meeting of the Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee. This phase concluded with completion of the Background Report and Phase 2 Engagement Reports.

Phase 3 was the “Key Directions” phase and focused on development of a discussion book that summarized information learned through previous phases of the planning process and posed questions about potential policy directions for the official community plan. Activities in this phase included on-island and online workshops to discuss the key directions, and an online survey to gather feedback from the community on policy directions for the Plan. This phase concluded with completion of the Phase 3 Engagement Report.

Phase 4 was the “Official Community Plan Preparation” phase. Key activities included preparing a draft Plan and working with the Planning Advisory Committee to ensure the Plan was reader-friendly and reflective of community and key interest holder feedback.

Phase 5 was the “Approval Process” phase and marked the final phase of the planning process. Key activities included on-island community engagement events, and an online survey to gather feedback on the draft Plan. The Plan was refined based on feedback, and considered at a public hearing prior to final adoption of the bylaw by the Regional Board. Implementation of the Plan is dependent upon the decisions and actions of the community (residents, property owners, and key interest holders), qathet Regional District and other levels of government.

1. Project Initiation

technical background review

introductory community open houses

5. Approval Process

public hearing

adopt the OCP

refine the OCP

establish advisory committee

2. Exploration & Visioning

focused community outreach

identify community priorities

identify community vision

4. Plan Preparation

present draft OCP

refine objectives & policies

identify key policy directions

focused community outreach

3. Key Directions

ENGAGEMENT COMMUNITY

Phase 1. Project Initiation

- Aug 26** on-island community open house (50 participants)
- Aug 27** on-island farmers market event (30 participants)
- Sep 11** online community Groundwater Study webinar with Q&A (47 registrants)
- Sep 12** online community Groundwater Study survey (59 participants)

Outcomes

- project communications and engagement plan
- project webpage
- phase 1 engagement report
- establish Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee

Phase 2. Visioning

- Nov 12** Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee meeting
- Oct 17** online community visioning survey (575 participants)
- Dec 5** online community webinar with Q&A (158 registrants)
- Jan 21** community mail out (1100+ addresses)
- Feb 18-20** three online small group community sessions (102 registrants)
- Apr 14** Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee meeting

Outcomes

- phase 2 engagement report
- project background report

Phase 3. Key Directions

- Jul 10** Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee meeting
- Jul 17** community mail out (1100+ addresses)
- Jul 28** on-island community open house (82 participants)
- Jul 29** on-island farmers market event (29 participants)
- Aug 5** online engagement webinar (70 registrants)
- Jul 28** online survey (497 participants)
- Oct 8** Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee meeting

Outcomes

- key directions discussion book
- phase 3 engagement report

Phase 4. Plan Preparation

- Oct 28** online Savary Groundwater Study technical webinar (100+ registrants)
- Oct 30** online Savary Slope Hazard Study technical webinar (100+ registrants)
- Jan-Apr** Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee meetings (4 meetings)

Outcome

- draft official community plan

Phase 5. Approval Process

- TBD* newsletter mail out
- TBD* on-island engagement events & online survey
- TBD* public hearing

Outcome

- adopt Savary Island Official Community Plan Bylaw

* to be updated before bylaw adoption

Engagement Statistics

Phase 1 Events

80+
people
+ area director

SAVARY ISLAND COMMUNITY PLAN

Key Directions

DISCUSSION BOOK

496
completed surveys

Key Directions

Full time place of residence (other than Savary Island)

575
completed surveys

237 41%
141 25%
97 17%

4 0.7%
13 2%
40 7%
43 7%

Participants' Residential Status for Savary Island

Prefer not to answer
Occasional visitor
Other, please specify:
Property owner that lives off-island and visits infrequently
Full-time resident (more than 6 months per year)

Technical Webinars

200+
people registered
+ area director

Phase 1 - Water d...

Population

Year-round	70 to
Seasonal	1000
Lots	
Total	1363
Developed	841
Mostly small lots	0.3 a
Island Area	5 km ²
Wells	
Field verified	233
Inferred (based on land use)	426

GW SOLUTIONS

Phase 2 Events

260
people
+ area director

Sustainability

efforts, cars, kids, safe, bikes, freedom, respecting traditions, conserv, acquisition, island history, no regulations, collectivelack, neighbourhood, transparency, community

Community Emails

25+
sent to 500+ community members

SHARE YOUR IDEAS!

If you imagine life on Savary 25 years from now (2050), what do you hope to see and experience?

Phase 3 Events

181
people
+ area director

Advisory Committee

8
meetings with 15 committee members

SAVARY ISLAND

1.6 Vision for the Future

Community Vision

“Savary Island’s vision is to preserve its off-grid island lifestyle, self-sufficiency, and strong sense of community with minimal regulations, while actively protecting the island’s vital groundwater resources and sensitive ecosystems. The community continues to celebrate the beauty of the land and ocean, while stewarding natural and cultural heritage resources.”

Community Goals



Preserve Community

To preserve the sense of community, tranquility, peacefulness and neighbourliness on Savary Island.



Steward Natural Areas

To protect natural areas, the island’s ecological integrity, and cultural heritage resources.



Safeguard Water

To safeguard the island’s groundwater supply for future generations.



Alternative Transportation

To promote alternative transportation modes to alleviate road and parking conflicts.



Mindful Development

To support a level of residential development which is mindful of the island’s water and septic servicing capacity, sensitive ecosystem, and cultural heritage resources.



Sustain Services

To provide a level of community services at a scale appropriate for an off-grid island community.



Support Rural Business

To support small-scale businesses that are consistent with the island’s rural lifestyle and resource carrying capacity.

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The community vision statement was developed through the community engagement process

COMMUNITY VISION

Savary Island's vision is to preserve its off-grid island lifestyle, self-sufficiency, and strong sense of community with minimal regulations, while actively protecting the island's vital groundwater resources and sensitive ecosystems. The community continues to celebrate the beauty of the land and ocean, while stewarding natural and cultural heritage resources.

SUSTAINABILITY

PRINCIPLES



Environmental Sustainability
Ensure the resiliency, conservation and protection of the natural environment.



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Cultural Sustainability
Provide and promote respect for diversity and heritage.

This plan embraces the principles of sustainability adopted by the Regional Board



COMMUNITY GOALS



Preserve Community



Safeguard Water



Mindful Development



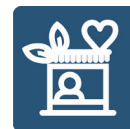
Steward Natural Areas



Alternative Transportation



Sustain Services



Support Rural Business

The community goals emerged through the community engagement process

2.1 Introduction

Official Community Plan Objectives and Policies support the Community Vision and Community Goals set out on page 19 of this Plan. The objectives are broad statements of intent and are supported by specific policies and actions intended to guide future land use decisions by the community (individuals, businesses, developers), qathet Regional District, and other levels of government.

For matters outside the jurisdiction of the Regional Board, the Official Community Plan states broad community objectives and advocacy policies. Advocacy policies are intended to guide decisions by other levels of government that have jurisdiction within or adjacent to the planning area (i.e., provincial, federal, and First Nations). The Official Community Plan does not represent a commitment from other government agencies to act according to community objectives and policies.

"It's this unique blend of simplicity, respect, and natural beauty that makes Savary Island truly special."
 - community quote



COMMUNITY VISION

Savary Island's vision is to preserve its off-grid island lifestyle, self-sufficiency, and strong sense of community with minimal regulations, while actively protecting the island's vital groundwater resources and sensitive ecosystems. The community continues to celebrate the beauty of the land and ocean, while stewarding natural and cultural heritage resources.

Community Vision & Sustainability Principles

provide guidance to the Official Community Plan Goals, Objectives, and Policies.

SUSTAINABILITY



Environmental Sustainability
Ensure the resiliency, conservation and protection of the natural environment.



Economic Sustainability
Provide and support ongoing economic benefits for the community.

PRINCIPLES



Social Sustainability
Provide access, support and advocacy for a safe, secure and inclusive community.



Cultural Sustainability
Provide and promote respect for diversity and heritage.

COMMUNITY GOALS



Preserve Community



Safeguard Water



Mindful Development



Steward Natural Areas



Alternative Transportation



Sustain Services



Support Rural Business

Community Goals, Objectives & Policies

provide direction in the Official Community Plan on how to achieve the Community Vision in a way that is consistent with the Sustainability Principles.

2 Objectives

SAVARY ISLAND OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

2.3.2 Conservation

The Conservation land use designation identified on Map No. 1 of the Plan applies to provincial Crown land, and land owned by the Nature Trust of British Columbia, and Savary Island Land Trust.

Objectives

- To support land conservation that protects vital groundwater resources, sensitive ecosystems, and cultural heritage resources.
- To promote acquisition of more Conservation land.

Policies

- Encourage Conservation land to be kept in a natural state to protect groundwater, sensitive ecosystems, and cultural heritage resources.
- Advocate provincial agencies maintain provincial Crown land as nature reserves in perpetuity.
- Encourage collaboration with other levels of government, Tla'amin Nation, conservation organizations, and community members to increase the amount of Conservation land.
- New Conservation land may be located in any land use designation identified in this Plan without requiring an amendment.
- Support respectful public use of Conservation land.

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Community Goals

are listed on the left hand side of each Plan Objective & Policy section. Community Goals that are supported by the Objectives & Policies are highlighted, and Community Goals that are not applicable are translucent.

Objectives & Policies

provide direction to guide decision making and help achieve the Community Vision and Community Goals.

2.2 Land Use & Development

Savary Island's land use and development pattern is largely based on a subdivision plan approved by the Province of British Columbia in 1910. Savary Island is approximately 400 hectares in size, and this historical subdivision created a grid network of streets with approximately 1,700 residential parcels, while also establishing provincial ministry right-of-ways around much of the island. Today, many of the surveyed road right-of-ways remain undeveloped, and due mostly to lot consolidation, there are approximately 1,400 parcels over the entirety of the island.

In more recent years, the community has collaborated with the Savary Island Land Trust and the Nature Trust of British Columbia to successfully acquire land for conservation purposes. Today, approximately 150 hectares—nearly one-third of the island—is protected.

The Official Community Plan objectives and policies support this established development pattern. They reinforce the community's vision to protect the island's vital groundwater resources and sensitive ecosystems while preserving its unique off-grid, rural character.

*For the purposes of this Plan, **rural character** is defined as a pattern of land use in which the natural landscape and vegetation predominate over the built environment.*

*The majority of **residential parcels** on Savary Island measure 50 x 150 feet (0.17 acres or 0.07 hectares), which is equivalent in size to the small city lots found in the Townsite neighbourhood of Powell River.*



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2.2 Land Use & Development

- Preserve Community
- Safeguard Water
- Mindful Development
- Steward Natural Areas
- Alternative Transportation
- Sustain Services
- Support Rural Business

General Objectives

To retain and enhance the rural character and natural environment of Savary Island.

To retain in a natural state, areas where development may prove hazardous to public health or safety.

To promote collaborative relationships with the Tla'tamin Nation.

To promote collaborative relationships with provincial and federal agencies.

To encourage lot consolidation as means to reduce the number of lots, decrease the number of new homes developed on the island, and protect vital groundwater resources.

General Policies

- Support** proof of potable water and septic servicing prior to development.
- Encourage** lot consolidation to reduce the number of lots on the island.
- Encourage** development to locate away from sensitive environmental areas.
- Encourage** property owners to obtain a site-level assessment by a Qualified Professional prior to any proposed development to ensure safe development practices.
- Recognize** First Nation history in the planning area and support the protection of archaeological resources under the provincial *Heritage Conservation Act*.
- Require** applicants to provide cash in lieu of land, when land is being subdivided and parkland dedication is required under the *Local Government Act*, unless the subject property contains land identified as an area of park or trail interest.

Lot consolidation means the process of combining two or more adjacent commonly owned parcels of land into one larger parcel.

2.3 Land Use Designations

The Official Community Plan establishes four land use designations as illustrated on Map No. 1 Land Use Designations (page 64). Each designation is supported by a set of specific objectives and policies set out on the following pages:

Land Use Designation	Page
Rural Residential	26
Conservation	28
Institutional	29
Commercial	30



"The freedom to build an abode that best suits our family and financial situation."
- community quote



"A pristine natural environment, with robust conservation efforts that protect its unique ecosystems"
- community quote



"Public access to the ocean, green space/trails, slow pace of life."
- community quote



"Individuals with small businesses getting supported by the community on island."
- community quote



2.3.1 Rural Residential

Preserve Community

The Rural Residential land use designation identified on Map No. 1 of the Plan (page 64) provides for residential use that is compatible with the rural character of Savary Island.

Safeguard Water

Objectives

Mindful Development

To support single-family residential development in keeping with the rural character and off-grid island lifestyle.

Steward Stewardship

To support home-based business in keeping with the rural character and off-grid island lifestyle.

Alternative Alternative

To encourage responsible development compliant with provincial regulations as means to protect vital groundwater resources, sensitive ecosystems and cultural heritage resources.

Sustain Sustain

Support Rural Business

Policies

- a. **Recommended Primary Use**
Single-family dwelling.
- b. **Recommended Accessory Use**
Home-based business.
- c. **Recommended Density**
One single-family dwelling or serviced building per parcel up to 2 hectares, and one additional single-family dwelling or serviced building for each additional 2 hectares.
- d. **Minimum Parcel Size for Subdivision**
4.027 hectares (10 acres) in accordance with the *Community Planning Area 24 Gulf Islands Subdivision Regulation*.
- e. **Promote** “Best Practices for Mindful Development” (page 27).

Single-family dwelling means a building used as a residence, containing rooms for food preparation and eating, sleeping and living areas. A detached sleeping unit, bunkie, sleeping cabin, or studio that is not serviced (no water or septic) is not a dwelling.

Home-based business means a business that is accessory to the occupancy of a dwelling and is carried out by the resident(s) of the dwelling.

Best Practices for Mindful Development



Mindful development on Savary Island means integrating environmental sustainability principles into your development plans. Property owners are encouraged to consult with a qualified professional to inform decisions about potential development.

Property owners are advised to follow provincial and federal law, including, but not limited to the protection of:

- a. archaeological and heritage sites;
- b. foreshore and marine ecosystem;
- c. raptors and trees with raptor nests;
- d. species-at-risk; and
- e. trees with nesting birds.

If you find bones, shells, artifacts, or other signs of archaeological remains on your property, cease all land-altering activities immediately and contact the provincial Archaeology Branch or Tla'amin Nation.

Prior to development property owners are encouraged to consider the following best practices:

- Hire a Land Surveyor to establish property boundaries;
- Review the land title for any restrictive covenants;
- Hire a licensed builder for construction and renovation;
- Contact the qRD Planning Department to learn about technical studies that may relate to your property (environmentally sensitive areas, slope hazards, wildfire hazards or coastal flood risks);
- Conduct a site inventory to understand how existing natural features could affect your use of the property;
- Hire a certified arborist to determine if there are any danger trees on your property; and
- Hire a qualified professional(s) to assess and make recommendations on:
 - i. How development can prevent or minimize adverse impacts to the natural environment,
 - ii. How development can prevent or minimize disturbance of cultural or archaeological sites; and,
 - iii. How the development complies with all applicable laws and regulations.



2.3.2 Conservation

Preserve Community

The Conservation land use designation identified on Map No. 1 of the Plan (page 64) applies to provincial Crown land, and land owned by the Nature Trust of British Columbia, and Savary Island Land Trust.

Safeguard Water

Objectives

Mindful Development

To support land conservation that protects vital groundwater resources, sensitive ecosystems, and cultural heritage resources.

Steward Natural Areas

To promote acquisition of more Conservation land.

Alternative Transportation

Sustain Services

Support Rural Business

Policies

- a. **Encourage** Conservation land to be kept in a natural state to protect groundwater, sensitive ecosystems, and cultural heritage resources.
- b. **Advocate** provincial agencies maintain provincial Crown land as nature reserves in perpetuity.
- c. **Encourage** collaboration with other levels of government, Tla'amin Nation, conservation organizations, and community members to increase the amount of Conservation land.
- d. **New Conservation** land may be located in any land use designation identified in this Plan without requiring an amendment.
- e. **Support** respectful public use of Conservation land.

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2.3.3 Institutional

Preserve Community

The Institutional land use designation identified on Map No. 1 of the Plan (page 64) applies to public facilities within the planning area. Public facilities operated by the qathet Regional District include: Savary Island wharf, parking lot (Lot 40), barge landing site, boat launch at θatεq (thah teq), east firehall (Rogers Hall), west firehall, and main firehall (No.1 Hall).

Safeguard Water

Mindful Development

Steward Natural Areas

Alternative Transportation

Sustain Services

Support Rural Business

Objectives

To maintain and enhance existing public facilities.

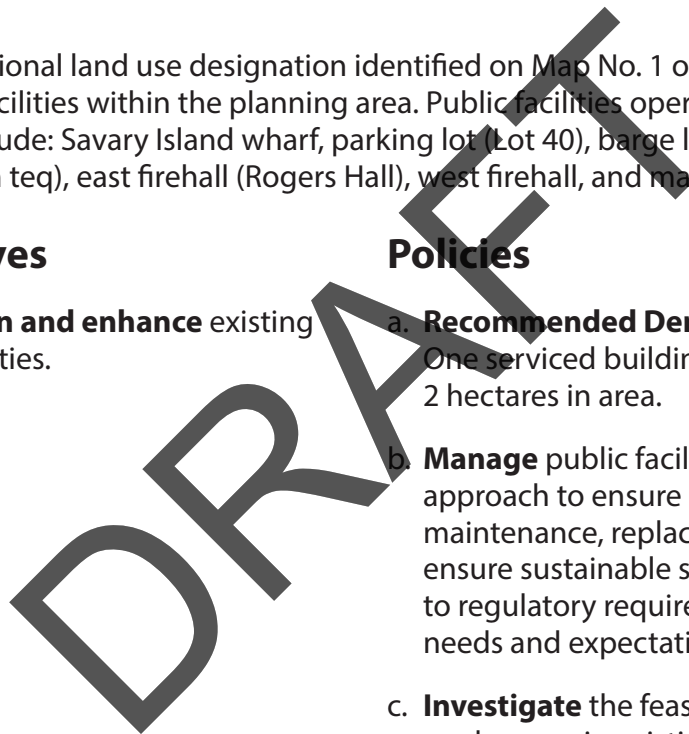
Policies

a. **Recommended Density**

One serviced building per parcel up to 2 hectares in area.

b. **Manage** public facilities with an integrated approach to ensure responsible operation, maintenance, replacement, and disposal to ensure sustainable service delivery, to adhere to regulatory requirements, and to meet the needs and expectations of the community.

c. **Investigate** the feasibility of providing public washrooms in existing public facilities on the island.





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2.3.4 Commercial

Preserve Community

The Commercial land use designation identified on Map No. 1 of the Plan (page 64) applies to land with existing commercial uses that provide essential goods and services on the island and contribute to the local economy.

Safeguard Water

Objectives

Mindful Development

To support commercial uses in keeping with the rural character and off-grid island lifestyle.

Steward Stewardship Natural Areas

To encourage responsible development compliant with provincial regulations as means to protect groundwater resources, sensitive ecosystems and cultural heritage resources.

Alternative Transportation

Sustain Services

Support Rural Business

Policies

a. Recommended Primary Use

Single-family dwelling and/or island-scale commercial uses including but not limited to: grocery, restaurants, auto-repair, taxi, fuel handling and sales, marine supply, building supply storage and sales, and personal service.

b. Recommended Density

One single-family dwelling or serviced building per parcel up to 2 hectares.

c. Encourage businesses to provide adequate on-site parking for vehicles and bicycles.

d. Encourage businesses to ensure any potential contaminants associated with commercial activity are securely contained to prevent contamination.

e. New commercial uses are encouraged to:

- i. be island-scale and intended to provide a local convenience;
- ii. capable of accommodating on-site parking of vehicles and bicycles;
- iii. support water and septic servicing that meets provincial standards;
- iv. be mindful of groundwater resources and not use large volumes of water; and
- v. respect the rural character and surrounding residential uses by not generating excessive noise or traffic.

Island-scale describes Savary Island's rural character and off-grid island lifestyle.

2.4 Infrastructure & Community Services

Preserve Community

qathet Regional District services on the island include regional parks services, fire protection services, and marine services. A strong network of volunteers on the island delivers fire suppression and medical first responder services. Figure 5 below illustrates the general location of community services and infrastructure on Savary Island.

Safeguard Water

The provincial Ministry of Transportation and Transit oversees the maintenance of rural roads and Crown rights-of-way on the island.

Mindful Development

Steward Natural Areas

Alternative Transportation

Sustain Services

Support Rural Business



Figure 5. Infrastructure & Community Services on Savary Island

2.4.1 Water Servicing

There is no qathet Regional District water system on Savary Island. Savary Shores Improvement District was incorporated in 1980 to deliver drinking water to residents of Savary Shores. Residents pay for the water service, and for the infrastructure, operations, and administration, in annual tax levies issued by Savary Shores Improvement District, in accordance with provincial regulations.

Residents and businesses located outside of Savary Shores Improvement District obtain their water from private on-site wells, or small, private water supply systems. The regulation of water supply systems and water quality monitoring is under the jurisdiction of Vancouver Coastal Health and the Province.

See Section 2.7.1 Groundwater for broader groundwater policy.

Objectives

To support access to safe, clean drinking water for all residents.

To promote well protection and maintenance of private wells.

To promote water conservation.

To encourage well monitoring and data collection.

To encourage collaboration with provincial and local agencies to foster regulatory compliance.

Policies

- a. **Advocate** for regular maintenance of private wells and water supply systems to ensure compliance with provincial legislation and regulation.
- b. **Promote** education on proper well maintenance practices, focusing on sealing and protecting wells to prevent contamination and seawater intrusion.
- c. **Promote** education on the importance of water conservation and reducing water use, especially during summer months, and encourage the adoption of water-saving technologies.
- d. **Advocate** the Province provide education on well maintenance.
- e. **Promote** "Best Practices for Groundwater and Domestic Septic Systems" (page 33).

Best Practices for Groundwater & Domestic Septic Systems



Well Location and Construction

Ensure wells are located at least 30 meters from potential contamination sources like septic systems. Use proper construction techniques, including the installation of secure well caps and surface seals to prevent contamination.

Regular Testing and Maintenance

Test groundwater quality regularly for contaminants such as bacteria, nitrates, and other potential pollutants. Maintain wells by repairing surface seals, and ensuring foreign matter, including vehicle parking and contaminants are kept away from the well.

Septic System Design

Install septic systems with adequate drainage fields that are appropriately sized based on local soils and the number of household occupants. Complete regular septic system maintenance including pumping out of solids.

Sewage Management

Avoid disposing harsh chemicals, fats, or non-biodegradable items in the septic system. Periodically pump out the septic tank to prevent overflow and system failure.

Public Education

Educate homeowners and developers about groundwater protection and the importance of regular maintenance of wells and septic systems.

Water Conservation

Adopt water-saving appliances and practices to reduce the stress on groundwater resources and the septic system.

Monitoring and Regulation

Ensure compliance with provincial regulations concerning water quality and waste disposal, including the registration and proper decommissioning of wells.

Source: GW Solutions Inc. - Assessment of Groundwater Resources on Savary Island – Qayε qʷən

2.4.2 Septic Servicing

There is no qathet Regional District sewer servicing on Savary Island. Sewage waste on the island is disposed of by private, on-site septic systems, or provincially recognized alternatives. All septic systems must be designed and installed by a Registered On-site Wastewater Practitioner (ROWP) and filed with the local health authority.

Since groundwater is the main source of drinking water on Savary Island, it is essential that pathogenic material from septic disposal systems does not contaminate the aquifer.

Objectives

To promote the installation of septic systems by a Registered On-site Wastewater Practitioner (ROWP).

To promote adherence to provincial sewage regulations, including provincially recognized alternatives.

To preserve the environmental integrity of the aquifer.

Policies

- a. **Advocate** for regular maintenance of septic systems to ensure compliance with provincial legislation and regulation.
- b. **Advocate** the Province provide education on septic system maintenance.
- b. **Promote** "Best Practices for Groundwater and Domestic Septic Systems" (page 33).

*"I wish for the island to remain off grid, unpaved, unregulated (with exceptions for water and septic) which are already in place."
- community quote*

2.4.3 Fire Protection Service

Savary Island is currently served by three fire halls strategically located across the island. These facilities are operated by the Savary Island Volunteer Fire Department, which delivers both fire suppression and medical first responder services. The department is staffed entirely by dedicated volunteers who form the backbone of the community's emergency response system.

To meet these challenges and build community resilience, the Savary Island Volunteer Fire Department continues to actively recruit and train volunteer firefighters and medical first responders, enhancing its capacity to respond to emergencies effectively.

Objectives

To promote fire-safe practices among all Savary Island residents and visitors.

To support the provision of adequate firefighting and emergency medical response capabilities across Savary Island.

Policies

- Promote** collaboration between fire departments throughout the region for firefighter training and effective and efficient service coordination.
- Encourage** the use of FireSmart building techniques in new developments and maintenance of existing structures.
- Encourage** the creation and maintenance of defensible space around properties to reduce wildfire risk.
- Educate** residents and visitors about fire prevention including structural and wildfires.
- Support** the Savary Island Volunteer Fire Department in implementing fire protection measures including burning and campfire bans.

"Fire halls, fire prevention, training of volunteer firefighters and first responders are all excellent - keep up the good work."
 - community quote

2.4.4 Regional Parks

The Regional District oversees a diverse network of 11 regional parks, 22 beach access trails, and several small recreation facilities across the Regional District. Funded through regional taxes, regional parks and trails, including the Julian Road beach access on Savary Island, provide vital community connections to nature.

In 2023, the Regional Board adopted a 10-year strategy to manage and grow the Regional District parks and trails system. During community outreach, Savary Island residents shared a clear desire for beach access trails and stronger partnerships with conservation groups to safeguard the island's natural environment for future generations.

Objectives

To maintain and enhance beach access trails.

To encourage partnerships that expand parkland on Savary Island.

Policies

- a. **Support** ongoing maintenance of the Julian Road beach access trail.
- b. **Explore** the feasibility of developing additional beach access trails on Savary Island.
- c. **Collaborate** with conservation organizations, other levels of government, the Tla'amin Nation, and community members to protect environmentally sensitive lands and acquire parkland on Savary Island.

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*“Well-maintained trails and paths for hiking and biking, making outdoor activities accessible for all ages.”
- community quote*

2.4.5 Regional Emergency Program

qathet Regional District coordinates emergency planning, preparedness, training, response, and recovery for all areas within qathet Regional District, including the City of Powell River and in collaboration with Tla'amin Nation. The program works with emergency responders, government staff, volunteers, partner agencies, and the public throughout the region, including Savary Island. Key programs include the Regional FireSmart Program, that promotes wildfire mitigation and property protection, and the Community Notification System.

qathet Regional District provides comprehensive emergency preparedness information to help residents safeguard themselves and their communities. Key regional risks include coastal hazards, earthquakes, extreme heat, and extreme cold. Among the resources available is a community evacuation guide specifically designed for Savary Island.

Objectives

To mitigate emergency concerns and build better community resilience to emergencies across the region.

To increase public awareness, reduce risks, and cultivate a culture of resilience.

To support emergency preparedness among residents of Savary Island.

“recognize that fire prevention is a top priority for Savary islanders, and that we are all responsible to follow proactive fire-smart measures on our own properties”

- community quote

Policies

- a. **Promote** education on emergency preparedness.
- b. **Encourage** residents and businesses to have their driveways clearly marked with their house number.
- c. **Promote** the implementation of the Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan in collaboration with the Savary Island Volunteer Fire Department.
- d. **Promote** the community evacuation plan.
- e. **Encourage** residents and businesses to participate in FireSmart and Emergency Preparedness workshops and educational forums.

2.4.6 Regional Solid Waste & Recycling

qathet Regional District coordinates solid waste management services across the region, including within the City of Powell River and the Tla'amin Nation. The regional district does not provide curbside collection services for garbage or recycling in any electoral area, including Savary Island. Residents and private operators are responsible for transporting all solid waste—including hazardous materials—to designated disposal and recycling facilities.

qathet Regional District operates a community recycling depot in Lund, located at 9642 Larson Road within the Northside Community Hall parking area. The nearest full-service waste management facility is the Resource Recovery Centre, located at 4924 Marine Avenue, in the City of Powell River.

The Resource Recovery Centre provides a range of waste diversion and recycling services, including reuse opportunities and specialized programs for beach clean-ups and invasive plant management.

Objectives

To support environmentally responsible management of solid waste.

To reduce the quantity of waste sent to landfill.

To promote shared responsibility for waste management among everyone in the region.

Policies

- a. **Coordinate** solid waste management services in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Plan.
- b. **Promote** waste reduction and diversion through education, programming, and initiatives that advance the goal of “working toward zero waste”.
- c. **Regulate** the use of regional district solid waste facilities, accepted materials, and applicable fees in accordance with applicable Solid Waste Regulation and Tipping Fee bylaws.

*“People can be responsible for their own garbage and recycling. We have to bring it all on, so we can bring it off.”
- community quote*

2.5 Transportation

Preserve Community

As Savary Island’s seasonal population grows, so do the pressures on its transportation networks. There are on-going community wide conversations about how to manage and advocate for the island’s transportation networks. Balancing convenience and conservation means looking beyond simple road use to how people travel to and across the island. By developing integrated transportation systems, the community can ensure future infrastructure reflects its core values and addresses community needs.

Safeguard Water

Mindful Development

General Objectives

Steward Natural Areas

To support sustainable, low-impact transportation systems for Savary Island while preserving the island’s rural character throughout seasonal population changes.

Alternative Transportation

To advocate with relevant government bodies on transportation matters.

Sustain Services

Support Rural Business



2.5.1 Marine Transportation

Access to Savary Island primarily relies on water taxis and private vessels. Several operators provide year-round scheduled and charter services, connecting the island to Lund, Comox, and Campbell River. These services are essential for daily commuters, including local contractors and service workers. Private boaters also frequent the island, with moorage in surrounding waters becoming particularly dense during the summer population surge. These navigable waters and moorage areas fall under federal and provincial jurisdiction.

qathet Regional District provides marine services and infrastructure that includes the Savary Island wharf, barge landing, boat launch at ̑at̑ (Thah teq), and the Lot 40 parking area near the wharf. The Savary Island Marine Advisory Committee provides advice to the Regional Board that supports the ongoing management of marine services on Savary Island.

Policies

- a. **Support** ongoing maintenance of Savary Island marine services due to importance for community access, egress, and emergency evacuation.
- b. **Support** the policies, procedures, and regulations regarding wharf use and operations.
- c. **Explore** the feasibility of identifying alternative barge landing sites and/or other actions to manage barges.
- d. **Continue** to administer the barge site management plan to balance the interests of the barge operators and the property owners in the vicinity of the landing site.
- e. **Encourage** residents and visitors to follow federal and provincial boating regulations that govern navigable waters and protect local waters and shorelines.
- f. **Promote** marine transportation that minimizes environmental impacts.



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2.5.2 Road Transportation

Savary Island’s road transportation system is under provincial jurisdiction, and the qathet Regional District continues to advocate for better road maintenance and parking management near the wharf. Despite these efforts, the island is experiencing a seasonal increase in traffic, particularly during the summer that results in traffic congestion and dust from the wharf to the Savary Island Road hill. In response, the community is exploring strategies to reduce traffic volume and preserve the island’s rural character.

Policies

- a. **Continue** to advocate to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit for regular road maintenance, upgrades, and parking management near the wharf. Priority for road upgrades are those roads which could significantly improve fire control / response and increase public safety.
- b. **Advocate** to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit to investigate an alternative route between the wharf and the main road to relieve traffic pressures on the Savary Island Road hill and address local safety concerns.
- c. **Encourage** residents and visitors to consider alternative means of transportation such as car share, taxis, walking, and biking to alleviate traffic and parking conflicts.
- d. **Collaborate** with provincial agencies and the community to investigate the feasibility of creating a segregated “greenway” or active transportation path for walking and cycling within the existing road right of way and running the length of the island.
- e. **Promote** roadside brushing be limited to what is essential for improving road safety and mitigating fire risk. All vegetation brushing should be conducted using manual or mechanical methods only, herbicide use is strongly discouraged.

“Due to the isolation of the island without ferry service, road maintenance is limited during the summer and there is no winter maintenance.”

- BC Ministry of Transportation & Transit



2.6 Heritage & Culture

Preserve Community

q̄eȳe q̄w̄ən (Savary Island) holds deep ancestral, cultural, and spiritual meaning for the Tla’amin, Klahoose and Homalco peoples. Rather than a mere recreational destination, q̄eȳe q̄w̄ən is recognized as a living cultural landscape. For thousands of years, the island has supported village life, resource harvesting, ceremony, and stewardship. This foundational relationship continues to this day.

Safeguard Water

Mindful Development

The island contains a rich array of archaeological sites that hold immense historic and scientific value. These sites are protected under the provincial *Heritage Conservation Act* which prohibits disturbance or alteration without proper authorization. Significant archaeological sites on the island include remnants of ancient villages, as well as locations used for food gathering and processing.

Steward Natural Areas

Alternative Transportation

Many Tla’amin, Klahoose, and Homalco peoples hold deep personal and family ties to q̄eȳe q̄w̄ən, rooted in memories of travel, hunting, fishing, shellfish harvesting, and traditional land-based teaching passed down through generations. While some feel a limited connection today, there is a strong and growing interest in reconnecting. Returning to the island and participating in cultural practices strengthens these vital relationships with the land and ancestors. For the Tla’amin people, presence on the land is essential for cultural continuity.

Sustain Services

Support Rural Business

Time spent on q̄eȳe q̄w̄ən strengthens the understanding of its role in their history.



photo credit - Tla’amin Nation

“After visiting q̄eȳe q̄w̄ən, I feel more connected to my čič̄ȳe (Grandmother) and my ancestors. I learned how to harvest cedar roots the way that she and her čič̄ȳe would have done as well.”

- Tla’amin community member quote

2.6 Heritage & Culture

General Objectives

To recognize the importance of heritage and culture to the community.

To encourage and facilitate the identification and conservation of historical and archaeological sites within the planning area.

To foster awareness and understanding of the Tla'amin people's unique relationship with q̓əyε q̓w̓ən (Savary Island).

Policies

- a. **Encourage** the preservation of artifacts and archival materials that illustrate the history of Savary Island.
- b. **Support** community efforts to inventory and protect historical sites and heritage resources.
- c. **Work** with Tla'amin Nation to identify and protect traditional use areas and culturally significant sites.
- d. **Work** with Tla'amin Nation to develop strategies to monitor and protect culturally significant sites for the continued practice of traditional use activities.
- e. **Work** with Tla'amin Nation and other government agencies to ensure that recreation activities be directed away from particularly important or vulnerable cultural sites.
- f. **Support** Tla'amin Nation efforts to inventory and protect heritage resources and culturally significant sites.
- g. **Promote** compliance with the provincial *Heritage Conservation Act* to protect archaeological sites on Savary Island.
- h. **Recommend** residents and builders contact the provincial Archaeology Branch and the Tla'amin Nation before clearing land and building to find out if property may contain an archaeological site.

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2.7 Environmental Protection

Preserve Community

Savary Island is home to some of the most ecologically unique landscapes on the British Columbia coast. The island features the country's best-preserved sand dunes within the rare Coastal Douglas-Fir bio-geoclimatic zone. These dunes form a critical ecosystem that supports diverse native plant and animal species while maintaining coastal stability and protecting the island's essential groundwater aquifer.

Safeguard Water

General Objectives

Mindful Mi DevelopmentD

To protect the integrity and function of the natural environment on Savary Island.

Steward Natural Areas

To minimize the impact of human development and land use on Savary Island ecological systems.

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"I think that it is wonderful people want to enjoy the island - education on the island and how to enjoy safely and respectfully to the ecology and spirit of the island itself."
- community quote

2.7.1 Groundwater

The 2025 study, “Assessment of Groundwater Resources on Savary Island – Qayɛ qʷən” by GW Solutions, offers critical insights into the island’s most vital resource, potable water. While the study confirms that groundwater generally meets federal drinking water standards, it highlights significant vulnerabilities. Because Savary Island relies on sand-based aquifers, the water supply is highly susceptible to saltwater intrusion and contamination from poorly maintained septic systems.

As the sole water source for all residents, including those in the Savary Shores Improvement District, any contamination or overuse during peak summer months could negatively impact the community’s access to safe drinking water. To safeguard this resource, the report recommends continuous water quality monitoring and community-wide education focusing on water conservation, well maintenance, and septic system maintenance. While groundwater management is under provincial authority, the Plan includes policies that support the protection of groundwater into the future, and encourages collaboration with provincial agencies like Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and Vancouver Coastal Health. Figure 6 below shows well and aquifer information derived from the groundwater study.

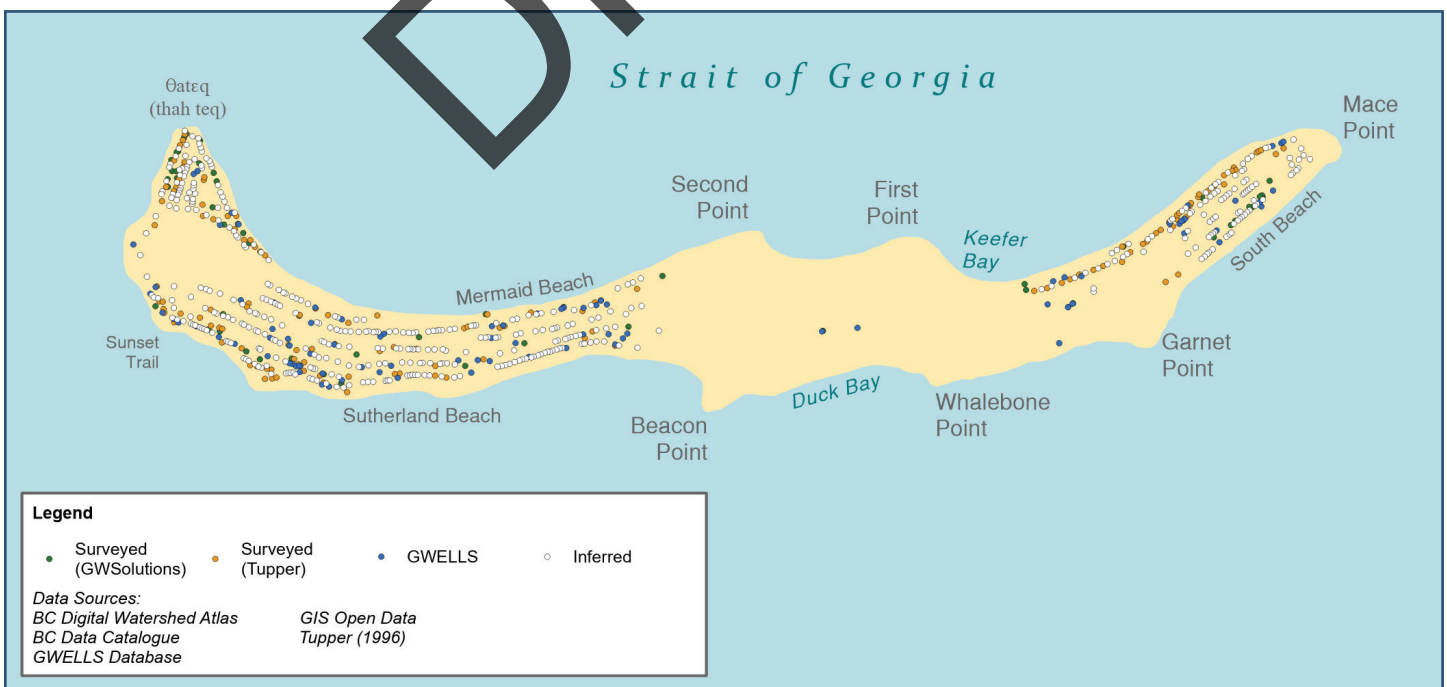


Figure 6. Well Locations

2.7.1 Groundwater

Objectives

To support the protection of groundwater resources on Savary Island.

Policies

- a. **Advocate** the Province continue long term monitoring of provincial Observation Wells and expand groundwater data collection through volunteer well networks.
- b. **Request** the Ministry of Environment to designate Savary Island as a Groundwater Management Area under a local board that would maintain the collection and analysis of data on groundwater use and supply.
- c. **Collaborate** with provincial agencies to ensure adherence to water protection and water authorization regulations and promote responsible water management practices.
- d. **Advocate** the Province support education initiatives to inform well owners about best practices for well maintenance to prevent groundwater contamination and seawater intrusion.
- e. **Promote** the development of rainwater harvesting systems and other non-traditional water sources to augment groundwater supplies, such as in areas of higher seawater intrusion hazard.
- f. **Support** the use of low-impact wastewater solutions, such as composting toilets and urine diversion systems, to reduce potential groundwater contamination.
- g. **Discourage** the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides, to reduce potential groundwater contamination.
- h. **Promote** "Best Practices for Groundwater and Domestic Septic Systems" (page 33).



photo credit - Tla'amin Nation

"The word qeyε q^wən means 'freshwater spring'. The island has this name because of the three freshwater sources on the island. The springs on the island also carry the name qeyε q^wən."

- Tla'amin Nation Lands and Resources Department and Culture, Language & Heritage Department

2.7.2 Sensitive Ecosystems

Sensitive Ecosystems on Savary Island have been identified and studied by numerous partnerships and government initiatives. More recently, in 2026, the Coastal Douglas-Fir Conservation Partnership and UBC Botanical Gardens mapped sensitive ecosystems within the Sunshine Coast’s bio-geoclimatic region, including qathet Regional District. This research shows sensitive ecosystems on Savary Island such as marine shorelands, foreshores, bluffs, dunes, upland meadows, and forest areas (Figure 7 below).

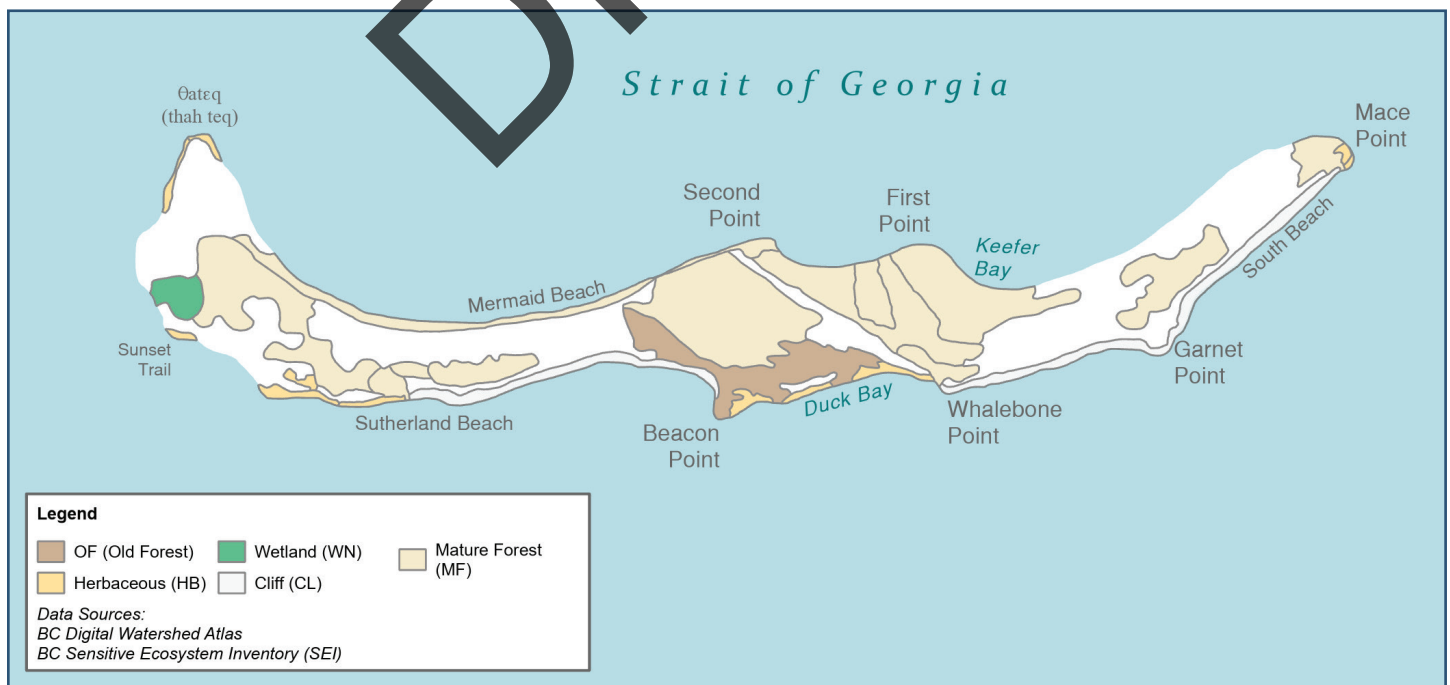


Figure 7. Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory

2.7.2 Sensitive Ecosystems

As a member of the Coastal Douglas-Fir Conservation Partnership, the Regional District promotes the protection of the Coastal Douglas-Fir forest and its associated ecosystems, biodiversity and cultural values. The Coastal Douglas-Fir bio-geoclimatic zone, which encompasses Savary Island, hosts the highest number of species and ecosystems at risk in British Columbia. Species and ecosystems at risk face numerous threats including large-scale habitat loss and competition from invasive species. Savary Island beach and dune areas were specifically identified as sensitive ecosystems with important habitat for several at risk plant and animal species¹ (Figure 8 below).

¹ *Sunshine Coast Pilot Mapping: For Conservation & Climate Resilience Planning, August 26, 2024, CDFCP - UBC Botanical Gardens Action for Adaptation Project*

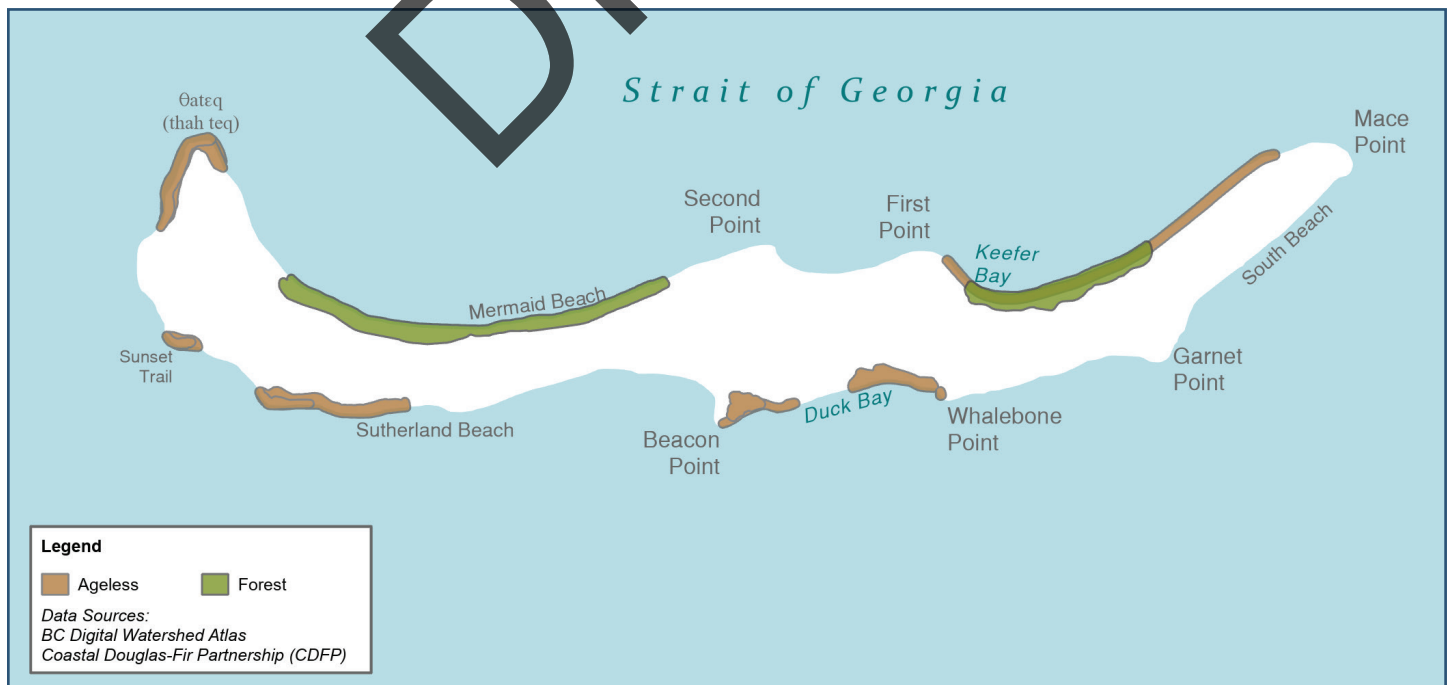


Figure 8. Species & Ecosystems at Risk - Ecosystem Type

2.7.22.7.8 Sensitive Ecosystems

According to the BC Conservation Data Centre, species and ecological communities are categorized by status: red-listed indicates those that are locally extinct (extirpated), endangered, or threatened. On Savary Island, four ecological communities are currently red listed (Figure 9 below) including: (1) dune wildrye - beach pea; (2) grand fir / dull oregon-grape; (3) large-headed sedge herbaceous vegetation; and (4) northern wormwood - red fescue / grey rock-moss. These ecologically rare communities are located on the northern side of the island, from Mace Point to First Point, Mermaid Beach, the western side of ̑ateq (Thah teq); and on the south side of the island at Sunset trail and Sutherland Beach, Beacon Point, and sections of Duck Bay to Whalebone Point.

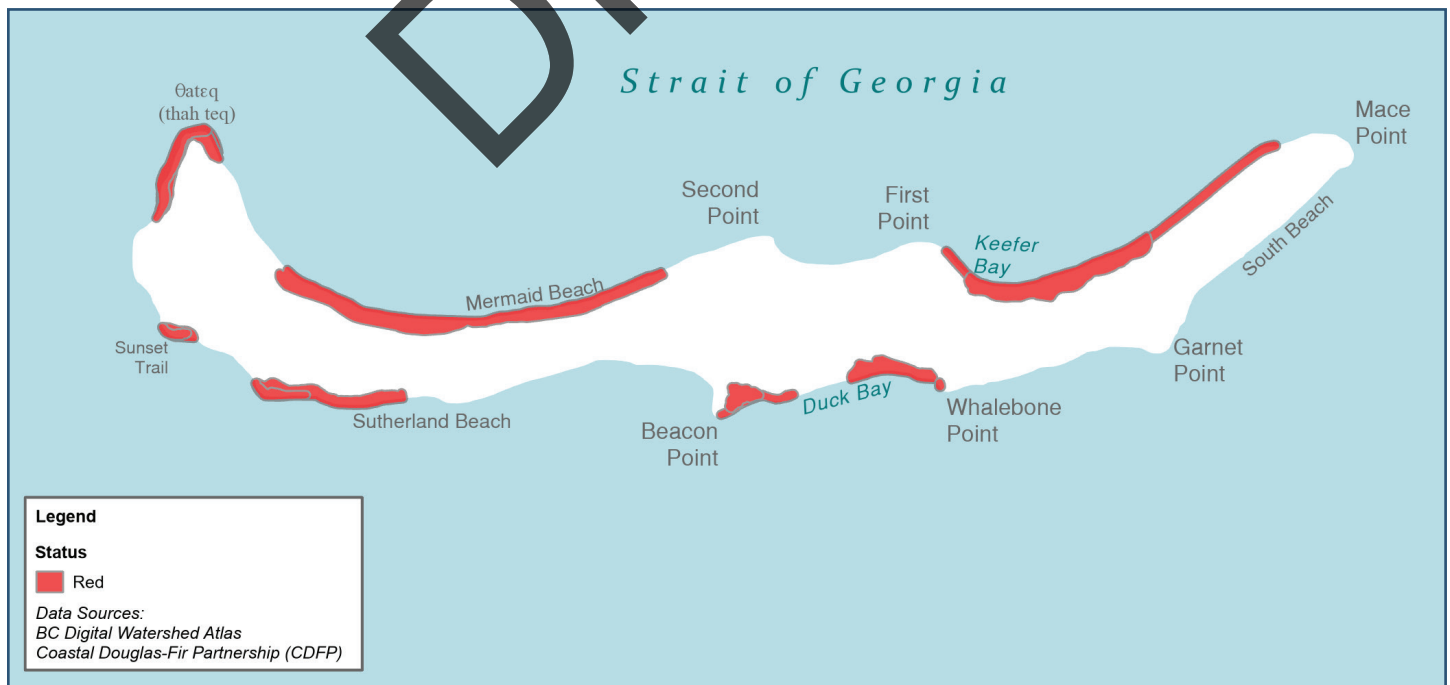


Figure 9. Species & Ecosystems at Risk - Status

2.7.22.7.8 Sensitive Ecosystems Sensitive Ecosystems

Objective

To support the protection of sensitive ecosystems and species at risk on Savary Island.

Policies

- a. **Encourage** the preservation of sensitive ecosystems and the consideration of sensitive ecosystems inventory data in land use planning.
- b. **Support** open space, conservation, or low-impact recreational uses on lands identified as environmentally sensitive areas.
- c. **Promote** respectful public use of Provincial Ministry right-of-ways on lands identified as environmentally sensitive areas.
- d. **Encourage** the preservation of the existing tree canopy in ecologically sensitive areas.
- e. **Discourage** the removal of mature trees to reduce habitat fragmentation.
- f. **Encourage** property owners to obtain a site-level assessment by a qualified professional for proposed developments identified as sensitive ecosystems prior to land clearing and construction.
- g. **Support** the efforts of the Coastal Invasive Plant Committee to educate the public on the impacts of invasive plants on the natural environment and native species.
- h. **Promote** “Best Practices for Mindful Development” (page 27).



*“Protecting biodiversity will require ongoing efforts and community engagement.”
- community quote*

2.7.3 Natural Hazard Areas

Natural hazard areas are lands that may be environmentally sensitive lands that can pose significant risk to development. On Savary Island, natural hazard areas include steep slopes prone to rock-fall or landslide and low-lying coastal areas vulnerable to erosion and flooding.

To inform the Official Community Plan, the Regional District completed a high-level natural hazard assessment to identify potential natural hazard areas on Savary Island. Due to the island's unique geology characterized by sandy soils and steep inclines, these areas are highly susceptible to instability due to geology, slope, sandy soils, and dynamic physical forces such as wind, waves, and changing water levels.

Building on unstable terrain can lead to structural settling, shifting, and slipping which could result in costly property damage and ongoing maintenance. Furthermore, improperly placed septic systems can destabilize soils and cause hazardous seepage.

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“New, creative solutions should always be sought out as a priority to help not only Savary but any coastal area dealing with erosion.”

- community quote



2.7.3 Natural Hazard Areas

Objective

To promote site-level geotechnical assessments that establish safe building sites to minimize risk from hazardous conditions.

Policies

- a. **Recommend** completion of site-level geotechnical assessment by a qualified professional prior to clearing or developing any land identified with natural hazard potential on Map No. 2 of the Plan (page 66).
- b. **Promote** conservation of natural vegetation and tree cover on steep slopes as established trees and native vegetation play an important role in stabilizing soils on slopes.

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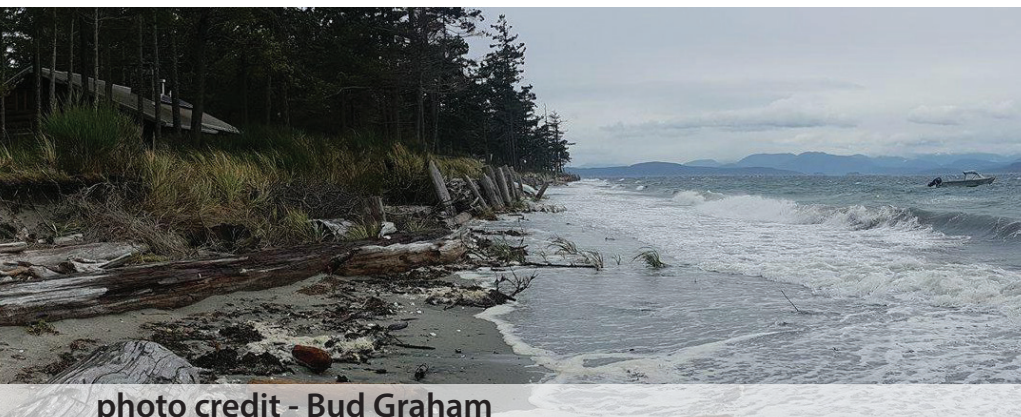


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*“Rising sea levels, increased storm intensity, and changing weather patterns could threaten the island’s ecosystems and infrastructure.”
- community quote*

2.7.4 Coastal Areas

Coastal areas are one of the most productive ecological zones on earth, providing vital habitat for a range of species including shellfish and shorebirds. While these areas are highly desirable places to live and recreate, they are also vulnerable to coastal flooding and erosion caused by dynamic forces such as wind, waves and shifting water levels. The majority of the coastal areas around the island are dedicated Provincial Ministry right-of-ways. Managing coastal landscapes is a complex task involving overlapping levels of jurisdiction as illustrated in Figure 10 below.

Objective

To preserve the integrity of coastal processes, maintain habitat diversity and function, and reduce cumulative impacts to the coastal environment.

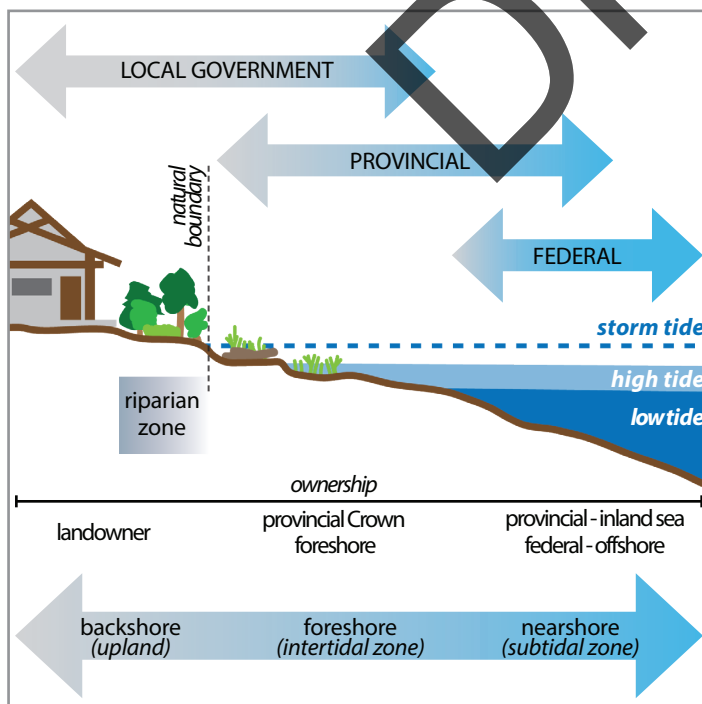


Figure 10. Coastal Foreshore Jurisdiction

2.7.4 Coastal Areas

Policies

- a. **Recommend** completion of site-level assessment by a qualified professional prior to clearing or developing land in coastal areas to ensure safe flood construction levels and setbacks from the sea.
- b. **Promote** conservation of natural vegetation and tree cover within 30 metres of the natural boundary of the sea to stabilize shorelines and minimize degradation of the marine environment.
- c. **Advocate** provincial and federal agencies ensure development in coastal areas meet environmental standards and comply with provincial and federal legislation and regulations.
- d. **Support** the access of coastal areas for cultural use.
- e. **Advocate** provincial and federal agencies monitor and protect the island's wild shellfish stocks, and promote and fund restoration projects that will enhance wild finfish and shellfish resources.
- f. **Encourage** residents and users of the foreshore to minimize the disturbance or pollution of coastal areas and refrain from littering.
- g. **Promote** respectful public use of Provincial Ministry right-of-ways in the coastal foreshores areas.
- h. **Encourage** a Green Shores approach to shoreline stabilization.
- i. **Promote** "Best Practices for Mindful Development" (page 27).



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2.7.5 Climate Change

Sustainable off-grid living on Savary Island is rooted in a culture of self-sufficiency. Residents actively minimize waste and energy consumption by embracing alternative energy, composting, and intentional living to reduce reliance on external systems.

The qathet Regional District supports these efforts by prioritizing climate change in its strategic planning. Key regional goals include lowering the local carbon footprint, working towards zero waste, and mitigating environmental impacts.

As climate change introduces risks such as sea level rise, wildfires, and extreme weather, mindful land use and development choices become essential for long-term resilience. By aligning local emission targets with provincial standards and making adaptive decisions today, the community can reduce vulnerabilities and better prepare for future environmental changes.

Objectives

To reduce greenhouse gas emissions through reduced fossil fuel consumption and shifts to alternative forms of energy.

To implement proactive measures that mitigate the environmental impacts of climate change.

“The current state of Savary is majestic and the ruggedness of the island makes all of those who come to the island wish they could stay longer.”
- community quote



2.7.5 Climate Change

Policies

- a. **Promote** the use of alternative transportation options such as walking and biking.
- b. **Promote** public awareness about climate adaptation practices, like water conservation, wildfire preparedness, shoreline protection, and alternative energy sources.
- c. **Ensure** climate adaptation and emergency preparedness information is locally accessible and relevant to seasonal residents.
- d. **Collaborate** with senior levels of government to track local climate vulnerabilities, such as drought frequency, wildfire risk, erosion, and infrastructure exposure, and to monitor community energy resiliency to inform adaptive planning and emergency management plans.
- e. **Collaborate** with key interest holders and senior levels of government to advance energy-efficient practices by promoting a reduction on the dependency of gasoline, diesel, and propane and promote renewable alternatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- f. **Promote** the preservation and enhancement of native trees and vegetation to stabilize soils and buffer against storm surges and flooding, while enhancing biodiversity and carbon storage.
- g. **Encourage** island-scale food systems and production such as shared gardens, harvest surplus swaps, or community orchards using drought-tolerant and native-adapted species.



3.1 Implementation

The Official Community Plan provides a policy framework to achieve the community’s longterm vision, goals and objectives. It identifies existing and future land use opportunities and challenges, guides responsible development, protects environmental features, fosters long-term heritage and cultural stewardship, and informs infrastructure investments and financial planning across the planning area.

The Official Community Plan is a high-level planning document to guide local decision making on land use, development, infrastructure, community services, and environmental stewardship. Its effectiveness relies on the shared commitment and coordinated efforts of individual property owners, the gathet Regional District, and other authorities with jurisdiction within or adjacent to the area.

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“A place where residents and visitors alike can connect with nature, each other, and the unique spirit of the island.”

- community quote

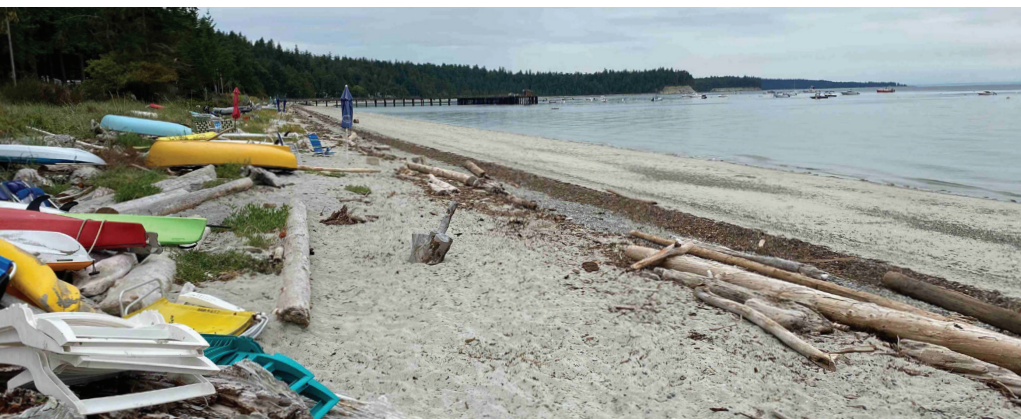


3.2 Review & Amendments

To retain its relevance and effectiveness as a guiding document, it is essential that the Official Community Plan be regularly reassessed and updated.

An Official Community Plan is a “living” document. Emerging community issues, new technical studies, or legislative changes may initiate amendments to the Plan. In addition to tracking progress toward long-term goals and objectives, the amendment process offers an opportunity to incorporate public input, analyze emerging trends, and align strategies with current best practices in sustainable development and land use planning.

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*“Savary should continue to be a small island that people stumble across randomly.”
- community quote*

3.3 Relationships with Other Government Agencies

There are various federal and provincial agencies, First Nations, and local improvement district with decision making authority on Savary Island (Figure 11 page 60). Other levels of government have an impact on the realization of the Official Community Plan.

qathet Regional District recognizes the authority and interests of other levels of government and First Nations, and encourages coordination and cooperation in the implementation of the Official Community Plan.

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"Savary is a place where generations come together. Our kids grew up on island and I hope our kids have a chance to raise their kids in the same way."

- community quote



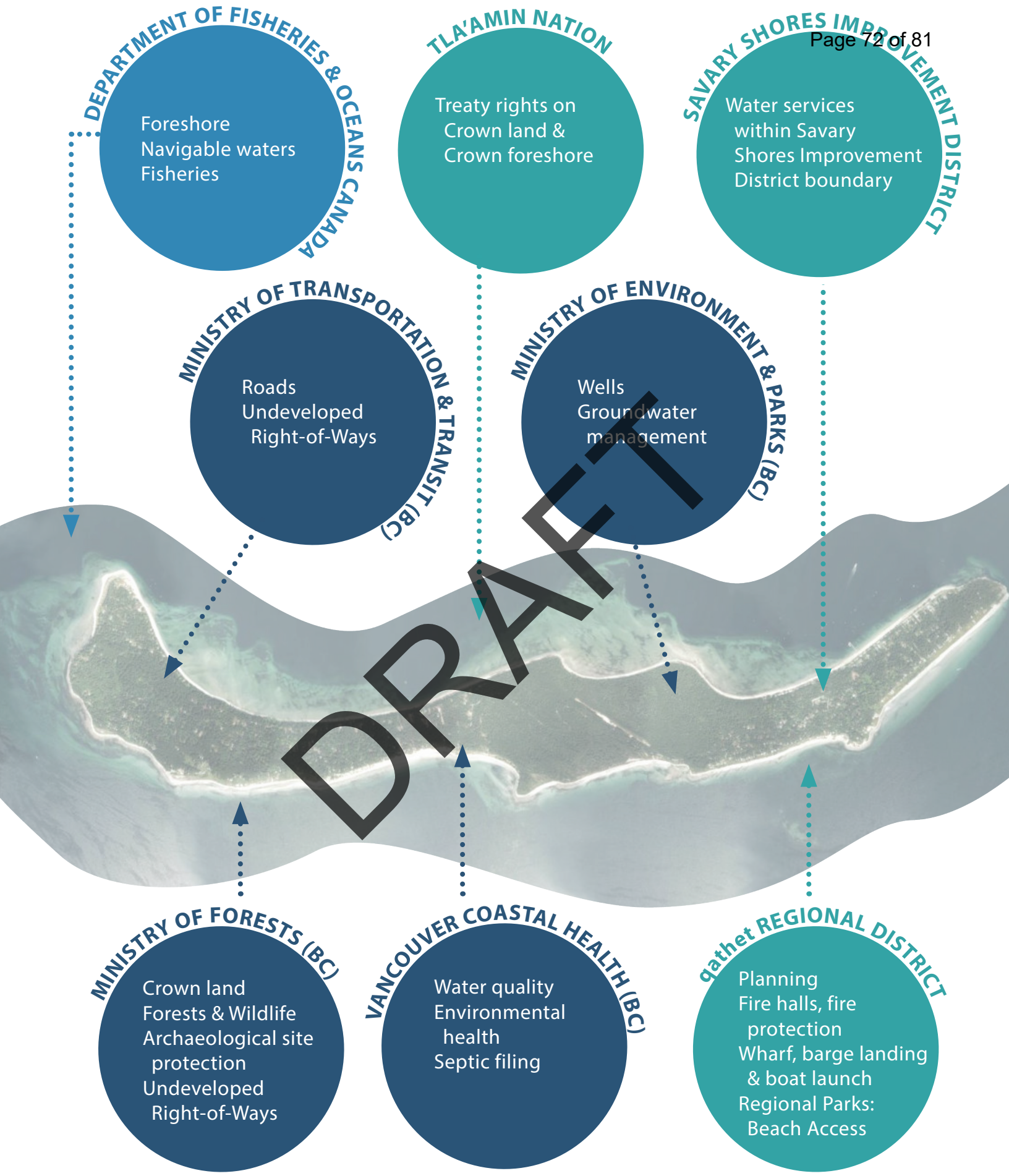


Figure 11. Decision Making Authority on Savary Island
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Map No. 1 Land Use Designations



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REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORT

TO: Planning Committee

FROM: Julia Dykstra, Planner

IN COLLABORATION WITH:

SUBJECT: Subdivision Application, District Lot 3691, 7458 Nootka St & 7460 Nootka St, Electoral Area B

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee recommends to the Board that the Board advise the Ministry of Transportation and Transit that qathet Regional District has no objection to the proposed two lot conventional subdivision application for the property at 7458 Nootka St and 7460 Nootka Street, legally described as Lot B, Block 2, District Lot 3691, Group 1, New Westminster District Plan 16678 (PID 007-382-651), as shown on the subdivision plan prepared by Polaris Land Surveying Ltd. dated March 3, 2026, subject to:

- a) proof of water and septic servicing that meets provincial standards; and
 - b) a new civic address assignment for proposed Lot 2.
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PURPOSE/SUMMARY

To consider a provincial referral for a two lot conventional subdivision in Electoral Area B.

BACKGROUND

On April 29, 2026 qathet Regional District received a referral from the Ministry of Transportation and Transit for a proposed two lot conventional subdivision application for the property at 7458 Nootka St and 7460 Nootka Street in Electoral Area B. A location map is included as Appendix A.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This application aligns with the following strategic priority and goal in the 2023-2027 qathet Regional District Strategic Plan:

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE – We proactively plan for growth in our region to ensure our land use is responsible and sustainable.

TYPE OF DECISION

Directive Decision

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPACT/RELATIONSHIP

The subject property is within the service area boundary of the Malaspina Fire Service Area. The Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department is obligated to respond to incidents within its training and equipment capacity limits to deliver fire, medical first responder, and rescue services.

LEGISLATIVE, REGULATORY, BYLAW OR POLICY IMPACT/RELATIONSHIP

The provincial Ministry of Transportation and Transit manages subdivisions in rural areas of the province under the *Land Title Act*. The provincial approving officer evaluates the proposal and consults with affected local governments, local health authorities, and first nations governments as part of the referral process. The ministry refers applications to local government to determine if the application complies with local government land use policies and bylaws.

The *Local Government Act* empowers the qathet Regional District Board of Directors to adopt official community plan bylaws. Official community plan bylaws set out a long-term vision for a community and establish community goals, objectives and policies for achieving that vision. An official community plan bylaw provides a policy framework to guide land use and development decision making of the regional district, other government agencies, businesses, and land owners.

The *Local Government Act* empowers the regional district to adopt a zoning bylaw. Zoning bylaws are a regulatory tool for implementing an official community plan and regulating land use.

The *Local Government Act* authorizes the regional district to pass a bylaw requiring owners or occupiers of real property to place building or structure numbers assigned by the regional district in a conspicuous place.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Proposed Subdivision

The proponent is proposing a two lot conventional subdivision for the subject parcel located at 7458 Nootka St and 7460 Nootka Street in Electoral Area B. A copy of the proposed subdivision plan is attached as Appendix B.

The subject parcel measures 5.2 hectares. Proposed Lot 1 measures 4.2 hectares and proposed Lot 2 measures 1.0 hectare. The parcels are serviced by a private water system and onsite septic. Both lots front Nootka Street.

According to the proposed survey plan, there are three existing dwellings on the subject site. The proposed subdivision would establish two dwellings on proposed Lot 1 and one dwelling on proposed Lot 2. The proponent states that one dwelling is rented, one dwelling is under renovations, and the third dwelling is owner-occupied.

Policy Analysis

The subject parcel is designated Low-Density Residential under *Electoral Area B Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 465, 2012*. The intent of the Low-Density Residential designation is to provide a semi-rural lifestyle on lands which have potential for more intense development but are constrained primarily by inadequate conditions for septic disposal and/or the lack of a water supply system. The subject parcel is adjacent to Low-Density Residential land use designation to the north and east, Commercial Recreation and Manufactured Home Park land use designations to the west, and Reserve land use designation to the south.

A map of the Area B Official Community Plan land use designations and surrounding area is attached to this report as Appendix C.

This parcel is also affected by *Nootka Street Zoning Bylaw No. 321, 1999*. The following sections provide analyze of the application in relation to applicable policies and regulations.

Minimum Parcel Size

Under Area B Official Community Plan and Nootka Street Zoning Bylaw, the minimum parcel size for subdivision is 1.0 hectare.

Proposed Lot 1 measures 4.2 hectares and proposed Lot 2 measures 1.0 hectare. Both proposed parcels meet or exceed the minimum parcel size the recommend in the Area B Official Community Plan and parcel size regulations in the Nootka Street Zoning Bylaw.

Land Use

Under the Area B Official Community Plan, the recommended principal use on land designated Low-Density Residential is occupancy of a single-family dwelling. Recommended accessory uses include occupancy of a secondary suite, home-based business, and non-intensive agriculture.

The Nootka Street Zoning Bylaw does not regulate land use.

The subject parcel contains three single-family dwellings. No changes are proposed for the use of single-family dwelling on the lots. The existing and proposed uses are consistent with the recommended principal and accessory uses under Area B Official Community Plan.

Density

Both the Area B Official Community Plan and Nootka Street Zoning Bylaw state that the density of residential development shall not exceed one dwelling unit per 1.0 hectare. The property currently is developed with three dwellings and measures 5.2 hectares. The proposed subdivision would subdivide the parcel so that proposed Lot 1, measuring 4.2 hectares, would contain two dwellings, and proposed Lot 2, measuring 1.0, hectare would contain one dwelling.

The proposed density is consistent with the recommendation in the Area B Official Community Plan and comply with the regulation in the Nootka Street Zoning Bylaw.

Servicing

Under the Area B Official Community Plan, policies and objectives for water and sewage and solid waste support adequate proof of servicing that meets provincial standards and protection of groundwater. The regulation of water supply systems and water quality monitoring is under the jurisdiction of Vancouver Coastal Health and the Province. The property is currently serviced by a private water supply system, in good standing with Vancouver Coastal Health, and existing onsite septic systems.

Staff recommend proof of water and sewer servicing that meets provincial standards as conditions of support for this application.

Civic Addressing

On January 25, 2023, the Board of qathet Regional District adopted *Civic Addressing Bylaw No. 585, 2023* to regulate the assignment of civic addresses in Electoral Areas A, B, C and D.

The proponent has identified two dwellings on proposed Lot 1, addressed as 7458 Nootka St & 7460 Nootka St. An existing dwelling is identified on proposed Lot 2, and does not have a civic address assigned. As a condition of support for this subdivision, staff recommends the Board request that the land owner apply for a civic address to the dwelling on proposed Lot 2, in order to comply with the Civic Addressing Bylaw.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

If approved, the subdivision will generate additional property tax revenue for the qathet Regional District.

PUBLIC AND/OR STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT REQUIRED OR PERFORMED

This is a Provincial referral. Public engagement and stakeholder engagement is the responsibility of the Province.

Staff has been engaging with the applicant to satisfy the policy and regulatory review of this proposed subdivision.

qathet Regional District's Planning Committee meetings are public meetings and as such, any member of the public who sought interest could participate.

CONCLUSION

Staff have provided this analysis for the Board's consideration. Staff recommend supporting the application for subdivision, subject to condition, to ensure consistency with *Electoral Area B Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 465, 2012* and compliance with *Nootka Street Zoning Bylaw No. 321, 1999*.

ATTACHMENTS

[Appendix A Location Map](#)

[Appendix B Survey Plan](#)

[Appendix C OCP Land Use Map](#)

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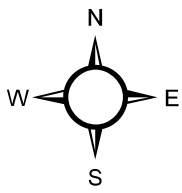
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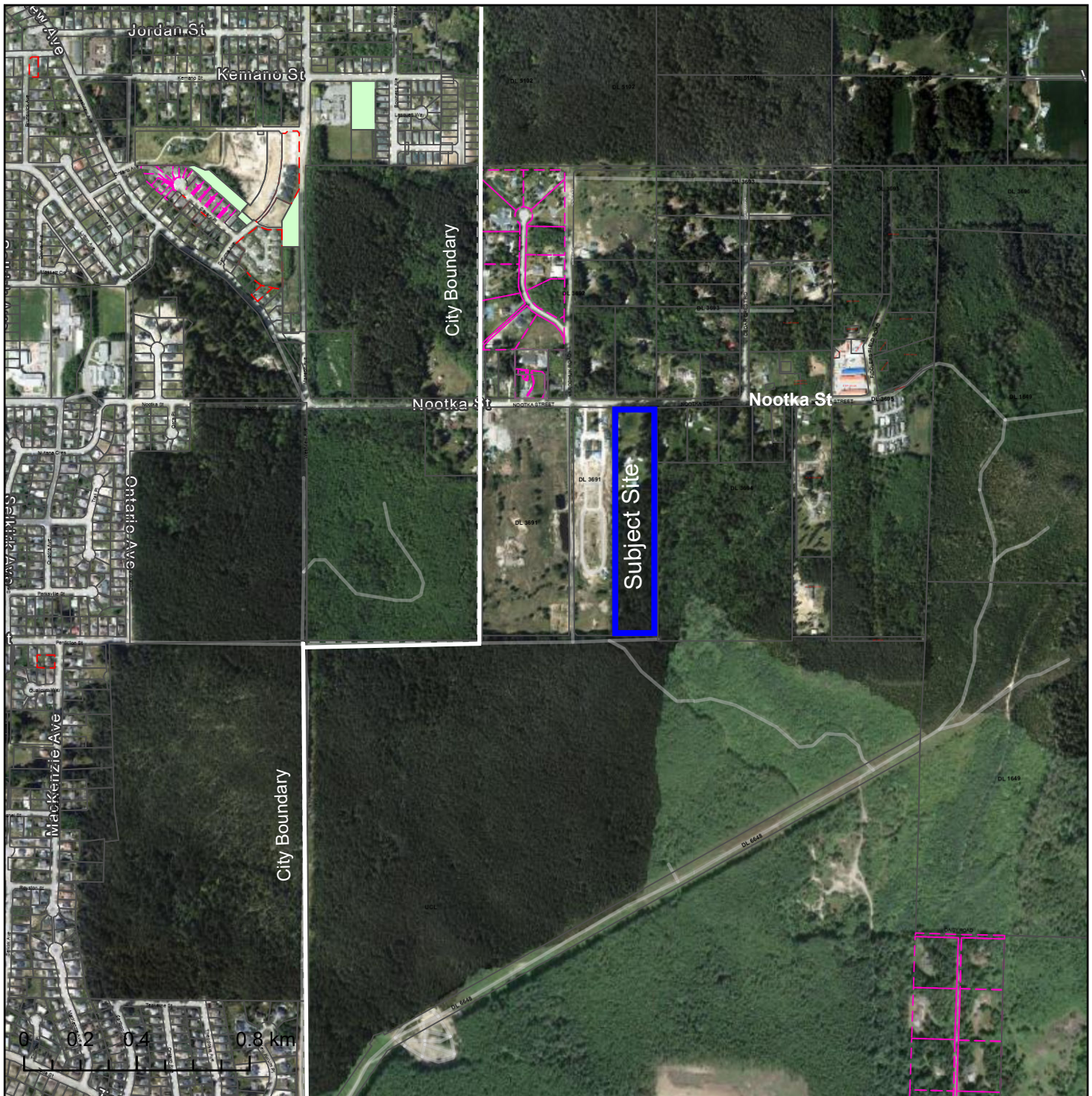
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Location Map 7458 & 7460 Nootka St Electoral Area B



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**SKETCH PLAN OF PROPOSED SUBDIVISION OF
LOT B BLOCK 2 DISTRICT LOT 3691
GROUP 1 NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT
PLAN 16678**

PID 007-382-651

This plan lies within qathet Regional District



The intended plot size of this plan is 432mm in width by 560mm in height (C-Size) when plotted at a scale of 1:1250.

All distances are in metres and decimals thereof, unless otherwise noted.

MoTT file number: 2026-01407

Lot is subject to the Nootka Street Zoning Bylaw No. 321, 1999.
qRD land use designation: Low Density Residential

Notes:
i) Water supplied by a shared well and registered water supply system: Menniti Water System.

ii) Existing shared driveway to be covered with a registered easement.

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- denotes existing driveway
- denotes approximate water line location
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- denotes Test Pit

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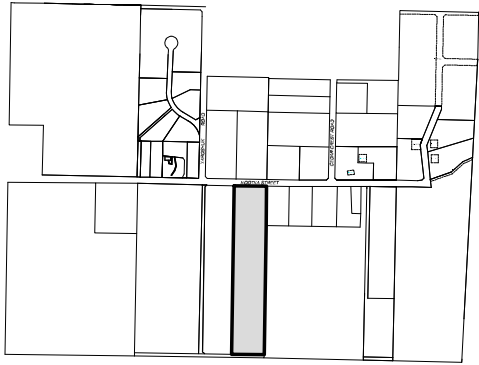
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BOOK OF REFERENCE		
COVENANT	AREA	LOT
COVENANT A	255 m ²	PROPOSED LOT 2
COVENANT B	280 m ²	PROPOSED LOT 2
TOTAL AREA = 535 m ²		

KEYPLAN



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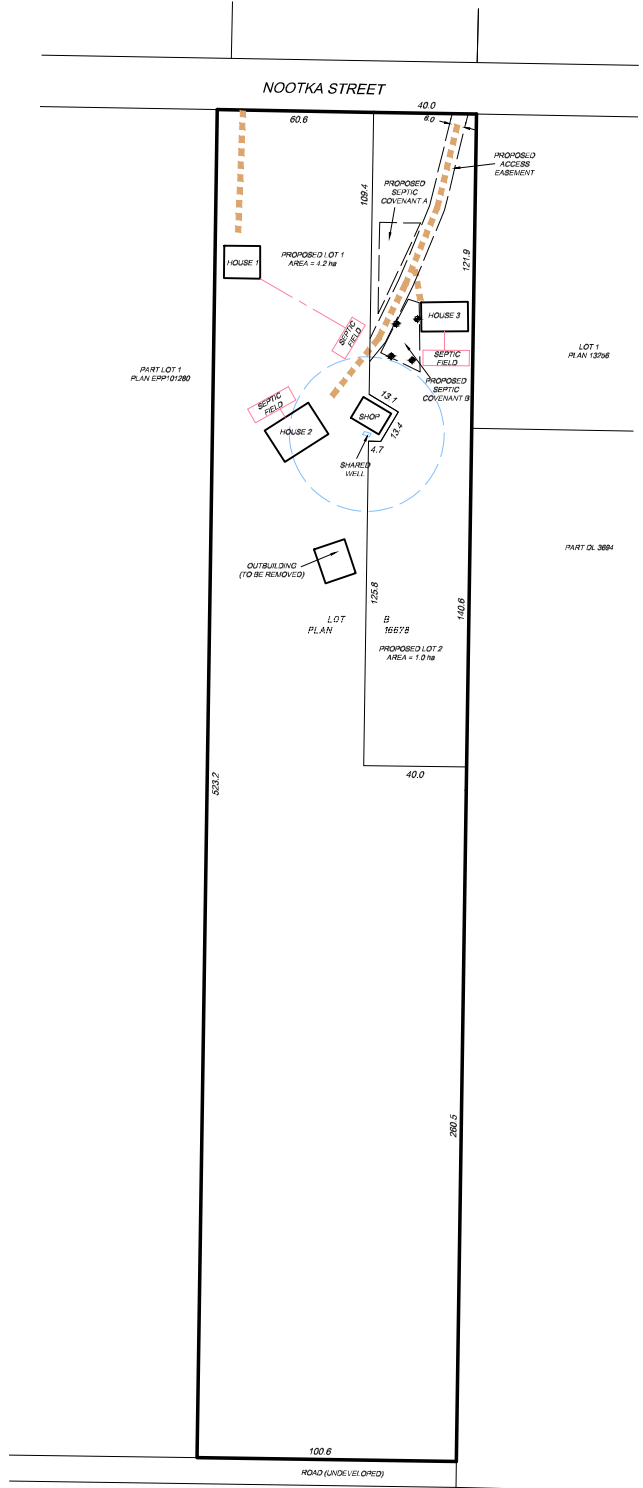
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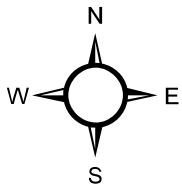


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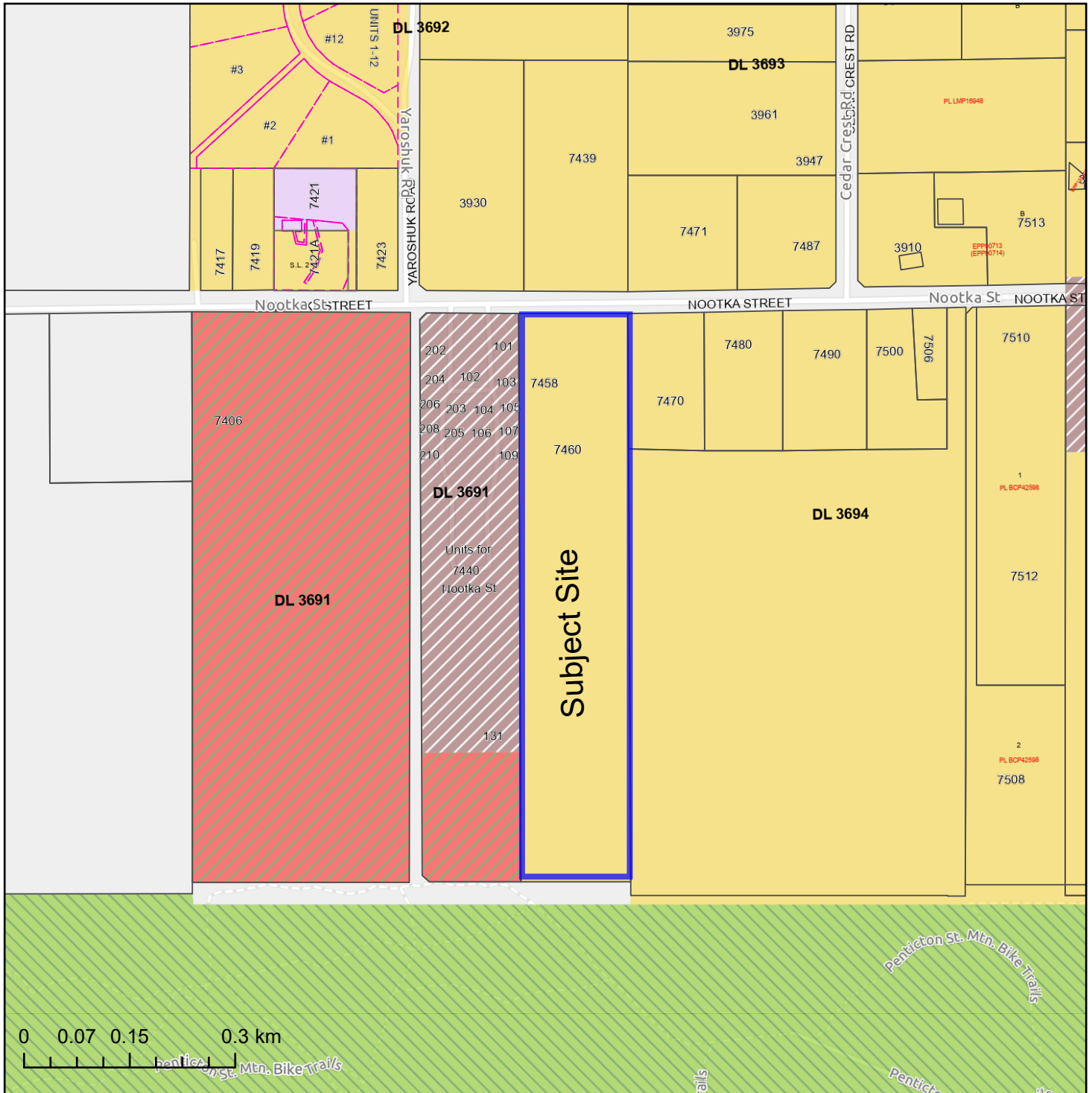


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Electoral Area B OCP Land Use Designation Map 7458 & 7460 Nootka Street



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**qathet Regional District
Bylaw No. 607, 2026**

A Bylaw to adopt an Official Community Plan for Savary Island

WHEREAS the *Local Government Act, R.S.B.C.*, empowers the qathet Regional District Board of Directors to adopt official community plan bylaws;

AND WHEREAS the qathet Regional District Board of Directors deems it advisable and expedient to adopt an official community plan for Savary Island in Electoral Area A in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act*;

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

1. Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw is hereby adopted as an official community plan.
2. This Bylaw shall be cited for all purposes as "*Savary Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 607, 2026*".
3. This bylaw has been examined in light of the most recent Financial Plan and Solid Waste Management Plan of the qathet Regional District and is consistent therewith.
5. This Bylaw shall take effect upon its adoption by the qathet Regional District Board of Directors.
6. The "*Savary Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 403, 2006*" and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST the ___ day of _____, 20__.

READ A SECOND TIME the ___ day of _____, 20__.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD the ___ day of _____, 20__.

READ A THIRD TIME the ___ day of _____, 20__.

ADOPTED the ___ day of _____, 20__.

Chair

Corporate Officer



Savary Island's vision is to preserve its off-grid island lifestyle, self-sufficiency, and strong sense of community with minimal regulations, while actively protecting the island's vital groundwater resources and sensitive ecosystems. The community continues to celebrate the beauty of the land and ocean, while stewarding natural and cultural heritage resources.

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Savary Island Official Community Plan

Schedule A to Bylaw No. 607, 2026 (First Reading)

June 9 2026



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Acknowledgments

This Official Community Plan was developed through a comprehensive five phase planning process working collaboratively with island residents and property owners, inclusive of the Tla'amin Nation.

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qathet Regional District acknowledges that Savary Island (qeyε qʷən) is located within the Traditional Territory of the Tla'amin, Klahoose, and Homalco First Nations.

We recognize the significant contributions of First Nations people who have lived and worked on this land since time immemorial.

We offer our sincere gratitude for their stewardship of these lands.

“qeyε qʷən has always been vital to our people and will continue to be for generations, therefore it should be protected from harm and it's health invested in for long term sustainability.”

- Tla'amin community member quote

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1 Plan Foundation

1.1 Introduction

The Official Community Plan is a high-level planning document that guides local decision making on land use, development, infrastructure, community services, and environmental stewardship. The Official Community Plan embraces a long-term community vision and sets out specific objectives and policies to achieve that vision.

Legal Context

The Official Community Plan is governed by provisions of the provincial *Local Government Act*. Under Section 471 of the *Local Government Act*, an official community plan is a statement of objectives and policies to guide decisions on planning and land use management, within the area covered by the plan, respecting the purposes of local government.

An official community plan is required by Section 473 of the *Local Government Act* to include statements and map designations for the area covered by the plan respecting the following:

- approximate location, amount, type and density of residential development required to meet anticipated housing needs over a period of at least 20 years;
- approximate location, amount and type of present and proposed commercial, industrial, institutional, agricultural, recreational, and public utility land uses;
- approximate location and area of sand and gravel deposits that are suitable for future sand and gravel extraction;
- restrictions on the use of land that is subject to hazardous conditions or that is environmentally sensitive to development;
- approximate location and phasing of any major road, sewer and water systems;
- approximate location and type of present and proposed public facilities, including schools, parks, and waste treatment and disposal sites;
- policies of the local government respecting affordable, rental, and special needs housing; and
- targets and policies for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.



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1.1 Introduction

This Plan acknowledges that Savary Island is an off-grid island comprised largely of recreational properties, unpaved roads, with limited potential for commercial, industrial, institutional, or agricultural development. Savary Island is not identified in the region as having a core housing need, and road, sewer and water systems fall under provincial authority. Therefore, the Plan does not consider:

- anticipated housing needs over 20 years;
- proposed commercial, industrial, institutional, agricultural, or public utility;
- location and phasing of major road, sewer and water systems;
- proposed public facilities, including schools, and waste treatment and disposal sites; or
- affordable, rental and special needs housing.

The legal effect of an official community plan is set out under Section 478 of the *Local Government Act* as follows:

- an official community plan does not commit or authorize the regional district to proceed with any project that is specified in the plan; and
- all bylaws enacted or works undertaken by the board, after the adoption of an official community plan, must be consistent with the plan.

The policy effect of an official community plan includes:

- establishes a community vision;
- designates future land use patterns;
- coordinates policy to protect features and infrastructure;
- informs financial planning and servicing;
- guides decisions by Regional Board;
- guides decisions by residents and land owners; and
- guides decisions by other levels of government that have jurisdiction within or adjacent to the planning area (provincial agencies, federal agencies, neighbouring municipalities, and First Nations).



Figure 1. Jurisdictional and Electoral Area Boundaries

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1.2 Location

Area Covered by the Plan

Savary Island is located within Electoral Area A of the qathet Regional District, off the southern coast of British Columbia, lying within the Georgia Strait between Vancouver Island and the mainland (Figure 1 page 3). The island is positioned approximately 6 kilometers southwest of Lund and 30 kilometers northwest of Powell River.

The Official Community Plan covers all of Savary Island (Figure 2 page 5). Savary Island consists mainly of privately owned residential land, privately owned conservation land, limited public spaces, and no large-scale commercial or industrial development.

Savary Island is located within the traditional territories of the Tla'amin, Klahoose, and Homalco First Nations.

Savary Island is known for its unique geography, featuring extensive sandy beaches, coastal dunes, and diverse ecosystems. The island's natural environment is distinct from much of the south coast of British Columbia, characterized by coastal dunes, dryland forests of Douglas-fir and arbutus, and ecologically sensitive shorelines. Its narrow, crescent-shaped landmass extends approximately eight kilometers in length and varies in width, reaching approximately one kilometer at its widest point.

The island's terrain includes a mix of coastal bluffs, forested areas, wetlands, and grasslands, creating a rich and varied landscape. The localized and limited tidal action accounts for the warm water the island is known for.

The island's low elevation and porous, sandy soils contribute to its distinct environmental characteristics, particularly affecting water retention, vegetation, and groundwater availability.





Figure 2. Savary Island Official Community Plan - Planning Area

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1.2 Location

The island's remote location and limited infrastructure influence its accessibility and development patterns. Most transportation to and from Savary is facilitated through the unincorporated village of Lund, which serves as the primary departure point for water taxis and private boats from the mainland. Travel from Vancouver Island or other areas is also feasible, by boat or float plane. Powell River is the nearest municipality and, located on the mainland, provides a connection to larger regional services, including health care, retail, and transportation links via BC Ferries or Powell River Airport.

Savary Island is primarily a seasonal retreat, attracting visitors with its mild climate, scenic beauty, and recreational opportunities such as beachcombing, hiking, cycling, kayaking, and swimming. While there is a small permanent population, the island's summer population increases significantly, as property owners and visitors occupy seasonal vacation homes.

Savary Island is off-grid. BC Hydro does not serve the island and is generally not desired. The majority of lots on Savary Island are serviced by on-site wells and on-site septic disposal systems, with the exception of lots serviced by Savary Shores Improvement District.



“Protecting the island’s groundwater resources is essential, and this provides an excellent example of the collective and autonomous capacity of the community.”
 - community quote



Figure 3. Tla'amin Nation Place Names

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1.3 Regional Context

First Nations Stewardship

The Official Community Plan recognizes and respects Tla'amin, Klahoose, and Homalco history, culture, connection, and ongoing stewardship on Savary Island.

Savary Island is called q̣eỵe q̣ẉən (pronounced Qaye qwun) by the Tla'amin people and is located within the traditional territories of the Tla'amin, Klahoose, and Homalco First Nations. These First Nations have a common history in the area that dates back over 8,500 years, with numerous archaeological sites that document their history, culture, and presence on the island. The word q̣eỵe q̣ẉən means freshwater spring. The island has this name because of its three freshwater sources. Other place names (Figure 3 page 7) include ti: ti: may (T'eet'ee may), θateq (Thah teq), and χεχα̣jeyis (χε χα jey is).

According to the Tla'amin, q̣eỵe q̣ẉən (Savary Island) had large village sites, multiple burial sites and was a cultural place for ceremonial and spiritual gatherings for thousands of years. Tla'amin people participate in ceremonies and spiritual gatherings, clam digging, root digging, berry picking, hunting, bark stripping, and collecting herring spawn on q̣eỵe q̣ẉən (Savary Island) .

In the 1990's and early 2000's, the Tla'amin Nation negotiated a Treaty with the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada. The Treaty has been in effect since April 5, 2016. In March 2025, the Tla'amin Final Agreement was amended to include the title ʔaʔj̣inx̣ẉeg̣əs, meaning 'a good relationship with someone' reflecting the intent to guide ongoing relationships. The Treaty includes self-governance provisions and over 8,000 hectares of land, including two waterfront lots on q̣eỵe q̣ẉən (Savary Island). The Treaty includes provisions for hunting, fishing, and resource gathering rights on provincial Crown land and foreshore on q̣eỵe q̣ẉən (Savary Island).

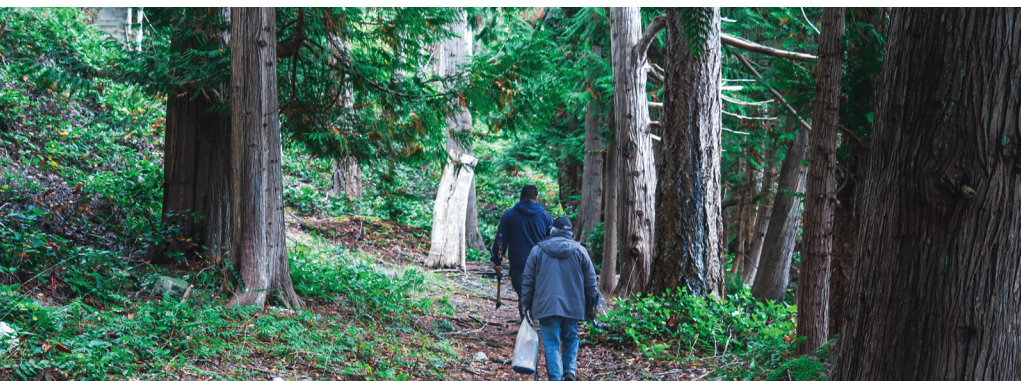


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“Our people have lived on these lands since time immemorial. Reserve and ‘community’ living is new to us. After visiting q̣eỵe q̣ẉən, it was evident that our people used the entirety of the Island.”

- Tla'amin community member quote



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1.3 Regional Context

Tla'amin is a self-governing Nation working to restore its stewardship role throughout its territory.

The Tla'amin Nation has signed Shared Territory Agreements with both the Klahoose and Homalco First Nations. The Agreements identify q̓ey̓e q̓w̓ən (Savary Island) as within the Tla'amin Nation core territory. q̓athet Regional District and the Tla'amin Nation have signed a Protocol Agreement for Communication and Cooperation. The Agreement sets out shared principles and values for working together on a range of interests including land use planning, environmental protection, and cultural and heritage protection.

"I remember paddling out to Savary as a child with my grandmother to go sell her baskets. We would paddle out to mid channel and set our sail and go all the way. We'd go to the beaches and sell her baskets. We'd also go and harvest roots, dig for clams, and we'd hunt deer... We'd stay and camp on Savary and wait for a westward wind to sail back home."

- Tla'amin community member quote

Key Tla'amin stewardship and interests on q̓ey̓e q̓w̓ən (Savary Island) include:

- working together to harmonize land use planning in interface areas between Tla'amin Lands and adjacent lands;
- protecting the natural environment and ensuring a sustainable resource base for hunting, fishing and resource gathering for future generations;
- protecting cultural and archaeological resources and expanding the inventory of known sites. These sites are highly valued by the Tla'amin people and are protected under the provincial *Heritage Conservation Act*;
- being recognized and respected as part of the community in government-to-government relationships; and
- educating the general public on Tla'amin history, culture and connection to the lands and waters of the territory.

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1.3 Regional Context

Regional Sustainability Charter

The Official Community Plan supports and aligns with the Regional Sustainability Charter, signed in July 2010 by the Regional Board, the City of Powell River Council and the Tla'amin Nation Council.

Charter Principles

- recognize and respect Tla'amin rights, title and cultural history;
- recognize ecological limits;
- take a long view;
- promote self-reliance;
- integrate environment, society and economy;
- work together;
- learn continuously;
- strive for equity;
- manage uncertainty; and
- consider local and global sustainability.

Sustainability Principles

The Official Community Plan embraces the four principles of sustainability set out in the qathet Regional District Strategic Plan 2023 - 2027, adopted in 2023 by the Regional Board.

Environmental Sustainability

Ensure the resiliency, conservation and protection of the natural environment.

Economic Sustainability

Provide and support ongoing economic benefits for the community.

Cultural Sustainability

Provide and promote respect for diversity and heritage.

Social Sustainability

Provide access, support, and advocacy for a safe, secure and inclusive community.



1.4 Population

Area A Population

Population data for Savary Island is not available as the island is not separated out in the Federal Census. This is due to the fact that the island is comprised largely of recreational properties that are occupied seasonally and there are few permanent residents. Due to the lack of population data for the island, the official community plan considers population data and trends for Electoral Area A which includes Savary Island.

Population data from Statistics Canada 2021 Census indicates the Electoral Area A population at approximately 1,250 people. The population of Electoral Area A constitutes 5.8 percent of the overall qathet Regional District population of 21,496 people.

Anecdotal information suggests there are approximately 100+ permanent residents on Savary Island. The permanent residents of Savary Island constitute a small proportion of the overall Electoral Area A population of 1,250 people, approximately 8 percent.

Population data from Statistics Canada indicates the Electoral Area A population is growing. As shown in Table 1, between 2001 and 2016 the populations of Electoral Area A and qathet Regional District (qRD) remained fairly constant with modest growth. Then between 2016 and 2021 Electoral Area A saw unprecedented growth with a percentage change in population on par with that experienced for the Province of British Columbia.

Table 1. Population Change 2001 – 2021

	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021	Total Pop. Change 2001-2021	% Change 2001-2021
Electoral Area A	988	914	1,008	1,105	1,250	262	27%
qRD	19,765	19,599	19,906	20,070	21,496	1,731	9%
British Columbia	3,907,738	4,113,487	4,400,057	4,648,055	5,000,879	1,093,141	28%

Source: Statistics Canada

1.4 Population

While there is no quantifiable evidence for why this occurred, it is considered reasonable that the increased growth occurred during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic when people were migrating from urban areas to rural areas, and many property owners were taking up permanent residence in their recreational homes. It is unclear whether these people will remain as permanent residents or if the 2026 Census will demonstrate a decrease in population as people migrate back to urban areas (qRD Housing Needs Report Electoral Areas A, B, C and D, 2024).

Housing data from Statistics Canada indicates a large number of housing units in Electoral Area A are not lived in by the usual residents, implying either seasonal residency or short-term vacation rentals (qRD Housing Needs Report Electoral Areas A, B, C and D, 2024).

Demographic data from Statistics Canada indicates the Electoral Area A population is aging. As shown in Table 2, between 2001 and 2021 the population of Electoral Area A experienced a decrease in the number of school aged children and an increase in the number of residents in the 65 to 84 age cohort.

Table 2. Electoral Area A Population Change 2001 – 2021 by Age Groupings

Age Group	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021	Pop. Change 2001-2021 ²	% Change 2001 - 2021
0-19	180	140	135	160	160	-20	-11%
20-44	265	170	185	210	270	5	2%
45-64	400	440	475	420	420	20	5%
65-84	130	160	200	320	390	260	200%
85+¹	0	5	5	5	5	5	500%
Total¹	975	915	1,000	1,115	1,245	270	28%

Source: Statistics Canada

¹ Statistics Canada is committed to protect the privacy of all Canadians and the confidentiality of the data they provide to us. As part of this commitment some population counts of geographic areas are adjusted in order to ensure confidentiality. Counts of the total population are rounded to a base of 5 for any dissemination block having a population of less than 15.

² Sub-groups differ due to rounding

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1.4 Population

Population Projections

BC Stats has provided 20-year population projections for Electoral Area A from 2021 to 2046. BC Stats uses demographic data accessed through Medical Services Plan BC and Statistics Canada, and applies the component/cohort-survival method to forecast the population. This method grows the population from the latest base year estimate by forecasting births, deaths and migration by age. The risk of error is increased for smaller areas.

As shown in Table 3, BC Stats 20-year population projections for Electoral Area A indicate a percent change in line with the percent change experienced between 2016 and 2021. BC Stats made no interpretation of the unprecedented increase in population in Area A between 2016 and 2021, but carried that growth forward in the forecasted populations.

As noted earlier, it is anticipated that much of this growth was seasonal property owners moving to their recreational homes during COVID-19, and it is not known whether they will remain permanent residents.

Figure 4 (page 14) shows the historical and forecasted population for Electoral Area A from 2001 to 2046. As noted by BC Stats, the further out the projection, the less confidence in the projections, as there could be many things that occur that cannot be predicted and that could change the growth of an area.

Table 3. Electoral Area A Forecasted Population Change 2021 – 2046

	2021	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046	% Change 2021 - 2046
Electoral Area A	1,250	1,282	1,357	1,435	1,528	1,625	23%
qRD	21,496	22,356	22,225	22,621	23,295	24,091	11%
British Columbia	5,000,879	5,707,994	6,023,005	6,351,531	6,647,539	6,915,064	28%

Source: Source BC Stats/ 2023 qathet Regional Housing Needs Report

1.4 Population

Planning Implications

Based on the projected population growth in Electoral Area A to 1,625 people by 2046, it is anticipated that the population of Savary Island will also increase over the next 20 years.

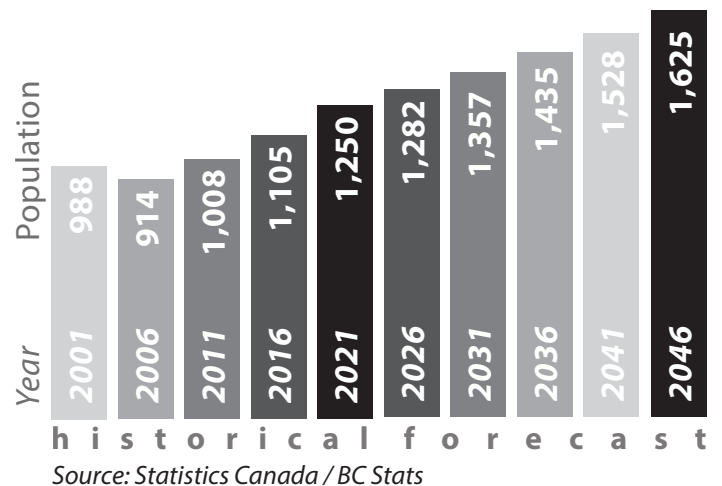
It is anticipated that the future population of Savary Island will continue to be comprised largely of seasonal residents with a small population of permanent residents. As noted earlier, anecdotal information suggests there are currently 100+ permanent residents on the island. While the population of permanent residents may increase in the future, it will likely remain a very small proportion of the overall Electoral A population due to the island's remote location and limited infrastructure.

The 2025 BC Assessment Roll shows a total of 520 vacant residential parcels of land on Savary Island. Fifty of the vacant residential parcels are located within the boundaries of the Savary Shores Improvement District, and 470 of the parcels are located outside of the Savary Shores Improvement District.

Development potential of vacant land on the island is constrained by topography and how the land will be serviced with potable water and septic disposal that meets provincial standards.

It is anticipated that the current vacant residential land inventory will meet the demand for those seeking a remote and self-sufficient island lifestyle well beyond the life of this official community plan.

Figure 4. Electoral Area A Population Change 2001 - 2046





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1.5 Community Planning Process

The Official Community Plan for Savary Island was prepared through a comprehensive five-phase planning process working in collaboration with island residents and property owners.

Phase 1 was the “Project Initiation” phase of the process and focused on laying the foundation for the Plan. Key activities included background research, island tours for project team members, an on-island open house event, and on-island community market event. This phase concluded with establishment of the Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee and completion of the Phase 1 Engagement Report.

Phase 2 was the “Community Exploration & Visioning” phase. Key activities included development of a background report, an online visioning survey, and a series of online engagement sessions aimed at identifying community values, priorities and aspirations. This phase also marked the first meeting of the Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee. This phase concluded with completion of the Background Report and Phase 2 Engagement Reports.

Phase 3 was the “Key Directions” phase and focused on development of a discussion book that summarized information learned through previous phases of the planning process and posed questions about potential policy directions for the official community plan. Activities in this phase included on-island and online workshops to discuss the key directions, and an online survey to gather feedback from the community on policy directions for the Plan. This phase concluded with completion of the Phase 3 Engagement Report.

Phase 4 was the “Official Community Plan Preparation” phase. Key activities included preparing a draft Plan and working with the Advisory Committee to ensure the Plan was reader-friendly and reflective of community and key interest holder feedback.

Phase 5 was the “Approval Process” phase and marked the final phase of the planning process. Key activities included on-island community engagement events, and an online survey to gather feedback on the draft Plan. The Plan was refined based on feedback, and considered at a public hearing prior to final adoption of the bylaw by the Regional Board. Implementation of the Plan is dependent upon the decisions and actions of the community (residents, property owners, and key interest holders), qathet Regional District and other levels of government.

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1. Project Initiation

technical background review

introductory community open houses

5. Approval Process

public hearing

adopt the Official Community Plan

establish advisory committee

bylaw referral review & refine

2. Exploration & Visioning

focused community outreach

identify community priorities

identify community vision

ENGAGEMENT COMMUNITY

4. Plan Preparation

draft Official Community Plan

refine objectives & policies

3. Key Directions

identify key policy directions

focused community outreach

Engagement Timeline

METHODS
2024

ENGAGEMENT
2025

COMMUNITY
2026

Phase 1. Project Initiation

- Aug 26** on-island community open house (50 participants)
- Aug 27** on-island farmers' market event (30 participants)
- Sep 11** online community Groundwater Study webinar with Q&A (47 registrants)
- Sep 12** online community Groundwater Study survey (59 participants)

Outcomes

- project communications and engagement plan
- project webpage
- Phase 1 Engagement Report
- establish Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee

Phase 2. Visioning

- Nov 12** Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee meeting
- Oct 17** online community visioning survey (575 participants)
- Dec 5** online community webinar with Q&A (158 registrants)
- Jan 21** community mailout (1100+ addresses)
- Feb 18-20** three online small group community sessions (102 registrants)
- Apr 14** Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee meeting

Outcomes

- Phase 2 Engagement Report
- Phase 2 Project Background Report

Phase 3. Key Directions

- Jul 10** Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee meeting
- Jul 17** community mailout (1100+ addresses)
- Jul 28** on-island community open house (82 participants)
- Jul 29** on-island farmers' market event (29 participants)
- Aug 5** online engagement webinar (70 registrants)
- Jul 28** online survey (497 participants)
- Oct 8** Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee meeting

Outcomes

- key directions discussion book
- Phase 3 Engagement Report

Phase 4. Plan Preparation

- Oct 28** online Savary Groundwater Study technical webinar (100+ registrants)
- Oct 30** online Savary Slope Hazard Study technical webinar (100+ registrants)
- Jan-Apr** Savary Island Community Plan Advisory Committee meetings (4 meetings)

Outcome

- draft Savary Island Official Community Plan

Phase 5. Approval Process

- Jun** newsletter mailout
- Jul-Aug** on-island engagement events & survey
- TBD*** public hearing

Outcome

- adopt Savary Island Official Community Plan Bylaw

* to be updated before bylaw adoption

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1.6 Vision for the Future

Community Vision

“Savary Island’s vision is to preserve its off-grid island lifestyle, self-sufficiency, and strong sense of community with minimal regulations, while actively protecting the island’s vital groundwater resources and sensitive ecosystems. The community continues to celebrate the beauty of the land and ocean, while stewarding natural and cultural heritage resources.”

Community Goals



Preserve Community

To preserve the sense of community, tranquility, peacefulness and neighbourliness on Savary Island.



Safeguard Water

To safeguard the island’s groundwater supply for future generations.



Mindful Development

To support a level of residential development which is mindful of the island’s water and septic servicing capacity, sensitive ecosystem, and cultural heritage resources.



Steward Natural Areas

To protect natural areas, the island’s ecological integrity, and cultural heritage resources.



Alternative Transportation

To promote alternative transportation modes to alleviate road and parking conflicts.



Sustain Services

To provide a level of community services at a scale appropriate for an off-grid island community.



Support Rural Business

To support small-scale businesses that are consistent with the island’s rural lifestyle and resource carrying capacity.

The community vision statement was developed through the community engagement process

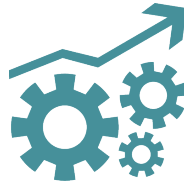
COMMUNITY VISION

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SUSTAINABILITY



Environmental Sustainability
Ensure the resiliency, conservation and protection of the natural environment.



Economic Sustainability
Provide and support ongoing economic benefits for the community.

PRINCIPLES



Social Sustainability
Provide access, support and advocacy for a safe, secure and inclusive community.



Cultural Sustainability
Provide and promote respect for diversity and heritage.

This plan embraces the principles of sustainability adopted by the Regional Board

COMMUNITY GOALS



Preserve Community



Safeguard Water



Mindful Development



Steward Natural Areas



Alternative Transportation



Sustain Services



Support Rural Business

The community goals emerged through the community engagement process

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Plan Objectives & Policies



2.1 Introduction

Official Community Plan Objectives and Policies support the Community Vision and Community Goals set out on page 19 of this Plan. The objectives are broad statements of intent and are supported by specific policies and actions intended to guide future land use decisions by the community (individuals, businesses, developers), qathet Regional District, and other levels of government.

For matters outside the jurisdiction of the Regional Board, the Official Community Plan states broad community objectives and advocacy policies. Advocacy policies are intended to guide decisions by other levels of government that have jurisdiction within or adjacent to the planning area (i.e., provincial, federal, and First Nations). The Official Community Plan does not represent a commitment from other government agencies to act according to community objectives and policies.

*"It's this unique blend of simplicity, respect, and natural beauty that makes Savary Island truly special."
- community quote*



How to Read the Plan

COMMUNITY VISION

Savary Island's vision is to preserve its off-grid island lifestyle, self-sufficiency, and strong sense of community with minimal regulations, while actively protecting the island's vital groundwater resources and sensitive ecosystems. The community continues to celebrate the beauty of the land and ocean, while stewarding natural and cultural heritage resources.

Community Vision & Sustainability Principles

provide guidance to the Official Community Plan Goals, Objectives, and Policies.

SUSTAINABILITY



Environmental Sustainability
Ensure the resiliency, conservation and protection of the natural environment.



Economic Sustainability
Provide and support ongoing economic benefits for the community.

PRINCIPLES



Social Sustainability
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COMMUNITY GOALS



Preserve Community



Safeguard Water



Mindful Development



Steward Natural Areas



Alternative Transportation



Sustain Services



Support Rural Business

Community Goals, Objectives & Policies

provide direction in the Official Community Plan on how to achieve the Community Vision in a way that is consistent with the Sustainability Principles.

2 Plan Objectives & Policies

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2.3.2 Conservation

- Preserve Community
- Safeguard Water
- Mindful Development
- Steward Natural Areas
- Alternative Transportation
- Sustain Services
- Support Rural Business

The Conservation land use designation identified on Map No. 1 of the Plan applies to provincial Crown land, and land owned by the Nature Trust of British Columbia, and Savary Island Land Trust.

Objectives

To support land conservation that protects vital groundwater resources, sensitive ecosystems, and cultural heritage resources.

To promote acquisition of more Conservation land.

Policies

- a. **Encourage** Conservation land to be kept in a natural state to protect groundwater, sensitive ecosystems, and cultural heritage resources.
- b. **Advocate** provincial agencies maintain provincial Crown land as nature reserves in perpetuity.
- c. **Encourage** collaboration with other levels of government, Tla'amin Nation, conservation organizations, and community members to increase the amount of Conservation land.
- d. **New Conservation** land may be located in any land use designation identified in this Plan without requiring an amendment.
- e. **Support** respectful public use of Conservation land.

Community Goals

are listed on the left hand side of each Plan Objective & Policy section. Community Goals that are supported by the Objectives & Policies are highlighted, and Community Goals that are not applicable are translucent.

Objectives & Policies

provide direction to guide decision making and help achieve the Community Vision and Community Goals.

2022 Plan Objectives & Policies



2.2 Land Use & Development

Savary Island's land use and development pattern is largely based on a subdivision plan approved by the Province of British Columbia in 1910. Savary Island is approximately 400 hectares in size, and this historical subdivision created a grid network of streets with approximately 1,700 residential parcels, while also establishing provincial ministry right-of-ways around much of the island. Today, many of the surveyed road right-of-ways remain undeveloped, and due mostly to lot consolidation, there are approximately 1,400 parcels over the entirety of the island.

In more recent years, the community has collaborated with the Savary Island Land Trust and the Nature Trust of British Columbia to successfully acquire land for conservation purposes. Today, approximately 150 hectares—nearly one-third of the island—is protected.

The Official Community Plan objectives and policies support this established development pattern. They reinforce the community's vision to protect the island's vital groundwater resources and sensitive ecosystems while preserving its unique off-grid, rural character.

*For the purposes of this Plan, **rural character** is defined as a pattern of land use in which the natural landscape and vegetation predominate over the built environment.*

*The majority of **residential parcels** on Savary Island measure 50 x 150 feet (0.17 acres or 0.07 hectares), which is equivalent in size to the small city lots found in the Townsite neighbourhood of Powell River.*



2.2 Land Use & Development

Preserve Community

General Objectives

Safeguard Water

To retain and enhance the rural character and natural environment of Savary Island.

Mindful Development

To retain in a natural state, areas where development may prove hazardous to public health or safety.

Steward Natural Areas

To promote collaborative relationships with the Tla'amin Nation.

Alternative Transportation

To promote collaborative relationships with provincial and federal agencies.

Sustain Services

To encourage lot consolidation as means to reduce the number of lots, decrease the number of new homes developed on the island, and protect vital groundwater resources.

Support Rural Business

General Policies

- a. **Support** proof of potable water and septic servicing prior to development.
- b. **Encourage** lot consolidation to reduce the number of lots on the island.
- c. **Encourage** development to locate away from sensitive environmental areas.
- d. **Encourage** property owners to obtain a site-level assessment by a Qualified Professional prior to any proposed development to ensure safe development practices.
- e. **Recognize** First Nation history in the planning area and support the protection of archaeological resources under the provincial *Heritage Conservation Act*.
- f. **Require** applicants to provide cash in lieu of land, when land is being subdivided and parkland dedication is required under the *Local Government Act*, unless the subject property contains land identified as an area of park or trail interest.

Lot consolidation means the process of combining two or more adjacent commonly owned parcels of land into one larger parcel.

2.3 Land Use Designations

The Official Community Plan establishes four land use designations as illustrated on Map No. 1 Land Use Designations (page 64). Each designation is supported by a set of specific objectives and policies set out on the following pages:

Land Use Designation	Page
Rural Residential	26
Conservation	28
Institutional	29
Commercial	30



“The freedom to build an abode that best suits our family and financial situation.”
- community quote



“A pristine natural environment, with robust conservation efforts that protect its unique ecosystems”
- community quote



“Public access to the ocean, green space/trails, slow pace of life.”
- community quote



“Individuals with small businesses getting supported by the community on island.”
- community quote

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2.3.1 Rural Residential

Preserve Community

The Rural Residential land use designation identified on Map No. 1 of the Plan (page 64) provides for residential use that is compatible with the rural character of Savary Island.

Safeguard Water

Objectives

Mindful Development

To support single-family residential development in keeping with the rural character and off-grid island lifestyle.

Steward Stewardship

To support home-based business in keeping with the rural character and off-grid island lifestyle.

Alternative Alternative

To encourage responsible development compliant with provincial regulations as means to protect vital groundwater resources, sensitive ecosystems and cultural heritage resources.

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Support Rural Business

Policies

a. **Recommended Primary Use**
Single-family dwelling.

b. **Recommended Accessory Use**
Home-based business.

c. **Recommended Density**
One single-family dwelling or serviced building per parcel up to 2 hectares, and one additional single-family dwelling or serviced building for each additional 2 hectares.

d. **Minimum Parcel Size for Subdivision**
4.027 hectares (10 acres) in accordance with the *Community Planning Area 24 Gulf Islands Subdivision Regulation*.

e. **Promote** "Best Practices for Mindful Development" (page 27).

Single-family dwelling means a building used as a residence, containing rooms for food preparation and eating, sleeping and living areas. A detached sleeping unit, bunkie, sleeping cabin, or studio that is not serviced (no water or septic) is not a dwelling.

Home-based business means a business that is accessory to the occupancy of a dwelling and is carried out by the resident(s) of the dwelling.

Best Practices for Mindful Development



Mindful development on Savary Island means integrating environmental sustainability principles into your development plans. Property owners are encouraged to consult with a qualified professional to inform decisions about potential development.

Property owners are advised to follow provincial and federal law, including, but not limited to the protection of:

- a. archaeological and heritage sites;
- b. foreshore and marine ecosystem;
- c. raptors and trees with raptor nests;
- d. species-at-risk; and
- e. trees with nesting birds.

If you find bones, shells, artifacts, or other signs of archaeological remains on your property, cease all land-altering activities immediately and contact the provincial Archaeology Branch or Tla'amin Nation.

Prior to development property owners are encouraged to consider the following best practices:

- Hire a Land Surveyor to establish property boundaries;
- Review the land title for any restrictive covenants;
- Hire a licensed builder for construction and renovation;
- Contact the qRD Planning Department to learn about technical studies that may relate to your property (environmentally sensitive areas, slope hazards, wildfire hazards or coastal flood risks);
- Conduct a site inventory to understand how existing natural features could affect your use of the property;
- Hire a certified arborist to determine if there are any danger trees on your property; and
- Hire a qualified professional(s) to assess and make recommendations on:
 - i. How development can prevent or minimize adverse impacts to the natural environment,
 - ii. How development can prevent or minimize disturbance of cultural or archaeological sites; and,
 - iii. How the development complies with all applicable laws and regulations.

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2.3.2 Conservation

Preserve Community

The Conservation land use designation identified on Map No. 1 of the Plan (page 64) applies to provincial Crown land, and land owned by the Nature Trust of British Columbia, and Savary Island Land Trust.

Safeguard Water

Objectives

Mindful M DevelopmentD

To support land conservation that protects vital groundwater resources, sensitive ecosystems, and cultural heritage resources.

Steward Natural Areas

To promote acquisition of more Conservation land.

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Policies

- Encourage** Conservation land to be kept in a natural state to protect groundwater, sensitive ecosystems, and cultural heritage resources.
- Advocate** provincial agencies maintain provincial Crown land as nature reserves in perpetuity.
- Encourage** collaboration with other levels of government, Tla'amin Nation, conservation organizations, and community members to increase the amount of Conservation land.
- New Conservation** land may be located in any land use designation identified in this Plan without requiring an amendment.
- Support** respectful public use of Conservation land.

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2.3.3 Institutional

Preserve Community

The Institutional land use designation identified on Map No. 1 of the Plan (page 64) applies to public facilities within the planning area. Public facilities operated by the qathet Regional District include: Savary Island wharf, parking lot (Lot 40), barge landing site, boat launch at  at q (thah teq), east firehall (Rogers Hall), west firehall, and main firehall (No.1 Hall).

Safeguard Water

Objectives

Policies

Mindful Development

To maintain and enhance existing public facilities.

a. Recommended Density

One serviced building per parcel up to 2 hectares in area.

Steward Natural Areas

b. **Manage** public facilities with an integrated approach to ensure responsible operation, maintenance, replacement, and disposal to ensure sustainable service delivery, to adhere to regulatory requirements, and to meet the needs and expectations of the community.

Alternative Transportation

Sustain Services

c. **Investigate** the feasibility of providing public washrooms in existing public facilities on the island.

Support Rural Business

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2.3.4 Commercial

Preserve Community

The Commercial land use designation identified on Map No. 1 of the Plan (page 64) applies to land with existing commercial uses that provide essential goods and services on the island and contribute to the local economy.

Safeguard Water

Mindful Development

Stewardship Natural Areas

Alternative Transportation

Sustain Services

Support Rural Business

Objectives

To support commercial uses in keeping with the rural character and off-grid island lifestyle.

To encourage responsible development compliant with provincial regulations as means to protect groundwater resources, sensitive ecosystems and cultural heritage resources.

Island-scale describes Savary Island's rural character and off-grid island lifestyle.

Policies

- a. **Recommended Primary Use**
Single-family dwelling and/or island-scale commercial uses including but not limited to: grocery, restaurants, auto-repair, taxi, fuel handling and sales, marine supply, building supply storage and sales, and personal service.
- b. **Recommended Density**
One single-family dwelling or serviced building per parcel up to 2 hectares.
- c. **Encourage** businesses to provide adequate on-site parking for vehicles and bicycles.
- d. **Encourage** businesses to ensure any potential contaminants associated with commercial activity are securely contained to prevent contamination.
- e. **New commercial uses** are encouraged to:
 - i. be island-scale and intended to provide a local convenience;
 - ii. capable of accommodating on-site parking of vehicles and bicycles;
 - iii. support water and septic servicing that meets provincial standards;
 - iv. be mindful of groundwater resources and not use large volumes of water; and
 - v. respect the rural character and surrounding residential uses by not generating excessive noise or traffic.

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2.4 Infrastructure & Community Services

Preserve Community

qathet Regional District services on the island include regional parks services, fire protection services, and marine services. A strong network of volunteers on the island delivers fire suppression and medical first responder services. Figure 5 below illustrates the general location of community services and infrastructure on Savary Island.

Safeguard Water

The provincial Ministry of Transportation and Transit oversees the maintenance of rural roads and Crown rights-of-way on the island.

Mindful Development

Steward Natural Areas

Alternative Transportation

Sustain Services

Support Rural Business



Figure 5. Infrastructure & Community Services on Savary Island

2.4.1 Water Servicing

There is no qathet Regional District water system on Savary Island. Savary Shores Improvement District was incorporated in 1980 to deliver drinking water to residents of Savary Shores. Residents pay for the water service, and for the infrastructure, operations, and administration, in annual tax levies issued by Savary Shores Improvement District, in accordance with provincial regulations.

Residents and businesses located outside of Savary Shores Improvement District obtain their water from private on-site wells, or small, private water supply systems. The regulation of water supply systems and water quality monitoring is under the jurisdiction of Vancouver Coastal Health and the Province.

See Section 2.7.1 Groundwater for broader groundwater policy.

Objectives

To support access to safe, clean drinking water for all residents.

To promote well protection and maintenance of private wells.

To promote water conservation.

To encourage well monitoring and data collection.

To encourage collaboration with provincial and local agencies to foster regulatory compliance.

Policies

- a. **Advocate** for regular maintenance of private wells and water supply systems to ensure compliance with provincial legislation and regulation.
- b. **Promote** education on proper well maintenance practices, focusing on sealing and protecting wells to prevent contamination and seawater intrusion.
- c. **Promote** education on the importance of water conservation and reducing water use, especially during summer months, and encourage the adoption of water-saving technologies.
- d. **Advocate** the Province provide education on well maintenance.
- e. **Promote** “Best Practices for Groundwater and Domestic Septic Systems” (page 33).

Best Practices for Groundwater & Domestic Septic Systems



Well Location and Construction

Ensure wells are located at least 30 meters from potential contamination sources like septic systems. Use proper construction techniques, including the installation of secure well caps and surface seals to prevent contamination.

Regular Testing and Maintenance

Test groundwater quality regularly for contaminants such as bacteria, nitrates, and other potential pollutants. Maintain wells by repairing surface seals, and ensuring foreign matter, including vehicle parking and contaminants are kept away from the well.

Septic System Design

Install septic systems with adequate drainage fields that are appropriately sized based on local soils and the number of household occupants. Complete regular septic system maintenance including pumping out of solids.

Sewage Management

Avoid disposing harsh chemicals, fats, or non-biodegradable items in the septic system. Periodically pump out the septic tank to prevent overflow and system failure.

Public Education

Educate homeowners and developers about groundwater protection and the importance of regular maintenance of wells and septic systems.

Water Conservation

Adopt water-saving appliances and practices to reduce the stress on groundwater resources and the septic system.

Monitoring and Regulation

Ensure compliance with provincial regulations concerning water quality and waste disposal, including the registration and proper decommissioning of wells.

Source: GW Solutions Inc. - Assessment of Groundwater Resources on Savary Island – Qayε qʷən

2.4.2 Septic Servicing

There is no qathet Regional District sewer servicing on Savary Island. Sewage waste on the island is disposed of by private, on-site septic systems, or provincially recognized alternatives. All septic systems must be designed and installed by a Registered On-site Wastewater Practitioner (ROWP) and filed with the local health authority.

Since groundwater is the main source of drinking water on Savary Island, it is essential that pathogenic material from septic disposal systems does not contaminate the aquifer.

Objectives

To promote the installation of septic systems by a Registered On-site Wastewater Practitioner (ROWP).

To promote adherence to provincial sewage regulations, including provincially recognized alternatives.

To preserve the environmental integrity of the aquifer.

Policies

- a. **Advocate** for regular maintenance of septic systems to ensure compliance with provincial legislation and regulation.
- b. **Advocate** the Province provide education on septic system maintenance.
- b. **Promote** "Best Practices for Groundwater and Domestic Septic Systems" (page 33).

*"I wish for the island to remain off grid, unpaved, unregulated (with exceptions for water and septic) which are already in place."
- community quote*

2.4.3 Fire Protection Service

Savary Island is currently served by three fire halls strategically located across the island. These facilities are operated by the Savary Island Volunteer Fire Department, which delivers both fire suppression and medical first responder services. The department is staffed entirely by dedicated volunteers who form the backbone of the community's emergency response system.

To meet these challenges and build community resilience, the Savary Island Volunteer Fire Department continues to actively recruit and train volunteer firefighters and medical first responders, enhancing its capacity to respond to emergencies effectively.

Objectives

To promote fire-safe practices among all Savary Island residents and visitors.

To support the provision of adequate firefighting and emergency medical response capabilities across Savary Island.

*"Fire halls, fire prevention, training of volunteer firefighters and first responders are all excellent - keep up the good work."
- community quote*

Policies

- a. **Promote** collaboration between fire departments throughout the region for firefighter training and effective and efficient service coordination.
- b. **Encourage** the use of FireSmart building techniques in new developments and maintenance of existing structures.
- c. **Encourage** the creation and maintenance of defensible space around properties to reduce wildfire risk.
- d. **Educate** residents and visitors about fire prevention including structural and wildfires.
- e. **Support** the Savary Island Volunteer Fire Department in implementing fire protection measures including burning and campfire bans.

2.4.4 Regional Parks

qathet Regional District oversees a diverse network of 11 regional parks, 22 beach access trails, and several small recreation facilities across the Regional District. Funded through regional taxes, regional parks and trails, including the Julian Road beach access on Savary Island, provide vital community connections to nature.

In 2023, the Regional Board adopted a 10-year strategy to manage and grow the qathet Regional District parks and trails system. During community outreach, Savary Island residents shared a clear desire for beach access trails and stronger partnerships with conservation groups to safeguard the island's natural environment for future generations.

Objectives

To maintain and enhance beach access trails.

To encourage partnerships that expand parkland on Savary Island.

Policies

- Support** ongoing maintenance of the Julian Road beach access trail.
- Explore** the feasibility of developing additional beach access trails on Savary Island.
- Collaborate** with conservation organizations, other levels of government, the Tla'amin Nation, and community members to protect environmentally sensitive lands and acquire parkland on Savary Island.



“Well-maintained trails and paths for hiking and biking, making outdoor activities accessible for all ages.”
- community quote

2.4.5 Regional Emergency Program

qathet Regional District coordinates emergency planning, preparedness, training, response, and recovery for all areas within qathet Regional District, including the City of Powell River and in collaboration with Tla'amin Nation. The program works with emergency responders, government staff, volunteers, partner agencies, and the public throughout the region, including Savary Island. Key programs include the Regional FireSmart Program, that promotes wildfire mitigation and property protection, and the Community Notification System.

qathet Regional District provides comprehensive emergency preparedness information to help residents safeguard themselves and their communities. Key regional risks include coastal hazards, earthquakes, extreme heat, and extreme cold. Among the resources available is a community evacuation guide specifically designed for Savary Island.

Objectives

To mitigate emergency concerns and build better community resilience to emergencies across the region.

To increase public awareness, reduce risks, and cultivate a culture of resilience.

To support emergency preparedness among residents of Savary Island.

“recognize that fire prevention is a top priority for Savary islanders, and that we are all responsible to follow proactive fire-smart measures on our own properties”

- community quote

Policies

- a. **Promote** education on emergency preparedness.
- b. **Encourage** residents and businesses to have their driveways clearly marked with their house number.
- c. **Promote** the implementation of the Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan in collaboration with the Savary Island Volunteer Fire Department.
- d. **Promote** the community evacuation plan.
- e. **Encourage** residents and businesses to participate in FireSmart and Emergency Preparedness workshops and educational forums.

2.4.6 Regional Solid Waste & Recycling

qathet Regional District coordinates solid waste management services across the region, including within the City of Powell River and the Tla'amin Nation. The regional district does not provide curbside collection services for garbage or recycling in any electoral area, including Savary Island. Residents and private operators are responsible for transporting all solid waste—including hazardous materials—to designated disposal and recycling facilities.

qathet Regional District operates a community recycling depot in Lund, located at 9642 Larson Road within the Northside Community Hall parking area. The nearest full-service waste management facility is the Resource Recovery Centre, located at 4924 Marine Avenue, in the City of Powell River.

The Resource Recovery Centre provides a range of waste diversion and recycling services, including reuse opportunities and specialized programs for beach clean-ups and invasive plant management.

Objectives

To support environmentally responsible management of solid waste.

To reduce the quantity of waste sent to landfill.

To promote shared responsibility for waste management among everyone in the region.

Policies

- a. **Coordinate** solid waste management services in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Plan.
- b. **Promote** waste reduction and diversion through education, programming, and initiatives that advance the goal of “working toward zero waste”.
- c. **Regulate** the use of regional district solid waste facilities, accepted materials, and applicable fees in accordance with applicable Solid Waste Regulation and Tipping Fee bylaws.

*“People can be responsible for their own garbage and recycling. We have to bring it all on, so we can bring it off.”
- community quote*

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2.5 Transportation

Preserve Community

As Savary Island's seasonal population grows, so do the pressures on its transportation networks. There are on-going community wide conversations about how to manage and advocate for the island's transportation networks. Balancing convenience and conservation means looking beyond simple road use to how people travel to and across the island.

Safeguard Water

By developing integrated transportation systems, the community can ensure future infrastructure reflects its core values and addresses community needs.

Mindful Development

General Objectives

Steward Natural Areas

To support sustainable, low-impact transportation systems for Savary Island while preserving the island's rural character throughout seasonal population changes.

Alternative Transportation

To advocate with relevant government bodies on transportation matters.

Sustain Services

Support Rural Business



2.5.1 Marine Transportation

Access to Savary Island primarily relies on water taxis and private vessels. Several operators provide year-round scheduled and charter services, connecting the island to Lund, Comox, and Campbell River. These services are essential for daily commuters, including local contractors and service workers. Private boaters also frequent the island, with moorage in surrounding waters becoming particularly dense during the summer population surge. These navigable waters and moorage areas fall under federal and provincial jurisdiction.

qathet Regional District provides marine services and infrastructure that includes the Savary Island wharf, barge landing, boat launch at ̑at̑ (Thah teq), and the Lot 40 parking area near the wharf. The Savary Island Marine Advisory Committee provides advice to the Regional Board that supports the ongoing management of marine services on Savary Island.

Policies

- a. **Support** ongoing maintenance of Savary Island marine services due to importance for community access, egress, and emergency evacuation.
- b. **Support** the policies, procedures, and regulations regarding wharf use and operations.
- c. **Explore** the feasibility of identifying alternative barge landing sites and/or other actions to manage barges.
- d. **Continue** to administer the barge site management plan to balance the interests of the barge operators and the property owners in the vicinity of the landing site.
- e. **Encourage** residents and visitors to follow federal and provincial boating regulations that govern navigable waters and protect local waters and shorelines.
- f. **Promote** marine transportation that minimizes environmental impacts.

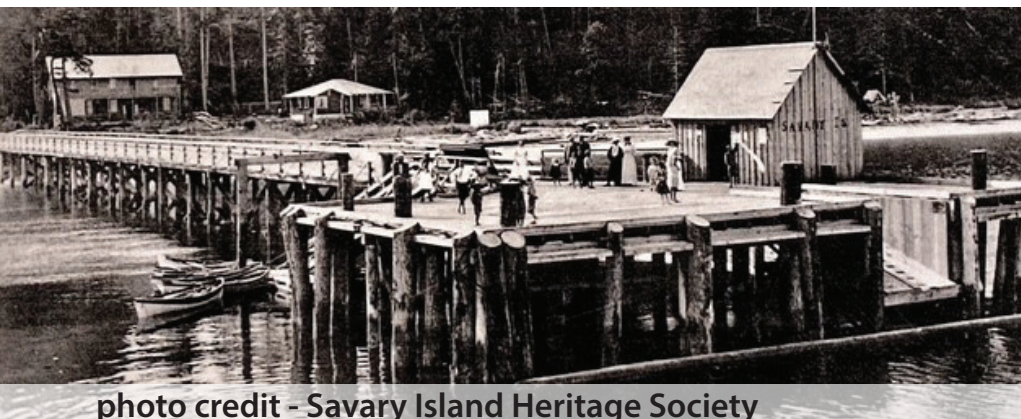


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2.5.2 Road Transportation

Savary Island's road transportation system is under provincial jurisdiction, and the qathet Regional District continues to advocate for better road maintenance and parking management near the wharf. Despite these efforts, the island is experiencing a seasonal increase in traffic, particularly during the summer that results in traffic congestion and dust from the wharf to the Savary Island Road hill. In response, the community is exploring strategies to reduce traffic volume and preserve the island's rural character.

Policies

- a. **Continue** to advocate to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit for regular road maintenance, upgrades, and parking management near the wharf. Priority for road upgrades are those roads which could significantly improve fire control / response and increase public safety.
- b. **Advocate** to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit to investigate an alternative route between the wharf and the main road to relieve traffic pressures on the Savary Island Road hill and address local safety concerns.
- c. **Encourage** residents and visitors to consider alternative means of transportation such as car share, taxis, walking, and biking to alleviate traffic and parking conflicts.
- d. **Collaborate** with provincial agencies and the community to investigate the feasibility of creating a segregated "greenway" or active transportation path for walking and cycling within the existing road right of way and running the length of the island.
- e. **Promote** roadside brushing be limited to what is essential for improving road safety and mitigating fire risk. All vegetation brushing should be conducted using manual or mechanical methods only, herbicide use is strongly discouraged.

"Due to the isolation of the island without ferry service, road maintenance is limited during the summer and there is no winter maintenance."

- BC Ministry of Transportation & Transit



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2.6 Heritage & Culture

Preserve Community

q̓ey̓e q̓w̓ən (Savary Island) holds deep ancestral, cultural, and spiritual meaning for the Tla'amin, Klahoose and Homalco peoples. Rather than a mere recreational destination, q̓ey̓e q̓w̓ən is recognized as a living cultural landscape. For thousands of years, the island has supported village life, resource harvesting, ceremony, and stewardship. This foundational relationship continues to this day.

Safeguard Water

Mindful Development

The island contains a rich array of archaeological sites that hold immense historic and scientific value. These sites are protected under the provincial *Heritage Conservation Act* which prohibits disturbance or alteration without proper authorization. Significant archaeological sites on the island include remnants of ancient villages, as well as locations used for food gathering and processing.

Steward Natural Areas

Alternative Transportation

Many Tla'amin, Klahoose, and Homalco peoples hold deep personal and family ties to q̓ey̓e q̓w̓ən, rooted in memories of travel, hunting, fishing, shellfish harvesting, and traditional land-based teaching passed down through generations. While some feel a limited connection today, there is a strong and growing interest in reconnecting. Returning to the island and participating in cultural practices strengthens these vital relationships with the land and ancestors. For the Tla'amin people, presence on the land is essential for cultural continuity.

Sustain Services

Time spent on q̓ey̓e q̓w̓ən strengthens the understanding of its role in their history.

Support Rural Business



photo credit - Tla'amin Nation

"After visiting q̓ey̓e q̓w̓ən, I feel more connected to my čič̓y̓e (Grandmother) and my ancestors. I learned how to harvest cedar roots the way that she and her čič̓y̓e would have done as well."

- Tla'amin community member quote

2.6 Heritage & Culture

General Objectives

To recognize the importance of heritage and culture to the community.

To encourage and facilitate the identification and conservation of historical and archaeological sites within the planning area.

To foster awareness and understanding of the Tla'amin people's unique relationship with q̓əy̓ə q̓ʷəŋ (Savary Island).

Policies

- a. **Encourage** the preservation of artifacts and archival materials that illustrate the history of Savary Island.
- b. **Support** community efforts to inventory and protect historical sites and heritage resources.
- c. **Work** with Tla'amin Nation to identify and protect traditional use areas and culturally significant sites.
- d. **Work** with Tla'amin Nation to develop strategies to monitor and protect culturally significant sites for the continued practice of traditional use activities.
- e. **Work** with Tla'amin Nation and other government agencies to ensure that recreation activities be directed away from particularly important or vulnerable cultural sites.
- f. **Support** Tla'amin Nation efforts to inventory and protect heritage resources and culturally significant sites.
- g. **Promote** compliance with the provincial *Heritage Conservation Act* to protect archaeological sites on Savary Island.
- h. **Recommend** residents and builders contact the provincial Archaeology Branch and the Tla'amin Nation before clearing land and building to find out if property may contain an archaeological site.

2.7 Environmental Protection

Preserve Community Savary Island is home to some of the most ecologically unique landscapes on the British Columbia coast. The island features the country's best-preserved sand dunes within the rare Coastal Douglas-Fir bio-geoclimatic zone. These dunes form a critical ecosystem that supports diverse native plant and animal species while maintaining coastal stability and protecting the island's essential groundwater aquifer.

Safeguard Water

General Objectives

Mindful Mi DevelopmentD **To protect** the integrity and function of the natural environment on Savary Island.

Steward Natural Areas **To minimize** the impact of human development and land use on Savary Island ecological systems.

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"I think that it is wonderful people want to enjoy the island - education on the island and how to enjoy safely and respectfully to the ecology and spirit of the island itself."

- community quote

2.7.1 Groundwater

The 2025 study, “Assessment of Groundwater Resources on Savary Island – Qayə qʷən” by GW Solutions, offers critical insights into the island’s most vital resource, potable water. While the study confirms that groundwater generally meets federal drinking water standards, it highlights significant vulnerabilities. Because Savary Island relies on sand-based aquifers, the water supply is highly susceptible to saltwater intrusion and contamination from poorly maintained septic systems.

As the sole water source for all residents, including those in the Savary Shores Improvement District, any contamination or overuse during peak summer months could negatively impact the community’s access to safe drinking water. To safeguard this resource, the report recommends continuous water quality monitoring and community-wide education focusing on water conservation, well maintenance, and septic system maintenance. While groundwater management is under provincial authority, the Plan includes policies that support the protection of groundwater into the future, and encourages collaboration with provincial agencies like Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and Vancouver Coastal Health. Figure 6 below shows well and aquifer information derived from the groundwater study.

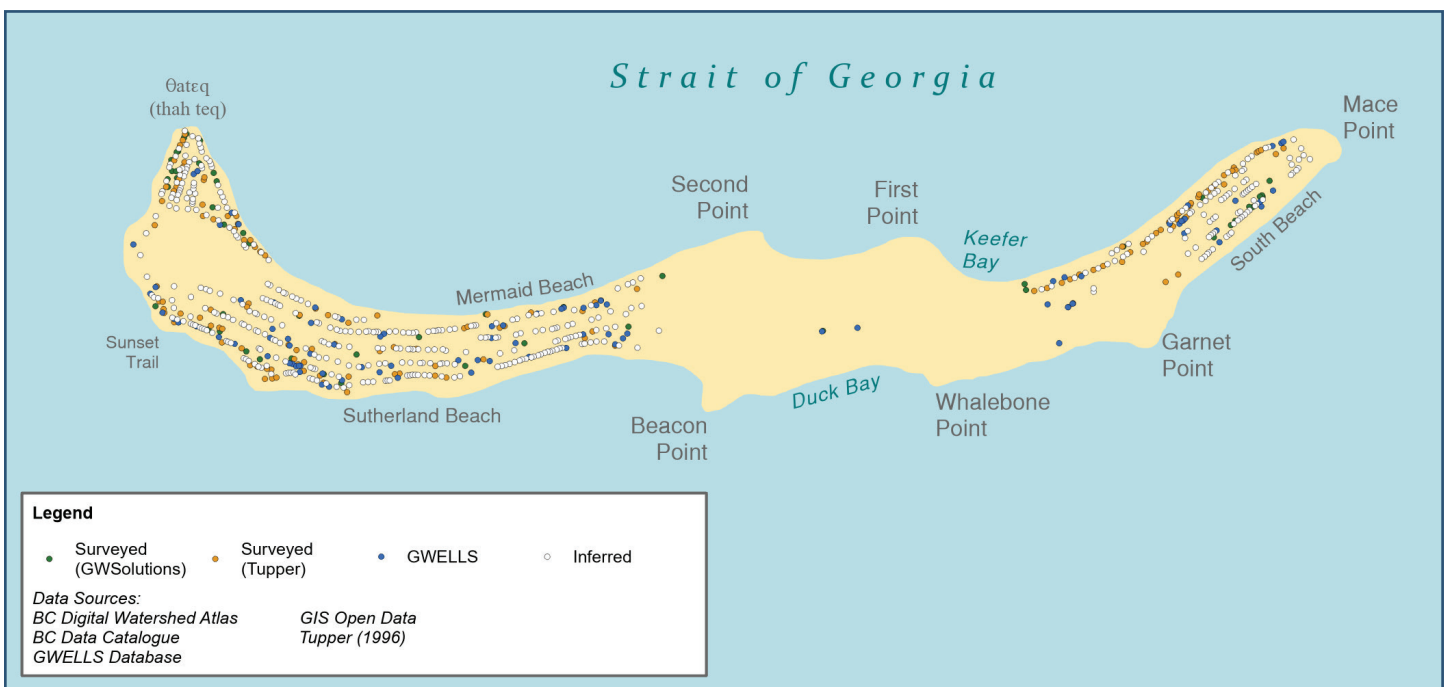


Figure 6. Well Locations

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2.7.1 Groundwater

Objectives

To support the protection of groundwater resources on Savary Island.

Policies

- a. **Advocate** the Province continue long term monitoring of provincial Observation Wells and expand groundwater data collection through volunteer well networks.
- b. **Request** the Ministry of Environment to designate Savary Island as a Groundwater Management Area under a local board that would maintain the collection and analysis of data on groundwater use and supply.
- c. **Collaborate** with provincial agencies to ensure adherence to water protection and water authorization regulations and promote responsible water management practices.
- d. **Advocate** the Province support education initiatives to inform well owners about best practices for well maintenance to prevent groundwater contamination and seawater intrusion.
- e. **Promote** the development of rainwater harvesting systems and other non-traditional water sources to augment groundwater supplies, such as in areas of higher seawater intrusion hazard.
- f. **Support** the use of low-impact wastewater solutions, such as composting toilets and urine diversion systems, to reduce potential groundwater contamination.
- g. **Discourage** the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides, to reduce potential groundwater contamination.
- h. **Promote** "Best Practices for Groundwater and Domestic Septic Systems" (page 33).



photo credit - Tla'amin Nation

"The word qeyε q^wən means 'freshwater spring'. The island has this name because of the three freshwater sources on the island. The springs on the island also carry the name qeyε q^wən."

- Tla'amin Nation Lands and Resources Department and Culture, Language & Heritage Department

2.7.2 Sensitive Ecosystems

Sensitive Ecosystems on Savary Island have been identified and studied by numerous partnerships and government initiatives. More recently, in 2026, the Coastal Douglas-Fir Conservation Partnership and UBC Botanical Gardens mapped sensitive ecosystems within the Sunshine Coast’s bio-geoclimatic region, including qathet Regional District. This research shows sensitive ecosystems on Savary Island such as marine shorelands, foreshores, bluffs, dunes, upland meadows, and forest areas (Figure 7 below).

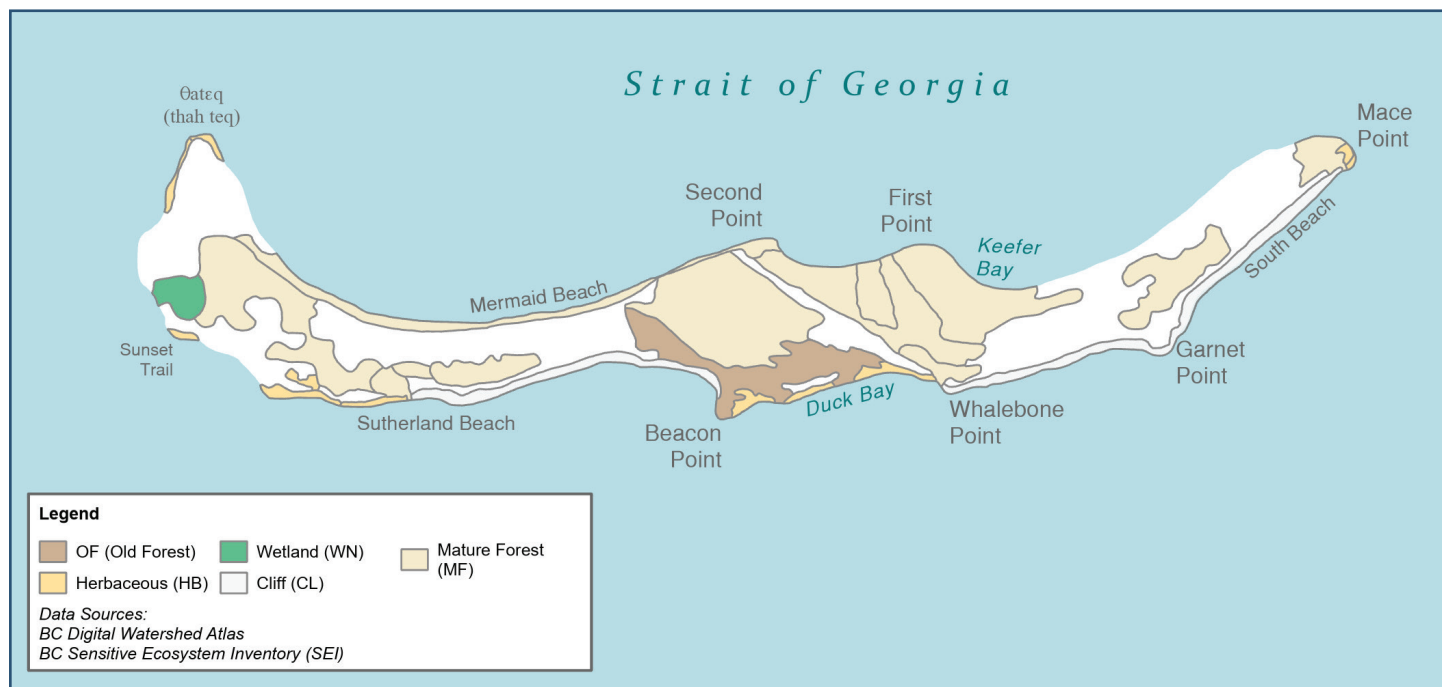


Figure 7. Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory



2.7.2 Sensitive Ecosystems

As a member of the Coastal Douglas-Fir Conservation Partnership, qathet Regional District promotes the protection of the Coastal Douglas-Fir forest and its associated ecosystems, biodiversity and cultural values. The Coastal Douglas-Fir bio-geoclimatic zone, which encompasses Savary Island, hosts the highest number of species and ecosystems at risk in British Columbia. Species and ecosystems at risk face numerous threats including large-scale habitat loss and competition from invasive species. Savary Island beach and dune areas were specifically identified as sensitive ecosystems with important habitat for several at risk plant and animal species¹ (Figure 8 below).

¹ Sunshine Coast Pilot Mapping: For Conservation & Climate Resilience Planning, August 26, 2024, CDFCP - UBC Botanical Gardens Action for Adaptation Project

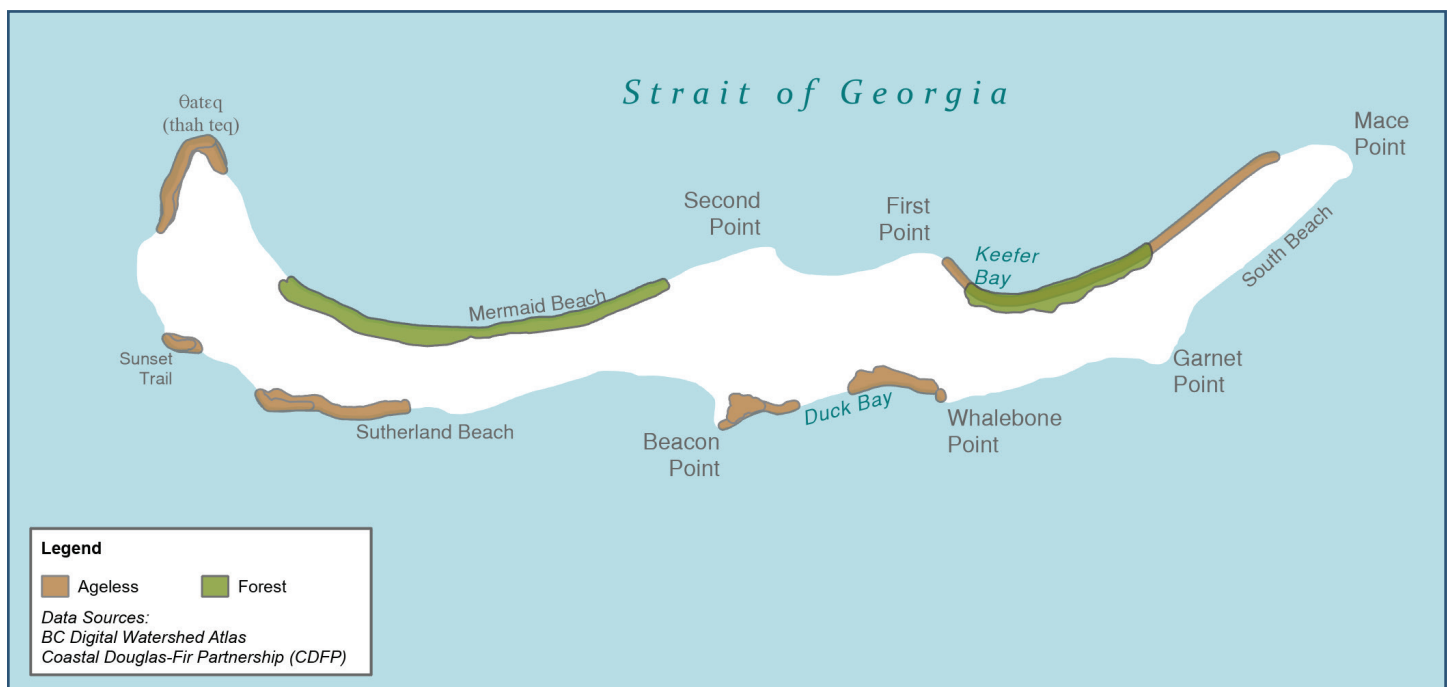


Figure 8. Species & Ecosystems at Risk - Ecosystem Type



2.7.22.7. Sensitive Ecosystems Sensitive Ecosystems

According to the BC Conservation Data Centre, species and ecological communities are categorized by status: red-listed indicates those that are locally extinct (extirpated), endangered, or threatened. On Savary Island, four ecological communities are currently red listed (Figure 9 below) including: (1) dune wildrye - beach pea; (2) grand fir / dull oregon-grape; (3) large-headed sedge herbaceous vegetation; and (4) northern wormwood - red fescue / grey rock-moss. These ecologically rare communities are located on the northern side of the island, from Mace Point to First Point, Mermaid Beach, the western side of ̑ateq (Thah teq); and on the south side of the island at Sunset trail and Sutherland Beach, Beacon Point, and sections of Duck Bay to Whalebone Point.

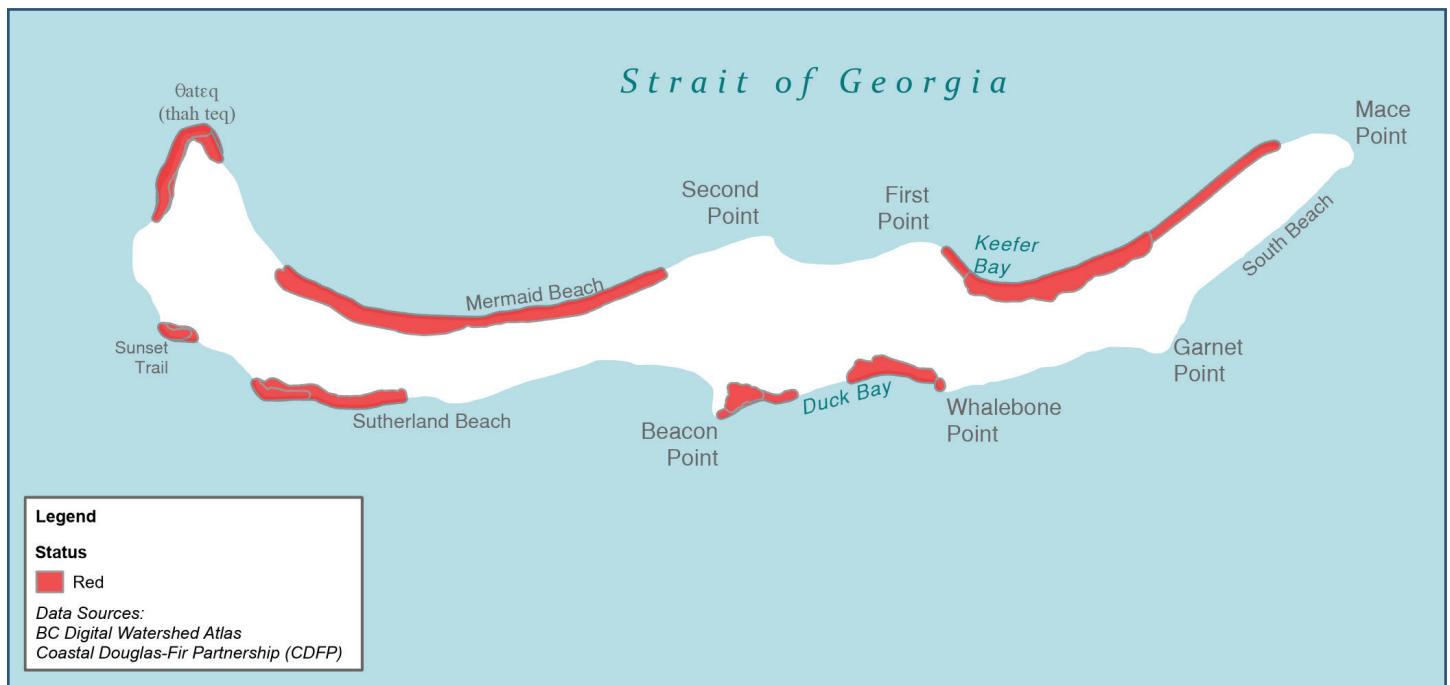


Figure 9. Species & Ecosystems at Risk - Status

2.7.22.7. Sensitive Ecosystems Sensitive Ecosystems

Objective

To support the protection of sensitive ecosystems and species at risk on Savary Island.

Policies

- a. **Encourage** the preservation of sensitive ecosystems and the consideration of sensitive ecosystems inventory data in land use planning.
- b. **Support** open space, conservation, or low-impact recreational uses on lands identified as environmentally sensitive areas.
- c. **Promote** respectful public use of Provincial Ministry right-of-ways on lands identified as environmentally sensitive areas.
- d. **Encourage** the preservation of the existing tree canopy in ecologically sensitive areas.
- e. **Discourage** the removal of mature trees to reduce habitat fragmentation.
- f. **Encourage** property owners to obtain a site-level assessment by a qualified professional for proposed developments identified as sensitive ecosystems prior to land clearing and construction.
- g. **Support** the efforts of the Coastal Invasive Plant Committee to educate the public on the impacts of invasive plants on the natural environment and native species.
- h. **Promote** “Best Practices for Mindful Development” (page 27).



*“Protecting biodiversity will require ongoing efforts and community engagement.”
- community quote*

2.7.3 Natural Hazard Areas

Natural hazard areas are lands that may be environmentally sensitive lands that can pose significant risk to development. On Savary Island, natural hazard areas include steep slopes prone to rock-fall or landslide and low-lying coastal areas vulnerable to erosion and flooding.

To inform the Official Community Plan, the Regional District completed a high-level natural hazard assessment to identify potential natural hazard areas on Savary Island. Due to the island's unique geology characterized by sandy soils and steep inclines, these areas are highly susceptible to instability due to geology, slope, sandy soils, and dynamic physical forces such as wind, waves, and changing water levels.

Building on unstable terrain can lead to structural settling, shifting, and slipping which could result in costly property damage and ongoing maintenance. Furthermore, improperly placed septic systems can destabilize soils and cause hazardous seepage.

“New, creative solutions should always be sought out as a priority to help not only Savary but any coastal area dealing with erosion.”

- community quote



2.7.3 Natural Hazard Areas

Objective

To promote site-level geotechnical assessments that establish safe building sites to minimize risk from hazardous conditions.

Policies

- a. **Recommend** completion of site-level geotechnical assessment by a qualified professional prior to clearing or developing any land identified with natural hazard potential on Map No. 2 of the Plan (page 66).
- b. **Promote** conservation of natural vegetation and tree cover on steep slopes as established trees and native vegetation play an important role in stabilizing soils on slopes.

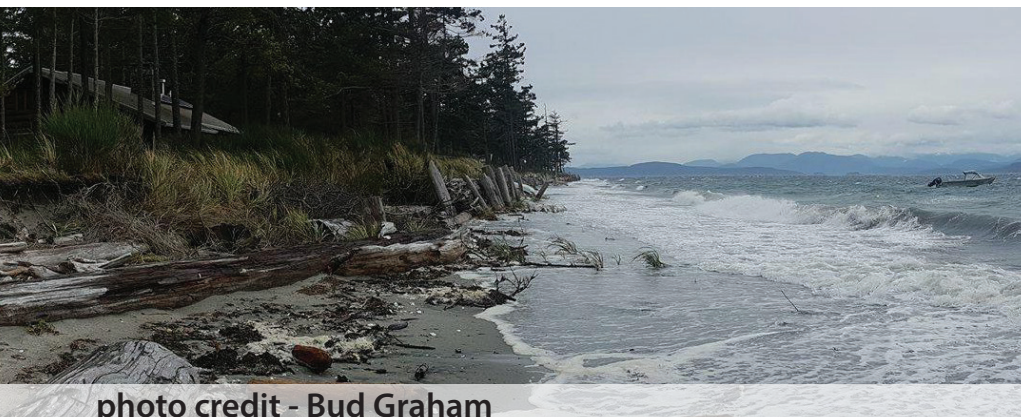


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*“Rising sea levels, increased storm intensity, and changing weather patterns could threaten the island’s ecosystems and infrastructure.”
- community quote*

2.7.4 Coastal Areas

Coastal areas are one of the most productive ecological zones on earth, providing vital habitat for a range of species including shellfish and shorebirds. While these areas are highly desirable places to live and recreate, they are also vulnerable to coastal flooding and erosion caused by dynamic forces such as wind, waves and shifting water levels. The majority of the coastal areas around the island are dedicated Provincial Ministry right-of-ways. Managing coastal landscapes is a complex task involving overlapping levels of jurisdiction as illustrated in Figure 10 below.

Objective

To preserve the integrity of coastal processes, maintain habitat diversity and function, and reduce cumulative impacts to the coastal environment.

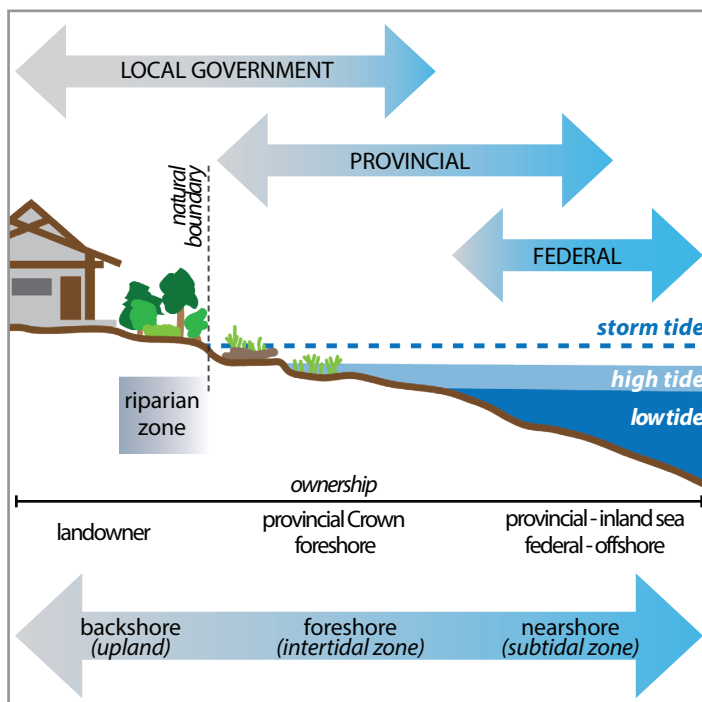


Figure 10. Coastal Foreshore Jurisdiction

2.7.4 Coastal Areas

Policies

- a. **Recommend** completion of site-level assessment by a qualified professional prior to clearing or developing land in coastal areas to ensure safe flood construction levels and setbacks from the sea.
- b. **Promote** conservation of natural vegetation and tree cover within 30 metres of the natural boundary of the sea to stabilize shorelines and minimize degradation of the marine environment.
- c. **Advocate** provincial and federal agencies ensure development in coastal areas meet environmental standards and comply with provincial and federal legislation and regulations.
- d. **Support** the access of coastal areas for cultural use.
- e. **Advocate** provincial and federal agencies monitor and protect the island's wild shellfish stocks, and promote and fund restoration projects that will enhance wild finfish and shellfish resources.
- f. **Encourage** residents and users of the foreshore to minimize the disturbance or pollution of coastal areas and refrain from littering.
- g. **Promote** respectful public use of Provincial Ministry right-of-ways in the coastal foreshores areas.
- h. **Encourage** a Green Shores approach to shoreline stabilization.
- i. **Promote** "Best Practices for Mindful Development" (page 27).



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2.7.5 Climate Change

Sustainable off-grid living on Savary Island is rooted in a culture of self-sufficiency. Residents actively minimize waste and energy consumption by embracing alternative energy, composting, and intentional living to reduce reliance on external systems.

The qathet Regional District supports these efforts by prioritizing climate change in its strategic planning. Key regional goals include lowering the local carbon footprint, working towards zero waste, and mitigating environmental impacts.

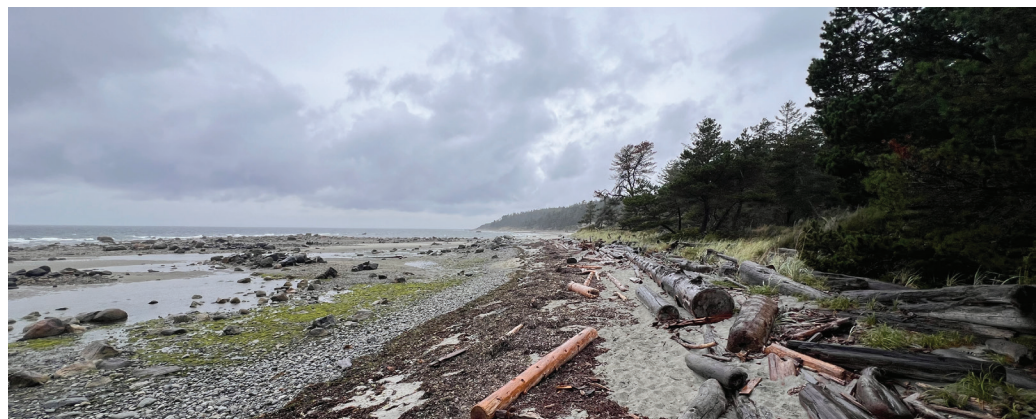
As climate change introduces risks such as sea level rise, wildfires, and extreme weather, mindful land use and development choices become essential for long-term resilience. By aligning local emission targets with provincial standards and making adaptive decisions today, the community can reduce vulnerabilities and better prepare for future environmental changes.

Objectives

To reduce greenhouse gas emissions through reduced fossil fuel consumption and shifts to alternative forms of energy.

To implement proactive measures that mitigate the environmental impacts of climate change.

“The current state of Savary is majestic and the ruggedness of the island makes all of those who come to the island wish they could stay longer.”
- community quote



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2.7.5 Climate Change

Policies

- a. **Promote** the use of alternative transportation options such as walking and biking.
- b. **Promote** public awareness about climate adaptation practices, like water conservation, wildfire preparedness, shoreline protection, and alternative energy sources.
- c. **Ensure** climate adaptation and emergency preparedness information is locally accessible and relevant to seasonal residents.
- d. **Collaborate** with senior levels of government to track local climate vulnerabilities, such as drought frequency, wildfire risk, erosion, and infrastructure exposure, and to monitor community energy resiliency to inform adaptive planning and emergency management plans.
- e. **Collaborate** with key interest holders and senior levels of government to advance energy-efficient practices by promoting a reduction on the dependency of gasoline, diesel, and propane and promote renewable alternatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- f. **Promote** the preservation and enhancement of native trees and vegetation to stabilize soils and buffer against storm surges and flooding, while enhancing biodiversity and carbon storage.
- g. **Encourage** island-scale food systems and production such as shared gardens, harvest surplus swaps, or community orchards using drought-tolerant and native-adapted species.



3 Plan Implementation



3.1 Implementation

The Official Community Plan provides a policy framework to achieve the community's longterm vision, goals and objectives. It identifies existing and future land use opportunities and challenges, guides responsible development, protects environmental features, fosters long-term heritage and cultural stewardship, and informs infrastructure investments and financial planning across the planning area.

The Official Community Plan is a high-level planning document to guide local decision making on land use, development, infrastructure, community services, and environmental stewardship. Its effectiveness relies on the shared commitment and coordinated efforts of individual property owners, the qathet Regional District, and other authorities with jurisdiction within or adjacent to the area.

"A place where residents and visitors alike can connect with nature, each other, and the unique spirit of the island."

- community quote



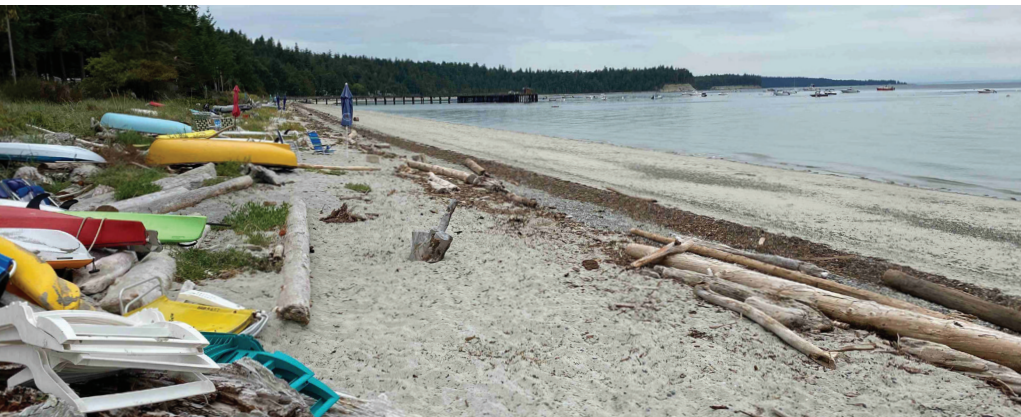
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3.2 Review & Amendments

To retain its relevance and effectiveness as a guiding document, it is essential that the Official Community Plan be regularly reassessed and updated.

An Official Community Plan is a “living” document. Emerging community issues, new technical studies, or legislative changes may initiate amendments to the Plan. In addition to tracking progress toward long-term goals and objectives, the amendment process offers an opportunity to incorporate public input, analyze emerging trends, and align strategies with current best practices in sustainable development and land use planning.



*“Savary should continue to be a small island that people stumble across randomly.”
- community quote*

3 Plan Implementation



3.3 Relationships with Other Government Agencies

There are various federal and provincial agencies, First Nations, and local improvement district with decision making authority on Savary Island (Figure 11 page 60). Other levels of government have an impact on the realization of the Official Community Plan.

qathet Regional District recognizes the authority and interests of other levels of government and First Nations, and encourages coordination and cooperation in the implementation of the Official Community Plan.

"Savary is a place where generations come together. Our kids grew up on island and I hope our kids have a chance to raise their kids in the same way."

- community quote





Figure 11. Decision Making Authority on Savary Island

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Plan Maps



4.0 Plan Maps

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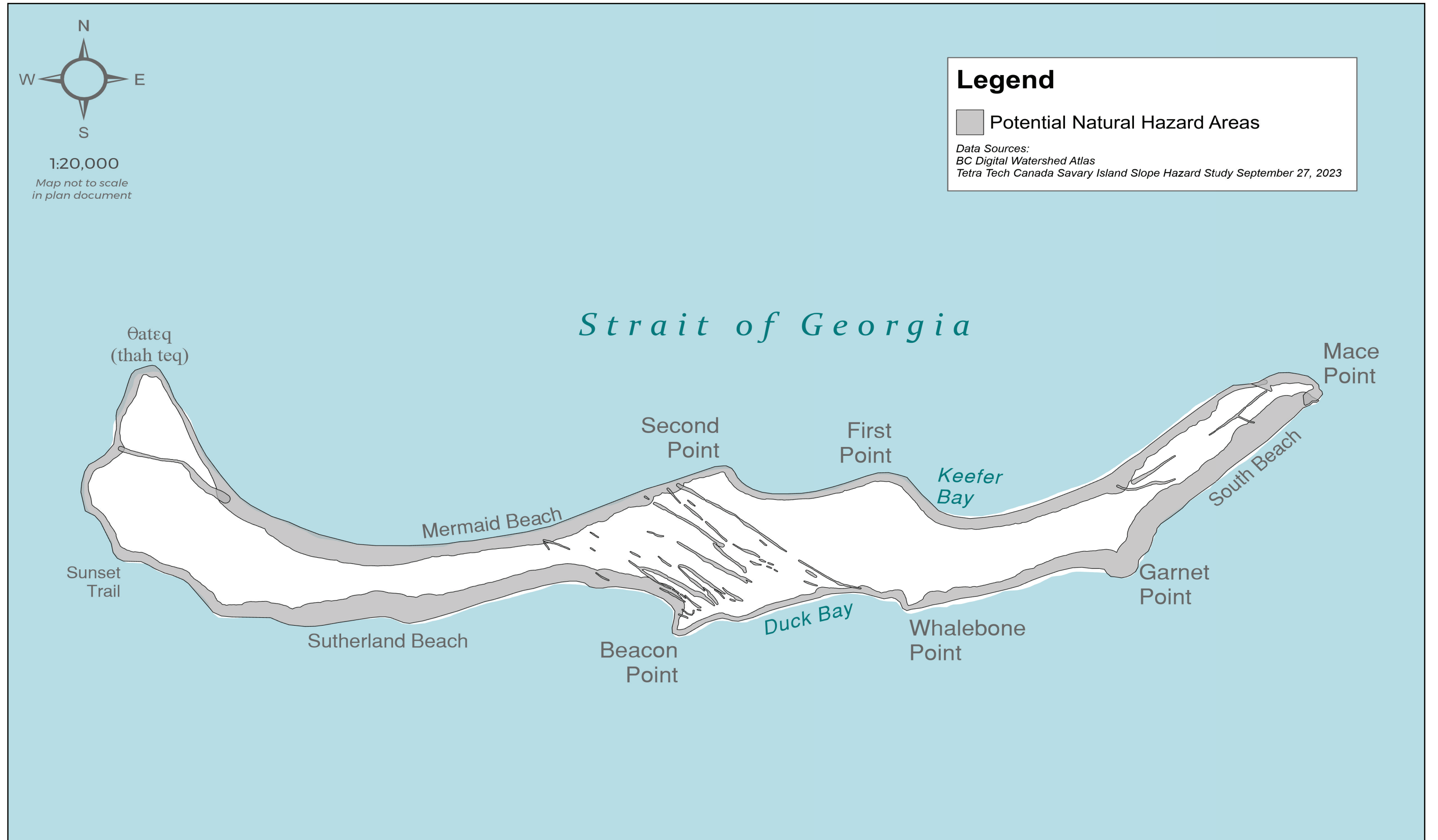
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Map No. 1 Land Use Designations



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Map No. 2 Potential Natural Hazard Areas



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**qathet Regional District
AREA D OCP PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES – November 7, 2018

The AREA D OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN (OCP) PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE meeting was held at the Texada Community Hall on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 commencing at 5:06 PM

Present: Director Sandy McCormick
Chuck Childress
Teresa Hollo
Allan MacIsaac
Jim Mason
Roxanna Rasmussen
Tara Schumacher
Joseph Scott
Brian Walker
Sue Clark

Regrets: Denise Smith
Bob Timms
Casey Richards

Staff Present: Laura Roddan, Manager of Planning Services
Julia Dykstra, Planner
Christina Peake, Records Clerk

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

S. Clark / T. Hollo THAT the agenda be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the Area D OCP Planning Advisory Committee meeting, held October 3, 2018

J. Mason / S. Clark THAT the Minutes of the Area D OCP Planning Advisory Committee meeting held October 3, 2018 be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5:09 p.m C. Childress arrives.

5:12 p.m. T. Schumacher arrives.

3. DELEGATIONS & INQUIRIES

3.1 **Tom Read, re Envisioning Texada's Economy: Myth vs Reality**

T. Read spoke to his written submission "Envisioning Texada's Economy: Myth vs Reality". T. Read clarified new information obtained on Mining payroll versus Retirees pension payments. T. Read requested that retirees be added back into the vision statement.

4. **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

4.1 **Electoral Area D Population Projection 2016 – 2041 Report**

L. Roddan spoke to "Electoral Area D Population Projection 2016 – 2041 Report". The Committee discussed several observations about the report and its conclusions. S. Clark stated that ensuring "good experiences" for children on Texada will help ensure they will want to return to the island to work and raise their own children.

4.2 **Draft Texada Official Community Plan**

L. Roddan spoke to the staff report on the revised "Draft Texada Official Community Plan". The Committee reviewed and discussed the draft document while staff took note of suggested revisions. Next month staff will bring forward a revised draft of the OCP which will incorporate feedback received from the Committee plus additional policy sections and maps.

4.3 **Russ Creek, re Park Status**

T. Hollo spoke to her concerns on Russ Creek and the Northeast Bay Aquaculture application. She wanted to know if the qathet Regional District had received a response. Staff advised that no response had been received. Application is under provincial approving authority. Staff clarified that there is a Provincial UREP (Use for Recreation & Enjoyment of the Public) at Northeast Bay.

5. **NEXT MEETING**

The next Area D OCP Planning Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at the Texada Legion.

6. **QUESTION PERIOD**

Questions were entertained from the floor.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Sandy McCormick, Chair

Laura Roddan, Manager of Planning Services



**Committee of the Whole
Minutes**

**May 27, 2026, 1:00 PM
Regional District Boardroom**

Present: Chair, Electoral Area D Sandy McCormick
Director, Electoral Area A Jason Lennox
Director, Electoral Area B Mark Gisborne
Director, Electoral Area C Clayton Brander
Director, Electoral Area E Andrew Fall
Municipal Director Cindy Elliott
Municipal Director Robert Southcott

Staff Present: Michelle Jones, General Manager of Corporate Administration,
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Patrick Devereaux, General Manager of Operational Services
Ryan Thoms, General Manager of Emergency Services
Julia Dykstra, General Manager of Planning Services
Caleb Allen, Manager of Information Technology
Mikhael Drosdovech, Manager of Assets and Capital Projects
Jason Kouwenhoven, Manager of Environmental Services
Melanie Taylor, Manager of Occupational Health & Safety
Rebecca Coleman, Legislative Services Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Committee of the Whole Agenda

Moved and Seconded

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**3.1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - April 29, 2026**

Moved and Seconded

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held April 29, 2026 be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. DELEGATION & INQUIRIES**4.1 Staff Sergeant Lee Dyson, Detachment Commander, Powell River and Texada Island RCMP re RCMP 2025/2026 Q4 Quarterly Reporting**

Staff Sergeant Lee Dyson, Detachment Commander, Powell River and Texada Island RCMP presented a detailed report to the Committee regarding fourth quarter statistics for the qathet region and responded to questions from the Committee.

4.2 Unregistered Delegation, Marty Heroux, Treasurer, Q Climbers Access and Development Association re Service Provider Agreement for Liability Insurance

Marty Heroux, Treasurer, Q Climbers Access and Development Association addressed the Committee regarding item *#8.6 Liability Insurance - Q Climbers Access and Development Association*, in support of a Service Provider Agreement for liability insurance coverage for volunteers, and responded to questions from the Committee.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**6. CORRESPONDENCE****6.1 Correspondence dated April 24, 2026 from the BC Municipal Climate Leadership Council (BCMCLC) re Seeking Your Voice on No Renewal of the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP)****6.2 Correspondence dated April 28, 2026 from Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer, and Josie Osborne, Minister of Health re The Conclusion of BC's Decriminalization Pilot on January 31, 2026****6.3 Correspondence dated May 11, 2026 from qathet Housing Action Table (HAT) to The Honourable David Eby, Premier, Province of British Columbia, The Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Randene Neill, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, MLA for Powell River - Sunshine Coast, BC, and Housing Leadership, British Columbia Housing Management Commission re Impacts of the 2026 Community Housing Fund Suspension on the qathet Region**

- 6.4 **Correspondence dated May 13, 2026 from Cathy Brown, President, Texada Island Non-profit Seniors Housing Society re Request for Waiving Gillies Bay Park Rental Fee**
- 6.5 **Correspondence dated May 13, 2026 from David Eby, Premier, Province of British Columbia re 2026 UBCM Convention**

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 **Correspondence dated April 24, 2026 from the BC Municipal Climate Leadership Council (BCMCLC) re Seeking Your Voice on No Renewal of the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP)**

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Committee recommends to the Board that the Board authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Premier, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions, the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, the Minister of Environment and Parks, and the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, advocating for renewal and extended funding of the Local Government Climate Action Program, and copying MLA Randene Neill, and also requesting a meeting at the 2026 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention with the appropriate Minister(s).

MOTION CARRIED.

- 7.2 **Correspondence dated May 11, 2026 from qathet Housing Action Table (HAT) to The Honourable David Eby, Premier, Province of British Columbia, The Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Randene Neill, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, MLA for Powell River - Sunshine Coast, BC, and Housing Leadership, British Columbia Housing Management Commission re Impacts of the 2026 Community Housing Fund Suspension on the qathet Region**

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Committee recommends to the Board that the Board add qathet Regional District, member of the qathet Housing Action Table, as a signatory to the collective letter from qathet Housing Action Table regarding the Impacts of the 2026 Community Housing Fund Suspension on the qathet Region; and

THAT the resolution be elevated to the May 27, 2026 Regional Board meeting to meet the May 31, 2026 deadline for the letter.

MOTION CARRIED.

7.3 Correspondence dated May 13, 2026 from Cathy Brown, President, Texada Island Non-profit Seniors Housing Society re Request for Waiving Gillies Bay Park Rental Fee

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Committee recommends to the Board that the Board waive the Gillies Bay ball park rental fee for the Texada Island Non-Profit Seniors Housing Society's Road Rally fundraising event on August 15, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. REPORTS

8.1 First Quarter 2026 Strategic Plan Progress Report

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Committee recommends to the Board that the Board enter into the minutes and file the report titled First Quarter 2026 Strategic Plan Progress Report dated April 24, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED.

8.2 Texada Island Community Hall - Theatrical Curtain Replacement

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Committee recommends to the Board that the Board direct staff to investigate options and prices for stage curtain and track replacement, and to bring back these options to a future Board meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

8.3 Texada Island Community Hall - Cellular and Internet Service

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Committee recommends to the Board that the Board direct staff to facilitate the installation of cellular and wifi internet at the Texada Island Community Hall.

MOTION CARRIED.

8.4 Fire Departments Automatic Aid

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Committee recommends to the Board that the Board direct staff to engage with Tla'amin Nation and the City of Powell River regarding potential for an Automatic Aid Agreement among the local fire services in the mainland portion of the qathet Region and report back with findings and recommendations.

MOTION CARRIED.

8.5 Murals and Graffiti Walls

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Committee recommends to the Board that the Board take no action and that the report dated May 27, 2026, titled "Murals and Graffiti Walls", be entered in the minutes and filed.

MOTION CARRIED.

8.6 Liability Insurance - Q Climbers Access and Development Association

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Committee recommends to the Board that the Board approve the qathet Regional District entering into a Service Provider Agreement with the Q Climbers Access and Development Association for the development and management of a network of trails and recreational amenities on land and water which are identified in the qathet Regional District Trails Plan dated December, 2016; and

THAT the agreement continue in perpetuity until it is cancelled by the qathet Regional District; and

THAT the annual cost of the coverage, estimated at \$250, be included in the annual budget for the Regional Parks Service.

MOTION CARRIED.

8.7 Election Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 420.6, 2026

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Committee recommend the Board accept the changes to "Election Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 420.6, 2026" as proposed to:

- Change references to "secrecy envelopes" to "secrecy enclosures"; and

THAT the amendment bylaw be presented to the June 9, 2026 meeting for first reading through adoption.

MOTION CARRIED.

8.8 2026 UBCM Convention Attendance and Meetings with Ministers and MACC Staff

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board direct staff to register interested Directors and the Chief Administrative Officer, or designate, for the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' 2026 Convention being held September 14-18, 2026 in Vancouver, B.C.

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved and Seconded

UBCM Meeting Request with Ministry of Transportation and Transit – *Director Fall*

THAT the Committee recommends to the Board that the Board direct staff to schedule a meeting with the Minister of Transportation and Transit regarding options to ensure contract and operation accountability for the Lasqueti Island ferry route.

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved and Seconded

UBCM Meeting Request regarding Improvement District Policy Update – *Director McCormick*

THAT the Committee recommends to the Board that the Board seek a meeting at UBCM 2026 with Brittny Anderson, Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities and Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, regarding modernizing the 2006 policy regarding improvement districts access to grants, and to include the Lund Waterworks District as a case study.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. NEW BUSINESS**10. QUESTION PERIOD**

Questions were entertained from the floor.

11. IN CAMERA SESSION**11.1 Proposed Closed Session**

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Committee move in-camera and that the meeting be closed to the public on the grounds that the subject matter to be considered relates to matters covered by the *Community Charter* under section 90(1):

(1) A part of a committee meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the regional district or another position appointed by the regional district; and

(f) law enforcement, if the committee considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment; and

(m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting; and

(n) the consideration of whether a committee meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2); and

(2) A part of a committee meeting must be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:

(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations

(ii) between the regional district and another local government or between another local government and a third party.

MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting moved in-camera at 2:29 pm.

The open meeting resumed at 3:14 pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Chair

Corporate Officer



**Planning Committee
Minutes**

**May 26, 2026, 4:00 PM
Regional District Boardroom**

Present: Chair, Director, Electoral Area A Jason Lennox
Director, Electoral Area B Mark Gisborne
Director, Electoral Area C Clayton Brander
Director, Electoral Area D Sandy McCormick

Staff Present: Michelle Jones, General Manager of Corporate Administration,
Corporate Officer
Julia Dykstra, General Manager of Planning Services
Patrick Devereaux, General Manager of Operational Services
Caleb Allen, Manager of Information Technology
Mikhael Drosdovech, Manager of Assets and Capital Projects
Rebecca Coleman, Legislative Services Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lennox called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Planning Committee Agenda

At the request of Director Gisborne, item #9.1 *Notice of Motion re Nootka Street Zoning Bylaw - Director Gisborne* was added to the agenda under the heading New Business.

Moved and Seconded

THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**3.1 Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting - April 28, 2026**

Moved and Seconded

THAT the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held April 28, 2026 be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. DELEGATIONS & INQUIRIES**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****6. CORRESPONDENCE****7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE****8. REPORTS****8.1 Savary Island Official Community Plan - First Reading**

Moved and Seconded

1. THAT the Committee recommends to the Board that the Board endorse “Savary Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 607, 2026” as presented; and

THAT the bylaw be forwarded to the June 9, 2026 Board meeting for first reading.

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved and Seconded

2. THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the Board direct staff to proceed with Phase 5 - Approval Process public engagement.

MOTION CARRIED.

8.2 Subdivision Application, District Lot 3691, 7458 Nootka St & 7460 Nootka St, Electoral Area B

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Committee recommends to the Board that the Board advise the Ministry of Transportation and Transit that qathet Regional District has no objection to the proposed two lot conventional subdivision application for the property at 7458 Nootka St and 7460 Nootka Street, legally described as Lot B, Block 2, District Lot 3691, Group 1, New Westminster District Plan 16678 (PID 007-382-651), as shown on the subdivision plan prepared by Polaris Land Surveying Ltd. dated March 3, 2026, subject to:

- a) proof of water and septic servicing that meets provincial standards; and
- b) a new civic address assignment for proposed Lot 2.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Notice of Motion re Nootka Street Zoning Bylaw - *Director Gisborne*

Director Gisborne gave a notice of motion that they intend to bring forward the following recommendation to the June 23, 2026, Planning Committee meeting:

THAT the Planning Committee recommend the Board endorse the proposed Nootka Street Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 321.4, 2026; and

THAT the bylaw be forwarded to a future Board meeting for first and second reading; and

THAT staff be prepared to prepare a non-binding referendum question for the 2026 General Election for the electors of Nootka Street Zoning Bylaw with the two options of Nootka Street Zoning Bylaw No. 321.3 and 321.4 as options.

10. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions were entertained from the floor.

11. IN CAMERA SESSION

11.1 No Proposed Closed Session

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm.

Chair

Corporate Officer



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REGIONAL DISTRICT

**Finance Committee
Minutes**

**June 1, 2026, 1:00 PM
Regional District Boardroom**

Present: Chair, Electoral Area E Andrew Fall
Director, Electoral Area A Jason Lennox
Director, Electoral Area B Mark Gisborne
Director, Electoral Area C Clayton Brander
Director, Electoral Area D Sandy McCormick
Municipal Director Robert Southcott
Alternate Municipal Director Trina Isakson

Regrets: Municipal Director Cindy Elliott

Staff Present: Al Radke, Chief Administrative Officer
Michelle Jones, General Manager of Corporate Administration,
Corporate Officer
Linda Greenan, General Manager of Financial Administration
Rebecca Coleman, Legislative Services Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fall called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Special Finance Committee Agenda

Moved and Seconded

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. DELEGATION & INQUIRIES

- 3.1 Tom Read, President, and Seneca Antony, Texada Agricultural Group re Financial Assistance Application**

Director Southcott joined the meeting at 1:08 pm.

- 3.2 Niky Burnett, Secretary, Four Tides Hospice Society re Financial Assistance Application**
- 3.3 Katie Soles, Texada Island Dragon Boat Club re Financial Assistance Application**
- 3.4 Melinda Auerbach, Committee Chair, Lasqueti Community Association re Financial Assistance Application**
- 3.5 Joyce Carlson, qathet Festival of Performing Arts re Financial Assistance Application**
- 3.6 Milan Jackson, Powell River Trail Riders Club re Financial Assistance Application**
- 3.7 Mac Fraser, Community Coordinator, Everybody Deserves A Smile Community Projects Society re Financial Assistance Application**
- 3.8 Nicki Lister, President, Powell River Therapeutic Riding Association re Financial Assistance Application**
- 3.9 Cathy Brown, President, Texada Island Non-Profit Seniors Housing Society re Financial Assistance Application**
- 3.10 Joan Miller, Executive Director, Island North Film Commission re Financial Assistance Application**

The Corporate Officer left the meeting at 2:28 pm.

The Corporate Officer returned to the meeting at 2:29 pm.

Chair Fall called a recess at 2:48 pm.

The meeting resumed at 3:02 pm.

Director Gisborne returned to the meeting at 3:06 pm.

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- 3.11 **Russell Brewer, qathet Tourism Society re Financial Assistance Application**
 - 3.12 **Doreen Fraser, Community Coordinator, Powell River United Church re Financial Assistance Application**
 - 3.13 **Lesley Sutherland, Powell River Child, Youth & Family Services Society - Orca Bus re Financial Assistance Application**
 - 3.14 **Erica Reimer, Studio Coordinator, Texada Arts Culture and Tourism Society - Texada Pottery Studio re Financial Assistance Application**
 - 3.15 **Gary Shilling, Executive Director, qathet Film Society re Financial Assistance Application**

4. UNREGISTERED DELEGATION

- 4.1 **Rod Tysdal, Powell River Salmon Society re Financial Assistance Application**

5. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions were entertained from the floor.

6. IN CAMERA SESSION

- 6.1 **No Proposed Closed Session**

7. ADJOURNMENT

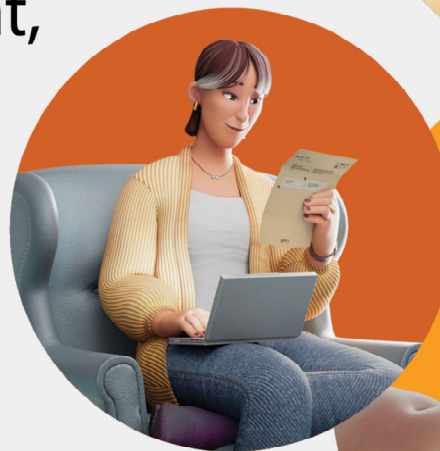
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Chair

Corporate Officer

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Good morning, Chair,

On behalf of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, please find attached correspondence to the Honourable David Eby regarding Bill M214 – *Firefighters' Health Act* and its associated operational and financial implications for rural and volunteer fire services.

We respectfully encourage your Board to consider preparing similar correspondence. A coordinated response across jurisdictions will help underscore the broad, cross-sector significance of this issue and strengthen advocacy for practical and sustainable implementation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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May 28, 2026

The Honourable David Eby
Premier of British Columbia
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC

Dear Premier Eby,

Re: Bill M214 – Firefighters’ Health Act – Implications for RDOS Fire Services

On behalf of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) Board of Directors, we are writing to express our concerns regarding the operational and financial impacts associated with Bill M214 – *Firefighters’ Health Act*.

The RDOS supports the intent of this legislation and recognizes the importance of protecting the long-term health and well-being of firefighters. However, as currently structured, the proposed requirements present significant challenges for rural and volunteer fire departments, including those operating within our region.

A primary concern is the financial burden associated with implementing mandatory medical and mental health assessments. Current estimates indicate that screening costs may range from approximately \$250 to \$900 per firefighter, with some jurisdictions reporting costs of approximately \$750 per member annually. With over 200 firefighters across RDOS departments, total annual costs could exceed \$190,000, which would need to be absorbed by local taxpayers without any identified provincial funding or support.

In addition to the financial implications, RDOS is increasingly concerned about the availability of qualified medical practitioners to complete the required assessments. As identified in our operational analysis, there is a well-documented shortage of physicians in British Columbia, and many firefighters already face difficulty accessing a practitioner who is both available and willing to conduct assessments in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. This issue is particularly acute in rural and remote communities, where healthcare resources are limited.

Without reliable access to appropriately qualified physicians, departments may find themselves unable to comply with the legislation, despite their best efforts. This presents not only a regulatory challenge but also the risk of unintended consequences, including impacts on service levels, firefighter retention, and compliance with Fire Underwriters Survey requirements.

The RDOS respectfully requests that the Province:

- Consider covering the cost of mandatory health assessments for Firefighters under the BC Medical Services Plan or providing sustainable funding support to offset the costs.
- Address the shortage of qualified medical practitioners, including exploring alternative models for assessment delivery such as self-administered pre-exercise questionnaires (Par-Q+ or ePARmed-X+).
- Engage directly with local governments and volunteer fire departments to ensure that implementation is both practical and achievable across diverse service environments.

We remain committed to working collaboratively with the Province to support firefighter health and safety in a manner that is equitable and sustainable for all communities.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Pendergraft

Board Chair

Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen



June 1, 2026

RE: Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project – Update and Invitation to Phase 3 Regional Local Government Engagement Sessions (Spring 2026)

I am pleased to provide an update on the Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project (the Project) and invite local governments to participate in further engagement on proposed changes to the [Heritage Conservation Act \(HCA\)](#).

The Project aims to modernize the 30-year-old HCA to streamline permitting, rebuild faster after wildfires or floods, protect heritage more effectively, and ensure First Nations have a meaningful role in decision making regarding their heritage.

The work to modernize the HCA has been an ongoing process, spanning multiple years. Proposed changes to the HCA reflect feedback received through engagement with First Nations, local governments and industry throughout the project. We're listening and adapting proposed changes to the HCA to ensure changes brought forward result in updated legislation that works better for all people in British Columbia. We would like to thank those local governments who have participated and provided valuable input to date.

We have heard a desire for additional opportunities for local governments to learn more about the legislative proposals, provide input, and discuss implementation considerations. As a result, regional in-person engagement sessions dedicated to local governments are planned for June 2026. Each session will have an option for virtual participation.

Feedback from these sessions will help inform BC government decision-making and, pending Cabinet direction, the drafting of legislation, regulations, and guidance to support successful implementation.

Please sign up for a session by emailing us at EngageHCA@gov.bc.ca and indicating which session(s) you are registering for, and whether you intend to participate in-person or virtually. To support venue bookings, please respond as soon as possible and no later than the date(s) identified in the table below. Further details, such as confirmed venues, and links for virtual session participants will be sent to registrants.

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Region	Date & Time	Location & Venue	Respond by:
Vancouver Island and Coast	June 11, 2026 12:30-3:30 pm	Nanaimo Venue TBC	June 8, 2026
Lower Mainland	June 12, 2026 9:30-12:30 pm	Vancouver/Surrey Venue TBC	June 8, 2026
Central and Northern BC	June 19, 2026 9:00-12:00 pm	Prince George Venue TBC	June 15, 2026
South and Central BC	June 22, 2026 1:00-4:00 pm	Kamloops Venue TBC	June 15, 2026

Closing Comments

We look forward hearing from you in the upcoming sessions.

If you have any questions regarding the project and/or upcoming engagement, please send an email to EngageHCA@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,



Jillian Rousselle
Assistant Deputy Minister
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Good morning,

On behalf of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia's Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, we are writing to share that the Committee's **Budget 2027 consultation** is now accepting written submissions.

As the Committee hopes to hear from British Columbians in all areas of the province, **the Committee kindly requests Regional Districts share information about the consultation** with area representatives and the public in their region through community bulletin boards, newsletters or social media platforms if the opportunity allows.

[Promotional materials](#) and a [news release](#) are available to download on the Finance Committee's [website](#) and we would be pleased to send you materials in different formats if desired.

You can also share this link for the Consultation Portal: la-bc.ca/consultations

How to Participate

British Columbians can participate by providing written input using the submission form on the [Parliamentary Committees Consultation Portal](#) by **2:00 p.m. (Pacific) on Friday, June 19**.

Please note: The opportunity to register to make a presentation at public hearings has now closed. The Committee is currently accepting **written input only**. Those who are scheduled to present to the Committee in 2026 are **not eligible** to also provide a written submission.

About the Consultation

The Committee includes MLAs from both the government and opposition. Each year, the Committee asks the public for input on the upcoming provincial budget and then publishes a report with recommendations based on the input received.

For more information on the province's fiscal forecast and key budget issues, read the [Budget 2027 Consultation Paper](#) from the Minister of Finance, which is referred to the Committee each year before the consultation.

If you have any questions about the Budget 2027 consultation, the Committee's work, or the information in this email, please contact us by email at FinanceCommittee@leg.bc.ca or phone at 250-356-2933 or 1-877-428-8337 (toll-free in BC).

Kind regards,

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