

#### **AGENDA**

Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase to be held at the Community Hall at 547 Shuswap Avenue, and via Zoom on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution:

"THAT the May 24, 2022 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting agenda be adopted as presented."

### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held May 10, 2022

Pages 1-5

"THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting of May 10, 2022, be adopted as presented."

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

#### 5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

This opportunity is for members of the gallery to provide input on items on this Agenda

#### 6. DELEGATIONS

None

#### 7. REPORTS

a) Mayor and Council Reports

#### 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Request for the Village to donate usage of the Community
Hall for 6 weeks for Summer Recreation Programming

The Village of Chase has in past years, provided a Summer Recreation Program in July and August for children aged 4-11. The program did not operate in 2020 and 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As Covid was still a concern earlier in 2022, funding was not budgeted for the provision of the program in 2022.

More recently, the Chase and Area Young Learner's Society (CAYLS) applied for and received grant-in-aid funding to run some programs for school aged children in 2022. CAYLS thanks the Village of Chase for the contribution of \$3920.00 which will go towards programming.

The Chase Lions Club in the meantime approached the Village offering to pay \$20,000 for the Village to provide for the Summer Program as it was offered in past years. Due to the resignation of our Deputy Corporate Officer, and additional projects Administration is working on, it is not feasible for the Village to administer a summer recreation program this year.

CAYLS is requesting that as the Village is not providing the program, that the Community Hall usage to provide for 6 weeks of Summer Recreation Programming for school aged children at a value of \$625 be considered by Council.

#### Recommendation:

"THAT Council donates usage of the Community Hall for 6 weeks during the summer months for the Chase and Area Young Learner's Society to offer Summer Recreation Programs for school aged children."

#### 8.2 BC Wildfire Petition

Pages 6-9

At its January 11, 2022 meeting, Council passed a resolution to send a letter of support for the Lillooet petition for meaningful changes to forest management and wildfire protection practices in BC to our Member of Parliament, Member of the Legislative Assembly and several Province of BC Ministers.

MP Brad Vis, Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon has provided a response to the petition and those communities who supported the petition.

#### Recommendation:

"THAT the letter from MP Brad Vis, and the official response to the petition by the Federal Minister of Natural Resources be received as information."

# 8.3 2022 SILGA Resolutions – Letter from UBCM President

Pages 10-14

Recommendation:

"THAT the letter from Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, President of UBCM, confirming receipt of the Village of Chase's 2022 SILGA Resolutions be received as information."

#### 9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Letter from Sandy Vogstad Re: Resident Rate – Cemetery Rates (Cremated Remains)

Page 15

Recommendation:

"THAT Council agrees to the planned inurnment of Francis (Frank) and Lesia (Alice) SHELEST be approved for "resident" rates, and

THAT staff review Cemetery Bylaw #608 regarding resident vs non-resident status."

# 9.2 BC Hydro UBCM Meeting Request

Pages 16-17

Recommendation:

"THAT the invitation to meet with BC Hydro at UBCM be received as information."

### 9.3 Provincial Budget 2023 Consultation

Pages 18-19

Several years ago, Council participated in the Province's Budget Consultation process advocating for additional funding for Road Rescue Services in BC.

In 2022, Council has met with MLA Todd Stone to discuss issues of importance to the Village, has provided input to MP Mel Arnold, and has submitted resolutions to UBCM via SILGA.

#### Recommendation:

"THAT the invitation to participate in the 2023 Provincial Budget Consultation process be received as information."

#### 10. NOTICE OF MOTION

#### 11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON MUNICIPAL MATTERS

This opportunity is for members of the gallery to provide input on any municipal matter.

#### 12. IN CAMERA

Recommendation:

"THAT Council recess to an In Camera meeting pursuant to Section 90 (1) (c) labour relations or other employee relations."

#### 13. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution:

"THAT the May 24, 2022 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting be adjourned."



#### **MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase held at the Community Hall at 547 Shuswap Avenue, and via Zoom on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor Rod Crowe

Councillor Alison (Ali) Lauzon
Councillor Fred Torbohm (virtual)

Councillor Steve Scott

In Attendance:

Joni Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer

Sean O'Flaherty, Director of Corporate Operations

Joanne Molnar, Chief Financial Officer

**REGRETS:** 

Councillor Ali Maki

Lynn Eileen, Deputy Corporate Officer

Public Participants: 3 in person, 1 via Zoom

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Crowe called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

#### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Torbohm Seconded by Councillor Scott

"THAT the May 10, 2022 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting agenda be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

#2022/05/10\_001

#### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Regular meeting held April 12, 2022

Moved by Councillor Lauzon Seconded by Councillor Scott

"THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 12, 2022 be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

#2022/05/10\_002

#### 3.2 Minutes of the Special meeting held April 19, 2022

Moved by Councillor Torbohm Seconded by Councillor Scott

"THAT the minutes of the Special meeting of April 19, 2022 be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

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#### 3.3 Minutes of the Special meeting held April 25, 2022

Moved by Councillor Scott Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

"THAT the minutes of the Special meeting of April 25, 2022 be adopted as presented."

CARRIED #2022/05/10 004

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

#### 5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

This opportunity is for members of the gallery to provide input on items on this Agenda

#### 6. DELEGATIONS

#### 6.1 Multi-Family Development at 116 MacPherson Street

Mr. Cavers spoke to how communications could be improved upon between VoC and applicant. It would be more effective if processes were more collaborative and that better notification is needed when an applicant requests dealing directly with Council.

Concerns with flooding on 116 MacPherson Street is causing concerns for his insurer and the bylaws already deal with this potential situation.

The request for public use of the walkway within the development is also problematic for my insurer due to liability. We would be willing to construct a sidewalk on Village property beside my property on Hillside without curb and gutter.

#### 6.2 Secwepemc Landmark Project

Councillor Shelley Witzky, Adams Lake Indian Band, in-kind Project Lead and Libby Chisolm, Project Coordinator provided an update on the Chase Landmark project as well as other locations. They shared the fact that the site in Chase has been blessed by the elders and the sculpture is nearing completion.

## 7. REPORTS

#### a) Mayor and Council Reports

#### Mayor Crowe

April 12- Attended the Chase and District Health Foundation Board meeting.

April 21 – Attended the TNRD Board of Directors meeting in Kamloops.

April 22 – Attended the TNRD Committee of the Whole in Kamloops.

April 22 – Attended a meeting between Neskonlith Chief and Council and their administration and Village of Chase Mayor and Council and our senior administration.

April 22 – Attended the Chase Environmental Action Group Earth Day event in pocket park.

April 25 – Attended demos of emergency Voyent Alert and Alertable.

April 25 – Attended a Council meeting with KPMG Auditors.

April 27 - Attended SILGA conference in Salmon Arm.

April 28 – Attended SILGA Conference in Salmon Arm

May 2 – Attended a meeting between our Council and senior administration and the three First Nations neighboring communities Chiefs, Councillors, and their administration staff.

May 5 – Attended the TNRD Board of Directors meeting in Kamloops.

May 7 – Attended the Emergency Preparedness event in Chase.

May 10 – Attended an online meeting with senior administration regarding the new RCMP collective agreement and their retroactive policing costs.

#### Councillor Torbohm

April 13 - lunch meeting with Todd Stone.

April 19 - Special Council meeting for approval of financial report.

April 22 – meet with Neskonlith Band to discuss common interests.

April 25 – attend demos of Voyent Alert and Alertable

April 25 - Special meeting of VoC Financial Report

April 26 – 29 Attend SILGA Conference in Salmon Arm. Itinerary included

presentations on climate change, opioid crisis, funding opportunities, tech industry, forest management, wildfire risk reduction, and attainable housing.

May 2 - met with Local First Nations Bands to discuss common interests

#### Councillor Lauzon

April 15 – spoke with Ann Grube of the Environmental Action Committee regarding recent Provincial funding announcement for Composting Projects.

April 17 – assisted with the Chase Lions Easter Eggstravaganza

April 19 - special meeting of Council - Financial Plan Bylaw & Tax rates

April 25 – special meeting of Council – Auditors presentation of the 2021 Financial Statements

- Working on the Emerg Mgt Open House – invitations. Advertising, etc.

April 26 - 29th - SILGA conference & AGM

 Attended informative break out sessions – Cultural Mapping by illustration, Jesse Wente – reconciliation, Corix presentation – capital projects (requested further info to share regarding possibility for NIB/Village sewer project). Discussion around disasters in BC last year, outcomes, etc.

May 2 – TriBand & Village of Chase meeting. Update MOU, and large discussion around the Opiod Crisis.

May 6 – Lakes Emerg Mgt meeting – EMBC is currently working with BC Transit and has reached out to the School District regarding use of school buses in the summer months. Will keep us updated.

May 7 – Emergency Mgt Open House. 10 agencies were in attendance.

Exciting news to share – The Chase Skating Club has been awarded the 2023 Skate Canada Inter Club Competition. Chase will be hosting November 26, 2023. Anticipating 200-400 skaters. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest competition in BC.

#### **Councillor Scott**

April12 - Citizens on patrol

April 19 - Special meeting of council

April 23 - Meeting with Neskonlith chief and council

April 25 - Special meeting of council

April 26-29 Attended SILGA in Salmon Arm

May 2 - Meeting with the three area First Nation bands

#### b) Staff Reports

Moved by Councillor Scott Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

"THAT the reports from Council and Staff be received as information.

CARRIED #2022/05/10\_005

#### 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 914-2022

Moved by Councillor Lauzon

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

"THAT the Village of Chase 2022 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 914-2022 be adopted."

CARRIED

#2022/05/10 006

#### 9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 2021 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Scott

"THAT Council approve the 2021 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) as presented."

#2022/05/10 007

9.2 2022 Extraordinary Grant in Aid Application - Creekside Seniors

Moved by Councillor Lauzon

Seconded by Councillor Scott

"THAT Council approve the Chase Creekside Seniors Organization 2022 extraordinary grant in aid application in the amount of \$2,750 for the sidewalk widening between 542 Shuswap Avenue and 560 Shuswap Avenue."

CARRIED #2022/05/10 008

9.3 Alert System for the Village of Chase

Moved by Mayor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Scott

"THAT the Village of Chase enter into a contract with ICESOFT Technologies to receive Voyent Alert Hosted Services at a cost of \$2,040 per year for two years."

#2022/05/10 009

9.4 Luxury Tax on Recreational Boats - District of Sicamous

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

"THAT Council provided a letter of support for the District of Sicamous' request to the Federal Government not to implement a luxury tax on Recreational Boats.

CARRIED

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9.5 Invasive Mussel Defense Program

Moved by Mayor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

"THAT the calls to action and request to the Provincial Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and the request for continued and additional funding from the Province of BC, be supported by a letter being sent from the Village of Chase to the Provincial Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy."

CARRIED
#2022/05/10 011

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### 9.6 Extended Hour Child Care for Shift Workers

Moved by Councillor Lauzon

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

"THAT a letter be sent to the City of Fort St. John in support of their resolution to lobby the Provincial Government to amend the Child Care Licensing Regulation to accommodate extended hour child care to support shift workers and their families."

CARRIED
#2022/05/10 012

#### 10. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

#### 11. IN CAMERA

Moved by Councillor Lauzon Seconded by Mayor Crowe

"THAT Council recess to an In Camera meeting pursuant to Section 90 (1) (I) discussion with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98."

CARRIED
#2022/05/10 013

#### 12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS

None

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Lauzon Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

"THAT the May 10, 2022 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting be adjourned."

CARRIED

#2022/05/10 014

| The meeting concluded at 5:25 pm. |                                    |
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| Rod Crowe, Mayor                  | Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer |



Member of Parliament
Mission—Matsqui—Fraser Canyon

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May 13, 2022

Rod Crowe, Mayor Village of Chase PO Box 440, 826 Okanagan Avenue Chase, B.C. V0E 1M0

Re: BC Wildfire Petition

Your Worship,

Thank you for your letter in support of the House of Commons petition on wildfire and forestry management. Spearheaded by Councillor Laurie Hopfl with the District of Lillooet, I was proud to present this petition to the Government of Canada on March 24, 2022.

While the provincial government manages forestry in B.C., and the federal government works with First Nations on forestry management, all levels of government must work in collaboration to develop best practices in sustainability and wildfire prevention.

As required by legislation, the Government of Canada has provided the enclosed official response.

Sincerely,

Brad Vis, MP

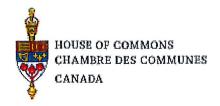
Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon

Encl. Petition 441-00269

*Ottawa* 

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# 441-00269 (Environment)

# Keywords

Brush, prairie and forest fires

**Environmental protection** 

Forest policy

Paper petition

Original language of petition: English



# Petition to the Government of Canada

### Whereas:

We are calling for better forest management and wildfire prevention as well as empowering Local People, working with Licensees, Industry & Contractors, Indigenous Communities, Ranchers, and boots on the ground workers such as Fire Fighters, Forestry workers, and all those that see day to day issues and have the frontline knowledge to provide feedback on the inconsistencies and can help to create change;

Ontario created an 'All Hazards Agency' that employs people to manage fire, flood and slides;

We believe BC needs this too. Create full time, year around employment for forest restoration and management fc fighters;

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The trickle effect of lumber prices and availability along with jobs, mill closures, current and future mudslides, damage to critical habitat, and house insurance increases will have an alarming effect on BC's future if we don't change the current forest practice procedures; and

We need to make a change to protect BC Forests and every living thing in it.

#### Therefore:

This petition is calling on our Provincial and Federal Governments to provide better forest management and wildfire protection by assessing the current policies and guidelines to enhance those that are working and to re-evaluate and change those that are not.

# Government response tabled



# Response by the Minister of Natural Resources

Signed by (Minister or Parliamentary Secretary): The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.

The Government of Canada acknowledges the importance of, and the need to invest in, measures that will reduce the impact of climate-related disasters. This will make communities safer and more resilient. As wildland fire seasons continue to create risk for Canadian lives and livelihoods, the issue of how governments collectively and individually prepare and respond to these events, as well as how to engage the whole-of-society in prevention and mitigation, is of growing importance.

This is why the Government of Canada is developing a whole-of-society approach to address ongoing challenges with wildland fire, climate change adaptation, and disaster risk reduction that will support a resilient forest sector. Federal programs will continue to advance forest management adaptive practices and support wildland fire preparedness and response, a critical part towards building disaster resilience, thriving environments, strong economies, and improved public health outcomes. Budget 2022 proposes additional actions to counter the growing threat of wildfires in Canada, by investing \$383 million over five years in training and employment supports for community-based wildland firefighters, and in firefighting equipment and capacity. Investments will include \$269 million over five years to strengthen provincial and territorial capabilities, and \$39.2 million over five years, starting in 2022-23, to support the purchase of firefighting equipment by First Nations communities. In addition, Budget 2022 proposes \$176.81 million over 11 years, starting in 2022-23, to deliver and operate a new wildfire monitoring satellite system.

Canada will continue to work with Provincial and Territorial Forest Ministers through the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers (CCFM) to implement collaboratively the Canadian Wildland Fire Strategy, which outlines the actions and partnerships that are required to better predict and prepare for wildland fire events. At its fall 2021 meeting, the CCFM endorsed the launch of the Canadian Dialogue on Wildland Fire and Forest Resilience, to convene and mobilize whole-ofsociety action to address the growing risk of wildland fire. Five dialogue sessions took place in February 2022, with approximately 100 stakeholders from diverse sectors of society, actively participating in the roundtables to help identify specific actions to prevent and mitigate risks. In addition, Natural Resources Canada recently consulted jurisdictions on their wildland fire needs and priorities.

While transforming wildland fire management in Canada will take time, the Government of Canada will work to build that brighter future through continued collaboration, engagement, and the use of science and evidence-based decisionmaking. The Government of Canada is committed to working with jurisdictions, Indigenous communities, and oth partners to identify tangible actions to better prevent and mitigate wildland fires, to protect communities, and imp forest health.

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### **Presented to the House of Commons**

Brad Vis (Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon) March 24, 2022 (Petition No. 441-00269)

## **Government response tabled**

May 9, 2022

# Member of Parliament





**Brad Vis** Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon **Conservative Caucus British Columbia** 

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May 16, 2022

Mayor Rod Crowe Village of Chase Box 440 Chase, BC V0E 1M0 RECEIVED Village of Chase

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Dear Mayor Crowe:

Re: 2022 SILGA Resolution(s)

UBCM is in receipt of the attached resolution(s) endorsed by your Council. Your resolution(s) received endorsement at the 2022 SILGA Spring Convention.

As such, the resolution(s) will be included in UBCM Resolutions Book for the 2022 UBCM Convention in September.

Please contact Jamee Justason, Resolutions and Policy Analyst, if you have any questions about this process, email: jjustason@ubcm.ca.

Sincerely,

Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg

**UBCM** President

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Enclosure

### First Responder Program Funding

Whereas many small local governments provide First Responder Program services to assist the BC Emergency Health Services Ambulance services;

And whereas the provision of assistance to the BC Ambulance Services is very valuable;

And whereas some costs associated with providing the service on behalf of BC Emergency Health Services are paid for by BC Emergency Health Services while hourly pay for First Responders and all vehicle costs are paid by the taxpayers of the local governments that assist the BC Ambulance Services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the BC Emergency Health Services to increase the funding to local governments who provide First Responder Program to assist the BC Ambulance Service.

### **Emergency Evacuation Transportation**

Whereas many small local governments not in close proximity to larger centres do not have publicly provided or privately provided bus service available;

And whereas in the event of an emergency evacuation, the provision of one or more busses would be an integral part of the evacuation of individuals particularly those vulnerable, mobility challenged and without their own or supportive transportation;

And whereas most small local governments have school bus services provided by the school districts to transport children to and from school but the buses are not stationed in the local governments in the summer which is the critical time particularly for wildfire risk and potential evacuation:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC to require school districts to keep some buses in the local government they serve during summer months to provide for the evacuation of vulnerable individuals if required.

## **Fuel Mitigation Outside Community Boundaries**

Whereas climate change is real and causing significant changes in the way local, provincial, and federal governments do business and provide services;

And whereas the Province of BC has provided funding for Community Wildfire Protection Plans and Fire Smart programs for local governments;

And whereas the continual drying and heating of our forests in British Columbia causes wildfires to ignite much more readily and to travel at higher speeds across the forested areas:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the BC Wildfire Service to take action to reduce fuel loading around the perimeter of communities in British Columbia which will work in conjunction with initiatives undertaken in communities to protect themselves from wildfires.

# **Highway Rescue Funding**

Whereas many small local governments provide highway rescue services in large geographic areas outside of their jurisdictions;

And whereas the Province of BC has increased funding to communities in the past several years to help offset the costs of the service provided;

And whereas costs continue to rise for components of the service including fuel, vehicle repairs, vehicle replacement and training:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC to review the funding allowances to cover more costs associated with the provision of highway rescue services by small local governments.

May 9, 2022

Mayor and Council Village of Chase 826 Okanagan Ave., Chase, BC. V0E 1M0 RECEIVED Village of Chase

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To Mayor and Council

Re: Resident Rate – Cemetery Rates (Cremated Remains) Village of Chase, Bylaw No.879-2019, Schedule L to Bylaw

Please include the following request at one of the coming Council meetings.

Reference the planned inurnment of Francis (Frank) 1929 – 2020, and Lesia (Alice) 1930 -2019, SHELEST at the Chase Cemetery, please approve a family request for cemetery rates to be at the 'resident' rate.

It is our understanding that 'resident' rates are appropriate only for residents of the community and for those who have been absent from the community for no longer than one year.

Frank and Alice moved from Chase in the fall of 2015 due to the anticipated need for long term full health care. They initially moved to Chase in 1959 and contributed enormously to the community. So much so that both (in two separate years) were name Citizen of the Year. Because of their extensive community history the family wishes Frank and Alice to be accepted as permanent 'residents' regardless of the extenuating circumstances that took them away from their home town.

The family thanks the Village of Chase Mayor and Council for their kind consideration and look forward to the response to this request.

Sincerely

Sandy Vøgstad (daughter) 2720 Golfcourse Drive Blind Bay, BC

VOE 1H2

#### Joni Heinrich

From:

Cooper, David < David.Cooper@bchydro.com>

Sent:

May 17, 2022 12:39 PM

To:

Sharman, Dag

Subject:

**UBCM 2022 Meeting Invite** 

**Attachments:** 

BC Hydro UBCM Meeting Request Form.docx



May 16, 2022

Dear Mayor and Council:

BC Hydro is pleased to offer local government officials with the opportunity to meet with our senior leadership during the week of September 12 at the 2022 UBCM Convention in Whistler.

If you would like to arrange a meeting, please fill out the attached form and return it with your email request to Adil Zaheer (adil.zaheer@bchydro.com) by Friday, June 17.

By doing so, we can ensure better preparation and a more effective meeting with you. We will provide full details when we confirm your meeting date and time.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dag Sharman
Community Relations Manager, South Interior
250-308-7633
dag.sharman@bchydro.com

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# UBCM 2022 Meeting Request Form\* with BC Hydro

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\*Note: Please submit by or before Friday, June 17, 2022.

#### Joni Heinrich

From:

Finance Committee <FinanceCommittee@leg.bc.ca>

Sent:

April 25, 2022 2:46 PM

To:

Joni Heinrich

Subject:

Provincial Budget 2023 Consultation

#### Good afternoon,

On behalf of the **Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services**, we are writing to invite you to participate in the **Budget 2023 consultation**.

In recent years, the Committee has been pleased to see participation in the budget consultation continue to increase. To ensure that all British Columbians continue to have the opportunity to participate effectively, the Committee has looked at ways to simplify and standardize the consultation process. As such, the Committee has made some adjustments to the consultation process that are based on best practices observed from previous consultations and aim to make the process more efficient and accessible for all participants.

This year, participants are asked to focus on <u>three</u> recommendations for the next provincial budget and presenters who may wish to provide written information in support of their presentation are asked to fill out a submission form and email it to FinanceCommittee@leg.bc.ca. Further details about participation are outlined below.

#### How to participate:

#### 1. Present to the Committee

- Meetings will be scheduled in-person and virtually in June. To present to the Committee, please complete the <u>presentation request form</u> by 3:00 p.m. (Pacific) on Friday, May
   6. Parliamentary Committees Office staff will follow up with you in late May.
- Similar to last year, presenters may be grouped into small panels by theme or region.
- Presenters will have five minutes to speak and are asked to focus their presentation on **three** recommendations.
- Presenters wanting to submit written information in support of their presentation are asked to fill
  out the submission form and email it to FinanceCommittee@leg.bc.ca. A copy of the form is
  available on the Committee's website and will be emailed to presenters along with confirmation of
  their presentation details. Information provided in the form should focus on the <u>same three</u>
  recommendations put forward in the presentation.
- Presenters choosing to provide additional information are asked to email their completed form
  approximately two weeks in advance to allow sufficient time for Committee Members to review the
  information (exact date will be provided in confirmation emails).

#### 2. Send written comments using the new submission form

- Visit the consultation portal to fill out the submission form between Monday, May 30 and Friday, June 24.
- 3. Complete a survey between Monday, May 30 and Friday, June 24.

The Committee will issue a report with recommendations for Budget 2023 by November 15, 2022.

#### Share the consultation:

We welcome you to share this information with other British Columbians. A news release and poster are available to download from the Committee's website.

To participate or learn more about the consultation:

- Visit the Committee's website <a href="https://bcleg.ca/FGSbudget">https://bcleg.ca/FGSbudget</a>
- Follow us on Twitter @BCLegislature
- Like us on Facebook @Legislative[A8semblyBC]

If you have any questions about the Budget 2023 Consultation, the Committee's work, or the information in this email, please contact us by email at <a href="mailto:FinanceCommittee@leg.bc.ca">FinanceCommittee@leg.bc.ca</a> or phone at 250-356-2933 or 1-877-428-8337 (toll-free in BC).

The Committee values your input and looks forward to hearing from British Columbians again this year.

Kind regards,

Parliamentary Committees Office Legislative Assembly of British Columbia