

UBCM 2023

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# Extreme Heat: Community Preparation & Response

UBCM – Small Talk Forum

2023

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# Land Acknowledgement

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Interior Health would like to recognize and acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Dãkelh Dené, Ktunaxa, Nlaka'pamux, Secwépemc, St'át'imc, Syilx, and T̕silhqot'in Nations where we live, learn, collaborate and work together.



# Introductions



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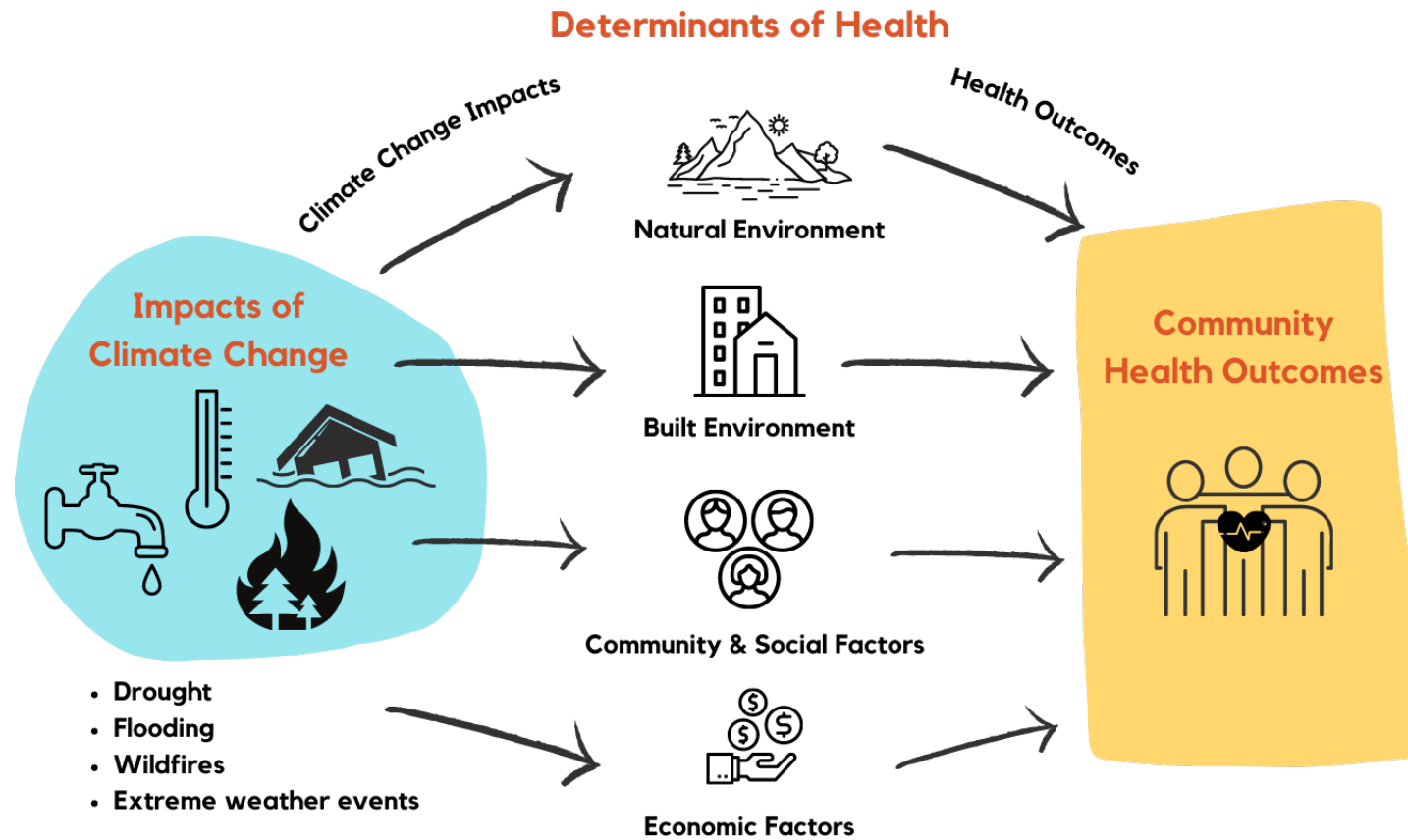
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# Heat Impacts on Health



# Climate Impacts on Health



# Heat Impacts on Health

- Heat events are the **leading cause of weather-related death** in Canada
- People tend to adapt to gradually rising temperatures to a certain extent; extreme heat can negatively and severely impact health
- Direct and indirect health impacts and can exacerbate underlying conditions
- **Hot indoor temperatures (>31°C) are most dangerous** and can linger for a few days after a heat event



# Heat-Vulnerable Population



Socially isolated



Elderly



Chronic health conditions



People with disabilities



Pregnant people



Location and place of residence



Insecurely-housed



Infants and young children



Low-income



Outdoor workers

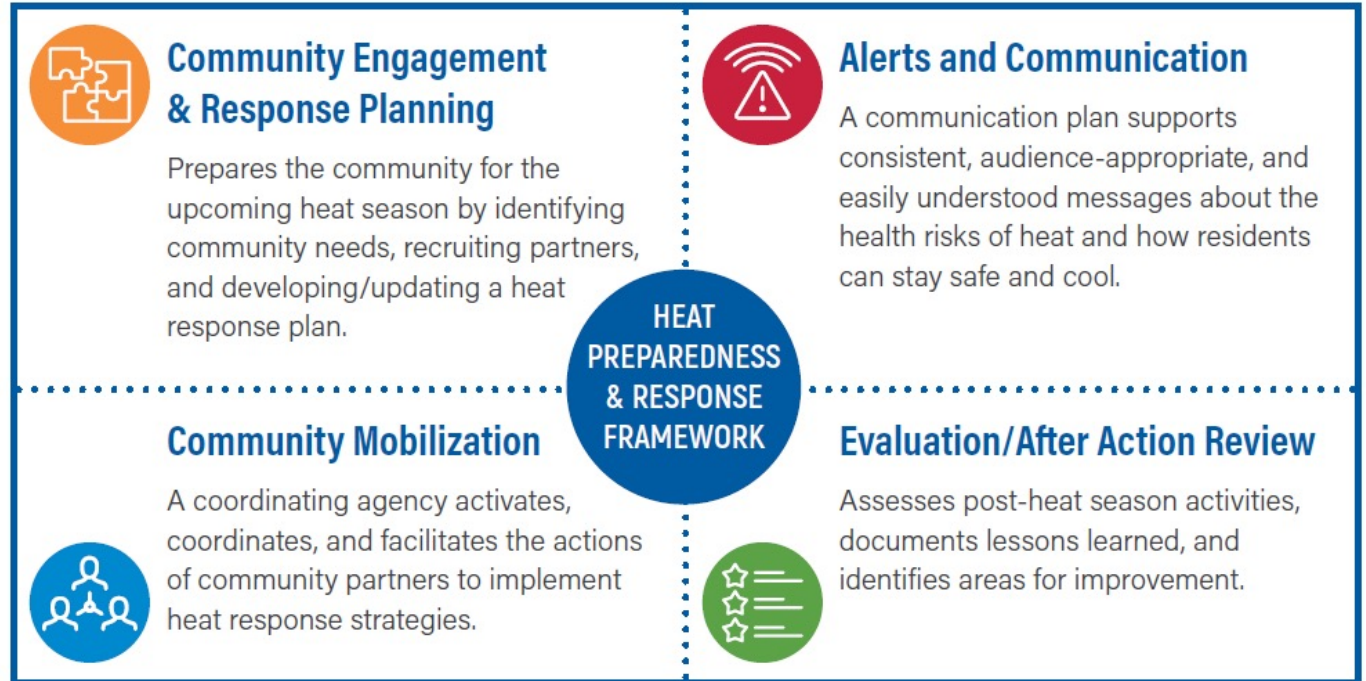
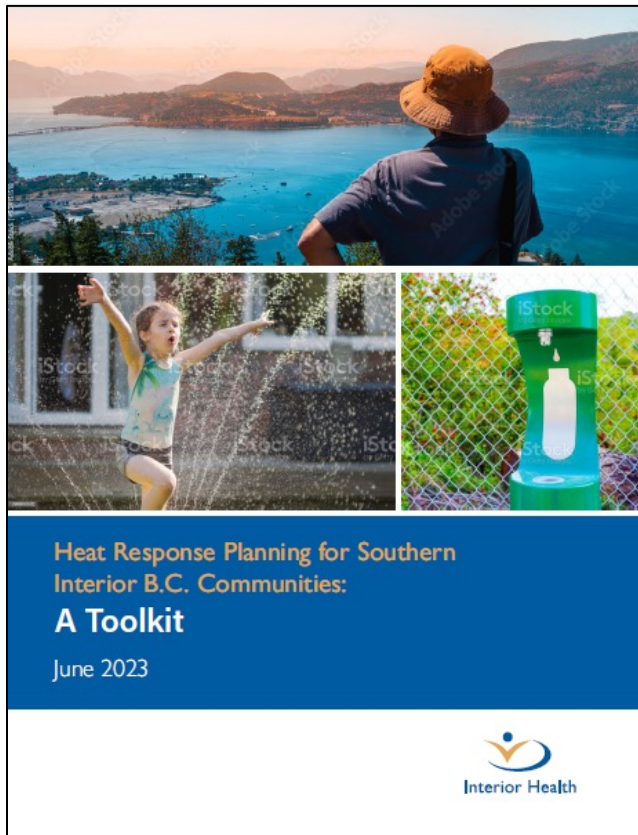




# Community Preparation



# Community Heat Response Planning




# Ashcroft HARS Pilot



Photo source: Interior Health (2019)

Ashcroft  
Wellness Awaits You



**HARS**

**HEAT ALERT &  
RESPONSE SYSTEM**

Developed for the Village of Ashcroft  
In collaboration with the Interior Health Authority's  
Healthy Communities, Healthy Families Program

Revised:  
January 2022

# Community Response



# Ashcroft's Approach to Heat Response


- Ashcroft's approach is to build awareness by public education and encourage healthy best practices
- Ashcroft is Canada's only true desert;
- Ashcroft is often the "Hot Spot"
- Ashcroft residents are very aware of extreme heat and adapt to the season
- Recent weather pattern changes are impacting how we respond to heat



# Pre Season Advisory Notices

Public notice begins with this reminder in May each year:

- Article in the May issue of the monthly Village Newsletter
- Mail drop to all residents

**EXTREME HEAT NOTIFICATION**  **PRE SEASON ADVISORY**

The Village of Ashcroft and Interior Health wish to remind residents that the warmer weather is on its way. To ensure that everyone is prepared and able to stay healthy during extreme heat events we urge you to:

1. Watch for updates if Extreme Heat events are expected.
2. Keep a supply of water on hand.
3. Make sure everyone has a hat to wear outdoors and loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing.
4. Have your air conditioner serviced to ensure it is working.
5. Be prepared to change your routine – perform your outdoor tasks before 11am and after 5 pm.
6. Older adults, infants and young children, those with chronic illnesses or on special medication are more at risk with increased heat.
7. Check on your friends and neighbours, especially those who may have special challenges, and make sure they are prepared for extreme heat.
8. Never leave people or pets inside vehicles during warmer weather.
9. Be aware of how to stay healthy in the heat. Information brochures are available at the HUB, Pool, Village Office, Museum, or view them online at the Village Facebook page or website.
10. Know the signs of Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke and learn how to stay healthy in the heat.

**PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS**

Please take the time to talk to your neighbours and identify residents who require assistance during lengthy extreme heat events. These may be people who do not have air conditioning and have limited or no form of transportation. It is important that everyone understands the need to cool off during extreme heat events.

**COOLING CENTRES**

The HUB at 711 Hill Street will be open to use as a cooling centre when extreme heat level 1 & 2 have been reached. This entails daytime temperatures of 35° for 2 days in a row and overnight temperatures at or above 18°.

**HEAT RELATED ILLNESS**

**HEAT EXHAUSTION**

Symptoms

- Heavy Sweating
- Cold, pale, and clammy skin
- Fast, weak pulse
- Nausea or vomiting
- Muscle Cramps
- Tiredness or Weakness
- Dizziness
- Fainting (passing out)
- Headache

What to do

- Move to a cool place
- Loosen your clothes
- Reduce your body temperature – Put cool, wet cloths on your body or take a cool bath
- SIP water, AVOID caffeine
- If symptoms worsen or lasts longer than 1 hour, get Medical Help.

**HEAT STROKE**

Symptoms

- High body temperature (103° F or higher)
- Hot, red, dry, or damp skin
- Fast, strong pulse
- Confusion
- Nausea
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Fainting (passing out)

What to do

- Call 911 right away – heat stroke is a medical emergency
- Move the person to a cooler place
- Help lower the person's temperature with cool clothes or cool bath
- Do not give the person anything to drink

If you have any questions, please contact the Village of Ashcroft at 250-453-9161 or visit our website at: <https://ashcroftbc.ca/extreme-heat/> For additional information on heat related illnesses visit the Health Link BC website page [www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-topics/htske](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-topics/htske) or Interior Health Extreme Heat website at [www.interiorhealth.ca](http://www.interiorhealth.ca)



# Heat Notification

If we anticipate to meet HARS trigger temperatures:

- Mail drop Advisory 1
- Forward to Industry and Stakeholders
- Activate Cooling Centre
- Send Voyent Alert Notification

## EXTREME HEAT ADVISORY: LEVEL 1



ADVISORY 1

The Village of Ashcroft and Interior Health advise residents that the immediate forecast for 2 consecutive days is with daytime temperatures of 35°C or more and not cooling off to below 18°C at night.

It is important that residents are aware of the impacts extreme heat events have, especially for the very young, the elderly, those with chronic illness or those taking certain medications. People working outdoors or participating in outdoor activities, face greater heat exposure and are encouraged to modify their hours of work, if possible, and reduce or limit their outdoor activities.

### PLEASE SPREAD WORD TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Please take the time to talk to your neighbours and identify residents who require assistance during lengthy extreme heat events. These may be people who do not have air conditioning, have limited or no form of transportation, and no form of water supply on hand. It is important that everyone understands the need to cool off during extreme heat events.

### VOYENT ALERT!

Please register with Voyent Alert notification system to stay informed in events of extreme heat alerts, fire alerts, water conservation measures and other important notifications. Need help registering? Call (250) 453-9161 for assistance.

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## HEALTH SAFETY TIPS AND REMINDERS

### SYMPTOMS OF HEAT ILLNESS

#### Mild symptoms:

- Pale, cool, moist skin
- Heavy sweating
- Muscle cramps
- Rash
- Swelling, especially hands and feet
- Fatigue and weakness
- Light headedness and/or fainting
- Headache
- Nausea and/or vomiting

#### More Severe Symptoms: (Requires urgent medical attention)

- High Fever and/or high body temperature (103°F or higher)
- Hallucinations
- Seizures
- Unconsciousness

### STEPS TO AVOID HEAT RELATED ILLNESS

- Plan your outdoor activities before 11 AM or after 5 PM, to avoid the most intense sun.
- Drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids - Avoid caffeine, water is the best choice.
- If you must work or exercise outside in the heat of the day, drink two to four cups of water every hour, even before you feel thirsty.
- Rest and/or stay in the shade, or create your own shade with an umbrella and/or a wide brimmed hat. Wear light colored clothing.
- If you're struggling to keep cool, move indoors to an air-conditioned building or take a cool shower. At temperatures above 30°C, fans alone may not be able to prevent heat-related illness.
- Never leave children or pets alone inside a parked car. Temperatures can rise to 52°C (125°F) within 20 minutes inside a vehicle when the outside temperature is 34°C. Leaving the car windows open slightly will not keep the inside of the car at a safe temperature.



**Village Office**

**Emergency Services**

**Voyent Alert**

**Extreme Heat (HARS)**

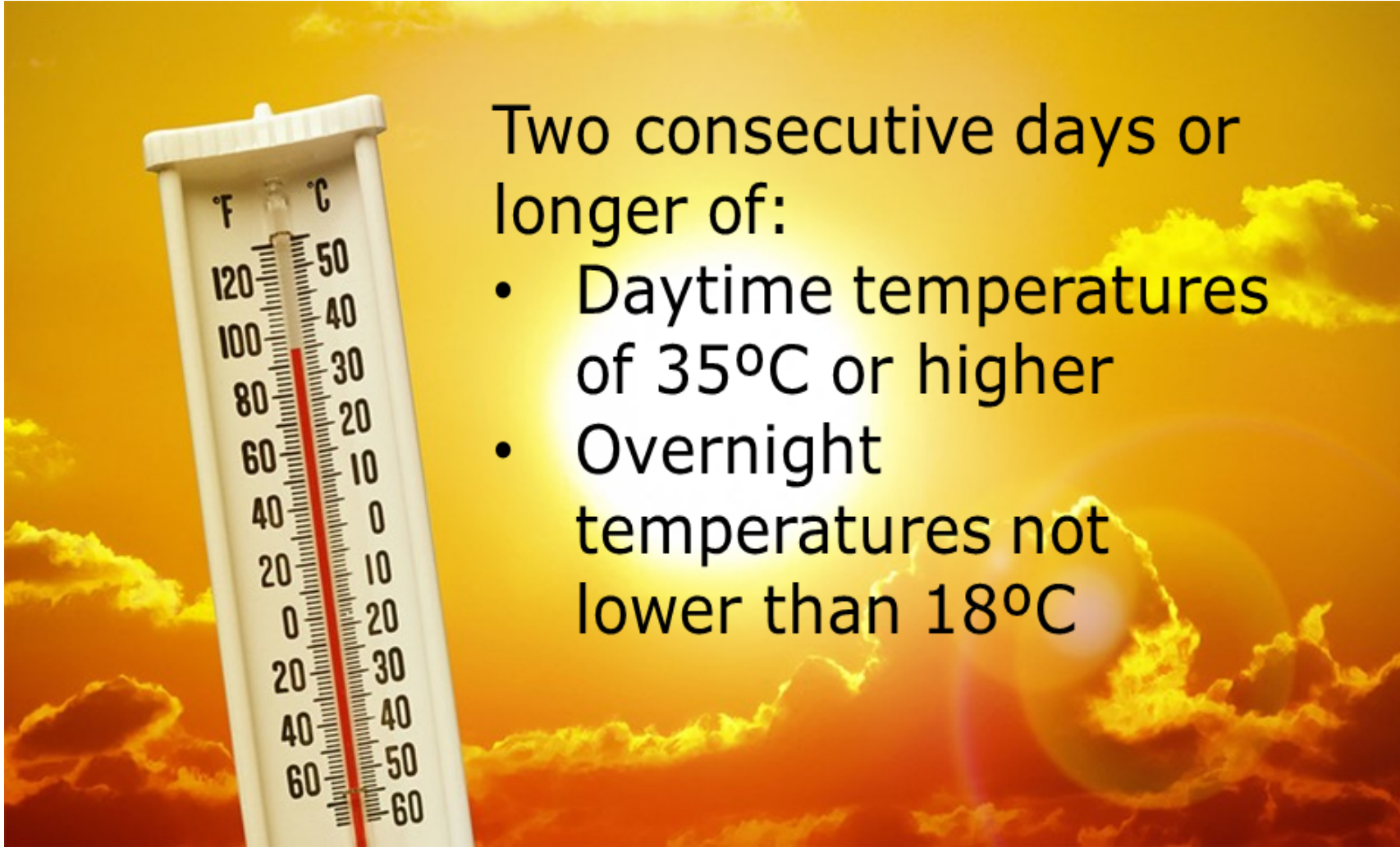
**Emergency Response  
& Evacuation Plan**

**Evacuation Route  
Planning**

**Consistent Public Access to Information**



# Activation Triggers

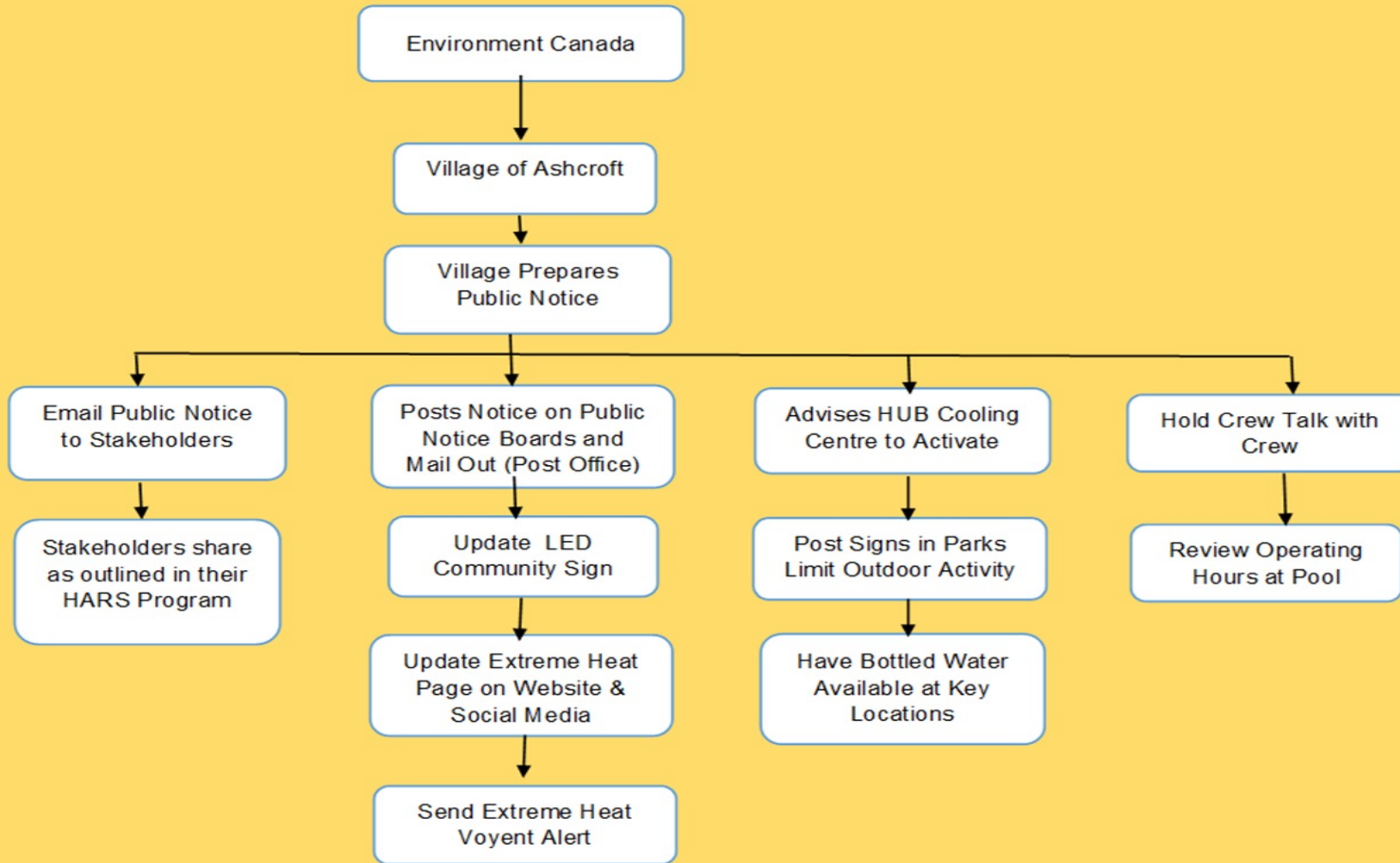


Two consecutive days or longer of:

- Daytime temperatures of 35°C or higher
- Overnight temperatures not lower than 18°C

# Activation

NOTIFICATION ACTIVATED BY: Environment Canada



# Advisory 2

- Cooling Centre Activation
- Partnership with HUB



## EXTREME HEAT ADVISORY: LEVEL 2



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# Awareness Saves Lives

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# Next Steps

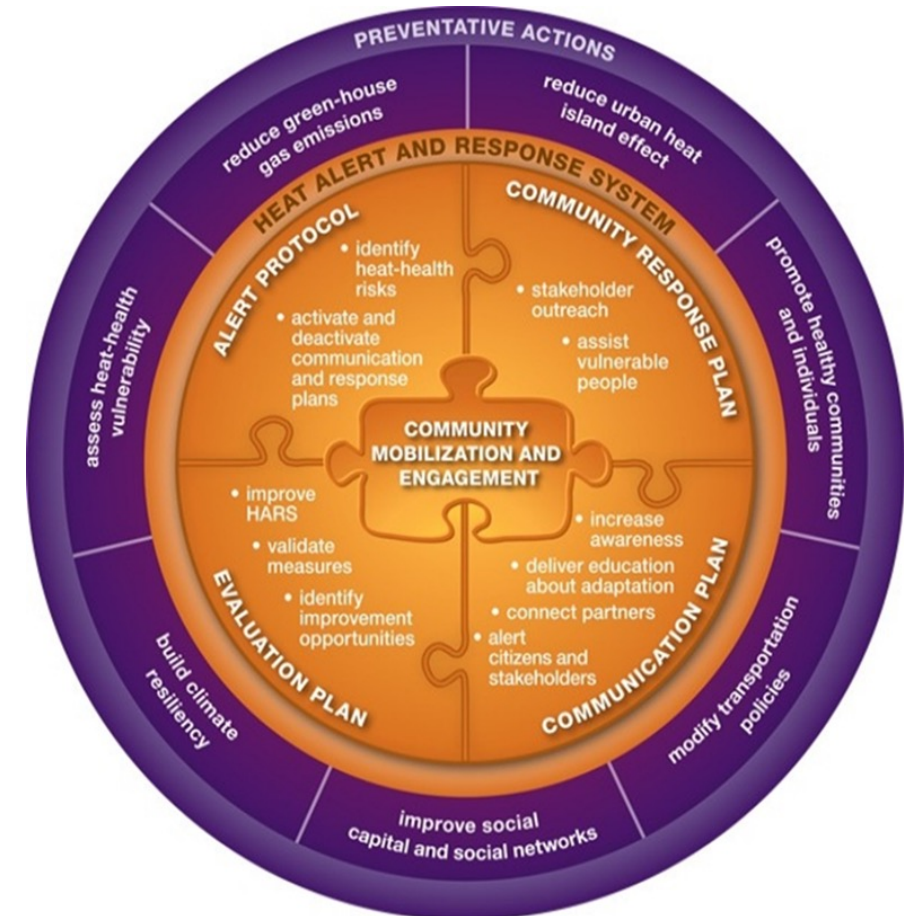
- Annual Review of HARS Safety Plan
- Encourage Voyent Alert (mass notification system) participation
  - Build new resident awareness
- Staff Training and annual HARS Safety reminders
- Install misting station at parks
- Continue to work with IHA and Health Canada



# Next Steps cont.

Continue to:

- Post Public Notices
- Engage Community
- Social Media Posts
- Website - updates





# Resources to Support Community Planning



# IH Actions to Support Communities

## Public Communication & Coordination

## Support Community Planning

## Response for IH Clients & Sites

**Interior Health**

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

For Immediate Release | July 25, 2022

**Interior Health heat warning guidance**

Environment and Climate Change Canada has issued heat warnings across Interior Health this week, with temperatures expected to soar as high as 40 degrees in a number of communities. With elevated temperatures, the risk of heat-related illness increases.

The BC Centre of Disease Control provides a broad range of heat-related guidance on its website, including information on the different types of heat alerts, how to prepare for hot temperatures, symptoms of heat-related illnesses, those most at risk during hot weather and ways to stay cool.

**Preparing for and responding to hot weather:**

- If you have air conditioning at home, make sure it is in good working order.
- If you do not have air conditioning at home:
  - Find somewhere you can cool off on hot days. Consider places in your community to spend time indoors such as libraries, community centres, movie theatres or malls. Also, as temperatures may be hotter inside than outside, consider outdoor spaces with lots of shade and running water.
  - Shut windows and close curtains and blinds during the heat of the day to block the sun and prevent hotter outdoor air from coming inside. Open doors and windows when it is cooler outside to move that cooler air indoors.
  - Ensure that you have a working fan, but do not rely on fans as your primary means of cooling. Fans can be used to draw cooler late-evening, overnight and early-morning air indoors. Keep track of temperatures in your home using a thermostat or thermometer. Sustained indoor temperatures over 31 C can be dangerous for people who are susceptible to heat.
  - If your home gets very hot, consider staying with a friend or relative who has air conditioning if possible.
  - Identify people who may be at high risk for heat-related illness. If possible, help them prepare for heat and plan to check in on them.

**Who is most at risk?**  
It is important to monitor yourself, family members, neighbours and friends during hot weather. Consider developing a check-in system for those who are at high risk of heat-related illness.

The most susceptible individuals include:

- older adults, especially those over 60
- people who live alone
- people with pre-existing health conditions such as diabetes, heart disease or respiratory disease
- people with mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, depression or anxiety
- people with substance use disorders
- people with limited mobility and other disabilities

Media, for information: PHOENIX, LARA AND 7777 - PHOENIX, media@interiorhealth.ca

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### Extreme Heat

Stay safe when the weather gets warm. Stay on top of extreme heat advisories, understand how heat alert and response systems operate in B.C. and learn about the impact of heat on health.

Explore this page

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For current heat advisories in place for the Interior Health, please visit the Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) website or download the WeatherCAN app.

- BC CDC: Preparing for Heat Events
- BC Provincial Heat Alert and Response System Toolkit
- Regional Heat Maps
- Interior Heat Toolkit 2020

Interior Health

August 17, 2022

**HEAT WARNING IN EFFECT** ⚠️ South and Central Okanagan, North and South Thompson and Fraser Canyon. Temperatures up to 40 degrees are forecast in many of these areas.

What can I do to make sure people I care about are safe during extremely hot days?  
Frequently visit neighbours, friends and older family members, especially those who are chronically ill, to make sure that they are cool and hydrated... See more

**Reach out to people who may be at a high risk of heat illness**

It's HOT out. I just wanted to check in.

Do you need a ride to a cooling centre?

Heat warnings in effect

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Heat Response Planning for Southern Interior B.C. Communities:  
**A Toolkit**

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- Find the 3H Community Event (Road-Fire) Evacuation Guidelines
- Find the Incident Response Team/24
- Find the HEMBC Program Emergency Preparedness Plan

Welcome to Health Emergency Management BC (HEMBC) where you will find information on site emergency response plans, general preparedness & response plans (e.g. Pandemic) and other information pertaining to Health Emergency Management for Interior Health.

**About HEMBC**

HEMBC is an integrated program of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) and the Ministry of Health (MHC). We provide expertise, education, tools, and support for the BC health authorities to effectively mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the impacts of emergency events ensuring the continuity of health services. Working directly with Interior Health sites and programs, we support a range of activities:

- Development of emergency plans
- Training and education
- Emergency exercises
- Emergency response
- Emergency
- After action and lessons learned process

For more information please contact Health Emergency Management.

In this site you will find:

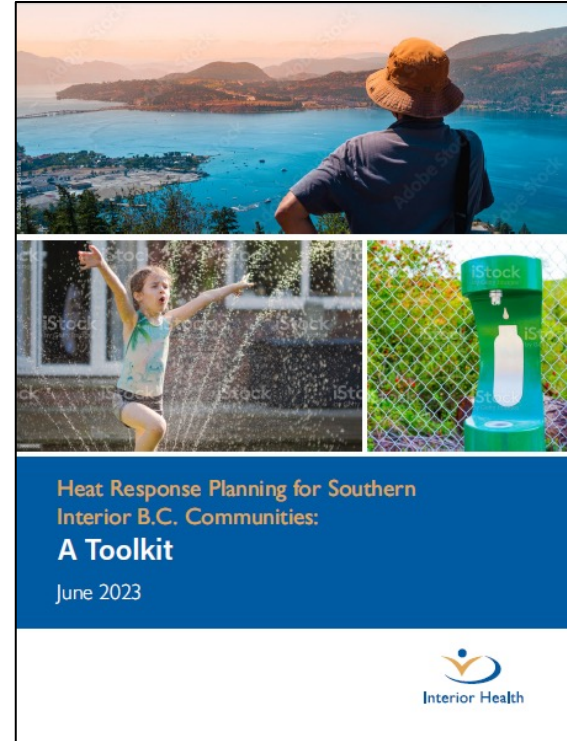
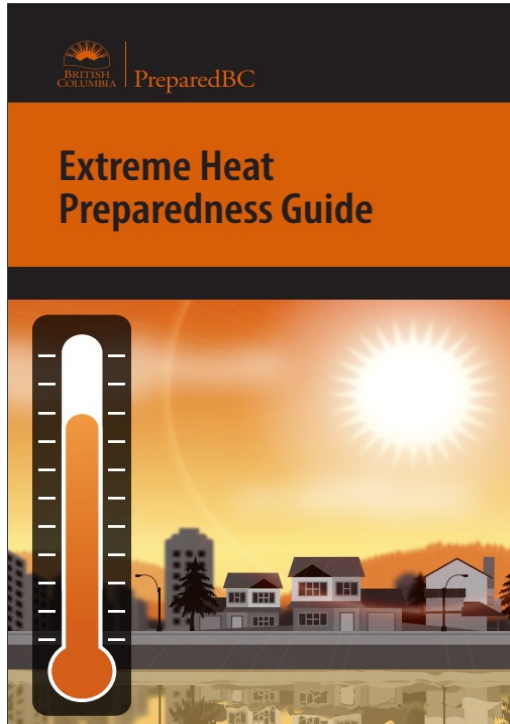




# Resources



All Available at [interiorhealth.ca/heat](https://interiorhealth.ca/heat)



## Health checks during extreme heat events

A guide for doing in-person or remote health checks

Extreme heat events can lead to dangerous indoor temperatures in homes without functioning air conditioning. Health checks are used to assess how people at high risk of heat-related illness are doing during extreme events. In-person health checks are best, but a remote health check is better than no health check.

### Rapid risk assessment checklist

To assess whether someone is at risk, check all the personal factors that apply on the following list. The more boxes checked, the higher the potential risk.

<input type="checkbox"/> Older adult (60 years+)	The body's ability to cool itself is impaired as people age.
<input type="checkbox"/> Mental illness or cognitive impairment	Conditions such as schizophrenia, depression, anxiety, and dementia can reduce awareness of heat-related risks.
<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic disease	Chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, respiratory disease, and cancer can limit the body's ability to cool.
<input type="checkbox"/> Living alone or socially isolated	People who live alone or do not have strong social connections are at higher risk because they have fewer people looking out for them.
<input type="checkbox"/> Substance dependency or use	The ability to sense and respond to heat can be affected by use of drugs or alcohol, especially for those who are dependent.
<input type="checkbox"/> Impaired or decreased mobility	People with impaired or reduced mobility might be less able to take protective measures during extreme heat events.
<input type="checkbox"/> Medication use	Some prescription medications for common conditions can cause dehydration and affect the body's ability to cool itself.
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor physical fitness	People who are not engaged in regular physical activity are less able to keep cool in the heat.

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health  
Centre de collaboration nationale en santé environnementale

[www.nccch.ca](http://www.nccch.ca)



*Questions?*



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# Active Transportation in Small Communities

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September 19, 2023



Ministry of  
Transportation  
and Infrastructure

# CleanBC Roadmap to 2030

- Transportation is responsible for almost 40% of provincial GHG emissions
- Reduce transportation emissions by 27-32% (from 2007) by 2030
- Commitment to release a Clean Transportation Action Plan (CTAP) in 2023



# “Interested but Concerned”

**37%** of the population is uninterested or unable to ride a bicycle.



**No Way, No How**

**51%** of the population prefer complete separation from motor vehicle traffic or routes with low motor vehicle speeds and volumes.



**Interested But Concerned**

**5%** of the population is comfortable riding in traffic when they need to, but prefer dedicated bicycle facilities.



**Enthusiastic and Confident**

**7%** of the population is comfortable on streets with or without dedicated bicycle facilities, and prioritize speed and directness.



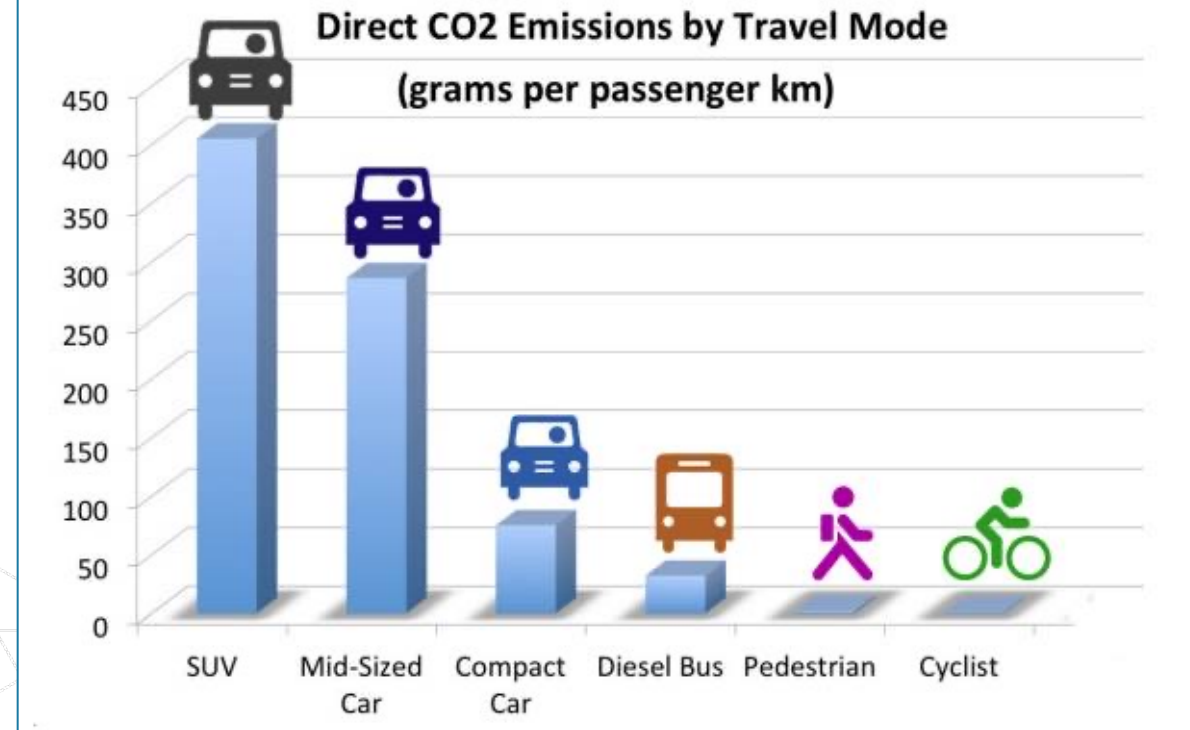
**Strong and Fearless**

Source: Jennifer Gill and Nathan Michie, Revisiting the Four Types of Cyclists: Findings from a National Survey, Transportation Research Record (2016)

# Getting to our target to reduce GHGs

- **Investments in AT leads to increased active transportation mode share, which lowers GHG emissions**
- People who switch just one trip per day from driving to cycling reduce their carbon footprint by 0.5 tons per year.
- Cyclists have 84% lower lifecycle CO2 emissions than non-cyclists.

Figure 5: CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions by Travel Mode



# Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants

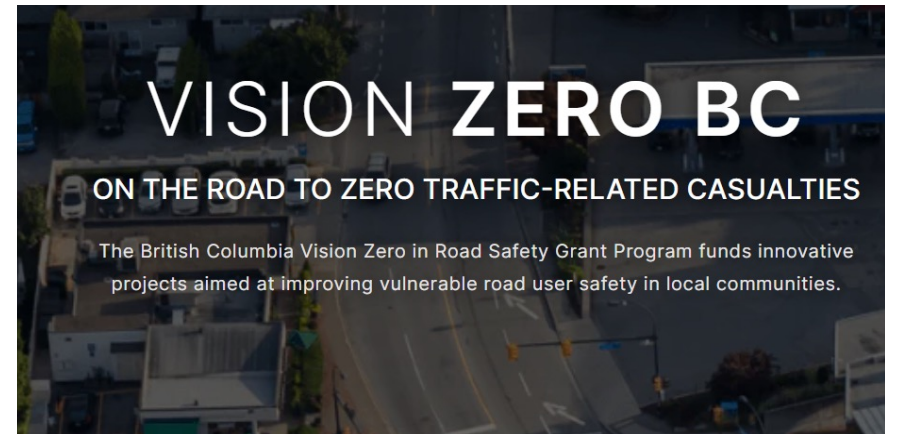
- Cost-sharing grants for network plans and active transportation infrastructure, including:
  - AT facilities like restrooms, wayfinding, benches, bike racks etc.
- \$60 million budget for 2022 - 2025
- Equitably distributes funding throughout B.C. in accordance with GBA+ and UNDRIP
- 2023/24 intake will be open from September 1 – October 27, 2023
- Program staff are available to answer questions at [BCATgrants@gov.bc.ca](mailto:BCATgrants@gov.bc.ca)





# B.C. Vision Zero in Road Safety Grant Program

- Goal: Improve vulnerable road user safety in B.C.
- Up to \$20K grants to communities to support road safety projects
- In partnership with Ministry of Health and regional health authorities
- 2021-22: \$564,000 in grants
- 2022-23: \$1,130,000 in grants
- 2023-24: Next grant launch anticipated October 2023



# Active Transportation Design Guide

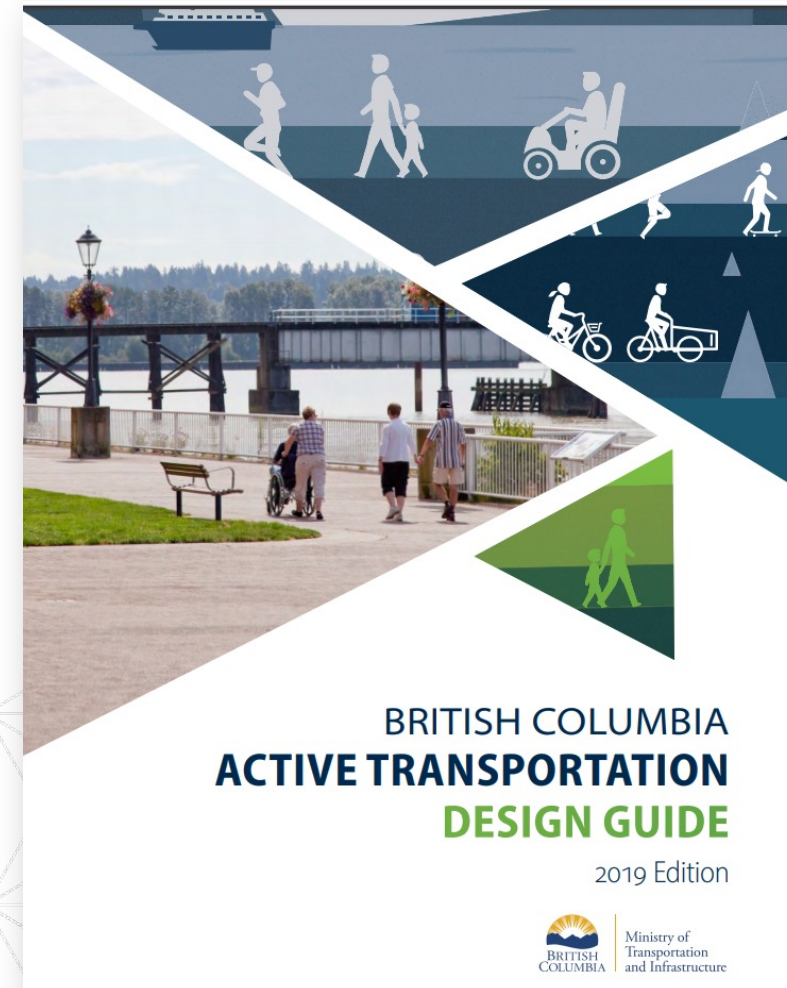
## Design Guide

- Consistency for users
- High-quality infrastructure

## All Ages and Abilities (AAA)

## Universal Design

- Accessibility as a priority
- Relevant with the passage of the Accessible BC Act



# Active Transportation Programs: Education and Encouragement

- **EveryoneRides Grade 4-5**
  - Cycling education program delivered in five centres across the province and on-line
- **Active School Travel Planning**
  - Third year of pilot program encouraging walking/biking to school
- **GoByBike**
  - In person and on-line events
  - Next event: Oct 16 – 29, 2023
- **E-bike rebates**
  - Successful intake in July 2023



# MOTI Active Transportation Planning and Small Communities





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# Thank you

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# Resources to support responsible conduct

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# Responsible Conduct Resources

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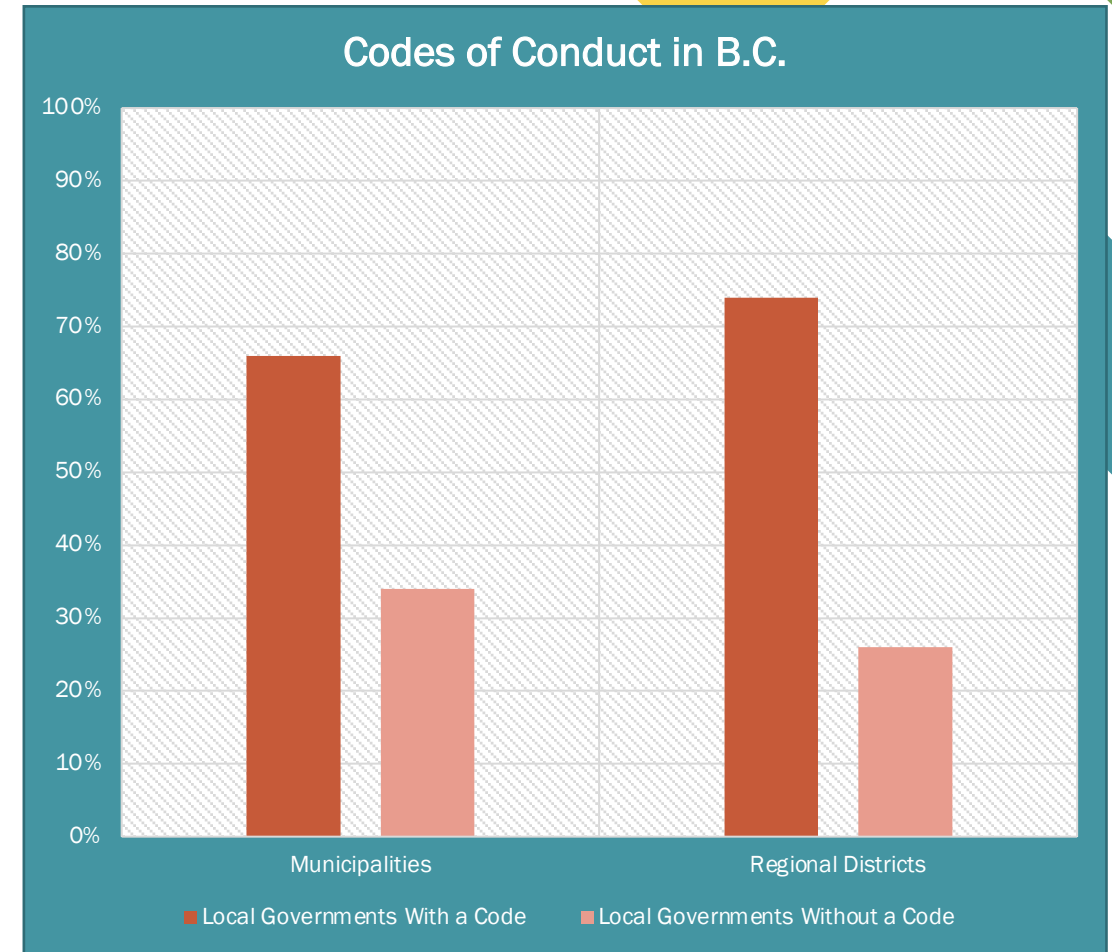
# Context

## What is responsible conduct?

- Elected officials acting with *integrity, accountability, respect, and leadership & collaboration* with colleagues, staff, and the public

## Working Group on Responsible Conduct

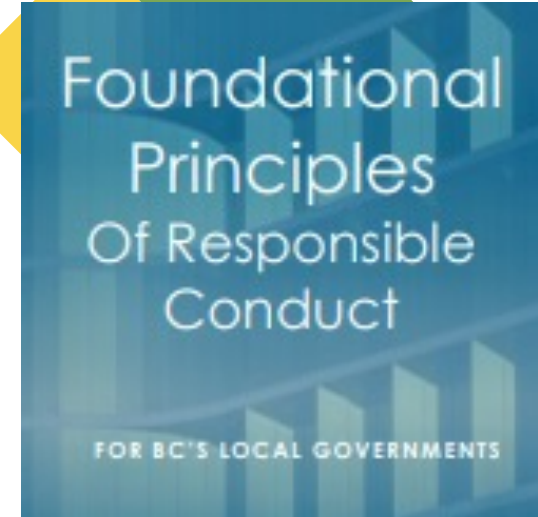
- Staff-level partnership between UBCM, LGMA, and Municipal Affairs



Source: Ministry of Municipal Affairs

# Responsible Conduct Resources

- Foundational Principles of Responsible Conduct
- Model Code of Conduct & Companion Guide
- [www.ubcm.ca](http://www.ubcm.ca)



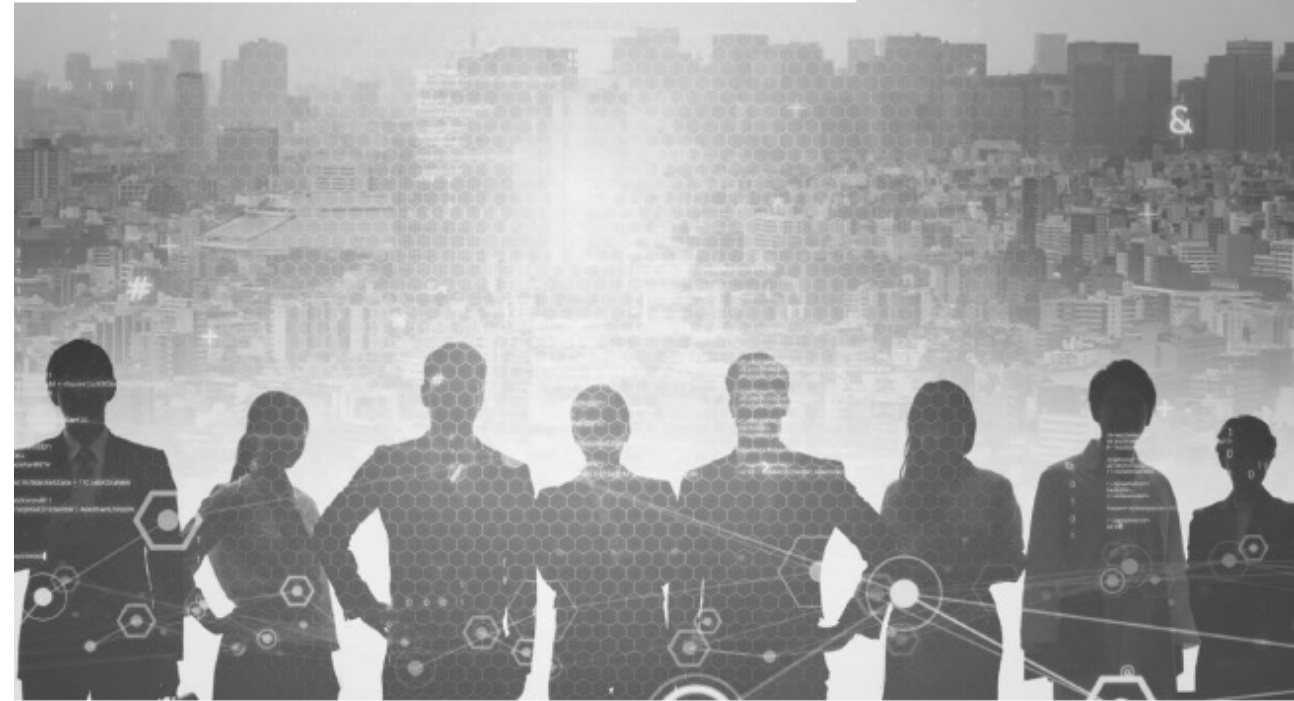
# Responsible Conduct Resources

Outlines practical ways to help prevent conduct issues and handle these issues if they do arise.

Includes:

- Fostering responsible conduct
- Maintaining good governance when conflict occurs
- Resolving conflict informally
- Code of conduct enforcement

## Forging the Path to **RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT** In Your Local Government



WORKING GROUP ON RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT

APRIL 2021

# Responsible Conduct Resources

- Online, self-directed course
- Introduces responsible conduct principles through case studies

<https://learning.ubcm.ca/>

Course code: **VV81-5TFM**



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# Thank you!

Questions?

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# Lakeside Village of Granisle Marina 2023







# BEFORE

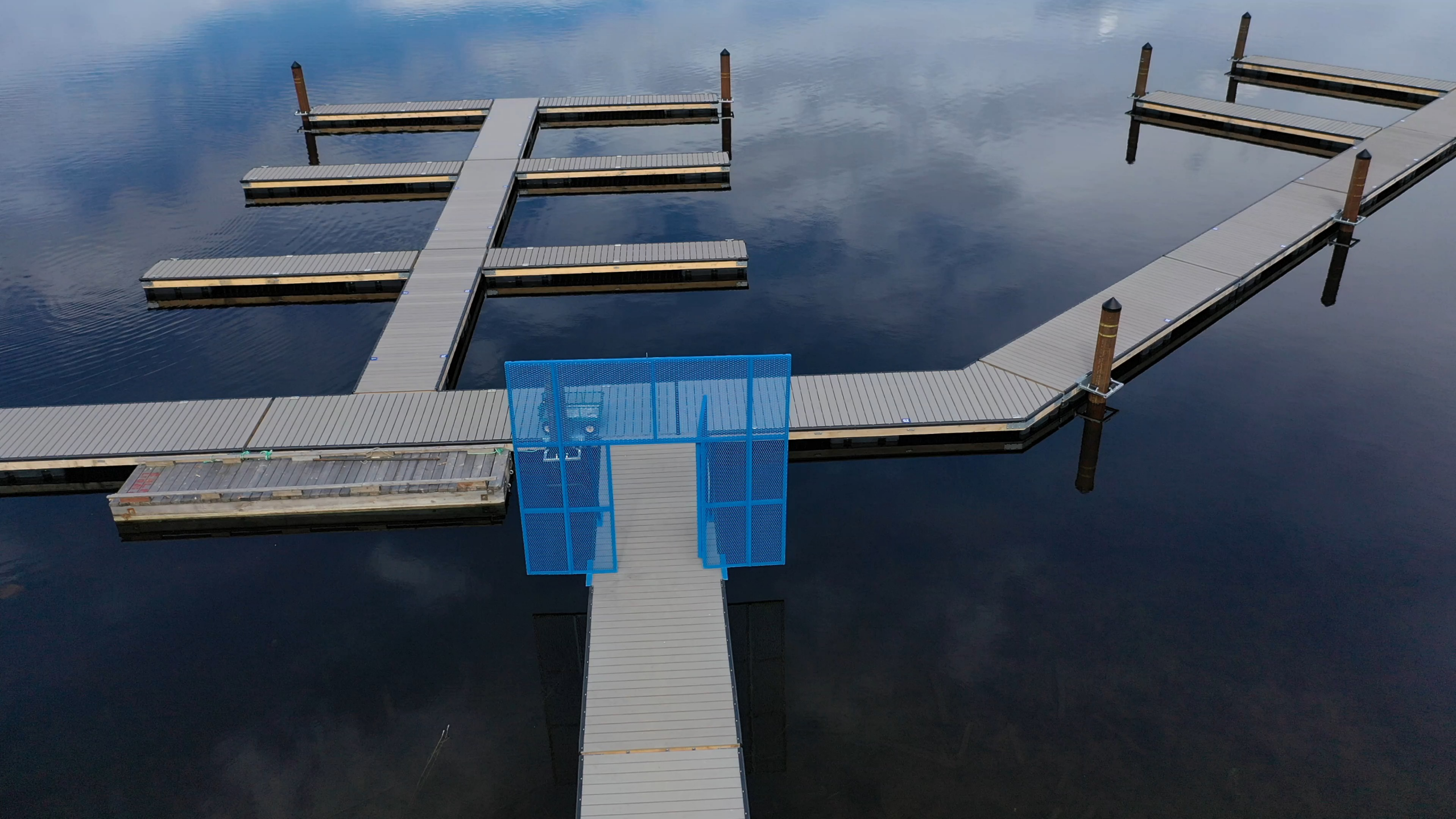




# AFTER







An aerial photograph of a coastal highway, likely the Sea-to-Sky Highway in British Columbia, Canada. The road curves along a steep, forested cliffside. A small white boat is visible in the water near the shore. The water is a deep blue-green, and the sky is a clear, light blue. The overall scene is bright and scenic.

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Outdoor Recreation  
Council of BC

# **The Impacts of Outdoor Recreation in Rural B.C. Communities**

A look into Burns Lake, Fernie, Revelstoke, Squamish & Tofino

*Presented by Louise Pedersen*

An aerial photograph of a coastal road winding along a steep, forested cliffside. The road is paved and has a guardrail. A small white boat is docked at the edge of the road. The water is a deep blue-green color, and a larger boat is visible in the distance. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The overall scene is serene and scenic.

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# A SAFER PLACE TO BE

District of Port Hardy  
Mayor Pat Corbett-Labatt  
CAO Heather Nelson-Smith  
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## WHY DID WE START THIS PROJECT





- A lack of adequate spaces for community members who have low or no housing security concurrent with substance use disorders.
- Increased community conflict in business areas.
- Identified need for supports to connect population with services, provide safer places to be that meet needs of all community members.

WHY DID  
THE  
DISTRICT  
GET  
INVOLVED?

## What do the different levels of government do?

### Port Hardy

Municipal Government

-  Road, sidewalk & bridge maintenance
-  Utilities (garbage, recycling, water & wastewater)
-  Fire services and bylaw enforcement
-  Parks, recreation, arts & culture
-  Planning & development
-  Economic development
-  Property taxes (municipal portion)

### Regional District

Mount Waddington

-  Solid waste management
-  Residential Services in electoral areas
-  Regional parks and recreation
-  911 operation
-  Fire services
-  Regional tourism
-  Regional economic development

### British Columbia

Provincial Government

-  Highways
-  Schools
-  Provincial Courts
-  Health care
-  Environment
-  Social services  
Mental health
-  Housing
-  Property taxes (provincial portion)

### Canada

Federal Government

-  Post Office
-  Border services, immigration & citizenship
-  RCMP & military
-  Correctional facilities & Supreme Court
-  Firearms
-  Banking, trade & commerce
-  Foreign affairs & policy
-  Income taxes & employment insurance



Highways



Schools



Provincial Courts



Health care



Environment



Social services  
Mental health



Housing

## PROVINCIAL V. LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY

As the local government, we are the closest form of government to the citizens. The community looks to us to address issues in the community

Mental Health, Health and Housing are within the province's responsibility

# District of Port Hardy Strategic Plan

## Social

Housing  
Poverty & Harm Reduction  
Communications  
Recreation



**Housing**-Create housing opportunities that support the local need for affordable housing. Council to make land available for supportive housing and create policies that support development of affordable housing options.



**Poverty and Harm Reduction**-Create strategies that address a healthy community for all with emphasis on the vulnerable population, youth, and seniors. This includes food security, mental health and wellbeing and access to services.



**Communications and Engagement**-Ensure that the District is providing communications to the community through all platforms, including web, social media, and paper.



**Recreation** -Ensure that there are facilities that support the North Island, including large-scale recreation facilities such as the pool and arena, outdoor recreation opportunities like trails and support recreation programming for all ages and other forms of programming that support sustainable recreation in Port Hardy.



## Economic

Community Forest  
Downtown Revitalization  
Lifestyle & Retention



**Community Forest** -Direct North Island Community Forest Limited Partnership to work with the communities to support increased tenure for future revenue generation.



**Lifestyle and Retention**-Promotion of the many services available in the community will enhance the area's livability. Port Hardy and the North Island is a great place to live, work and play.



**Downtown Revitalization**-Improve the downtown core to stimulate economic growth, community use and address accessibility improvements to make the Downtown a vibrant place for residents and visitors to enjoy.

## Environment

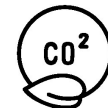
Reduce Illegal Dumping  
Water Conservation  
Carbon Neutrality



**Reduce Illegal Dumping**-Develop low cost initiatives to reduce the amount of dumping in our greenspaces throughout the region.



**Water Conservation**-Convert municipal facilities fixtures to reduce water usage. Promote education in water conservation with all users.



**Carbon Neutrality**- Support, where practicable, energy-efficient conversions in existing municipal facilities, new municipal buildings, and municipal fleet.

## Culture

Youth Outreach  
Arts & Culture  
Building Relationships



**Youth Opportunities & Outreach**- Provide Civics Education as required within the district schools where we can find champions to support. Promote the profession at Job Fairs and community events where youth are looking for future opportunities.



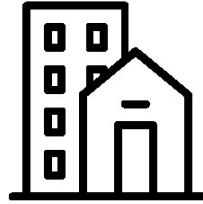
**Arts & Culture**-A plan will be created to showcase the history of the region with emphasis on First Nations Art, place names and honour through walking tours, brochures, and signage.



**Relationship Building**-Building on the North Island Indigenous history and incorporating the culture through partnerships that support, acknowledge, and foster an understanding and caring community.

## Vision

*"In Port Hardy, we acknowledge that we are situated on the traditional territory of the Kwakiutl people, and we honour their stewardship of these lands. Our vision is to build a thriving, diverse, and sustainable community that values cultural diversity, preserves its natural surroundings, and offers quality amenities for all ages. We are committed to creating a safe, peaceful, and environmentally conscious place that supports lifelong learning opportunities. Our mission is to foster a sense of belonging and collaboration among residents, promoting social cohesion and a shared vision for a prosperous future while working in respectful partnership with the Indigenous communities who have called this land home since time immemorial."*



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## WHY ARE WE IN THIS SITUATION?

- Racism— The belief that European settlers are superior to others, specifically directed to Indigenous people who have lived in these lands since time immemorial.
- Relocation— The practice of moving people away from their homelands and places they inhabit and use because European people know better about where and how they should be. Moving people to where it is easier and better for settler people to manage Indigenous people.
- Creation of mass homelessness along with massive disruption of family units. Associated loss of control and desire to numb pain.
- Destruction of family structures through Indian Residential Schools, child protection involvement.
- Ongoing structural disadvantages and individual racist acts.

## WHAT DID WE DO?

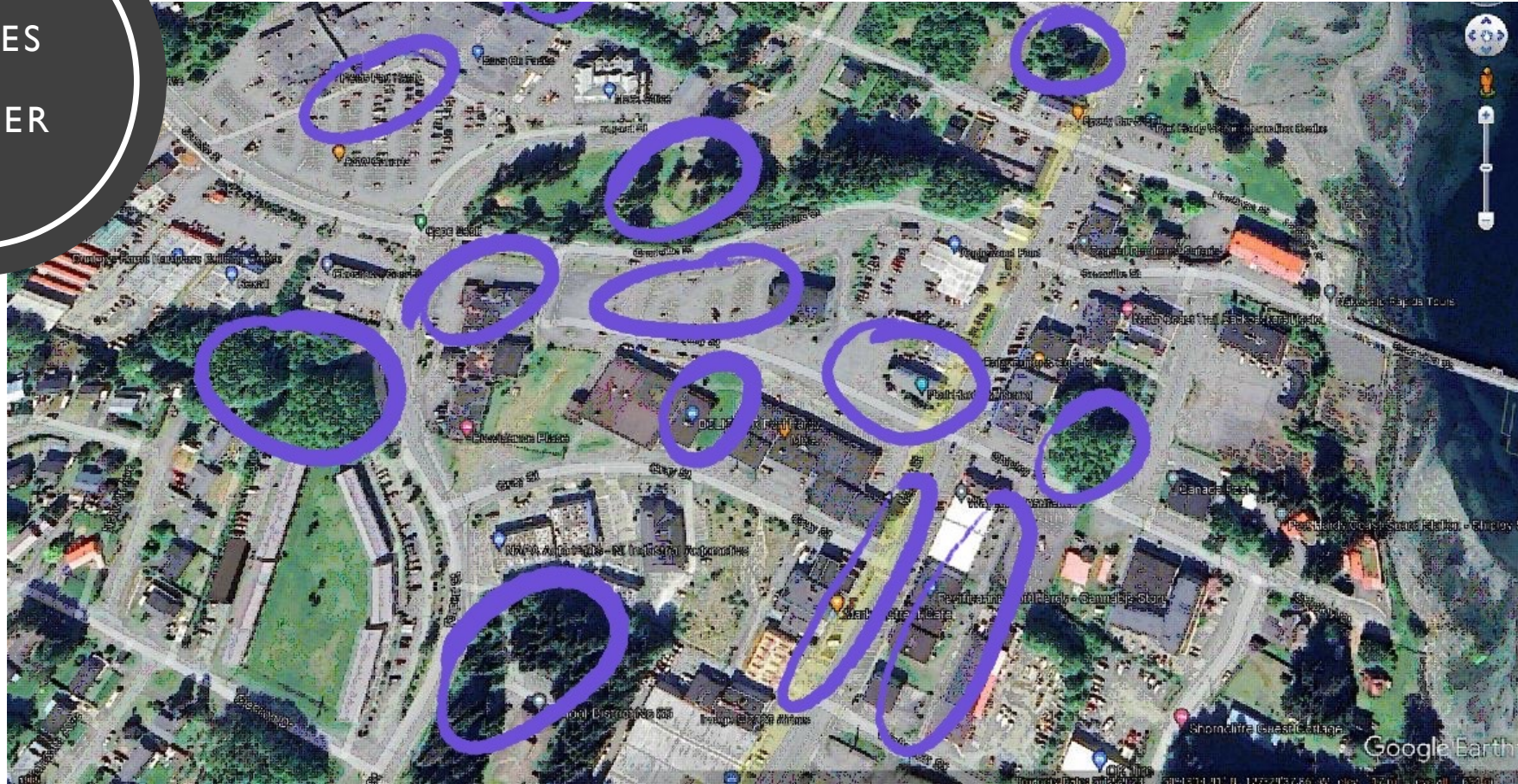
- Identified team approach with health, local government and police and directed persons using alcohol in public to Stink Creek Park. Reduced threshold for use of alcohol in public– aka do not be obvious, do not cause a ruckus
- Provided a temporary tent structure in Stink Creek until November 30, 2022- restarted summer 2023.
- Increased health outreach and police patrols
- Increased service during extreme weather events
- Weekly meeting of outreach, police and District to discuss risk mitigation, success of supporting community members to lower conflict area, numbers seen, connection with services and unintended consequences, police calls etc.

ISSUE

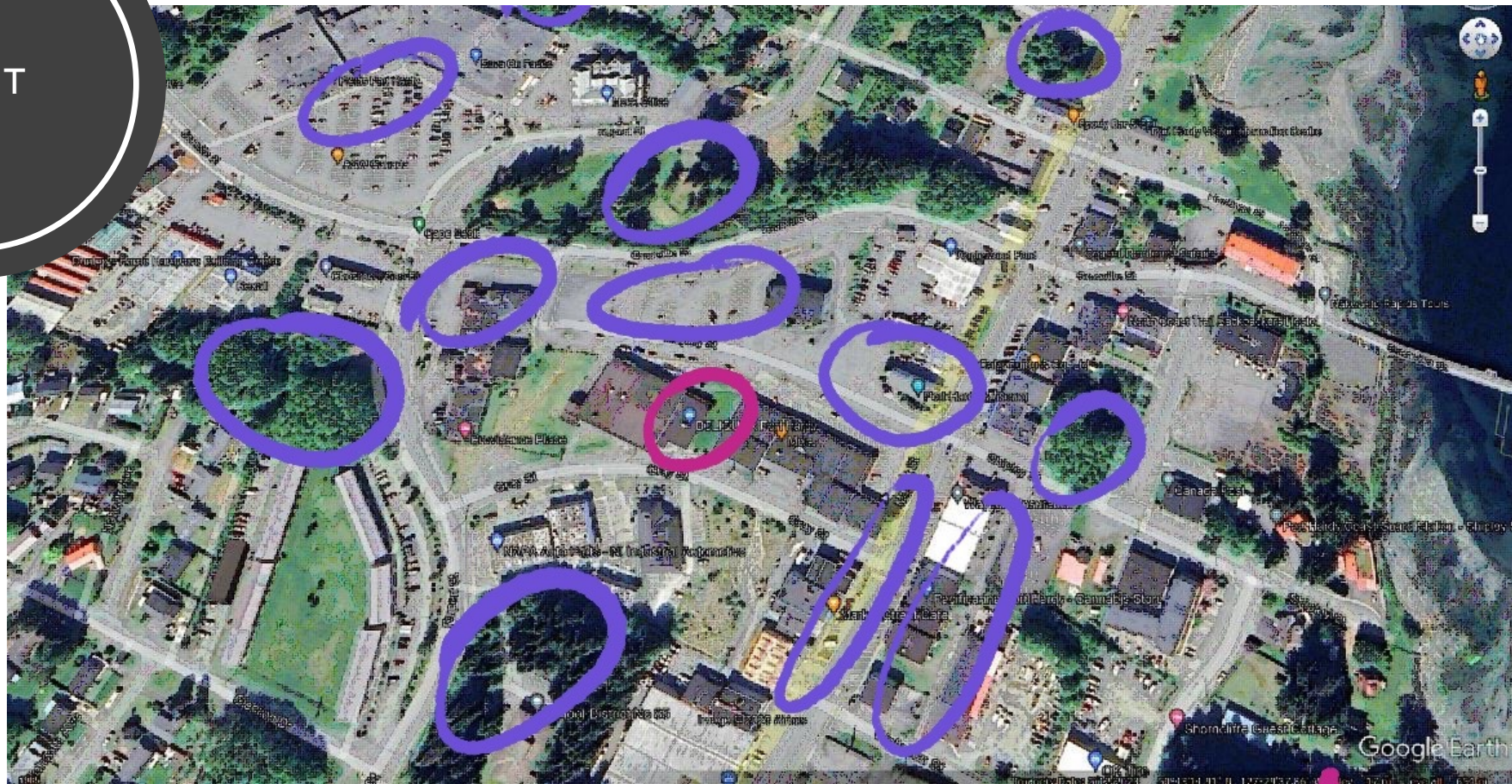




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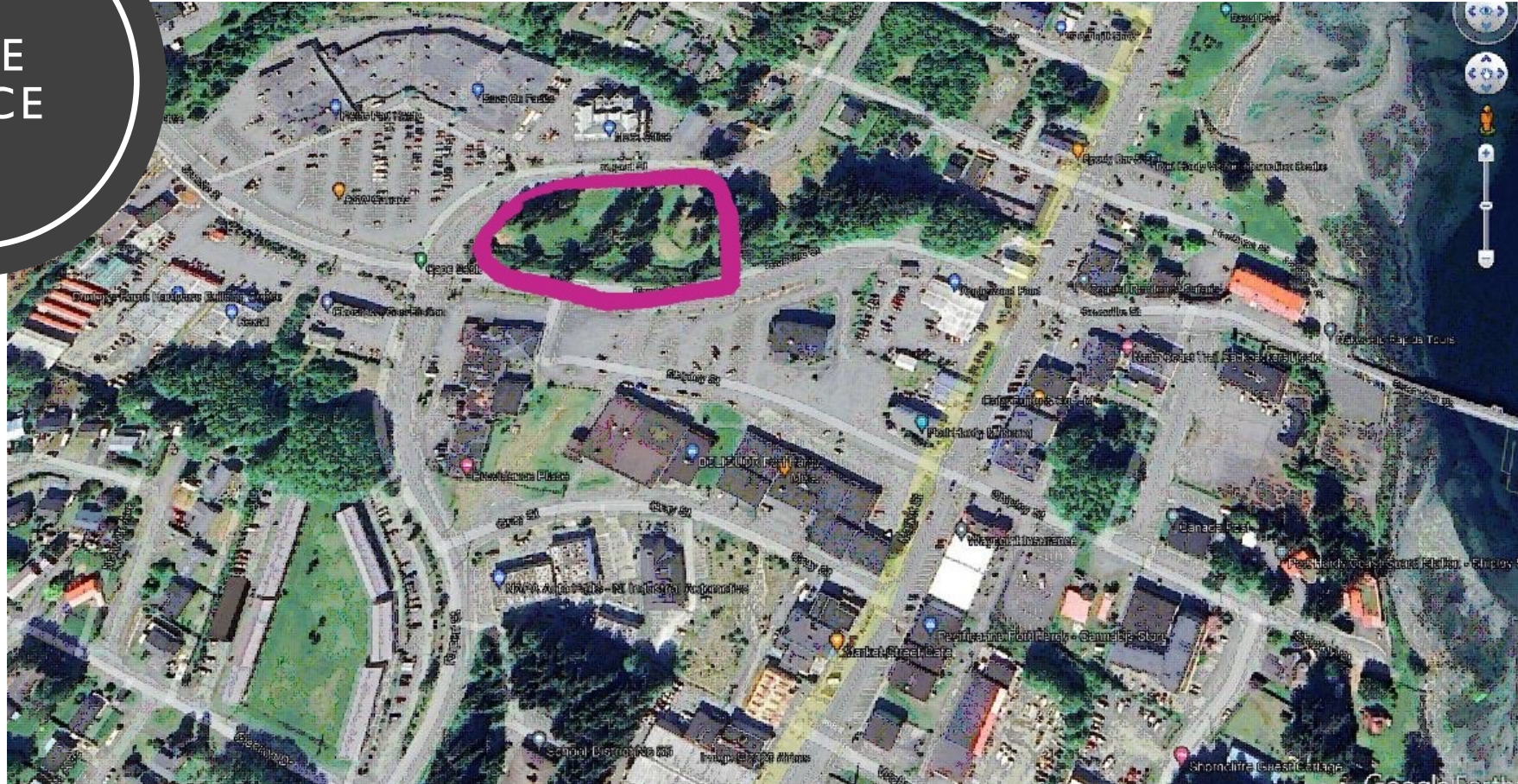
ROOT



## WHY DID WE CHOOSE STINK CREEK PARK ?

- Stink Creek Park has historically been a place where people gather
- Not a traditional Park
- Central to the issues, easy to identify
- Walking distance to the Liquor Store
- Great visibility from all angles
- Opportunity to gather in one place
- Remove conflict from the Business area

SAFE  
PLACE



## WHAT DID WE FIND?

### **Police**

Reduction in number of calls and conflict over the course of the project.

### **Ambulance**

Anecdotal reduction in calls, reported better relationship with community members and BCEH staff.

### **District**

Some community complaints, some issues with garbage in Stink Creek Park.

### **Health**

Large jump with engagement with persons who are using alcohol in public. Increase in access to health care needs of a wide variety, increased trust.

## WHAT DID WE FIND? PEOPLE USING THE SPACE

A survey of persons who use alcohol in public (n=14) found that:

- 10 were currently homeless, 4 housed
- 1 year ago 10 were housed and 4 were homeless; and
- Vast majority are Indigenous people, and mostly from the North Island

Key drivers for where people used alcohol in public were:

- To be with family and friends– safety and connection
- A place to be out of the elements (especially for aged 40+)– younger population used Stink Creek more due to better shelter in business area and easier mobility

## FEEDBACK FROM USERS

Connection to community and local government- Increasing discussion and talk about the town caring for people. A small sense that people who have been considered a “problem” needed support that made sense to them and not control.


Emergence of a leadership group- A group of persons who took care of the tent structures, picked up garbage and wanted to be consulted in the process.

## SUMMARY

- Decreased conflict and emergency calls when there was a space made where people who use alcohol in public could do so safely.
- Increased connection with health care teams– Island Health and BCEHS.
- Population of persons who use alcohol in public have a large increase in homelessness the last year.
- Community members appreciate being connected with around their needs and feeling like they matter.





An aerial photograph of a coastal highway. The road curves along a steep, forested cliffside. A small white boat is visible on the road. The ocean is deep blue, and a larger boat is visible in the distance. The sky is clear and blue.

UBCM 2023

# BALANCING ~~A~~CT

# *Local Government Funding*

Glen Brown, General Manger, UBCM  
Brant Felker, Manager Canada Community Building Fund Services

September, 2023



# Memorandum of Understanding on Local Government Financial Resiliency

## *Province-UBCM Working Group on Local Government Finance (LGFWG)*



**Establish a Partnership with the Province**

- An effective partnership is critical to finding sustainable solutions

**New Economy**

- Transitioning from tangible to non-tangible assets
- Impacts to the property tax system

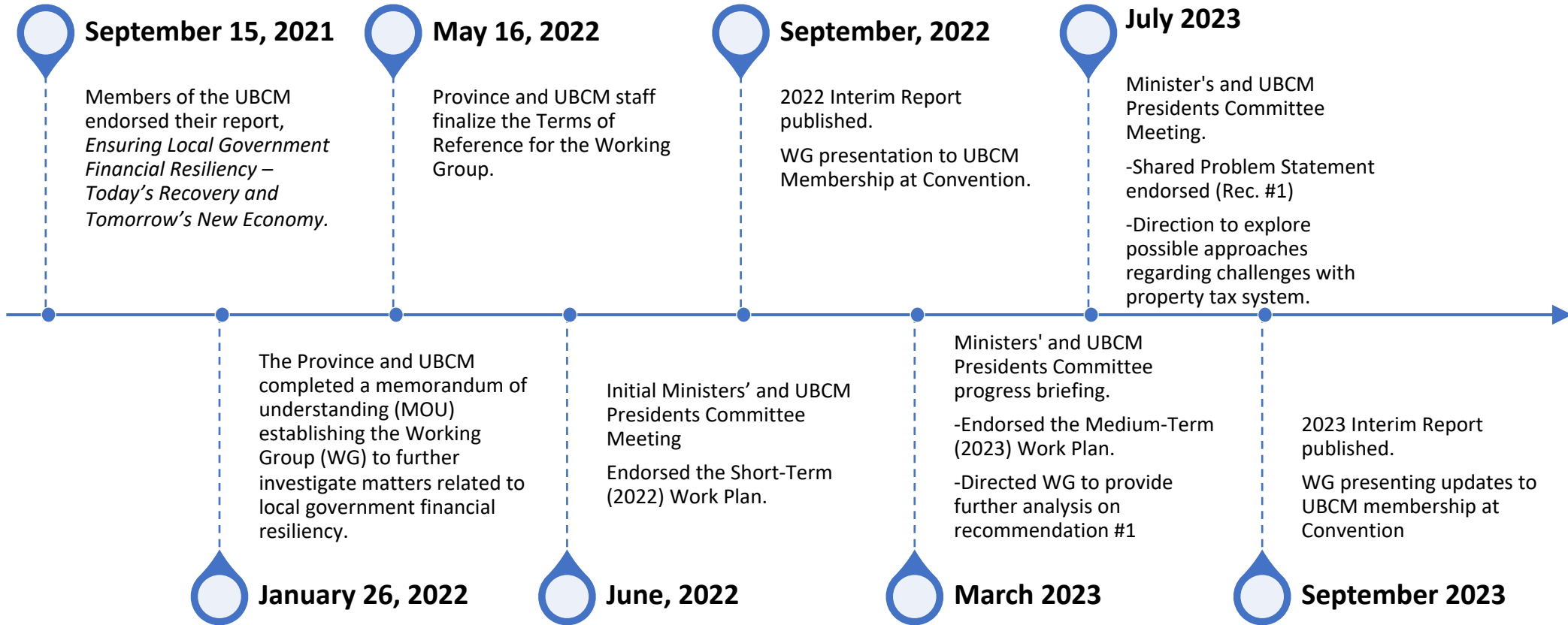
**Addresses Cost Drivers**

- Attainable Housing
- Community Safety
- Climate Change



***20 Recommendations***

# Progress to Date



## RECOMMENDATION

### 1

*UBCM and the Province work together in reviewing the current local government property tax system and the impacts of the 'New Economy' in order to:*

- develop a fairer, more responsive property tax;*
- monitor impacts of the New Economy on taxation; and*
- identify emerging sources, and opportunities to share taxation/revenues that may result from the New Economy.*

## RECOMMENDATION

### 3

*The Province continue to advocate with the federal government in the continuation of federal/provincial infrastructure cost-share agreements at the current or greater level and ensure:*

- the renewal of the Canada Community-Building Fund (formally the Gas Tax fund) with the federal government in 2024; and*
- by working with the federal government, and input from TransLink and BC Transit communities, a federal/provincial agreement in the federal Permanent Transit Fund is implemented for BC by 2026 as confirmed in the 2021 federal budget.*

## Canada Community-Building Fund

- National transfer of \$2.2B to all local governments in Canada
- The CCBF provides long-term predictable funding to local governments in BC
- BC receives approximately \$300M CCBF funding annually
- UBCM administers the CCBF through tri-partied Agreement
- 10-year Agreement to expire March 31, 2024



# CCBF Program Delivery

## Community Works Fund



- Available to all local governments
- Per capita funding formula with a funding floor delivered twice per year
- Local governments make local choices about which eligible projects to fund

## Strategic Priorities Fund



- Available to all local governments outside Metro Vancouver
- Application-based fund
- Supports capital and capacity-building projects that are large in scale, regional in impact, innovative, or innovative and align with the CCBF's national objectives

## Greater Vancouver Regional Fund



- Projects are proposed by TransLink and approved by the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board
- Provides funding for regional transportation investments within Metro Vancouver



## CCBF Renewal: Work to Date

September/October 2022 – UBCM and the Province identify joint negotiation approach:

- UBCM continue to administer CCBF program
- Advocate for long-term agreement with dedicated and predictable funding model
- Provision of flexible and effective funding and programming
- Advocate for doubling of the fund
- Removal of stacking provision
- Increase and improve the indexing formula
- Continue to enhance and improve local government capacity to implement asset management best practices

## CCBF Renewal: Current Status

- Federal mandate to negotiate (July 2023)
- Federal renewal position paper (July 2023)
- Joint provincial/UBCM response (July 2023)
- Joint provincial/UBCM renewal working group (ongoing)
- National working group (fall/winter 2023)
- UBCM renewal member outreach and survey (complete)
- Drafting a renewed CCBF Agreement (April 1, 2024)

# Archway for Domestic Peace

In appreciation of our speakers today and with thanks for your contribution, UBCM has made a donation to the Archway Society for Domestic Peace. The Archway Society provides a wide range of supportive services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Services include; safe shelter, counselling, child and youth advocacy, outreach services, and collaborative community projects.