



REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Council Chambers

325 Wallace Street, Hope, British Columbia

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor to acknowledge that the meeting is being held on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Stó:lō people, particularly the Chawathil, Union Bar and Yale First Nations

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended Resolution:

THAT the May 23, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted, as presented.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Regular Council Meeting

(1)

Recommended Resolution:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held May 8, 2023 be adopted, as presented.

(b) Record of a Public Hearing

(8)

Recommended Resolution:

THAT the Record of the Public Hearing held May 8, 2023 be received.

4. DELEGATIONS

There are no Delegations.

5. STAFF REPORTS

- (a) **Report dated May 12, 2023 from the Chief Administrative Officer**
Re: Council Code of Responsible Conduct Policy

(10)

Recommended Resolution:

THAT Council adopts the Code of Responsible Conduct Policy and that it be reviewed by each new Council soon after election.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There are no Committee reports.

7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

- (a) **Council Clarification**
Re: Hope Pride Committee Flag Raising Request

Council to clarify the intent of the March 27, 2023 resolution and request from the Hope Pride Committee:

Motion from March 27, 2023

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council for the District of Hope supports raising the Pride Flag from June 1 to June 30, 2023 and directs Staff to make the arrangements.

DEFEATED.

Opposed: Councillors Stewin and Sedore

- (b) **Transit Services**
Re: Mediation for First Transit Canada and CUPE Local 561

(25)

Recommended Resolution:

THAT Council endorse Mayor Victor's Smith letter dated May 23, 2023 to the Minister of Labour supporting the appointment of a mediator with First Transit Canada and CUPE Local 561, in order to resolve the transit strike.

8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS

- (a) **District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1547, 2023**
Re: 65617 Kawkawa Lake Road

(29)

Recommended Resolution:

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1547, 2023*, to rezone eight lots of the proposed fourteen lot subdivision of the property at 65617 Kawkawa Lake Road from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to Single Family Residential with a Secondary Dwelling (RS-1S), be adopted this 23rd day of May, 2023.

(b) District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1548, 2023**Re: 65741 Gardner Drive****(31)**Recommended Resolution:

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1548, 2023*, to rezone the property at 65741 Gardner Drive from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to Single Family Residential with a Secondary Dwelling (RS-1S), be read a third time this 23rd day of May, 2023.

(c) Report dated May 18, 2023 from the Acting Director of Community Development**Re: Development Variance Permit – 488 Hemlock Avenue****(33)****Call for input from the public.**Recommended Resolution:

THAT Council approve the issuance of a Development Variance Permit in order to relax the principal building or structure front lot line setback requirement of 7.5 metres (~25 feet) to 1.5 metres (~5 feet) on the property legally described as Lot 10 Section 15 TWP 5 RGE 26 W6M Kamloops Division Yale District Plan KAP3436, PID 001-983-245; 488 Hemlock Avenue in order to build an addition to the front of the garage; and

FURTHER THAT the Acting Director of Community Development be authorized to endorse the Development Variance Permit document; and

FURTHER THAT for the purposes of Section 504 of the Local Government Act, “substantially start” shall mean the completion of the footings or foundation for the garage addition.

9. FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE**(a) For Information Correspondence****(38)**Recommended Resolution:

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated May 23, 2023 be received.

10. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS**11. QUESTION PERIOD**

Call for questions from the public for items relevant to the agenda.

12. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

13. RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO CLOSED MEETINGRecommended Resolution:

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to consider matters pursuant to Sections 90(1)(k) [negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public] and 90(1)(g) [litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality] of the *Community Charter* re: agreement negotiations, litigation update, and for the purpose of receiving and adopting closed meeting minutes.

14. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

Mayor to reconvene the Regular Council Meeting.

15. ADJOURN

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 8, 2023
Council Chambers, District of Hope Municipal Office
325 Wallace Street, Hope, British Columbia

Council Members Present: Mayor Victor Smith
Councillor Heather Stewin
Councillor Scott Medlock
Councillor Angela Skoglund
Councillor Pauline Newbigging
Councillor Zachary Wells

Council Members Absent: Councillor Crystal Sedore

Staff Present: John Fortoloczky, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services
Mike Olson, Director of Finance
Richard Zerr, Acting Director of Community Development
Branden Morgan, Deputy Corporate Officer/EA

Others in attendance: 10 members of the public and 1 media

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened by acknowledging that the meeting is being held on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Stó:lō people, particularly the Chawathil, Union Bar and Yale First Nations.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved / Seconded

THAT the May 8, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended, to include item 5(a), regarding the 2022 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Regular Council Meeting

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held April 24, 2023 be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED.

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) FortisBC

Kim Halowski, Community Relations Manager with FortisBC, was in attendance to present to Council regarding energy and low carbon transition plans. In her presentation, the following points were discussed:

- Partnering with communities
 - Working together to meet climate change goals
 - Discuss the unique needs of each community

- FortisBC Services
 - Provides electricity, renewable natural gas, natural gas, LNG, and propane to 1.2 million customers
 - Serve 135 communities across BC and 58 Indigenous communities across 150 traditional territories
 - Directly employs 2700 British Columbians
 - Own and operate four hydroelectric dams
 - Own and operate 7,000 kilometers of electric transmission and distribution power lines
- The importance of gas and electric systems working together to meet demand
 - Recent studies conducted by the University of Victoria state that electrical capacity in the province is insufficient to meet electrical needs of the future
 - The creation of a diversified pathway and resilient energy future is at the forefront of FortisBC's decarbonization efforts
- 4 Pillars of our Clean Growth Pathway to 2050
 - Energy efficiency
 - Renewable and low-carbon gases
 - Zero and low-carbon transportation
 - Global Liquid Natural Gas
- Renewable Gas
 - Derived from organic sources using existing carbon
 - Biogas is captured from decomposing organic waste in landfills, agriculture, waste-water treatment facilities and cleaned to create renewable gas
 - Renewable gas has the lowest emissions of available energy sources
 - Cost of \$0.0784kWh compared to \$0.0950-\$0.1408 for BC Hydro electricity
 - Up to 18 million gigajoules, equivalent to the Site C Dam or enough renewable gas to heat 320,000 homes is available
- Proposed Renewable Gas Program
 - All NEW residential gas connection customers to receive 100% renewable gas for the life of their buildings
 - All EXISTING customers will receive a blend of renewable gas starting in 2024
 - Continuation of voluntary blends up to 100%
- Tomorrow's Hydrogen System
 - Hydrogen emits no carbon dioxide when burned
 - It can be produced by electrolysis or separated with methane
 - Development of hydrogen hubs throughout the province

(a) KPMG

Sean Reid, representative from KPMG, was in attendance to present the Audit Findings Report for the year ended December 31, 2022. In his presentation, the following points were discussed:

- KPMG confirmed that they are independent with respect to the District up to the date of this report.

- As of today, the audit of the financial statements is complete, with the exception of:
 - Completing discussions with Council
 - Obtaining the signed management representation letter
 - Obtaining evidence of Council's approval of the financial statements
 - Completing subsequent event review procedures up to the date of the Council's approval of the financial statements
- Areas of Audit Focus
 - Municipal taxation revenue
 - Transfers from other governments
 - Tangible capital assets
- Materiality
 - Uncorrected and corrected misstatements were found, but they were not material
 - Materiality threshold for 2022 stands at \$420,000, compared to \$380,000 for 2021
 - No significant risks of material misstatement were identified
- Significant Risk
 - KPMG has rebutted the presumed risk of fraud from revenue recognition due to the primary sources of revenue including tax revenue and government grants having a low risk of fraud
 - No significant issues were noted in testing
- Municipality Tax Revenue
 - Municipal taxation accounts for 49% of revenue for the District
 - No issues were noted in testing
- Transfers from Other Governments
 - The District recognized a total of \$1.6 million into government transfers from Federal, Provincial, and Local Governments
 - In the current year, the District received a grant for \$2.5 million related to interim flood support, which remains in deferred revenue as at December 31, 2022
 - No significant issues were noted in testing
- Tangible Capital Asset (TCA) additions
 - The District continues to expand and invest in property, buildings, road, water and sewer related infrastructure
 - The District acquired and constructed \$4.44 million in capital assets in 2022, compared to \$355,000 in 2021 which was a significant increase
 - No issues were noted in testing

Council thanked Director of Finance Mike Olson and his team for their successful completion of the audit. Mr. Reid noted that there is an accounting standards change effective for 2023 regarding asset retirement obligations; this will be implemented and involve accruals for things such as removal of asbestos out of District owned buildings.

5. STAFF REPORTS

**(a) Report dated May 4, 2023 from the Director of Finance
Re: 2022 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements**

Council inquired regarding the amount noted under “gain on sale of land held for resale”, for the sale of the property at 455 Coquihalla Street. The Director of Finance advised that the figure of \$2,131,368 shows the gain from the transaction, and that the property was sold for just under \$2.5 million.

Moved / Seconded

THAT the 2022 consolidated financial statements of the District of Hope be approved; and

THAT the Independent Auditor’s Report be received; and

THAT the Independent Auditor’s Report be attached to the consolidated financial statements of the District of Hope. **CARRIED.**

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee reports.

7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Smith Reported:

- He met with Jennifer Kerr and Andreanna Simard from Blue Triton to discuss working with Communities in Bloom for a solar power water system at the community garden, as well as mason bee courses and programs with the Hope Outdoor Learning Centre.
- He attended the Hope & Area Healthy Communities Committee meeting where they discussed affordable housing and micro health grants with Fraser Health.
- He attended the Lower Mainland Local Government Association 2023 Annual Conference where he met with E-Comm 911. He noted that the Province is contributing \$90 million for E-Comm technological upgrades and \$60 million to UBCM for staffing and training, adding that the new program should include a mental health segment to take some pressure off of the RCMP. Also discussed at the conference was Code of Conducts for Council.
- He announced that Telus has agreed to pay for a new chainsaw carving in front of their Hope office as the old carving is in poor condition.
- He met with the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, Honourable Bowinn Ma, and noted that she has agreed to come to Hope for a tour of the issues being faced by the community regarding flood issues.

Councillor Skoglund reported:

- She attended the Hope Community Choir Spring Concert on May 7th, noting that it was a full house with standing room only and that the District has lots of talent within our community.
- She attended the Downtown Revitalization Meeting on April 25th.

Councillor Medlock Reported:

- He attended the Downtown Revitalization Meeting on April 25th, noting that the next steps of the process begin in June with pop-up shops to ask the same questions to members of the public on the street.
- He attended an AdvantageHOPE meeting on May 4th, noting that they received good applicants for the Executive Director position and that interviews will be set up. He added that the next board meeting is on May 18th.

Councillor Stewin Reported:

- She attended Mental Health and Addiction discussion at the Recreation Centre with MLA Jackie Tegart and MLA Elenore Sturko.
- She attended a Hope Inclusion Project meeting on May 8th, noting that they discussed Pride Month and the activities that will be happening every weekend in June. She added that the Committee would host a workshop for Council on inclusion, if they are interested.

Councillor Newbigging Reported:

- She attended the Downtown Revitalization Meeting on April 25th.
- She joined Ladies Golf on May 8th at the Hope Golf Club, noting that a lot of work has been done to the course and thanked the volunteers who put in the time and effort.

Councillor Wells had nothing to report.

8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS

(a) 2023 Annual Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1553, 2023

Moved / Seconded

THAT *District of Hope 2023 Annual Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1553, 2023*, be adopted this 8th day of May, 2023. **CARRIED.**

(b) Inter-Municipal Transportation Network Services Agreement Bylaw No. 1551, 2023

Moved / Seconded

THAT *Inter-Municipal TNS Business Licence Agreement Bylaw No. 1551, 2023*, be adopted this 8th day of May, 2023. **CARRIED.**

(c) Inter-Municipal Transportation Network Services Agreement Bylaw No. 1551, 2023

Moved / Seconded

THAT *Inter-Municipal TNS Business Licence Bylaw No. 1552, 2023*, be adopted this 8th day of May, 2023. **CARRIED.**

**(d) Report dated April 25, 2023 from the Acting Director of Community Development
Re: Development Variance Permit – 488 Hemlock Avenue**

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council approve the preparation of a Development Variance Permit in order to relax the principal building or structure front lot line setback requirement of 7.5 metres (~25 feet) to 1.5 metres (~5 feet) on the property legally described as Lot 10 Section 15 TWP 5 RGE 26 W6M Kamloops Division Yale District Plan KAP3436, PID 001-983-245; 488 Hemlock

Avenue in order to build an addition to the front of the garage; and

FURTHER THAT in accordance with the *District of Hope Development Procedures Bylaw*, the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter* authorize staff to issue a notice of intent to consider the approval of the Development Variance Permit to the neighbouring property owners. **CARRIED.**

(e) District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1547, 2023

Re: 65617 Kawkawa Lake Road

Moved / Seconded

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1547, 2023*, to rezone eight lots of the proposed fourteen lot subdivision of the property at 65617 Kawkawa Lake Road from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to Single Family Residential with a Secondary Dwelling (RS-1S), be read a third time this 8th day of May, 2023. **CARRIED.**

9. FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

(a) For Information Correspondence

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Accounts Payable Cheque Listing for the period of April 1-30, 2023, be received. **CARRIED.**

(a) Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – April 2023

Moved / Seconded

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated May 8, 2023 be received.

CARRIED.

10. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS

11. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions raised.

12. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

13. RECESS TO PROCEED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AT 7:37 P.M.

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Regular Council Meeting recess to Committee of the Whole Meeting.

CARRIED.

14. RECONVENE THE OPEN MEETING FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Mayor reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 7:47 p.m.

15. RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO CLOSED MEETING AT 7:48 P.M.

Moved / Seconded

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to consider matters pursuant to Sections 90(1)(c) [labour relations or other employee relations] and 90(1)(g) [litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality] of the *Community Charter* re: exempt staff recruitment, litigation update, and for the purpose of receiving and adopting closed meeting minutes.

CARRIED.

16. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

The Mayor reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 8:22 p.m.

17. ADJOURN

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:22 p.m.

CARRIED.

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held May 8, 2023 in Council Chambers, District of Hope, British Columbia.

Mayor

Director of Corporate Services

THE DISTRICT OF HOPE RECORD OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, May 8, 2023
Council Chambers, District of Hope Municipal Office
325 Wallace Street, Hope, British Columbia

Council Members Present: Mayor Victor Smith
Councillor Heather Stewin
Councillor Scott Medlock
Councillor Angela Skoglund
Councillor Pauline Newbigging
Councillor Zachary Wells

Council Members Absent: Councillor Crystal Sedore

Staff Present: John Fortoloczky, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services
Mike Olson, Director of Finance
Richard Zerr, Acting Director of Community Development
Branden Morgan, Deputy Corporate Officer/EA

Others in attendance: 8 members of the public

Mayor Smith called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Director of Corporate Services noted that the purpose of this Public Hearing is to hear input on amendments to the ***District of Hope Zoning Bylaw No. 1324, 2012*** as follows:

- ***District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1547, 2023***

Subject Property: Lot A District Lots 4 and 5 Yale Division Yale (Formerly Hope) District Plan 12284; PID 002-858-959; with a civic address of **65617 Kawkawa Lake Road**.

Purpose: to rezone eight lots of the proposed fourteen lot subdivision of the property at 65617 Kawkawa Lake Road from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to Single Family Residential with a Secondary Dwelling (RS-1S).

The Director of Corporate Services read the Chairperson's Statement outlining the proceedings and conduct for the Public Hearing.

The Acting Director of Community Development advised Council that the current proposal increases the density in the area and meets the OCP and Zoning Bylaw objectives. He added that the choice the applicant has taken is not a departure from the land use in the area. The subdivision will include a review of utilities, water and sewer services for future impacts or upgrades required for the development to proceed.

The Director of Corporate Services advised Council that one late submission was received in favour of the proposal and she read the submission into the record.

Jack Nelson, owner of 65367 Kawkawa Lake Road, Crystal River Court Ltd., supported the proposal stating that they would like to see increased density encouraged for the balance of the developer's lands due to the critical shortage of housing in the Lower Mainland. He noted that he feels this area would lend itself to high density housing including townhomes.

Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments from those in attendance.

Dale Monrad, resident of 21215 Kettle Valley Place, opposed the proposal citing concerns regarding increased road traffic, street parking resulting in difficulties with snow plowing, and wear on local infrastructure.

Arnice Asquin, resident of 301 Seventh Avenue and owner of 65527 & 65497 Kawkawa Lake Road, raised concerns regarding the gazetted roadway between the trailer park and the applicant property, and the height of the fences along the back of the proposed homes. The Acting Director of Community Development advised that plans regarding the roadway have not been proposed, but that a traffic study will be performed during additional phases of development. He added that consideration will be given to allow for a matching height fence to be installed on adjacent properties.

Sandy Maquire, resident of 20984 Acacia Drive, opposed the proposal citing concerns regarding increased density in the area, current speed limits along Kawkawa Lake Road, and increased traffic as a result of the increased density.

Mayor Smith invited the Applicant to speak regarding their proposal.

Darren Clayton, applicant and resident of 45663 Elizabeth Drive, Cultus Lake, stated that although this is a 14-lot development, they are only requesting 8 of the lots have secondary dwellings. He added that these lots will have standard 4-6 car driveways and will front onto Kawkawa Lake Road with a rear laneway for utility access.

Mayor Smith called a second time for any comments from Council and those in attendance, hearing none, the Director of Corporate Services declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:46 p.m. and noted that no further submissions, either verbal or written regarding the proposed bylaw can be made to Council.

Certified Correct:

Donna Bellingham,
Director of Corporate Services

REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

REPORT DATE: 12 May 2023

FILE: 0340-03

SUBMITTED BY: Chief Administrative Officer

MEETING DATE: 23 May 2023

SUBJECT: Council Code of Responsible Conduct

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the recommended Code of Responsible Conduct, as recommended by the Council Committee of the Whole. Council should review and debate the presented policy with a view to resolve its adoption as is, or amended.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council adopts the Code of Responsible Conduct Policy and that it be reviewed by each new Council soon after election.

ANALYSIS:

A. Rationale:

The Provincial Government has now mandated that each municipality adopt a code of conduct regulating the behaviours and interactions of Councils, as they go about their duties. These codes can take the form of either a bylaw or policy.

Recognizing this, the Committee of the Whole worked at creating this draft policy for Council consideration and ultimately adoption. The Committee of the Whole recognized this necessity and met twice suggesting the preferred form (a policy) format and contents.

B. Attachments:

Draft Code of Responsible Conduct Policy

C. Policy (Existing/Relevance/None):

Respectful Workplace Policy – relevant
Whistle Blower Policy - relevant

D. Committee/Commission/Board Recommendations:

The Committee of the Whole recommends formal consideration and adoption.

Prepared by:

Original Signed by John Fortoloczky

Chief Administrative Officer

DEPARTMENT: Corporate Services	
POLICY TITLE: CODE OF RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT	
Authority: Legislative: <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> (Council) Administrative: <input type="checkbox"/>	Effective Date: , 2023 Date for Review: January, 2027
Revision Date:	

BACKGROUND:

A Code of Responsible Conduct is a written document developed for the purpose of promoting responsible and ethical conduct of local government officials and their representatives. It establishes shared standards and expectations with respect to the conduct, comportment, decorum and behaviour of individual elected officials, the collective governing body and its representatives.

As local elected representatives ("Members"), we recognize that responsible conduct is essential to providing good governance for the District of Hope ("District").

In order to fulfil our obligations and discharge our duties, we are required to conduct ourselves to the highest ethical standards by being an active participant in ensuring that foundational principles and standards of conduct are followed in all our dealings with every person including those with other Members, staff and the public.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to set shared expectations for conduct or behaviour for how members of Council should conduct themselves while carrying out their responsibilities and in their work as a collective decision-making body for the community. This Code of Responsible Conduct will be published and available for members of the public.

POLICY:

1. Definitions

"Administration" means the Corporate Services Department, which is responsible for ensuring that the policies, programs and other directions of Council are implemented.

"Council" means the duly elected officials of the District, those being the Mayor and Councillors.

“Council Policy” means Policy Statements that provide strategic direction on programs and services delivered by the District which impact or affect citizens or customers, and/or Policy Statements that require Council’s approval because of legislative or regulatory requirements.

“District” means the District of Hope.

“Members” means local elected representatives.

“Policy” means general statements or guidelines that are high-level in nature, as opposed to being operationally oriented, which direct a plan, course of action or decision, according to a standard or performance outcome.

2. Framework

- a) Local governments are recognized under the Local Government Act of British Columbia as an independent, responsible and accountable order of government within their jurisdiction for the purpose of:
 - providing good government for its community;
 - providing the services and other things that the Council considers are necessary or desirable for all or part of its community;
 - providing for stewardship of the public assets of its community, and
 - fostering the current and future economic, social and environmental well-being of its community.
- b) Members have the legislated authority to make decisions that affect the daily lives of citizens, families, businesses and other community stakeholders.
- c) Members also have the authority to establish, or help establish, the long-term vision for the communities they serve based upon community and citizen engagement, collaboration and informed decision making.
- d) Responsible conduct refers to how Members conduct themselves, individually and collectively, through their interactions with other Members, staff, citizens, other local government stakeholders, the media, and through social media in the exercise of their authority.
- e) Responsible conduct is founded on 4 key foundational principles described below to provide Members with a shared understanding of what responsible conduct is.
 - i) **Integrity** – means being honest and demonstrating strong ethical principles. Conduct under this principle upholds the public interest, is truthful and honourable and is demonstrated by the following conduct:
 - be truthful, honest, and open in all matters and in all dealings with their elected colleagues, staff, citizens, other local government stakeholders, the media, and through social media in their role as a representative of the District;
 - ensure that their actions are consistent with the shared principles and values collectively agreed to by the District;
 - follow through on their commitments in a timely manner;
 - correct errors in a timely, transparent and reasonable manner;
 - engage in respectful communication, dialogue and debate in all matters and in all dealings at all times;

- make informed and well-reasoned decisions by directing their minds to the merits of the matter before them for consideration, ensuring that they act on the basis of relevant information, legal implications, and in consideration of the consequences of their decisions;
 - conduct and comport themselves in a manner that promotes and inspires public confidence and trust in local government and in all of their dealings as a local government official or representative;
 - conduct and comport themselves in a manner which avoids any perception of conflict of interest, improper use of office, or other unethical or illegal conduct;
 - conduct and comport themselves in a manner which upholds the public interest by diligently serving citizens and communities within their sphere of influence in a manner which best serves the communities' interest and not their own, or the interests of a select few; and
 - conduct and comport themselves in a manner that is consistent, fair, non-prejudicial, non-discriminatory and unbiased in all their dealings as a local government official or representative.
- ii) **Respect** – means having due regard for others' perspectives, wishes and rights; it also means displaying deference to the offices of local government, and the role of local government in community decision making. Respect is demonstrated through the following conduct:
- treat every person with dignity, understanding, courtesy, politeness, civility and respect irrespective of differences of opinion, perspectives, beliefs, traditions or values;
 - respect the role of the Chair and will conduct and comport themselves accordingly during meetings, and will furthermore abide by the rules of procedure adopted by the District;
 - respect the distinct roles and responsibilities of local government staff and are committed to fostering a positive working relationship between the Council, staff, citizens, and other local government stakeholders;
 - call for, and expect that respect be shown to elected officials, staff, and members of the public by other citizens, community members and other local government stakeholders;
 - value the role of diverse perspectives and will show due consideration for every person's contributions by listening actively and respectfully to another person's perspective or point of view during discussion, debate, collaboration and decision making;
 - will demonstrate awareness of their own conduct and behaviour, and manage and adjust their conduct and behaviour accordingly and as circumstances warrant;
 - create an environment of trust and will consider and be sensitive to how their words, language, conduct and behaviour can be perceived by others as offensive, rude, derogatory, disrespectful, discriminatory, aggressive, combative, insulting, inflammatory or otherwise hurtful or inappropriate; and
 - not engage in conduct or behaviours that are deemed to be indecent, obscene, insulting, abusive or otherwise unbecoming to a local government elected official

or representative. This conduct or behaviour includes, but is not limited to, unwanted physical or sexual contact or comments, and/or any form of aggressive or threatening conduct or behaviour that may cause harm to any person, or which makes a person feel threatened or intimidated.

iii) **Accountability** – means an obligation and willingness to accept responsibility or to account for one's actions. Conduct under this principle is demonstrated when Members:

- are responsible for, and will accept responsibility for decisions they make as an elected official for the District;
- are accountable for their individual actions, and for the actions of the collective governing body;
- actively listen to and consider the opinions, viewpoints and needs of the community in all decision-making, and will allow for meaningful and appropriate opportunities for citizen and community input, engagement, discourse and feedback;
- carry out their business, duties and responsibilities in an open and transparent manner ensuring that the public understands the process and rationale used to reach informed decisions and the reasons and justifications for taking certain actions; and
- ensure that information is accessible to the extent possible under law, while also protecting privacy and confidentiality where appropriate, necessary or in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act of British Columbia, and the confidentiality provisions of the Local Government Act and Community Charter of British Columbia.

iv) **Leadership and Collaboration** – means an ability to lead, listen to, and positively influence others; it also means coming together to create or meet a common goal through collective efforts. Conduct under this principle is demonstrated when Members:

- proactively and routinely monitor and measure their performance in order to ensure that the foundational principles with respect to responsible conduct are being followed by all Members and the collective governing body;
- behave in a manner that instills and builds public trust and confidence in local government;
- recognize that vigorous discourse and debate on a matter is integral to the democratic process and will encourage healthy, respectful and constructive debate prior to taking a decision with respect to a matter;
- consider the issues before them and will make decisions as a collective governing body;
- actively participate in debate about the merits of the matter before them, and will accept, respect and uphold the decision of the majority as part of the democratic process;
- as leaders of their communities, face challenges, obstacles, controversy and adversity calmly, respectfully, diplomatically, and with due consideration while endeavoring to find effective and appropriate solutions and provide direction to

staff, and will furthermore empower each other, and staff to face challenges, obstacles, controversy and adversity in the same manner;

- recognize and value the distinct roles and responsibilities that others play in providing good governance and will commit to fostering a positive working relationship between other Members, citizens, the media and other local *government* stakeholders;
 - refrain from publicly criticizing a member of staff; and
 - recognize and respect the importance of the role of the chair at a meeting, and will treat that person with respect and deference at all times.
- f) Members have a duty to act in accordance with the law, including but not limited to the common law, the Local Government Act, Community Charter, Workers' Compensation Act, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and Human Rights Code of British Columbia, and applicable federal legislation.
- g) Members also have a duty to act in accordance with the District Respectful Workplace and Whistleblower Protection Policies.

3. Commitment to Responsible Conduct:

- a) Members recognize that responsible conduct is essential to providing good governance.
- b) Members acknowledge that responsible conduct is based upon the four foundational principles outlined in section 1: **Integrity, Respect, Accountability, Leadership and Collaboration** to which the Council individually and collectively subscribe. Furthermore, it is expressly acknowledged that these foundational principles will set out expectations as to how Members both individually and collectively, will conduct themselves as representatives of the District of Hope.
- c) Members expressly acknowledge that they are individually and collectively committed to conducting themselves in a responsible and ethical manner and are furthermore committed to upholding the law.
- d) As set out in this Code of Responsible Conduct, Members expressly commit to holding themselves up to the highest ethical standards, individually and as a collective governing body, as they exercise their authority, fulfill their obligations, discharge their duties, and in all of their dealings, with every person, including their elected colleagues, staff, citizens, the media and other local government stakeholders.

4. Application and Interpretation:

- a) This Code of Responsible Conduct applies to every Member.
- b) It is the express responsibility and obligation of each Member to uphold both the letter and spirit of this Code of Responsible Conduct in their dealings with each other, staff, citizens, the media and other local government stakeholders.
- c) This Code of Responsible Conduct is intended to be interpreted and applied in a manner that is consistent with the common law, all applicable Federal and Provincial Laws, as well as the Polycys and policies of the District of Hope, along with any other legal obligations which apply to Members individually and as a collective governing body.
- d) Members expressly acknowledge that they will not engage in conduct set out in Schedule 1 hereto.

- e) If Council determines a Member has contravened this Policy, it may choose to impose any of the sanctions listed in Schedule 2 or any other sanction, providing they do not prevent the Member from fulfilling the Member's legislated duties of elected office.
- f) Should a Member, staff person or member of the public wish to lodge a complaint under this Code, they shall use the processes set out in Schedule 3. Any complainant is encouraged to use the Informal Process as a first step in resolving a complaint.

5. Acknowledgement and Sign Off:

Members will be required to demonstrate their commitment to responsible and ethical conduct by:

- a) reviewing this Code of Responsible Conduct annually and signing the Annual Code of Responsible Conduct Acknowledgement form, as set out in Schedule 4.

Schedules 1 – 4 on pages following

Schedule 1 IRRESPONSIBLE CONDUCT

	TIER 1 CONDUCT	
<p>Meeting Conduct, Rules of Order and Procedural Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failing to abide by the <i>District's Council Procedures Policy</i> • Failing to respect the role of the Chair at meetings • Failing to respect due process and procedural fairness • Unfair or disrespectful treatment of persons or delegations appearing before the Council • Disrespectful or disruptive behaviour during a meeting which results in being called out of order by the Chair • Expulsion from a meeting • Behaviour which undermines the free exchange of ideas and which stifles or inhibits healthy debate • Disrespecting the viewpoints of others during discussion on a matter • Failing to keep an open mind during debate on a matter 	<p>Communication, Interpersonal Relations, Council and Staff Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of disrespectful, derogatory, demeaning, defamatory, discriminatory, intolerant or offensive language or body language at any time, and on any communication platform, including social media, as a representative of the District • Failing to treat any person with respect, courtesy, tolerance, acceptance, and/or dignity • Disrespecting the role of the Chief Administrative Officer, Staff, and/or District Consultants • Failing to respect the various roles that others play which are inherent to informed local government decision making • Publicly criticizing or chastising a fellow Member, District staff member, and/or District Consultant • Interfering with the administrative, corporate or operational functions of the District • Failing to observe established protocols with respect to tasking or otherwise directing staff • Failure to acknowledge the source of information provided to the public 	<p>Interference with Designated Decision Makers and/or Processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interfering with, and/or failing to respect the role and authority of statutory and/or other designated decision makers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Officer Responsible for Corporate Administration ○ Officer Responsible for Financial Administration ○ Head, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy ○ Chief Election Officer ○ Building Officials ○ Policy Enforcement Officers ○ Provincial Approving Officer ○ Others in Statutory and/or designated decision making roles • Failing to abide by the <i>District Purchasing and Procurement Policy</i> <p>Unauthorized Conduct – General Prohibition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing instruction to District contractors, consultants, or other service providers • Speaking on behalf of the Council when not authorized to do so • Failing to uphold a decision, Policy or policy of the Council • Unauthorized use of District staff and/or other District resources and assets • Unauthorized expenditure of District funds

TIER 2 CONDUCT		
<p>Integrity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd occurrence – Tier 1 Conduct • Abuse of authority or trust • Failing to act in the public interest • Showing favoritism, bias or nepotism towards any person, vendor, contractor, business, family member or to others doing business with the District • Dishonesty • Lying • Obstructing an investigation into a matter • Obstructing staff from undertaking their duties <p>Damaging the District's Reputation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damaging the reputation and/or credibility of the District by words, actions and/or irresponsible conduct • Acting in an official capacity while intoxicated resulting in irresponsible conduct 	<p>Confidentiality and Data Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intentionally accessing unauthorized information, records or data on District devices • Unauthorized disclosure of confidential or personal information to a third party • Intentionally breaching the District's network and data security systems • Intentionally leaking confidential information to the media or other local government stakeholders 	

TIER 3 CONDUCT		
<p>Integrity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd occurrence – Tier 1 Conduct • 2nd occurrence – Tier 2 Conduct <p>Serious Allegations of Misconduct</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harassment • Sexual Harassment • Discrimination • Bullying • Intimidation • Coercion • Extortion • Uttering Threats • Assault • Accepting a bribe • Fraud • Theft of District resources and/or assets • <i>Criminal Code</i> of Canada conviction while in office 	<p>Retaliation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retaliation or retribution towards any person who in good faith has reported a suspected contravention of the <i>District's Code of Responsible Conduct for Elected Officials</i> • Retaliation or retribution towards any person who in good faith has reported a suspected contravention of the <i>District's Respectful Workplace and/or Whistleblower Protection Policies</i>. • Retaliation or retribution towards any person who in good faith has reported a suspected contravention of the <i>Criminal Code</i> of Canada or other federal, provincial or local government statute, regulation, or enactment. 	<p>Conflict of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to abide by Conflict of Interest Rules in the <i>Community Charter and Local Government Act</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ failure to disclose conflict of interest ○ participation in meetings where in conflict of interest ○ use of office to influence a decision, recommendation or other action where an elected official has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest ○ accepting unauthorized gifts ○ failure to disclose authorized gifts ○ failure to disclose and report contracts entered into by the elected official or former elected official with the District where the elected official or former elected official has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest

Code of Responsible Conduct Policy

Schedule 2 Possible Sanctions

1. Formal warning letter;
2. Pledge to immediate and ongoing compliance with Code of Responsible Conduct;
3. Letter of reprimand;
4. A request that the Member issue a letter of apology;
5. Requirement to attend training;
6. Suspension or removal of the appointment of the Member as Acting Mayor;
7. Suspension or removal from some or all internal and external committees and bodies to which Council or the Mayor has the right to appoint Members;
8. Imposing limits of travel and expenses;
9. Requiring the return of municipal property provided for convenience;
10. Limiting access to certain municipal facilities or portions thereof;
11. Restricting how and when documents are provided to the Member; and
12. Any other sanctions Council deems reasonable and appropriate.

Schedule 3 Complaint Process

1. Informal Complaint Process

- a. Any complainant who has identified or witnessed conduct by another Member that they believe to be noncompliant with this Policy may take the following steps:
 - i. Advise the Member of the alleged noncompliance and follow-up on the facts.
 1. If the noncompliance occurred, encourage the Member to come into compliance with this Policy; or
 - ii. Request the Mayor to speak to the Member to follow up on the facts and if the noncompliance occurred, encourage the Member to come into compliance with this Policy.
 1. If the subject of the complaint is the Mayor, the complaining Member may request that the Acting Mayor follow up on the facts and if the noncompliance occurred, encourage the Member to come into compliance.
- b. Members are encouraged to use the Informal Complaint Process in Part 3 of this Policy as a first step in resolving any complaint.
- c. A Member who is unsatisfied with the outcome of the Informal Complaint Process may escalate the complaint to the Formal Complaint Process set out in this schedule.
- d. Despite this section, a Member may refer a complaint directly to the Formal Complaint Process in Section 2.

2. Formal Complaint Process

- a. A complainant shall make a formal complaint in writing, with date and signature, and addressed to Complaints Investigator. The complaint shall name the Council Member who is the subject of the complaint, refer specifically to the section(s) of this Policy, and set out reasonable and probable grounds for the allegation that a Member has contravened the section(s).
- b. The Complaints Investigator shall be selected by Council to be one of:
 - i. A member of Council or a subcommittee of Council, with the exception of the complainant and the subject of the complaint, or
 - ii. A third-party investigator who shall not be a member of staff.
- c. The Subject of the complaint shall be provided with a copy of the complaint, with written instructions informing the Subject that they have 14 days within which to respond to the Complaints Investigator.
- d. The Subject of the complaint shall provide a written, signed and dated response to the allegation(s) of the complaint, addressed to the Complaints Investigator.
- e. The Complaints Investigator shall review the complaint and the Subject's response, and determine whether to proceed further with the investigation.
 - i. Where a complaint is deemed by the Complaints Investigator to be frivolous, vexatious, not made in good faith, or based on insufficient grounds, the Complaints Investigator may decide to terminate the

investigation and the complaint process.

- ii. The Complaints Investigator will provide the recommended next steps to Council.
- f. For continuing investigations, the Complaints Investigator shall take steps deemed appropriate which may include seeking legal advice.
 - g. The Complaints Investigator shall issue a final report of the results of the investigation process to Council, for Council to determine whether this Policy has been contravened.
 - h. Following receipt of the Complaints Investigator's final report, Council, may choose to proceed with a hearing of a Motion of Censure.
 - i. Should Council vote to proceed with a hearing of the motion of censure against the subject of the complaint, the Subject of the complaint shall be afforded procedural fairness including:
 - i. an opportunity to respond further in writing to the allegations and the Complaint Investigator's final report,
 - ii. a minimum of two weeks to prepare their formal response, and
 - iii. the opportunity to be represented by legal counsel or another representative at the council meeting where a decision on the motion of censure and other accompanying sanctions in Schedule 2 may be imposed.
 - j. The motion of censure hearing will be scheduled for an open Council meeting within 30 days of the Council's decision to proceed, provided section 90 of the Community Charter does not require or permit the meeting to be a closed meeting.
 - k. At the Council meeting where the hearing of the motion of censure takes place, the following will occur:
 - i. The Complainant may make a statement, setting out the rationale for the complaint.
 - ii. The Complaints Investigator shall provide a verbal summary of the facts and findings expressed in the final report.
 - iii. The Subject of the complaint or their legal counsel or other representative may make a statement of response, responding to the complaint allegations and the Complaint Investigator's final report.
 - iv. Council will discuss, propose debate and vote on whether to make a motion of censure, including the sanctions referenced in Schedule 2.

Schedule 4
Annual Code of Responsible Conduct
Acknowledgement

I affirm that I have read and reviewed the District of Hope Code of Responsible Conduct and am familiar with its contents, expectations and my responsibilities.

I further affirm and agree that I will abide by the District of Hope Code of Responsible Conduct.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Office of the Mayor

May 23, 2023

File: 8500-01

The Honourable Harry Bains
Minister of Labour
P.O. Box 9064 Stn Prov Gov
Victoria, BC V8W 9N7

Dear Minister Bains:

Re: Appointment of a Mediator for First Transit Canada and CUPE Local 561

We send our letter supporting the recent correspondence forwarded by Chairman Jason Lum, of the Fraser Valley Regional District, regarding transit services on May 4, 2023.

After weeks of striking and no settlement in sight to resolve the transit agreement, we agree that a mediator is needed to intervene, as this has taken a toll on our community, as well as others; equitable solutions are needed to move forward. It is a hard sell to people to use the public transportation system if we do not keep it running on a daily basis. Small communities like ours, depend on public transit to get our residents to work, meetings, appointments, and to ensure our seniors and families have affordable transportation to larger municipalities.

We ask you, Minister Bains, to please help manage this situation so we can move forward.

Sincerely,

Victor Smith
Mayor

cc: MLA Michael de Jong, Abbotsford West
Hon Pam Alexis, Abbotsford-Mission
MLA Bruce Banman, Abbotsford South
MLA Dan Coulter, Chilliwack
MLA Kelli Paddon, Chilliwack-Kent
MLA Jackie Tegart, Fraser Nicola
MLA Bob D-Eith, Maple Ridge-Mission

Chair Jason Lum, Fraser Valley Regional District
Mayor Ross Siemens, Abbotsford
Mayor Ken Popove, Chilliwack
Mayor Ed Wood, Harrison Hot Springs
Mayor Sylvia Pranger, Kent
Mayor Paul Horn, Mission
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May 5, 2023

File: 0400-20

The Honourable Harry Bains
Minister of Labour
P.O. Box 9064 Stn Prov Gov
Victoria, BC V8W 9N7

Dear Minister Bains:

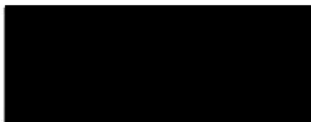
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Sincerely,



Sylvia Pranger
Mayor

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Jason Lum, Chair, Fraser Valley Regional District
Mayor Ross Siemens, Abbotsford
Mayor Ken Popove, Chilliwack
Mayor Ed Wood, Harrison Hot Springs
Mayor Victor Smith, Hope
Mayor Paul Horn, Mission
Chair Sherri Bell, BC Transit

May 4, 2023

Honourable Harry Bains,
Minister of Labour
PO Box 9064, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Sent by email: LBR.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Bains,

Re: Request for appointment of a mediator to help resolve the impasse affecting bus services in the Fraser Valley.

The Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) Board would like to express concern respecting the ongoing labour dispute between CUPE Local 561 and its employer First Transit Canada. Working with BC Transit, the FVRD offers interregional transit that services Hope, Harrison Hot Springs, Kent, Chilliwack, and Abbotsford.

We are aware that the BC Labour Relations Code provides the framework for labour relations and specifically protects the rights of employers and employees to conduct bargaining without interference. To avoid interfering or influencing the negotiations and ensure compliance with the BC Labour Code, BC Transit and local government have a long-standing rule of not commenting publicly on the status of ongoing labour negotiations until agreements are complete, as well as refusing to meet with representatives of either the employer or employees while collective bargaining is underway.

Our request of you, Minister Bains, is based solely on the significant disruption this dispute is imposing on our communities, both urban and rural, and on the post-COVID transit recovery, which to this point had been the strongest in BC.

Based on media reports, it is our understanding that there have been no bargaining sessions since March 16, 2023, and that there are no future planned sessions at this time. Transit is essential to our communities, connecting neighbourhoods, municipalities and Indigenous communities with each other and Metro Vancouver. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, transit was designated an essential service, and great efforts were made by all levels of government, the transit operator, and its employees to ensure transit services continued. Nothing has changed; transit is still an essential service for residents to get to work, school, medical appointments, shop for essential supplies and other activities.

We understand that the collective bargaining process must run its course. However, we ask that you consider the public interest that is at stake and respectfully request that a mediator be appointed to help resolve the impasse affecting bus services in the Fraser Valley.

Yours truly,



Jason Lum
Chair

cc.	MLA Michael de Jong, Abbotsford West	Mayor Ross Siemens, Abbotsford
	Hon Pam Alexis, Abbotsford-Mission	Mayor Ken Popove, Chilliwack
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DISTRICT OF HOPE

BYLAW NO. 1547

A Bylaw to amend the District of Hope Zoning Bylaw No. 1324

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 479 of the *Local Government Act*, a local government may adopt a Zoning Bylaw;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the District of Hope deems it appropriate to amend Zoning Bylaw 1324, 2012 by rezoning a specific portion of a parcel of land;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the District of Hope, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

CITATION

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “***District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1547, 2023***”.

ENACTMENT

2. That a specific portion of a parcel of land situated in the District of Hope, British Columbia, and described as:

Lot A District Lots 4 and 5 Yale Division Yale (Formerly Hope) District Plan 12284; PID 002-858-959; 65617 Kawkawa Lake Road

as shown on Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of this bylaw is hereby rezoned from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to Single Family Residential with a Secondary Dwelling (RS-1S) and the Zoning Map Schedule “B” of the District of Hope, Zoning Bylaw 1324, 2012 is hereby amended to reflect this rezoning.

Read a first time this 13th day of March, 2023.

Read a second time this 13th day of March, 2023.

Advertised in the Hope Standard Newspaper April 28th, 2023 and May 5th, 2023.

Public Hearing was held this 8th day of May, 2023.

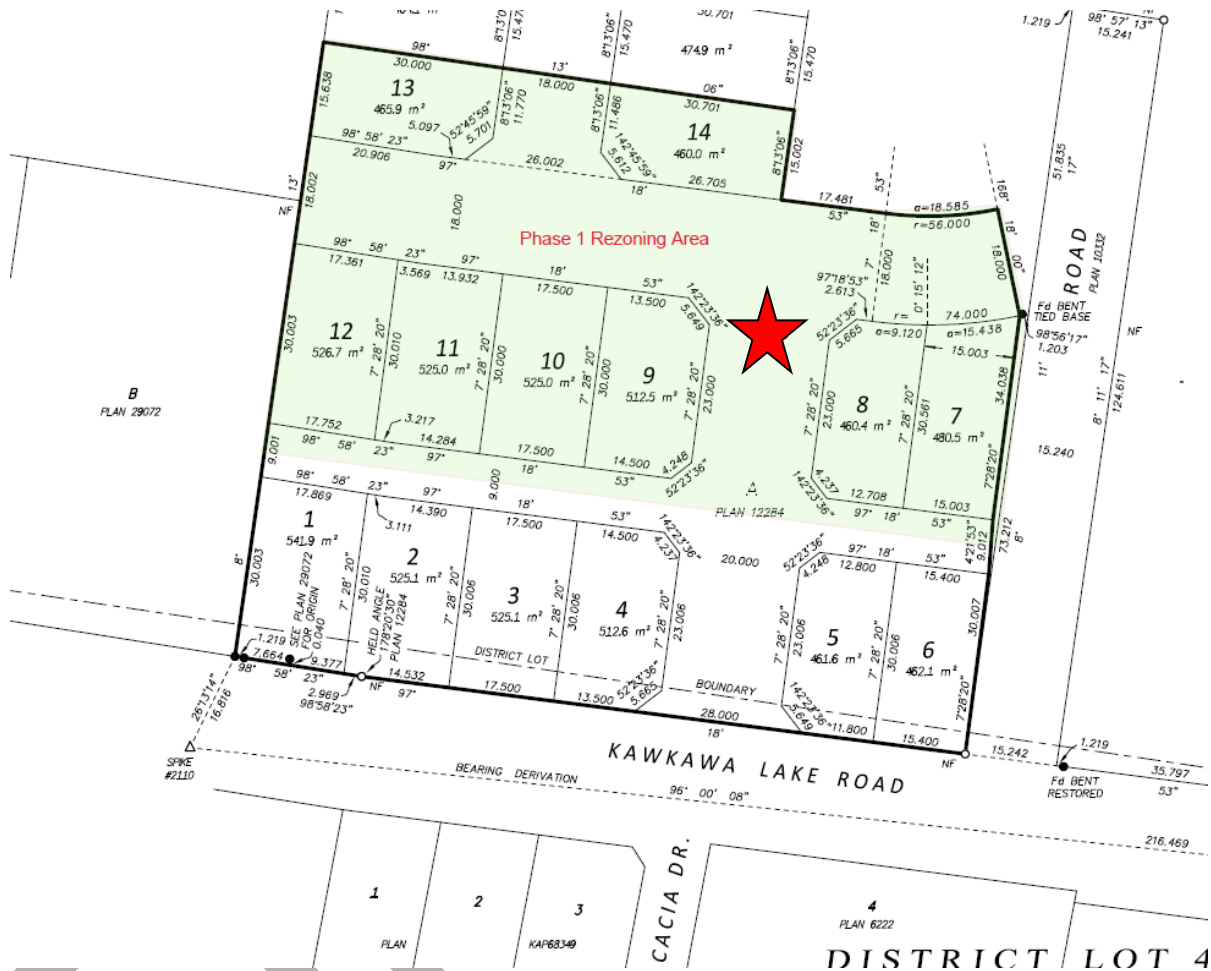
Read a third time this XX day of XXXXX, 2023.

Adopted this XX day of XXXXX, 2023.

Mayor

Director of Corporate Services

**DISTRICT OF HOPE
BYLAW NO. 1547
SCHEDULE "A"
ZONING AMENDMENT MAP**



LOTS TO BE REZONED:



(PROPOSED SUBDIVISION LOTS 7-14)

REZONED FROM:

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (RS-1)

TO:

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL WITH A SECONDARY DWELLING (RS-1S)

This is Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of the "District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1547, 2023"

Mayor

Director of Corporate Services

Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1547, 2023
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DISTRICT OF HOPE

BYLAW NO. 1548

A Bylaw to amend the District of Hope Zoning Bylaw No. 1324

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 479 of the *Local Government Act*, a local government may adopt a Zoning Bylaw;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the District of Hope deems it appropriate to amend Zoning Bylaw 1324, 2012 by rezoning a specific parcel of land;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the District of Hope, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

CITATION

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “***District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1548, 2023***”.

ENACTMENT

2. That a certain parcel of land situated in the District of Hope, British Columbia, and described as:

Lot A Section 11 TWP 5 RGE 26 YDYG W6M Plan KAP55361; PID 023-172-118;
65741 Gardner Drive

as shown on Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of this bylaw is hereby rezoned from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to Single Family Residential with a Secondary Dwelling (RS-1S) and the Zoning Map Schedule “B” of the District of Hope, Zoning Bylaw 1324, 2012 is hereby amended to reflect this rezoning.

Read a first time this 27th day of March, 2023.

Read a second time this 27th day of March, 2023.

Advertised in the Hope Standard Newspaper May 12th, 2023 and May 19th, 2023.

Public Hearing was held this 23rd day of May, 2023.

Read a third time this XX day of XXXXX, 2023.

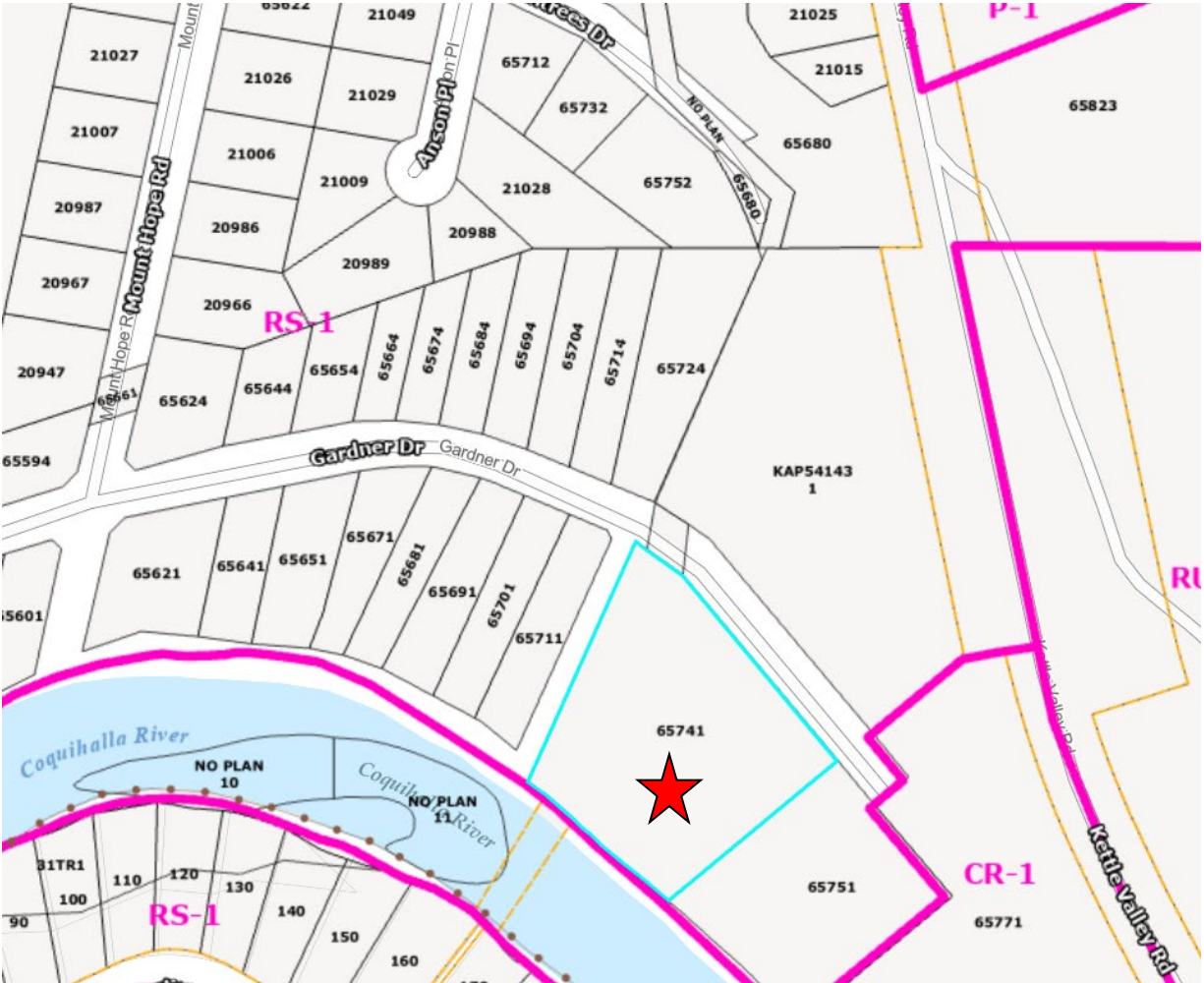
Received Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure approval this XX day of XXXXX, 2023.

Adopted this XX day of XXXXX, 2023.

Mayor

Director of Corporate Services

**DISTRICT OF HOPE
BYLAW NO. 1548
SCHEDULE "A"
ZONING AMENDMENT MAP**



SUBJECT PROPERTY:



REZONED FROM:

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (RS-1)

TO:

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL WITH A SECONDARY
DWELLING (RS-1S)

This is Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of the "District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1548, 2023"

Mayor

Director of Corporate Services

Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1548, 2023
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DISTRICT OF HOPE

REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

REPORT DATE: May 18, 2023

FILE: LDP 11/23

SUBMITTED BY: Richard Zerr, Acting Director of Community Development

MEETING DATE: May 23, 2023

SUBJECT: **DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE APPLICATION
488 HEMLOCK AVENUE
ME CONSTRUCTION (AGENT)**

PURPOSE:

To obtain Council's authorization to approve a request to relax the front yard setback requirement in order to extend the existing garage.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve the issuance of a Development Variance Permit in order to relax the principal building or structure front lot line setback requirement of 7.5 metres (~25 feet) to 1.5 metres (~5 feet) on the property legally described as Lot 10 Section 15 TWP 5 RGE 26 W6M Kamloops Division Yale District Plan KAP3436, PID 001-983-245; 488 Hemlock Avenue in order to build an addition to the front of the garage; and

FURTHER THAT the Acting Director of Community Development be authorized to endorse the Development Variance Permit document; and

FURTHER THAT for the purposes of Section 504 of the Local Government Act, "substantially start" shall mean the completion of the footings or foundation for the garage addition.

ANALYSIS:

A. Rationale:

Background – At the May 8, 2023 meeting, Council passed a resolution to support the preparation of a Development Variance Permit for the property at 488 Hemlock Avenue in order for the owners to vary the front lot line setback requirement so they could add an addition to the front of the existing garage.

On May 9, 2023 notices were mailed out to the registered property owners within a 50 metre radius of the subject property exceeding the requirements of the District of Hope Application Procedures and Public Hearing/Information Meeting Procedural Bylaw 13/93. As of the date of this report, the District of Hope has only received the attached document supporting the applicant's request.

District staff continues to support this Development Variance request.

B. Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw 1378

As per the Official Community Plan, the three questions to be consistently asked in all levels and types of decision are:

1. Does the development move Hope toward our vision and goals for success and sustainability? Is it aligned with our OCP objectives and policies?
The item does not impact alignment with our OCP objectives and policies.
2. Is it a flexible platform for future steps towards our vision, goals and objectives?
This platform is rigid but a must do as it is a legislated process.
3. Will it provide a good return on investment?
No impact.

C. Attachments:

- Zoning & Location Map Excerpt
- Surveyed Plan Prepared by Valley Surveys
- Letters of Support

D. Property Information:

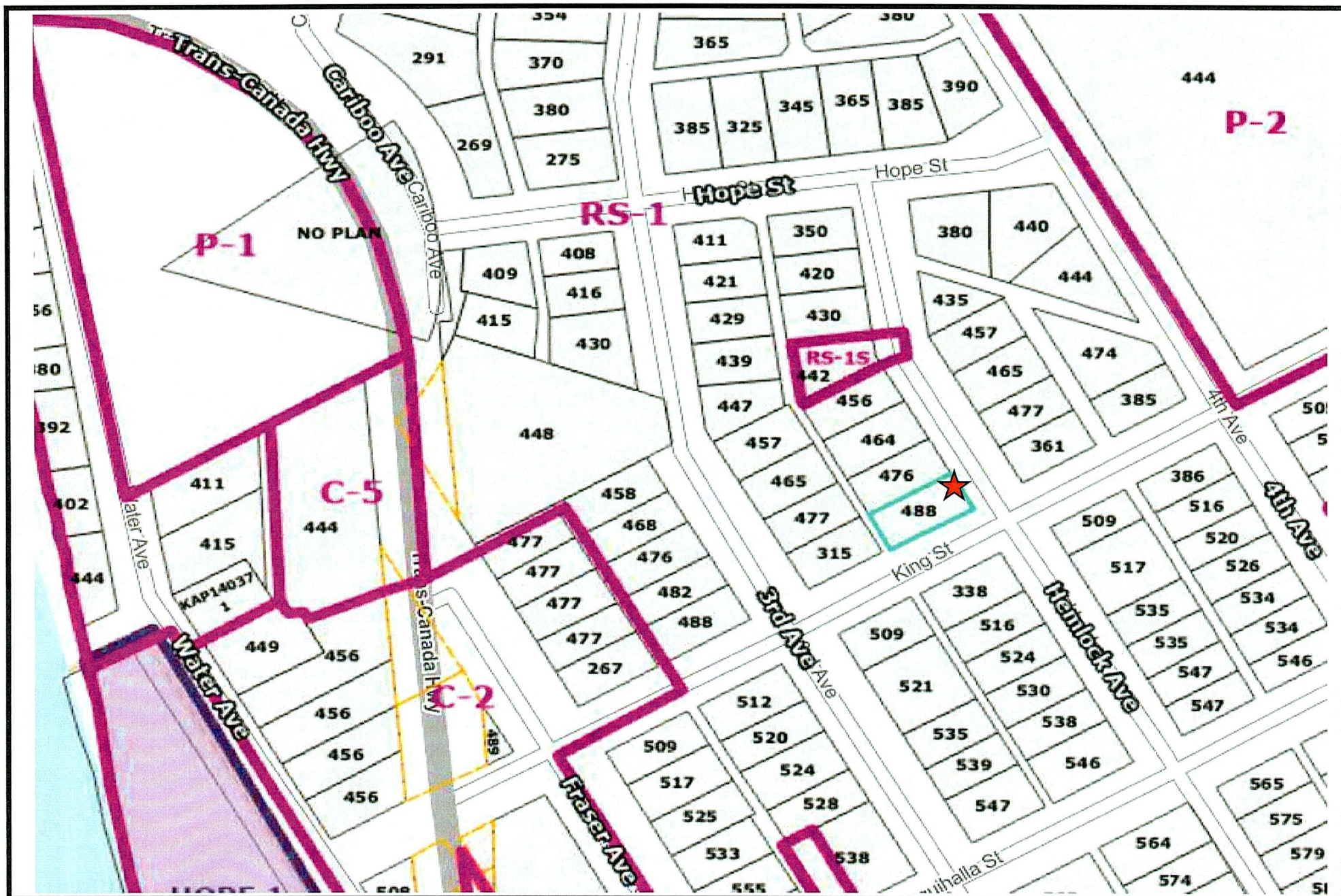
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| 1) Civic Address: | 488 Hemlock Avenue |
| 2) Legal Description: | Lot 10 Section 15 TWP 5 RGE 26 W6M YDYD Plan KAP3436 |
| 3) PID Number: | PID 001-983-245 |
| 4) Current Zoning: | Single Family Residential (RS-1) |
| 5) Current OCP Designation: | Urban/Suburban Residential |

Prepared by:

Approved for submission to Council:

Original Signed by Richard Zerr
Acting Director of Community Development

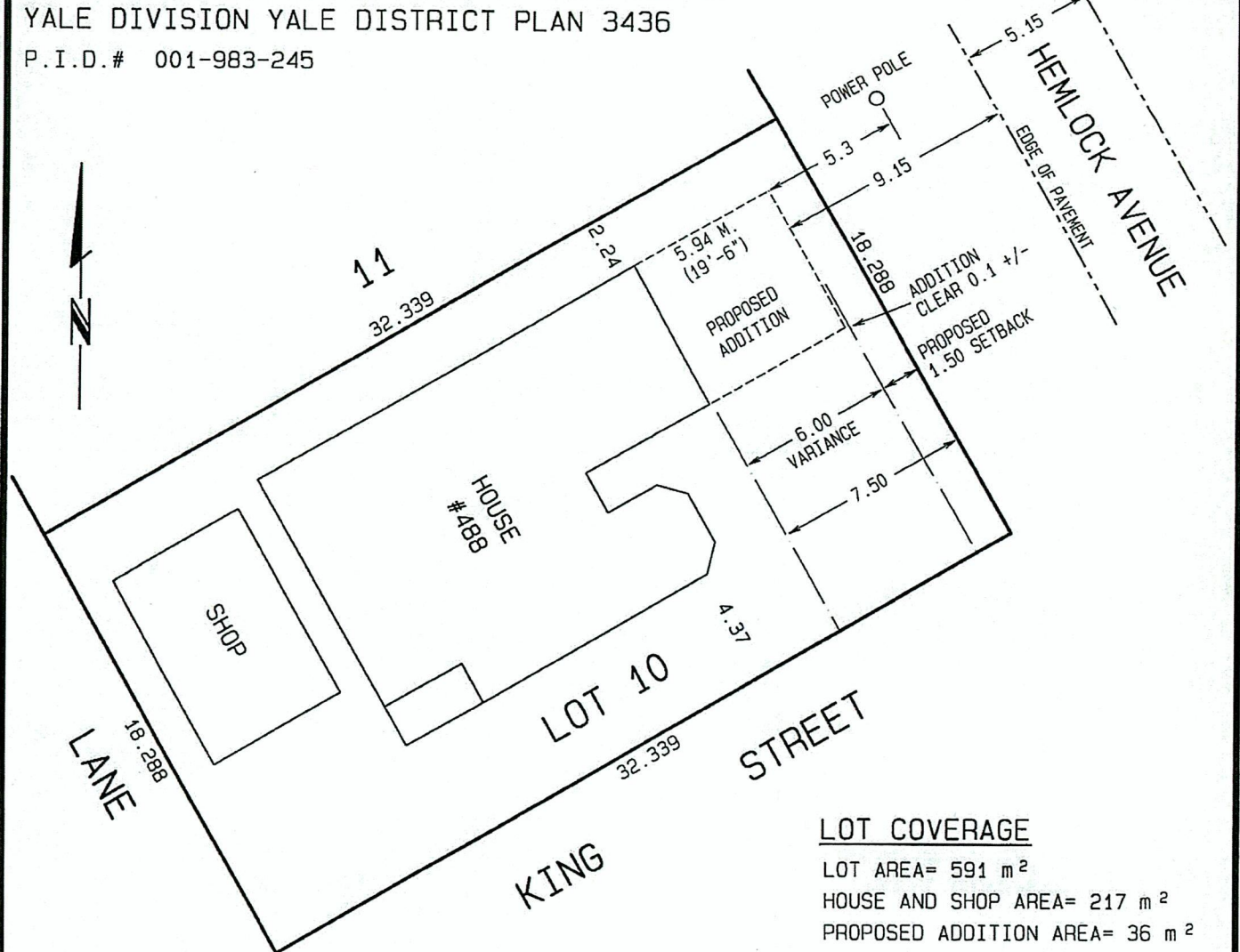
Original Signed by John Fortoloczky
Chief Administrative Officer



488 Hemlock Avenue
Applicant: ME Construction (Agent)
Location & Zoning Map Excerpt

PLAN SHOWING PROPOSED ADDITION AND VARIANCE SITUATED UPON
LOT 10 SECTION 15 TOWNSHIP 5 RANGE 26 W6M
YALE DIVISION YALE DISTRICT PLAN 3436

P.I.D.# 001-983-245



LOT COVERAGE

LOT AREA= 591 m²

HOUSE AND SHOP AREA= 217 m²

PROPOSED ADDITION AREA= 36 m²

LOT COVERAGE= 43%

NOTE: THIS DRAWING IS FOR VARIANCE APPLICATION ONLY.

CIVIC ADDRESS: 488 HEMLOCK AVENUE, HOPE, BC

ISSUED TO: M.E. CONSTRUCTION

Property Dimensions shown are derived from Land Title Office records.

For Mortgage and/or Municipal purposes only

No responsibility accepted for unauthorized use

Not a valid copy without original signature and seal of geomatics technologist

SCALE 1: 250



ALL DISTANCES IN METRES

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GEOMATICS TECHNOLOGISTS

HOPE, B.C.
PH. (604) 869-7518

Email: valleysurveys@telus.net

FILE: 2023-C997.3 rev.2

The location of the features certified by this plan
has been determined from existing survey monumentation
and does not purport to be a location certified in
relation to the property boundaries.

Walter Rogatschnigg, ASCT, RSIS


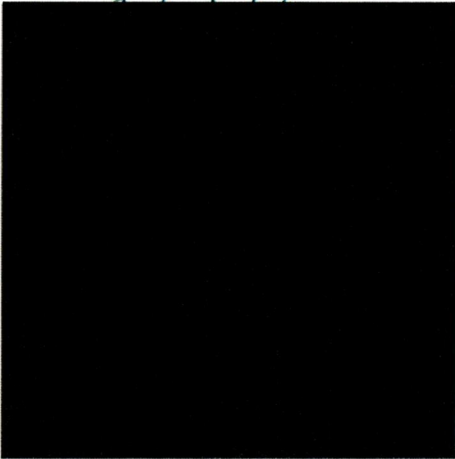




APRIL 17, 2023

March 23, 2023

Application for a Variant for 488 Hemlock Ave.

We, Jim and Debbie Rogers have applied for a variant so we can extend our garage forward 19.5 feet. The normal set back is 7.5 meters and we would need a variant so the set back on the new construction would be 1.5 meters.

We would like to attach this letter, with the signatures of our neighbour's showing that there is no objection to the variant we are applying for to complete this project.

	Hemlock Avenue		<u>KEN SIMPSON</u>
	Hemlock Avenue		
	King Street		<u>SIM BOWEN</u>
	Hemlock Avenue		<u>STEVEN LEE</u>
	King Street		

Sincerely,

Jim and Debbie Rogers


Jim Rogers

Debbie Rogers

1. News Release dated May 2, 2023 from the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness and the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship re: Communities along Fraser River benefit from increased flood resilience.
2. Letter dated May 2, 2023 from the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills re: The Future Ready Action Plan.
3. Letter dated April 5, 2023 from the Fraser Valley Regional District re: Emergency Support Services Modernization & 2022 Emergency Support Services Program Guide.
4. Letter dated May 3, 2023 from the District of Kent re: Regional Fire Training Facility Status.
5. Letter dated May 12, 2023 from the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness re: Invitation to Tour Hope.
6. Letter dated April 12, 2023 from CN re: CN Right-of-Way Vegetation Control.
7. Letter dated April 28, 2023 from Enbridge re: Westcoast Energy Inc. Proposed Project – Sunrise Expansion Program.
8. Letter from Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation re: Improving Outcomes & Efficiency in our Fraser Valley East Communities.
9. Notice dated May 12, 2023 from Enbridge re: Open House Notice.
10. News Release dated May 1, 2023 from the Ministry of Attorney General re: B.C. makes it easier to get money awarded through the courts.
11. Information Bulletin dated May 2, 2023 from the Ministry of Forests re: Backcountry access restored after wildfire closures.
12. Information Bulletin dated May 3, 2023 from the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness re: Province assists communities with flood response, urges people to be prepared.
13. News Release dated May 5, 2023 from the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation re: Province launches trade strategy, supports more B.C. exports, investment.
14. Information Bulletin dated May 5, 2023 from the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness re: People in B.C.'s Interior urged to prepare for flooding.

15. News Release dated May 8, 2023 from the Office of the Premier and the Ministry of Housing re: Province, BC Housing taking action on recommendations from forensic investigation.
16. News Release dated May 8, 2023 from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy re: Revised legislation aims to protect B.C.'s natural environment.
17. Information Bulletin dated May 8, 2023 from the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness and the Ministry of Forests re: British Columbians urged to remain cautious as water levels stabilize, wildfire risk increases.
18. News Release dated May 9, 2023 from the Ministry of Education and Child Care re: New partnerships preparing B.C. students with future-ready skills.
19. News Release dated May 9, 2023 from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy re: Building code changes support B.C.'s zero-carbon targets.
20. News Release dated May 9, 2023 from the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport re: RBCM's Old Town reopening with new approach.
21. News Release dated May 9, 2023 from the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness re: B.C. residents encouraged to prepare for emergencies, Province to test emergency alert.
22. Information Bulletin dated May 11, 2023 from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure re: Dewdney Bridge proposed replacement nears final design.
23. News Release dated May 11, 2023 from the Office of the Premier re: Spring legislative session focused on tackling big challenges.
24. News Release dated May 11, 2023 from the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, the Ministry of Forests and the Ministry of Health re: People encouraged to prepare for floods, wildfire risks due to anticipated heat.
25. News Release dated May 11, 2023 from the Ministry of Citizens' Services re: Data improvements for gender, sex make services more inclusive.
26. Information Bulletin dated May 11, 2023 from the Ministry of Health re: Expanded drug coverage will help thousands of people in B.C. and save money.
27. News Release dated May 15, 2023 from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food re: Buy BC intake opens to support local food security, business growth.
28. Letter dated May 9, 2023 from the District of Coldstream re: Homes for People Action Plan.
29. News Release dated May 12, 2023 from the Ministry of Housing re: Respite centre, 89 new affordable homes coming to North Vancouver.

30. News Release dated May 12, 2023 from the Office of the Premier and the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport re: Revitalization of Vancouver Chinatown supports businesses, tourism.
31. News Release dated May 15, 2023 from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food re: Buy BC intake opens to support local food security, business growth.
32. News Release dated May 15, 2023 from the Ministry of Education and Child Care re: More kindergartners, families will benefit from pilot expansion.
33. News Release dated May 15, 2023 from the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation re: Youth get opportunity to explore manufacturing careers.
34. News Release dated May 15, 2023 from the Office of the Premier and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy re: B.C. invests in innovative technology in cement industry.
35. News Release dated May 15, 2023 from the Ministry of Health, the Provincial Health Services Authority and BC Cancer re: Cancer patients will have faster access to radiation treatment.
36. News Release dated May 16, 2023 from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure re: Resurfacing projects underway in southern interior.
37. News Release dated May 16, 2023 from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food re: Indigenous-led projects support food sovereignty, food security in B.C.
38. Information Bulletin dated May 16, 2023 from the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness re: Financial assistance available for people affected by flooding.
39. News Release dated May 16, 2023 from the Ministry of Housing and Office of the Premier re: One hundred affordable homes open in Coquitlam.
40. Traffic Advisory dated May 17, 2023 from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure re: Highway 1 rock-scaling work pauses for Victoria Day long weekend.
41. News Release dated May 17, 2023 from the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General re: Crisis-line expansions will support survivors of gender-based violence.
42. News Release dated May 17, 2023 from the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions re: B.C. enhances access to addictions support for women and girls.
43. News Release dated May 17, 2023 from the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation re: Setting sail for growth means more jobs in B.C.'s marine industries.
44. News Release dated May 17, 2023 from the Ministry of Health and Provincial Health Services Authority re: Complex-care centre for young people moves forward.

45. News Release dated May 18, 2023 from the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General and the BC Coroners Service re: Unregulated drugs claim lives of 206 British Columbians in April 2023.



May 2, 2023
Our Ref. 129004

I am pleased to share with you information about the provincial government's StrongerBC: Future Ready Action Plan designed to meet the challenges of today, to make sure people in British Columbia are ready to succeed and grow our inclusive and sustainable economy now and into the future.

The Future Ready Action Plan will develop trained, skilled and talented people to fill the jobs of today and tomorrow. It is the BC government's commitment to ensuring everyone in the province can access the post-secondary skills and training they need to build good lives, while developing the talent and skills that businesses and employers need so we can drive our economy forward and deliver the services we all rely on.

As a key pillar of the StrongerBC Economic Plan launched in February 2022, the Future Ready Action Plan invests an additional \$480 million dollars over the next three years in targeted supports to a broad range of British Columbians.

The action plan is focussed on five pillars:

- Making post-secondary more affordable, accessible and relevant;
- Providing the innovation and skills needed to fill the jobs of tomorrow faster;
- Breaking down barriers so everyone can find a job that works for them;
- Addressing Indigenous People's workforce priorities; and
- Making it easier for people new to Canada to find a job in which they are trained.

I am grateful to those who shared feedback and insights during the StrongerBC: Future Ready Action Plan engagement sessions in May 2022. As a result of this collaborative process, I am confident the Action Plan will support British Columbians to acquire the skills they need to succeed in British Columbia's diverse and innovative economy. I am also confident that it will become easier for employers to find the talent and skills they need to sustain and grow their enterprises.

If you would like more information about the Action Plan and how it can benefit you, I encourage you to reach out to my office or participate in one of the roundtables we will be holding over the next few months.

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The Future Ready Action Plan is an historic investment in people—because what helps people succeed in our economy, makes our economy succeed for people.

Sincerely,



Honourable Selina Robinson
Minister

April 5th, 2023

The Honourable Bowinn Ma
Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
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Via email: PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Ma:

RE: Emergency Support Services Modernization & 2022 Emergency Support Services Program Guide

Congratulations once again on your appointment as Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness. I look forward to working with you to enhance the safety and well-being of FVRD communities.

We appreciate the Province's efforts to digitize the Emergency Support Services (ESS) program and update the Program Guide. Still, we believe that the program requires significant transformation to be reflective of the needs and imperatives of small, rural, and remote communities.

FVRD provides emergency management services, including ESS, to 12,000 citizens in more than 24 primarily rural hamlets across our across 12,000 sq. km. land base. Electoral Areas often lack the community infrastructure that is plentiful in municipalities. The ESS program, as envisioned by the Province, was designed for areas with commercial infrastructure such as hotel or lodging accommodations, clothing and grocery stores, restaurants, transportation options, medical centres, and cellular and internet connectivity. Many of FVRD's Electoral Area communities do not have some or all of these.

For this and other reasons, the context of small, rural and remote communities is often not conducive to the delivery of ESS services as envisioned by the Province in the Program Guide. Additionally, many jurisdictions, including FVRD's Electoral Areas, do not have the resources or infrastructure to deliver the program.

Yet, the Province's program expectations continue to grow. For example, the new ESS Program Guide indicates that local governments have a responsibility to provide social support (socioeconomic vulnerabilities, mental health and health issues, and harm reduction) to people impacted by incidents. FVRD does not have the capacity, resources or training to provide such services as part of our ESS program, nor do we have a statutory obligation to do so. The Guide fosters expectations that we cannot meet.

Unfortunately, we did not have an opportunity to present these concerns because local governments tasked with implementing the program were not meaningfully consulted with in its development.

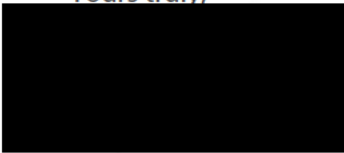
The lack of meaningful engagement and consultation with local governments in Emergency Management program changes needs to be addressed. FVRD urges the Province to undertake a full review of the ESS program, similar to the recent approach taken to review the Road Rescue Program, to ensure it recognizes the needs and realities of small, rural and remote communities.

Your Ministry has an opportunity to, in partnership with Local Governments and First Nations, inspire a new vision based on community-level preparedness; present realistic expectations for small, rural and remote communities; and, provide the flexibility needed for provision of emergency management services in diverse communities and landscapes.

I would be pleased to meet with you to discuss this further or to provide access to FVRD Emergency Management staff who can provide additional details about our perspectives and experience delivering ESS services to our Electoral Area residents.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours truly,



Jason Lum
Chair, FVRD Board

cc:

- » Tara Richards, Assistant Deputy Minister
- » Jennifer Rice, MLA North Coast and Parliamentary Secretary, Emergency Preparedness
- » Minister of Municipal Affairs



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FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

May 3, 2023

File: 7200-01

Via Email: tcameron@hope.ca

Thomas Cameron, Fire Chief
325 Wallace Street
Hope, BC V0X 1L3

Dear Chief Cameron:

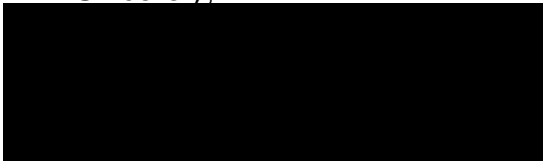
I am writing to provide an update as to the status of the regional fire training facility. Due to the support from the surrounding communities like yours, we were successful in securing grant funding in the amount of \$180,000 and take a major step towards providing the best possible training to our firefighters.

A fire training facility is an essential resource for the region, as it will help to ensure that our firefighters are collectively well-equipped to handle any emergency situation that may arise. This facility will provide them with the necessary skills and knowledge to respond quickly and effectively to any fire-related emergency.

Once again, thank you for your support and for helping us to secure this critical funding. Your commitment to the safety and well-being of our community is truly inspiring, and we are proud to be a part of such a dedicated and caring region. We are deeply grateful for your continued support and look forward to working with you to make our communities safer and more resilient.

Questions regarding this letter may be directed to the undersigned at 604-796-2614

Sincerely,



Gerald Basten
Fire Chief

c: John Fortoloczky, CAO, District of Hope



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FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

May 12th, 2023

Reference: 639537

His Worship Victor Smith
Mayor, District of Hope
Email: vsmith@hope.ca

Dear Mayor Smith:

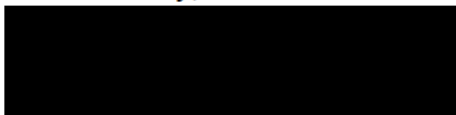
Thank you for your correspondence dated March 16th, 2023, inviting me to visit the District of Hope to view atmospheric river damage and repairs.

I want to acknowledge the hard work of the District in collaboration with the Province to respond to emergencies of the 2021 atmospheric river event and for keeping residents safe. I understand that many areas were impacted and repaired, but that several District priorities require protective works. I am also informed that the District received \$500,000 for Lower Coquihalla watershed resiliency planning that looks beyond traditional flood infrastructure, encompasses regional partners, and works toward building resilience to future flooding.

It would be a pleasure to meet with the sub-regional watershed resiliency recovery table once it is stood up, as well as tour your community to view the areas that have been repaired and areas that are a priority for the District.

I look forward to connecting with you then.

Sincerely,



Bowinn Ma
Minister of Emergency Management
and Climate Readiness

CC: John Fortoloczky, Chief Administrative Officer, District of Hope
Jackie Tegart, MLA, Fraser-Nicola



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April 12, 2023

RE: CN RIGHT-OF-WAY VEGETATION CONTROL

Dear Mayor,

CN remains committed to running its railway sustainably, as well as building a level of trust and collaboration with the communities in which we operate.

To that end, we are reaching out to advise you of our vegetation control activities in your area between April and October 2023. A regularly updated schedule is available at: [CN.ca/vegetation](https://cn.ca/vegetation)

If not managed properly, trees, brush or other vegetation can severely compromise rail and public safety. Vegetation can impede the view motorists have of oncoming trains and increase the risk of crossing accidents. Unwanted vegetation can damage the integrity of the railbed, interfere with signals and switches, contribute to track side fires, compromise employee and citizens safety, reduce visibility for train crews at road crossings/train control signals and track side warning devices, to name a few of the potential risks.

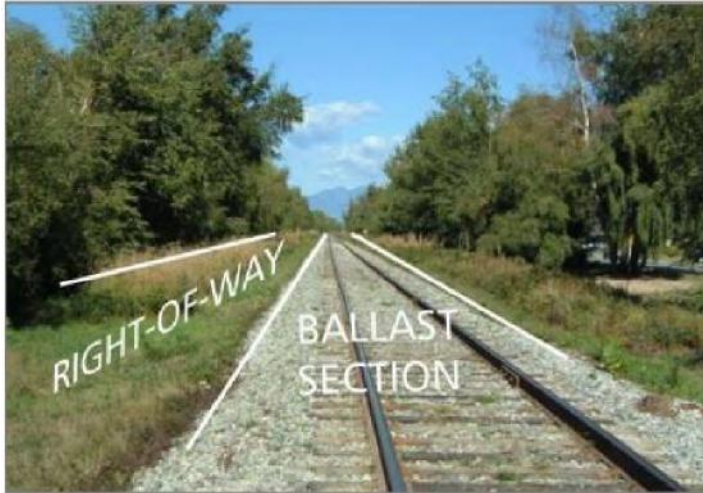
CN's annual vegetation control program is designed to mitigate these risks by managing brush, weeds, and other undesirable vegetation. This program is critical to ensure safe operations and contributes to the overall safety of your community.

Control Measures

CN manages vegetation using both chemical and mechanical methods. We are sensitive to concerns your community may have regarding chemical vegetation control and I would like to assure you that at CN, we strive to safeguard our neighbouring communities and the environment.

The track infrastructure is composed of two main sections, the ballast section typically ranging from 16-24 feet (which is primarily gravel and supports the track structure) and the right of way portion (which is the area outside of the ballast section to the CN property boundary).

The 16–24-foot ballast section and the areas around signals and communications equipment that are critical for safe railway operations will be managed using chemical methods. Application in these safety critical areas is done by spray trucks or spray trains with downcast nozzles that spray a short distance above the ground surface with shrouded booms, specially designed to limit the chemicals from drifting. The right-of-way section is maintained using mechanical control methods such as mowing, or brush cutting and may be chemically treated to control noxious or invasive weeds or brush.



CN will use chemical control techniques on the ballast section and specific locations of the right of way throughout the network for safety reasons. Furthermore, when chemicals are applied via spray train or truck, as outlined in the photo below, additives called surfactants are included to make the chemical work better.



CN has retained professional contractors qualified to undertake this work. They are required to comply with all laws and regulations applicable to CN. In addition, the contractors will ensure that vegetation control is performed with consideration of the environment and in accordance with the highest industry standards.

Inquiries

Should your community have any noxious weed removal requests, we ask that you contact CN's Public Inquiry Line at contact@cn.ca or fill out the form at [CN.ca/vegetation](https://www.cn.ca/vegetation) before June 1, 2023 with the specific information and location. CN will make every effort to include those locations as part of our 2023 Vegetation Management Program. All notices sent after the above-mentioned date will be included in the 2024 Vegetation Management Plan.

We look forward to working with you and answering any questions you may have regarding our vegetation control activities in your community.

Please find attached the notices CN is publishing in local papers to advise the public. We would kindly ask that you post copies on your community's website and at City Hall or other central locations for a wider distribution.

For any questions or more information, please contact the CN Public Inquiry Line by telephone at 1888-888-5909, or by email at contact@cn.ca.

Please also find attached a list of FAQs regarding the program that may be of further assistance.
Best regards,



Luanne Patterson

Annual Vegetation Management Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Where can I get more information about CN's Vegetation Management Program?

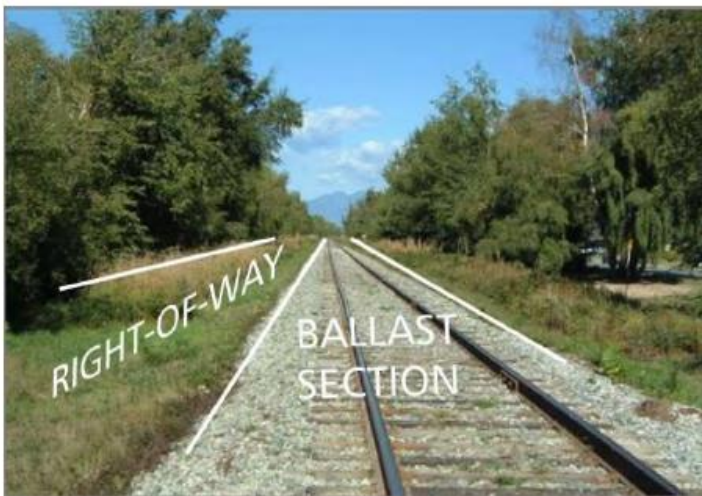
For more details, please visit our website at [CN.ca/vegetation](https://www.cn.ca/vegetation)

Why does CN need to remove vegetation along its train tracks annually?

At CN, safety is a core value. Part of maintaining and operating a safe railway is ensuring vegetation is managed along our corridors. CN also has an obligation, pursuant to the *Rules Respecting Track Safety*, adopted under the *Railway Safety Act*, to ensure that vegetation on or immediately adjacent to the railway roadbed is controlled. More specifically, the rules require federal railways to ensure the track is free of vegetation that could create fire hazards, affect the track integrity, or obstruct visibility of operations and inspections. Separate regulations also require removal of vegetation to ensure every grade crossing meets sightline requirements.

Where does CN remove vegetation?

For the purposes of vegetation control, CN divides its rail lines into two components: the ballast section and the right-of-way. The ballast section (gravelled area) covers a 16 to 24ft width (4.9 to 7.3m). The right-of-way section covers a 42ft width (13m) on each side of the ballast section.



Vegetation in the right-of-way section needs to be controlled to protect sight lines for train crews to see signal systems and at road crossings, prevent trees from fouling the track during storms, reduce fuel loading to prevent fires, minimize wildlife mortality, ensure good drainage along ditches and culverts, amongst other safety requirements and is primarily controlled mechanically, by mowing and cutting of vegetation. Certain herbicide products are used (excluding glyphosate) to encourage grass rather than shrubs and trees.

The ballast section, on the other hand, is the most critical area as it supports the track infrastructure that supports the movement of freight and passengers and provides an area for train crew to safely inspect their train. Given the crucial role it plays in ensuring the safety and integrity of rail operations, this section must be clear of all vegetation. The only proven way to effectively completely remove vegetation in the ballast section is through chemical application.



How will you manage dry plants that remain once the spraying is completed?

Ensuring vegetation is controlled on an annual basis is the best method to reduce larger volumes of dead and dry plants. This is because it eradicates vegetation before it grows, reducing the amount of dead plant material. CN's program has been developed specifically with this in mind. Most vegetation, once dead, will naturally decay leaving little debris. As for the right-of-way, the herbicides used are selective and the grass cover will remain intact while shrubs or noxious weeds will be controlled.

***What herbicides will CN be using?***

The choice of chemicals used depends on the specific plants targeted. All pesticides used in Canada are approved for use in Canada and the province in which they are applied. The chemicals for 2023 may include:

Name	Ingredient(s)	PCP #
Aspect	Picloram & 2,4-D	31641
Clearview	Aminopyralid & Metsulfuron-Methyl	29752
Credit Xtreme	Glyphosate	29888
Esplanade	Indaziflam 200g/l	31333
Milestone	Aminopyralid	28517
Navius Flex	Metsulfuron-Methyl & Aminocyclopyrachlor	3092228840 31333 32773 30203 30922 31470 31760 27736
Round Up Weather Pro	Glyphosate	27487
Hasten	Adjuvant	N/A
Gateway	Adjuvant	N/A

Will you be using Glyphosate. If so, is it dangerous for us or my pets?

All pesticides CN uses in Canada are registered by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) and have been approved for use in the province in which they are applied. Protection of human health and the environment is Health Canada's primary objective in the regulation of pesticides and all pesticides must undergo rigorous science-based assessments before being approved for sale in Canada. The PMRA also re-evaluates registered pesticides on a cyclical basis to ensure they continue to meet modern health and environmental standards. The PMRA re-evaluated glyphosate in 2017 and reconfirmed that products containing glyphosate do not present risks to human health or the environment when used in accordance with revised label directions. CN's vegetation control contractor uses glyphosate in accordance with label directions.



Has CN tried any non-chemical weed control options in the past, such as weed whacking? Have they worked?

CN has used weed cutting in the past to control vegetation, but this does not remove the roots, and actually encourages more growth. It is not an effective long-term solution for vegetation removal along railway tracks. The application of steam injection has also been investigated; however, it has proven ineffective in killing the roots, which, if left to continue growing, could compromise the integrity of the rail bed, causing unsafe operating conditions.

CN has also explored other options, such as high concentrate vinegar (acetic acid). However, this was deemed not to be a viable option as the acid reacts negatively with steel and the sensitive electronic monitoring equipment used to regulate the safe movement and operation of our trains.

I am an organic farmer adjacent to your tracks, should I be worried?

Most of the vegetation control focuses on the ballast section (gravelled area) which is 16 – 24 feet (4.9 to 7.3 meters) wide, leaving about 42 feet (13 meters) of right-of-way on each side of the ballast. The equipment used for application is a shrouded boom which focuses the spray downward to reduce potential drift. Application must also be done during appropriate weather conditions, including low wind levels.

Many properties back onto the railway. Are Aspect, Clearview, Credit Xtreme, Esplanade, Milestone, Navius Flex, Round Up Weather Pro, Hasten, and Gateway safe to use in close proximity to people and pets?

All pesticides used in Canada must be registered by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), which has one of the toughest regulatory requirements in the world for approving products for safe use. CN only uses pesticides that have been approved for use in Canada and the province in which they are applied. When used according to label directions, PMRA has evaluated them to be safe.

Can I request my area not be sprayed?

At CN, safety is a core value. CN is governed by the Railway Safety Act and must comply with the laws and regulations. Vegetation control is a key component of keeping our employees and the communities in which we operate safe. Ensuring vegetation is kept clear of our infrastructure, signals, road crossing sight lines and enabling our teams to inspect and maintain the track is critically important. As a result, all areas of the CN ballast section will be treated to control vegetation.

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12 avril 2023

OBJET : GESTION DE LA VÉGÉTATION SUR L'EMPRISE DU CN

Monsieur le Maire, ou Madame la Mairesse,

Le CN maintient son engagement à exploiter son réseau ferroviaire en toute sécurité et efficacité, et à instaurer un niveau de confiance et de collaboration avec les collectivités où il exerce ses activités.

C'est pourquoi nous communiquons avec vous pour vous informer que nous effectuerons des activités de gestion de la végétation dans votre secteur entre avril et octobre 2023. Vous pouvez consulter un calendrier mis à jour régulièrement à [CN.ca/fr/vegetation](https://www.cn.ca/fr/vegetation)

Les arbres, broussailles et autres végétaux mal entretenus peuvent gravement compromettre la sécurité ferroviaire et celle du public. La végétation peut empêcher les automobilistes de voir des trains qui s'approchent et ainsi augmenter le risque d'accidents aux passages à niveau. De plus, la végétation indésirable peut menacer l'intégrité de la plateforme, nuire à la signalisation et aux aiguillages, provoquer des incendies sur la voie, compromettre la sécurité du personnel et des citoyens, et réduire la visibilité des signaux aux passages à niveau, des signaux ferroviaires et des autres dispositifs d'avertissement en voie pour les équipes de train, pour ne nommer que quelques-uns des risques.

Notre programme annuel de gestion de la végétation est conçu pour réduire ces risques en gérant des broussailles, des herbes et des autres végétaux nuisibles. Ce programme est essentiel pour assurer la sécurité de l'exploitation, et contribue à la sécurité générale de votre collectivité.

Mesures de contrôle

Le CN a recours à la fois à des méthodes chimiques et mécaniques pour limiter la propagation de la végétation. Nous sommes sensibles aux préoccupations des collectivités relativement aux méthodes de gestion de la végétation. Je tiens aussi à vous assurer qu'au CN, nous nous efforçons de protéger nos collectivités voisines et l'environnement. L'infrastructure de la voie se divise en deux parties principales : la section en ballast, d'une largeur de 5 à 7,3 m (16 à 24 pi), principalement constituée de gravier et supportant la voie proprement dite, et la partie de l'emprise, soit la bande de chaque côté de la section en ballast allant jusqu'à la limite de la propriété du CN

La section en ballast de 16 à 24 pi et les zones autour du matériel de signalisation et de communication essentiel au fonctionnement sécuritaire du chemin de fer devront être nettoyées au

moyen de produits chimiques. Dans ces zones critiques pour la sécurité, nous utilisons des camions ou des trains épandeurs équipés de buses abaissées avec des rampes à écran, spécialement conçues pour limiter la dispersion des produits chimiques, qui vaporisent près du sol. L'entretien des emprises se fait au moyen de méthodes mécaniques, comme la tonte et la coupe des broussailles et peut comprendre un traitement chimique pour contrôler les mauvaises herbes ou des végétaux envahissants.



Le CN appliquera des techniques de contrôle chimique dans les sections en ballast et des zones précises de l'emprise du réseau pour des raisons de sécurité. En outre, lorsque des produits chimiques sont appliqués par des camions ou des trains épandeurs comme dans la photo ci-dessous, des surfactants sont ajoutés pour améliorer l'efficacité des produits chimiques.



Pour ces travaux, le CN a recours aux services de professionnels qualifiés qui doivent se conformer aux lois et aux règlements auxquels le CN est assujéti. De plus, ces entrepreneurs devront s'assurer que la gestion de la végétation est effectuée dans le respect de l'environnement et conformément aux normes les plus élevées de l'industrie.

Demandes de renseignements

Si votre collectivité souhaite présenter des demandes d'élimination de mauvaises herbes, elle doit communiquer avec le CN en utilisant la ligne de renseignements généraux à l'adresse contact@cn.ca ou remplir le formulaire qui se trouve à CN.ca/fr/vegetation avant le 1^{er} juin 2023. Le CN s'efforcera d'inclure ces emplacements dans son Programme de gestion de la végétation de 2023. Toutes les demandes envoyées après la date susmentionnée seront intégrées dans le Programme de gestion de la végétation de 2024.

Nous serons heureux de travailler avec vous et de répondre à vos questions concernant nos activités de gestion de la végétation dans votre collectivité.

Veuillez trouver ci-joint les avis que le CN fait publier dans les journaux locaux pour informer le public. Veuillez en afficher une copie sur le site Web de votre collectivité et à l'hôtel de ville ou à tout autre endroit central pour une plus vaste diffusion.

Pour nous transmettre vos questions ou vos demandes de renseignements, veuillez utiliser la ligne de renseignements généraux au 1 888 888-5909, ou l'adresse courriel contact@cn.ca.

Vous trouverez ci-joint une foire aux questions, qui vous décrira plus amplement notre programme. Cordialement,



Luanne Patterson
Directrice principale Réseau, Évaluation environnemental

Programme annuel de gestion de la végétation

Foire aux questions

Où puis-je trouver de plus amples renseignements sur le Programme de gestion de la végétation du CN?

Pour en savoir plus, veuillez consulter notre site Web, à www.cn.ca/fr/vegetation

Pourquoi le CN doit-il enlever la végétation le long de ses voies chaque année?

Au CN, la sécurité est une valeur fondamentale. Pour assurer une exploitation sécuritaire de son réseau, le CN doit contenir la végétation. En effet, le CN est tenu de se conformer au *Règlement sur la sécurité de la voie*, adopté en vertu de la *Loi sur la sécurité ferroviaire*, et à ce titre, il doit enlever la végétation présente sur ses voies et à leurs abords immédiats. Plus particulièrement, le Règlement exige que les chemins de fer de régie fédérale enlèvent la végétation qui pourrait provoquer des incendies, menacer l'intégrité de la voie ou gêner la visibilité dans le cadre de l'exploitation ferroviaire ou des inspections. D'autres dispositions réglementaires prescrivent l'élimination de la végétation de façon à préserver les lignes de visibilité aux passages à niveau.

Où se trouve la végétation éliminée par le CN?

Aux fins du contrôle de la végétation, le CN divise ses voies ferrées en deux parties : la section en ballast et l'emprise. La section en ballast (pierre concassée) couvre une largeur de 16 à 24 pi (de 4,9 à 7,3 m). L'emprise, quant à elle, consiste en une bande de 42 pi (13 m) de largeur de chaque côté de la section en ballast.



Il importe d'éliminer la végétation sur l'emprise afin de préserver la visibilité des signaux et des passages à niveau pour les équipes de train et d'éviter que des arbres ne tombent sur la voie lors de tempêtes; l'absence de végétation permet d'éviter les incendies lors des ravitaillements en carburant et assure un meilleur écoulement de l'eau dans les fossés et sous les ponceaux. La végétation de l'emprise est surtout éliminée mécaniquement par tonte et coupe. On utilise certains désherbants (à l'exclusion du glyphosate) pour favoriser la pousse de certaines herbes au lieu de broussailles et d'arbres.

En ce qui a trait à la section en ballast, celle-ci constitue une zone cruciale, car elle supporte la voie proprement dite et reçoit les trains marchandises et voyageurs, et permet aux cheminots de se déplacer pour inspecter les trains de façon sécuritaire. Compte tenu de son rôle important en matière de sécurité et d'intégrité de l'exploitation, cette partie doit être libre de toute végétation. La façon la plus efficace d'éliminer entièrement la végétation dans la section en ballast est d'avoir recours à des produits chimiques.



Que faites-vous des plantes mortes, après l'épandage des herbicides?

Le contrôle de la végétation chaque année est la meilleure façon de réduire le volume de plantes mortes et desséchées, Ce contrôle permet d'éliminer la végétation avant qu'elle ne pousse et d'ainsi réduire le volume de plantes mortes. Le programme du CN a été conçu dans cette optique. La plupart des végétaux morts se décomposent naturellement et laissent peu de traces. Pour ce qui est de l'emprise, les herbicides utilisés sont sélectifs et le couvert végétal est préservé, alors que les arbustes ou les herbes nuisibles sont éliminés.

Quels herbicides le CN utilisera-t-il?

Le choix des produits chimiques repose sur les plantes ciblées. Tous les pesticides utilisés sont approuvés au Canada et dans la province où ils sont appliqués. Voici certains des produits chimiques utilisés en 2023 :

Nom de la marque du pesticide	Ingrédients actifs	Numéro d'homologation de la Loi sur les produits antiparasitaires
Aspect	Picloram & 2,4-D	31641
Clearview	Aminopyralid & Metsulfuron-Methyl	29752
Credit Xtreme	Glyphosate	29888
Esplanade	Indaziflam 200g/l	31333
Milestone	Aminopyralid	28517
Navius Flex	Metsulfuron-Methyl & Aminocyclopyrachlor	30922
Round Up Weather Pro	Glyphosate	27487
Hasten	Adjuvant	N/A
Gateway	Adjuvant	N/A

Comptez-vous utiliser du glyphosate? Si oui, est-ce dangereux pour les humains ou les animaux de compagnie?

Tous les pesticides utilisés par le CN au Canada sont enregistrés auprès de l'Agence de réglementation de la lutte antiparasitaire de Santé Canada (ARLA) et ont été approuvés dans la province où ils sont appliqués. En matière de réglementation des pesticides, l'objectif principal de Santé Canada est d'assurer la protection de la santé humaine et de l'environnement, et tous les pesticides doivent être évalués selon un processus scientifique rigoureux avant que leur vente soit autorisée au Canada. L'ARLA réévalue également les pesticides de façon régulière, pour s'assurer qu'ils respectent toujours les normes actuelles de santé et de protection de l'environnement. L'ARLA a réévalué le glyphosate en 2017 et en est à nouveau arrivé à la conclusion que les produits contenant du glyphosate ne présentaient pas de risques pour la santé humaine ou l'environnement lorsqu'ils sont utilisés conformément aux directives révisées de l'étiquette. Le sous-traitant du CN utilise le glyphosate conformément aux directives de l'étiquette.

Le CN a-t-il déjà utilisé des méthodes non basées sur les produits chimiques par le passé, par exemple la coupe des mauvaises herbes? Ont-elles donné de bons résultats?

Le CN a procédé à la coupe des mauvaises herbes par le passé, mais a constaté que cette méthode ne supprime pas la racine des plantes et même qu'elle stimule la pousse.

Ce n'est donc pas une bonne méthode pour éliminer la végétation à long terme. Nous avons également traité les plantes à la vapeur, mais encore là, cette méthode ne réussissait pas à tuer les racines et à préserver l'intégrité de la plateforme de la voie, ce qui rend les conditions d'exploitation non sécuritaires.

Le CN a aussi exploré d'autres options, comme le vinaigre (acide acétique) à haute concentration, mais ce produit ne s'est pas avéré une option viable, car le vinaigre a une incidence négative sur l'acier et le matériel électronique ultrasensible assurant la circulation sécuritaire de nos trains.

Je cultive des produits biologiques sur un terrain voisin de votre voie. Ai-je des raisons de m'inquiéter?

La plupart des opérations de désherbage concernent la partie centrale de la voie (en ballast) d'une largeur de 16 pi (4,9 mètres); une bande de 13 mètres de chaque côté de la partie ballastée n'est donc pas traitée. L'application du produit se fait au moyen d'une rampe munie d'un écran qui oriente le jet vers le sol, ce qui permet de restreindre l'étendue de l'application. L'application n'a lieu que lorsque les conditions météo sont favorables, quand les vents sont faibles.

Bon nombre de propriétés jouxtent la voie ferrée. Est-il sécuritaire d'utiliser les produits Aspect, Clearview, Credit Xtreme, Esplanade, Milestone, Navius Flex, Round Up Weather Pro, Hasten, et Gateway à proximité des personnes et des animaux de compagnie?

Tous les pesticides utilisés au Canada doivent être enregistrés auprès de l'Agence de réglementation de la lutte antiparasitaire de Santé Canada (ARLA), qui applique les dispositions réglementaires les plus sévères au monde lorsqu'il s'agit d'approuver un produit devant être utilisé. Le CN n'a recours qu'aux pesticides qui ont été approuvés au Canada et dans la province où ils sont appliqués. L'ARLA a déterminé que ces produits ne posent pas de risque lorsqu'on les utilise selon les directives de l'étiquette.

Mon secteur peut-il faire l'objet d'une exemption?

Au CN, la sécurité est une valeur fondamentale. Le CN est régi par la Loi sur la sécurité ferroviaire et doit respecter les lois et règlements. La gestion de la végétation est l'un des éléments clés qui contribuent à assurer la sécurité de notre personnel et des collectivités où nous exerçons nos activités. Il est donc indispensable que la voie, les signaux et les passages à niveau soient exempts de végétation, pour que nos équipes puissent effectuer leurs inspections et entretenir la voie correctement. C'est pourquoi nous devons traiter la totalité de la section en ballast afin d'éliminer la végétation.

April 28, 2023

Dear Mayor Victor Smith,

Re: Westcoast Energy Inc. Proposed Project – Sunrise Expansion Program

INTRODUCTION

Westcoast Energy Inc., an Enbridge company, (Enbridge) owns and operates British Columbia's (B.C.) major natural gas transmission infrastructure system, referred to as the Westcoast or BC Pipeline system, which transports processed natural gas to consumers throughout the province and to Alberta and the Pacific Northwest of the United States (U.S.). The Westcoast system is an interprovincial pipeline system with over 2,900 kilometers (km) of pipeline from near Fort Nelson in northeast B.C. and from Gordondale near the Alberta-B.C. border, south to the Canada-U.S. border at Huntingdon/Sumas.

Enbridge plans to apply to the Canada Energy Regulator (CER) in 2024 for approval of the proposed Sunrise Expansion Program (Project). The development of the application will involve a robust environmental assessment process and engagement program to ensure Indigenous, stakeholder and public involvement to identify and mitigate potential effects of the Project. This letter provides information about the Project and a description of upcoming activities related to preparing the regulatory application.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Project includes the addition of pipeline looping and additional compression along the southern portion of the Westcoast system, known as T-South. The Project would provide approximately 300 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d) of additional natural gas transportation capacity. The request for capacity is being driven by the need to meet natural gas demand in B.C. and the U.S. Pacific Northwest.

Project design is under development and configuration of pipeline loops, compressor station modifications and additional compression requirements are subject to change.

Pipeline looping

The preliminary Project design is expected to include a total of approximately 190 km of 42-inch pipeline looping in different segments along the existing T-South system, starting at Compressor Station CS-2 (Willow Flats) near Chetwynd, B.C. The new pipeline looping will be installed next to Enbridge's existing right-of-way to the greatest extent practical to minimize environmental effects. Enbridge's is evaluating the extent of additional permanent and temporary land requirements to accommodate construction and operation of the Project facilities.

Compression facilities

The preliminary Project scope also includes additional compression and associated facilities at CS-2B (Azouzetta Lake), CS-3 (McLeod Lake), CS-6B (93 Mile House) and CS-8A (Kingsvale). Enbridge is also evaluating the option of a new compressor station between CS-8A and CS-9 (Rosedale).

Power transmission

Enbridge is currently evaluating electrification of the new compressor units, which would result in lower emissions. Transmission powerlines and an additional switching station would be required to supply power to the compressor facilities. Powerline routing decisions will require environmental field studies and engagement with local stakeholders and Indigenous groups.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING FIELD STUDIES

Enbridge is in the early stage of Project development. Early feasibility studies have been conducted and additional environmental, surveying and geotechnical field studies will start this spring. A short description of these activities is provided below.

- Environmental – Enbridge plans to begin environmental studies on select pipeline corridors as seasonal conditions allow, beginning in **May 2023**. These studies will determine the environmental considerations that need to be factored into the design of the Project. Environmental studies will include surveys of fish and fish habitats, vegetation, soils, wetlands and wildlife.
- Geotechnical – Studies are planned to begin in **summer 2023** and will include surface and subsurface exploration to better understand geological conditions for routing design purposes (watercourse crossings, potential geohazards, etc.). The work may include the clearing of small pads to set up drill rigs to collect subsurface samples. The investigative locations will be selected in consultation with Indigenous rightsholders and stakeholders and may be adjusted to mitigate conflicts with respect to safety, environmental, archeological, or cultural considerations.
- Archaeology – Archaeological resources on public and private land are protected under the B.C. Heritage Conservation Act. Field investigations are planned to begin in **June 2023**.

Enbridge will develop comprehensive safety and environmental protection measures to mitigate environmental effects of the Project (e.g., effects on soil and terrain, wildlife and wildlife habitat, aquatic habitat and resources, vegetation, wetlands, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions, and heritage resources) and to ensure public and worker safety.

During construction, there are expected to be temporary effects related to an increase in dust, noise, and traffic within the immediate Project area. These effects would result from passenger vehicles, construction vehicles, and equipment (cranes, picker trucks, semis, and various other construction equipment). Enbridge will work closely with local communities to develop mitigation plans to limit the temporary effects.

OPERATIONAL EFFECTS

Once construction activities are complete, the temporary effects described above are expected to end. Along with the environmental protection measures, restoration activities will be implemented following construction.

The Project will be operated by Enbridge personnel and monitored 24 hours per day by Enbridge's Gas Control operations. The Project will be subject to Enbridge's comprehensive pipeline integrity and maintenance program including regular valve maintenance, cathodic protection, inline inspection, and pigging to detect corrosion and pipeline defects.

TIMELINE OF ACTIVITIES

Investigative and engineering activities commenced in late 2022. Field studies will start in spring 2023 with the CER application submission targeted for mid-2024. Subject to the receipt of regulatory approvals, construction activities would begin in 2026 with planned in-service in 2028. These timelines are subject to change.

MAP AND FACTSHEET

The potential locations for additional pipeline looping and compression are depicted in the attached Project map and factsheet. Following further Project studies, design and engagement with Indigenous groups and stakeholders, the scope will be refined.

RESPONSE AND CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on the CER's regulatory oversight and review process for the Project, please refer to the enclosed CER brochure, "The CER, Energy Projects and You", which can also be found at: <https://www.cer-rec.gc.ca/en/consultation-engagement/land-matters-guide/brochures/cer-energy-projects-you/index.html>.

We invite you to share interests, comments, questions or concerns regarding the Project so that they may be addressed and considered in the development of this Project. Please advise us if you would like to receive regular updates and information about the Project and, if so, the preferred format (e.g., digital, hard copy, mail, e-mail).

For more information on the Project please visit our website at <https://www.enbridge.com/projects-and-infrastructure/projects/sunrise-expansion-program> or visit our virtual open house at www.sunrise-program.com.

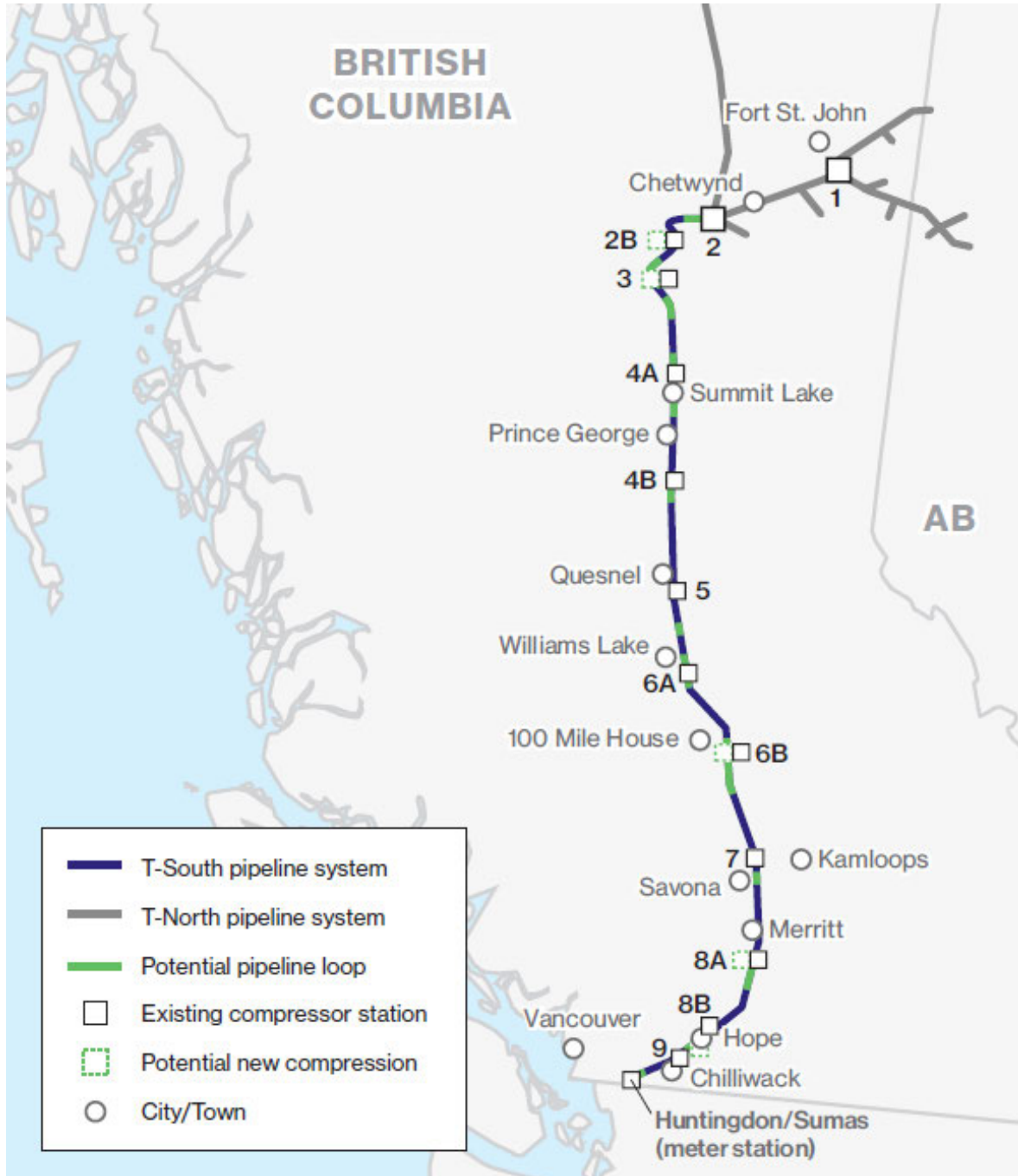
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Enclosures: Factsheet: Sunrise Expansion Program

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PROJECT MAP



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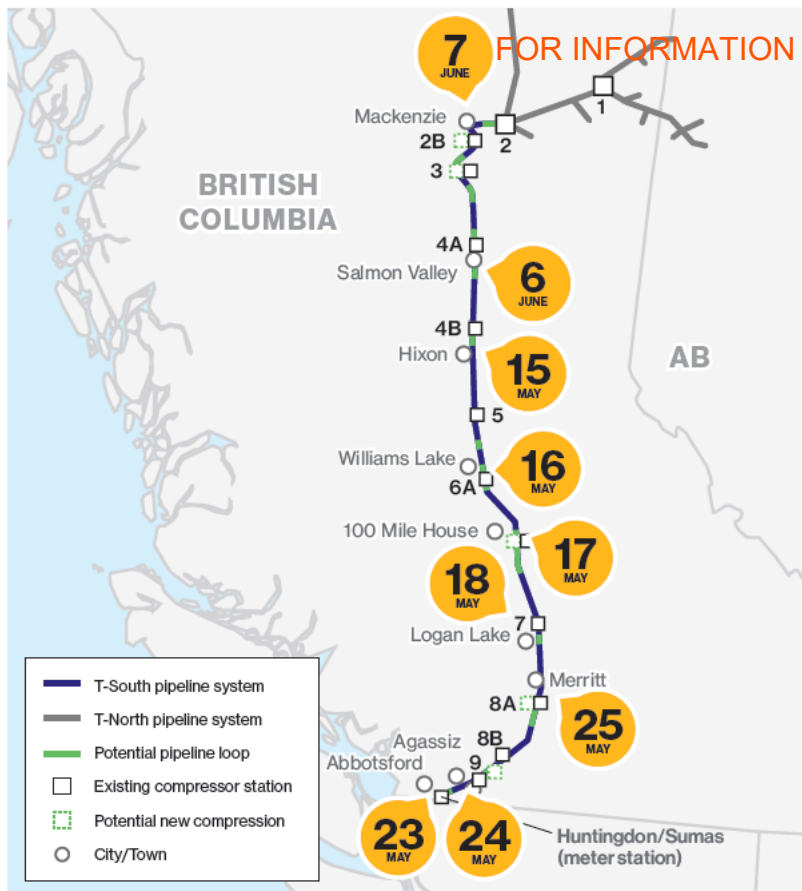
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Open house. Open conversation.

Enbridge is proposing an expansion of the southern portion of its natural gas transmission system to meet additional natural gas demand in the province and Pacific Northwest of the United States.

Please join us at an open house near you to learn about the Sunrise Expansion Program and meet members of the team who will be in attendance to gather your input and share information about the proposed Project.

Snacks and refreshments will be served.



2023 open houses will take place from 3 - 7 p.m. on the following days:

Monday, May 15
Hixon Community Hall

Tuesday, May 16
Williams Lake Tourism
Discovery Centre

Wednesday, May 17
100 Mile House Community Hall

Thursday, May 18
Logan Lake District Fire Hall

Tuesday, May 23
Abbotsford Clarion Hotel
and Conference Center

Wednesday, May 24
Agassiz Agricultural Hall

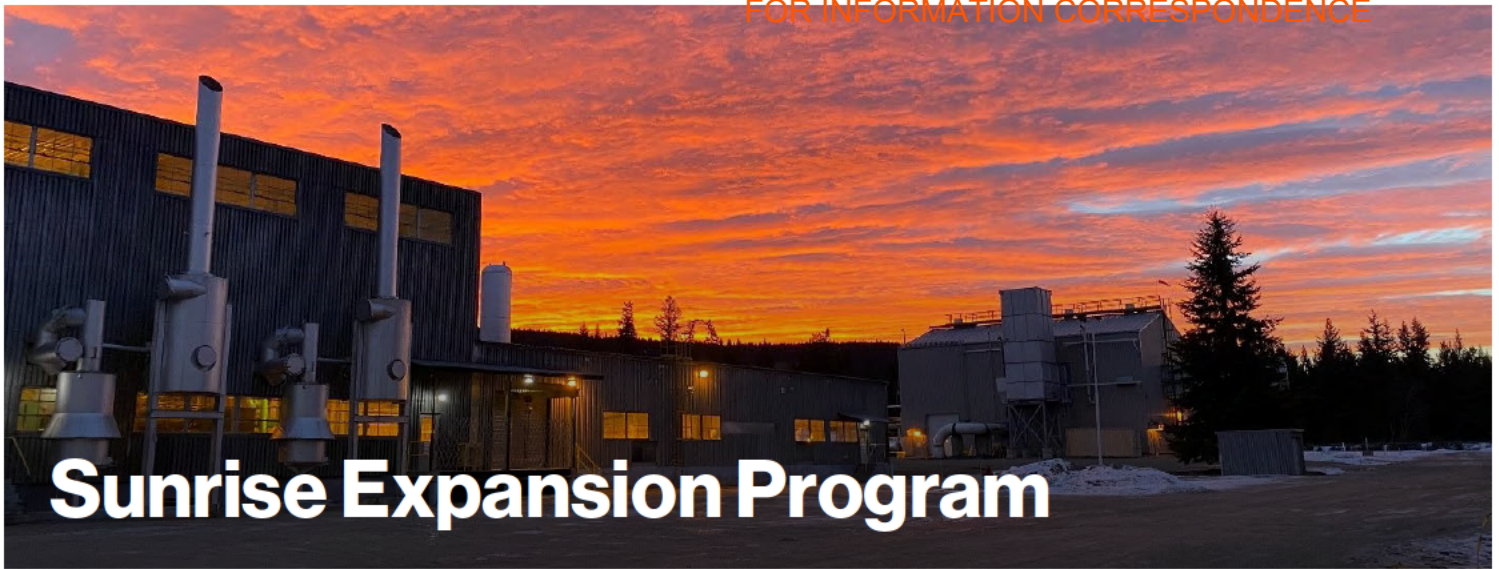
Thursday, May 25
Merritt Civic Center

Tuesday, June 6
Salmon Valley Hart Pioneer Centre

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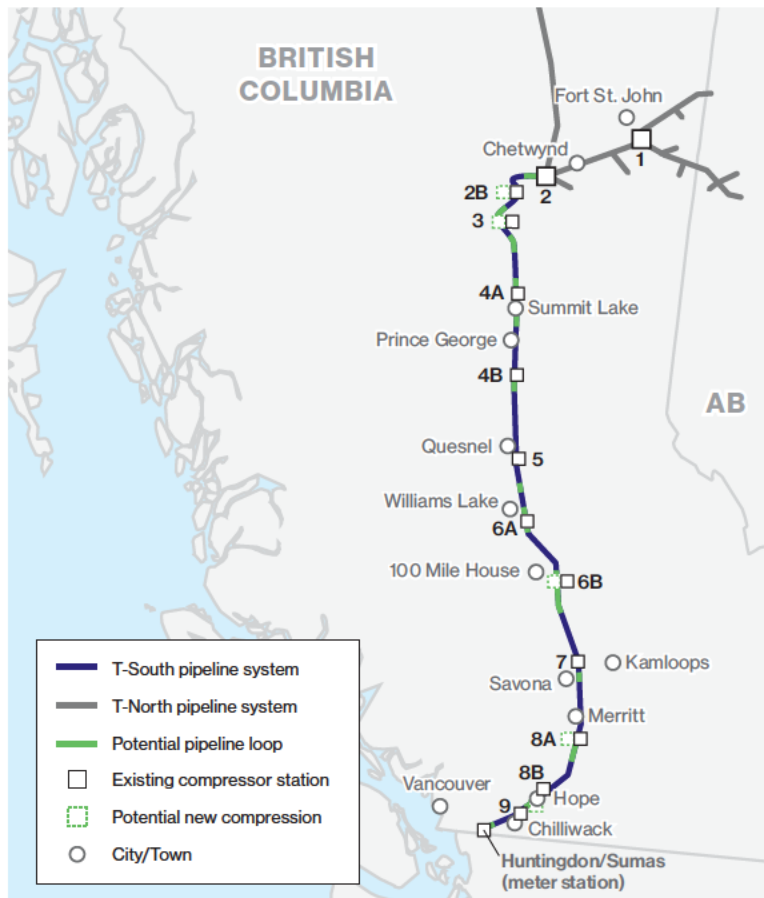
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Sunrise Expansion Program

> Image above: existing compressor station 5 – “Australian” – near Quesnel, BC

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Project scope

Following a successful open season in 2022 that resulted in requests for additional transportation capacity, Enbridge is proposing an expansion of the southern portion of the Westcoast system known as T-South. The proposed expansion, named the Sunrise Expansion Program (Project), currently includes the addition of pipeline looping and additional compression along T-South to provide approximately 300 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d) of additional natural gas transportation service. The targeted in-service date is late 2028.

Enbridge is in the early project development stage and studies will be required to support a regulatory application to the Canada Energy Regulator in mid-2024. The upcoming studies will help determine the specific configuration, location and timing of any new facilities, including compressor stations and pipeline loops. Project planning, feasibility studies and consultation with Indigenous groups, landowners and local communities will be undertaken to determine the detailed design of the Project.

Investigative field work studies

Enbridge plans to begin investigative environmental and geotechnical studies on select pipeline corridors as seasonal conditions allow, beginning in spring 2023. This work will determine any environmental or geotechnical considerations that may need to be factored into the scoping of the Project.

Field studies will include surveys of fish and fish habitats, vegetation, soil, watercourses, wetlands, wildlife and archaeology.

The proposed locations of field studies does not necessarily mean that an expansion will occur in that specific area. Rather, the information that is collected in the studies – along with other information such as Indigenous rightsholder interests and knowledge, and input from landowners and other local stakeholders – will inform the Project scope. Enbridge is committed to working with Indigenous groups, landowners and other interested parties. By understanding these interests, Enbridge will be in a better position to incorporate them into any upcoming field studies or Project-related activities.



Indigenous engagement

Enbridge is committed to developing economic opportunities for Indigenous groups and local communities ranging from training and employment opportunities to the procurement of goods and services from Indigenous businesses through a proactive supply chain process. Enbridge will seek to provide opportunities on the Project initially through employment and contracting in the early investigative studies, and during construction.

Enbridge is continuing its efforts to contribute to Indigenous reconciliation through enhanced hiring efforts, cultural awareness training and long-term economic benefits for Indigenous communities.

Stakeholder engagement

Consistent and transparent engagement with potentially affected stakeholders, including landowners, is a critical part of developing and operating safe projects.

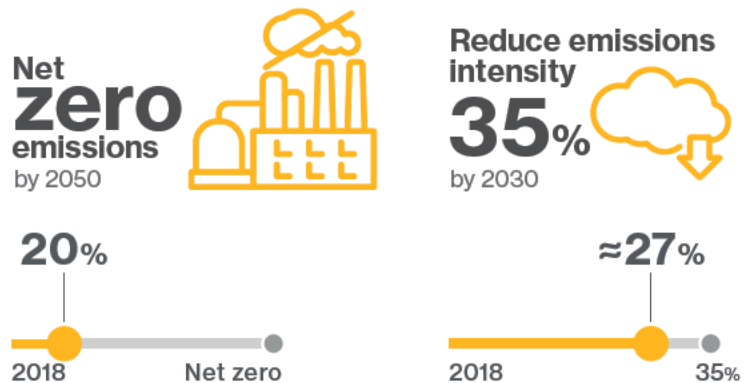
We seek to create and sustain long-term value for landowners and communities near our projects and operations.

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The Project is proposed to occur primarily along Enbridge's existing right-of-way. Enbridge is evaluating the extent of additional permanent and temporary land requirements to accommodate construction and operation of the Project facilities, as the project design is refined. Enbridge will work closely with landowners during the Project development and design phase to gather feedback and respond to any questions or concerns.

Environmental performance commitment

Enbridge's environmental, social and governance (ESG) goals represent the next stage of our evolution as an ESG leader to ensure we're positioned to grow sustainably for decades to come. We believe climate change requires serious solutions and we're committed to delivering the energy mix of today and tomorrow – and helping to meet those needs in ways that are ethical, sustainable and socially responsible. Through these efforts, we will be en route to achieving company-wide net-zero emissions by 2050. To find out more about how we plan to meet these goals, please visit enbridge.com/esggoals.



Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program

The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program allows BC to cost-share infrastructure investments between the governments of Canada and BC, local governments and other partners. As part of our commitment to environmental performance, Enbridge is currently evaluating the development of electric drive compression stations for this Project and applied to the Infrastructure Grant Planning Program in early 2023.

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Safety is everyone's responsibility. For us, it is our job. Protecting you and the environment is the CER's priority. Here are a few things you should know.

Damage prevention: If you live or work near a pipeline, find out how to safely do your activities. Before you dig near a pipeline, get the company's consent. Visit clickbeforeyoudig.com to locate buried pipelines or utility lines.

Compliance and enforcement: CER inspection officers regularly go out into the field to verify and enforce requirements and standards in place to keep people and the environment protected.

Emergency management: In an emergency, we make sure companies respond in a way that protects people, property, and the environment. We expect them to take the action needed to stop spills, manage the incident, and clean up and pay for any damage done.

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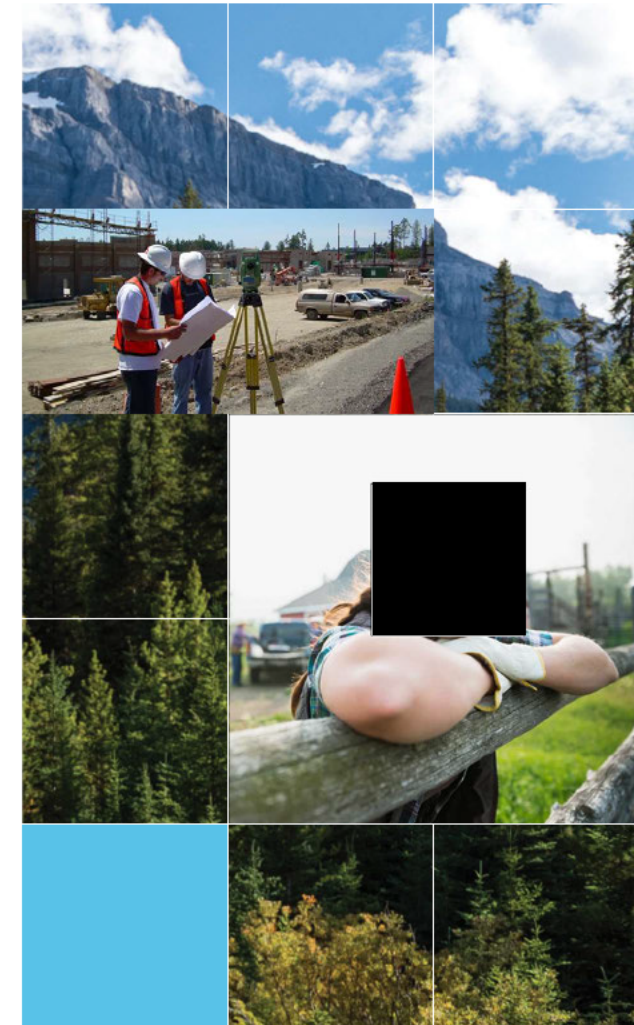
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The Canada Energy Regulator (CER) oversees federally regulated pipelines, power lines, and offshore renewable energy projects.



When you hear from a company about a project being proposed on your land, you may have questions and concerns. We understand.

Explore the topics from this brochure on our website, www.cer-rec.gc.ca.

Simply search for the **bolded** words for more information and *italicized* words for forms and templates.



Be part of the project – work with the company



Contact the company first. Your questions and concerns help shape the company's project. Companies are required to listen and respond to your comments and concerns. They must also identify the possible effects on nearby people, property, and the environment when it applies to the CER. Here are some opportunities to work with the company.

- **Early engagement:** We expect companies to engage early about a project and demonstrate to us how it considered the information it gathered. Let the company know whether the project may affect you. The company will let potentially affected people and communities know when it files an application with the CER.
- **Land agreements:** The company must tell you what land it is planning to use to construct, operate, and maintain its proposed project. It may propose a land agreement with you to confirm the lands the company can work on.
- **Land use compensation:** The company must compensate you for land acquisition, restricted use of lands, or damages caused by its activities.



CER project review – be heard

Before the company can build or abandon a federally regulated pipeline, power line, or offshore renewable energy project, it must apply to the CER. We will review and assess the proposed project, including the company's engagement activities and potential effects on people, property, and the environment.

- **Statement of concern:** We rely on you to bring forward your concerns and views. If you have concerns about a project, you can send us a *Statement of Concern* within 21 days of being notified that the company has filed an application. Your concerns will guide the CER in planning its review.
- **Projects and hearings:** The CER may hold a public hearing for facilities applications. If you have questions about the **hearing process**, contact a **process advisor**.



CER processes in place to help you

- **Land Matters Advisory Service:** If you have questions about land matters with respect to CER-regulated energy projects and processes, email LMAS@cer-rec.gc.ca.
- **Alternative dispute resolution:** Any time during the life of a project, if you are unable to resolve concerns directly with the company, you can email ADR-RED@cer-rec.gc.ca to ask a specialist to work with you and the company to find solutions.
- **Complaint resolution:** If you are unable to resolve an issue with a CER-regulated company, facility, or activity on lands you use or own, you can send us a completed *Complaint Form*.

MISSION MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (MMH) CT SCANNER INITIATIVE FUNDED



The community rallied behind our campaign to raise \$1.1 million to bring a CT Scanner to Mission Hospital, and boosted by a generous \$500,000 Canada Day gift from Mission philanthropist Mr. Sukhdev Gerwal, we're pleased to announce that together we reached our goal. The new CT Scanner, bringing improved health care close to home, and made possible by our generous supporters, will be operational early in 2024.

"The CT Scanner will elevate health care at MMH to a completely new level." Says Dr. Amarjit Bajwa, Department Head, Medical Imaging. "Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to bringing this life saving diagnostic tool to our hospital."

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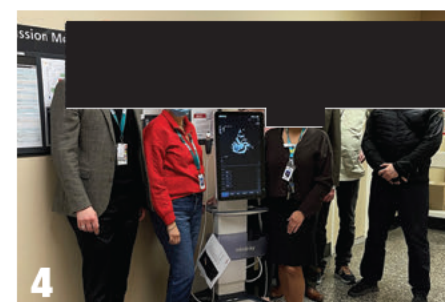
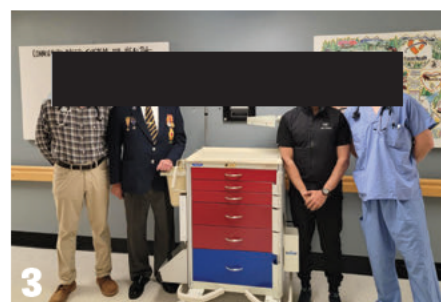
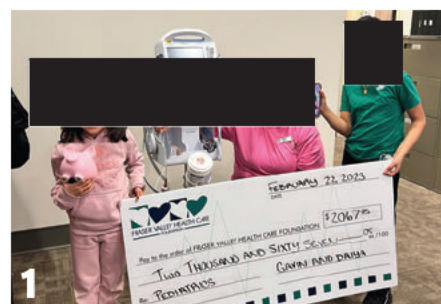
Thanks to the Chilliwack Dogwood Monarch Lions Club, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Lions Clubs in Chilliwack and Agassiz, and other community groups, we are pleased to announce that by working together, we are fully funded for the renovation and equipment of the breast health clinic at Chilliwack General Hospital.

Says Liz Harris, executive director of FVHCF, "Thank you so much to everyone in the community that pulled together and made this possible. It is only with the generosity of you, our loyal supporters, that we are able to upgrade our equipment to take advantage of latest technological advances."



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1-Abbotsford: Gavin & Daiya donated their birthday money to the pediatrics department. **2-Chilliwack:** Kiwanis Club of Chilliwack donated hand out bags for the Baby Safe Start & New Parent Support programs. **3-Hope:** The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 228 Hope donated a new Crash Cart. **4-Mission:** The City of Mission donated a new ultrasound.



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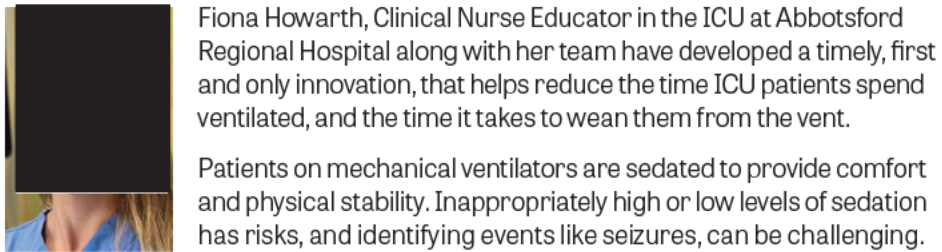
ICU INITIATIVE

IMPROVING OUTCOMES &
EFFICIENCY IN OUR FRASER
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ABBOTSFORD REGIONIAL HOSPITAL (ARH)
A FIRST AND ONLY INNOVATION



Fiona Howarth, Clinical Nurse Educator in the ICU at Abbotsford Regional Hospital along with her team have developed a timely, first and only innovation, that helps reduce the time ICU patients spend ventilated, and the time it takes to wean them from the vent.

Patients on mechanical ventilators are sedated to provide comfort and physical stability. Inappropriately high or low levels of sedation has risks, and identifying events like seizures, can be challenging.

For just over two years Fiona and her ICU team have risen to meet the challenge by using neurological monitors to measure brain activity. The monitors let the care team know if the patients are experiencing nonconvulsive seizures or other neurological alterations, enabling the team to adjust the level of sedation, so each patient receives exactly the level of sedation they require.

Overly sedated patients take longer to be weaned from the ventilator and once off the vent they also experience more delirium, muscle weakness, PTSD and other mental health problems.

Fiona reports, "Since using the monitors our patients are doing so much better. We have seen a 35% reduction in the average number of days each patient spends ventilated, and a 65% reduction in post ventilation delirium. Patients averaged six days on the vent prior to the monitoring and that average has come down to four days."

ICU patients spending less time ventilated, and recovering more quickly, means more ICU beds are available. But, most importantly, the use of these non-invasive monitors has improved the quality of life for our patients and their families.

This 100% nurse led initiative is attracting attention in the medical community and Fiona has presented the results at conferences. Says Fiona, "I am so proud of our ICU care team and I am very grateful to our donors, without whom, none of this would have been possible."

FRASER VALLEY EAST (FVE)
FORENSIC CARE FOR SURVIVORS

Forensic nurses treat and document the trauma experienced by victims of violence and abuse, including sexual assault, intimate partner violence, elder and child abuse or neglect and other forms of intentional injury.

Christina Simpson is the Coordinator of the Forensic Nursing Service at Abbotsford Regional Hospital. Working out of the Emergency Department, Christina and the other forensic nurses provide compassionate care, document and collect evidence and give expert witness testimony in court.

Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation, thanks to the support of their donors, recently provided the Forensic Nursing Service with a Cortexflo camera and lighting system. The Cortexflo makes forensic photography of physical and sexual assault injuries simple, accurate, fast and admissible in court.

Prior to receiving the Cortexflo the forensic nurses were using a DSLR camera, but it didn't provide the image quality, external lighting or secure encrypted data storage required for forensic photography.

The forensic nursing service at Abbotsford, created in 1999 to treat 15 patients a year in the Fraser Valley East and Fraser Canyon, now treats around 160 patients a year. Patients arriving at doctor's offices or other hospitals in the region, who report or show signs of violence or abuse, have their immediate medical needs cared for, before being transferred to Emergency at Abbotsford for treatment and assessment by a professional forensic nurse.

"We are seeing a lot of domestic violence cases that involve strangulation or other grievous trauma," says Christina.

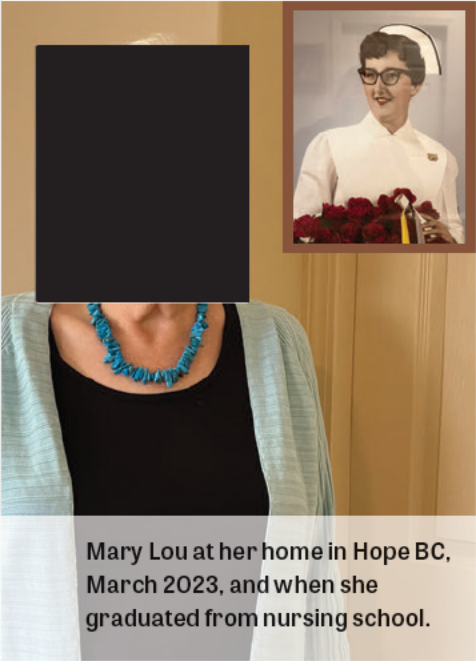
Given the growth in the number of annual cases and the seriousness of many of them, Fraser Health is considering expanding the now on-call Forensic Nursing Service to include some regularized positions to better meet the needs of the community.

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HOPE — FRASER CANYON HOSPITAL (FCH)
THE LITTLE HOSPITAL THAT DOES

When it opened in January 1959, Fraser Canyon Hospital boasted an operating room, 26 beds, three doctors, and 10 regular nurses – one of whom was Director of Nursing Mary Lou Jacobs, who pretty much ran the hospital.

Born and raised in Ontario, Mary Lou had only been a nurse for a few years when she was hired to run the brand-new Fraser Canyon Hospital, that wasn't even finished yet. She left her home province and everything she knew behind, and made the journey west to Hope, BC to a new hospital and a new life.

"I did everything from ordering equipment to choosing the colours of the paint for the walls" says Mary Lou, "I also hired the staff and set up the hospital. I was thrilled. How often do you get to start your own hospital?"



In the 1960's it took a lot longer to drive from Hope to Chilliwack or Abbotsford than it does today, so the Fraser Canyon Hospital performed surgeries including tonsillectomies, c-sections and hysterectomies. A lot of babies were born at Fraser Canyon Hospital back in the 1960's too, but these days expectant mothers from the area are referred to Chilliwack for level one low risk births, or Abbotsford for level two higher risk births.

Now fitted with eight medical beds, two hospice beds, and an eight-bay emergency department staffed 24/7, the dedicated healthcare team provide, emergency, acute and end of life care, close to home, for the 6,699 residents of Hope and the surrounding area. They also offer immediate emergency

care and triage for travelers involved in motor vehicle or other accidents — and they still deliver a few unexpected babies from time to time.

Located at the junction of three major highways an estimated 36,000 people travel through Hope every day in the summer months. In an area often subject to extreme weather conditions, Fraser Canyon Hospital's healthcare professionals provide the only care available when highways are closed due to flooding, landslides, or whiteout conditions and it's too windy for helicopters to fly.

Mary Lou, who still lives in Hope and donates regularly to the hospital, is both proud and pleased to see the hospital she was so instrumental in setting up is still a key feature in the community and the province.



\$3,554,674
Raised in Total



\$77,500 Raised by 3rd party Events
\$261,311 Raised by Foundation Events



796 Gifts to Abbotsford
643 Gifts to Chilliwack
182 Gifts to Mission
154 Gifts to Hope

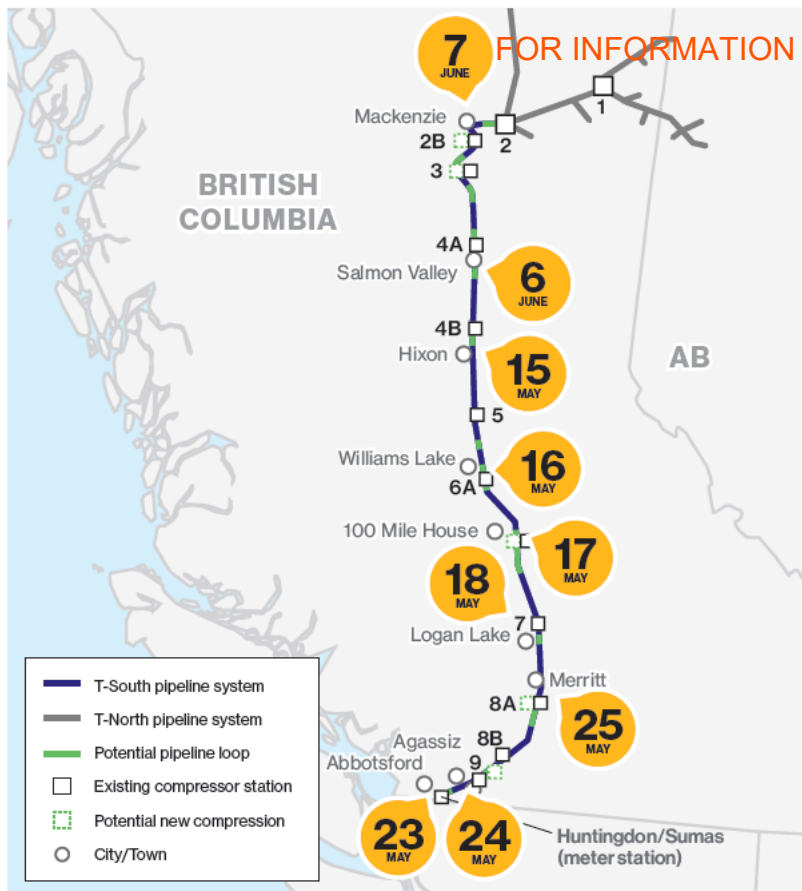
2022-23 by the Numbers

Open house. Open conversation.

Enbridge is proposing an expansion of the southern portion of its natural gas transmission system to meet additional natural gas demand in the province and Pacific Northwest of the United States.

Please join us at an open house near you to learn about the Sunrise Expansion Program and meet members of the team who will be in attendance to gather your input and share information about the proposed Project.

Snacks and refreshments will be served.



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2023 open houses will take place from 3 - 7 p.m. on the following days:

Monday, May 15
Hixon Community Hall

Tuesday, May 16
Williams Lake Tourism
Discovery Centre

Wednesday, May 17
100 Mile House Community Hall

Thursday, May 18
Logan Lake District Fire Hall

Tuesday, May 23
Abbotsford Clarion Hotel
and Conference Center

Wednesday, May 24
Agassiz Agricultural Hall

Thursday, May 25
Merritt Civic Center

Tuesday, June 6
Salmon Valley Hart Pioneer Centre

Wednesday, June 7
Mackenzie Recreation Centre

Call us toll-free at 1-833-267-2220,
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May 9, 2023

Honourable Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Housing
Room 248 Parliament Buildings
Victoria BC V8V 1X4

VIA EMAIL: ravi.kahlon.MLA@leg.bc.ca

Dear Honourable Kahlon:

Re: Homes for People Action Plan

At their Regular meeting held on May 8, 2023, the District of Coldstream passed the following resolution:

"THAT the Mayor be authorized to send a letter to the Minister of Housing, with copies to the MLA for Vernon-Monashee and all members of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, regarding the recently announced action plan "Homes for People" and request that the Minister take into consideration the following:

- 1. the diversity and size of communities throughout the province and their unique housing needs;*
- 2. the differences between rural and urban communities and their availability of infrastructure; and*
- 3. the significant impact on existing local infrastructure capacity to service increased development and density;*

AND THAT the Minister be further advised that the District of Coldstream is concerned that broad legislative changes may curtail the local planning authority vested in local governments and expressed in their Official Community Plans and Zoning bylaws, for which significant public input has been received and accounted for in these important planning instruments.

In addition to the points enumerated above, we would also bring to your attention that a large portion of Coldstream is served by septic systems, which are not equipped to manage the type of densification the Homes for People Action Plan contemplates. To provide the appropriate infrastructure would have a considerable financial impact to our residents without guaranteed and predictable funding/grants from the Province.

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A good portion of Coldstream is in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR); as such, we have concerns regarding the potential conflict between residential and agricultural land use. We have struggled with this very issue in recent years as have other communities surrounded with rural areas and have experienced development pressure.


The portion of Coldstream that would be characterized as urban is very much residential and we lack access to local services such as shopping, health care, employment, and transit. These types of services and amenities are located in Vernon, a neighbouring community which acts as a the commercial 'hub' for many of our residents.

The District of Coldstream values and is known for our carefully managed growth which has always respected the wishes of the members of this community. Our Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaws have been developed with considerable input from the residents. Coldstream is a desirable place to live, farm and enjoy the abundance of natural amenities we are fortunate to have. We have worked diligently to balance the need for a variety of housing types and density with moderate growth while preserving the much sought after rural lifestyle that Coldstream is known for.

Respectfully, we request you consider that there are other communities, just as unique as ours, for which a province-wide, "one-size-fits-all", approach to increasing housing supply may not be in their best interest and may result in communities that no longer resemble the ones that people chose to live in. If the Province targeted support to communities either better suited or desirous of increased density, British Columbians would have the ability to choose the housing type and the community that is the best fit for them.

We thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our concerns on this very important initiative.

Sincerely,



Ruth Hoyte
Mayor

cc: Council, District of Coldstream (via email)
MLA Harwinder Sandhu (Harwinder.sandhu.MLA@leg.bc.ca)
Members of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities