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7:00 PM Regular Meeting of Council, Monday, December 7th, 2020

AGENDA

- 1. ADOPT AGENDA**
- 2. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS**
- 3. MINUTES**
M-1—November 16th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
BA-1 – Rise & Report – Special In-Camera Council Meeting November 30th, 2020
Council reports that the Village of Port Clements has applied for the Gwaii Trust Society's Winter Holidays grant program for winter activities
- 5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE**
C-1—UBCM Convention Schedule— City of Fort St. John
C-2—Request for Endorsement re: Bill C-213, the Canada Pharmacare Act – Peter Julien, MP New Westminster - Burnaby
C-3—Northern Community Relations 2020 Annual Report – BC Hydro
- 6. FINANCE**
- 7. GOVERNMENT**
G-1— Council Meeting Schedule 2021
G-2 – 2020 Haida Gwaii COVID-19 Business Impact Survey Results -- MIEDS
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
- 9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS**
- 10. ACTION ITEMS**
A-1- Action Items List
- 11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS**
- 12. IN-CAMERA**
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 - (b) Labour relations or other employee relations;
 - (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**



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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, Monday, November 16th, 2020

Present:

Mayor Doug Daugert
Councillor Brigid Cumming REGRETS
Councillor Kazamir Falconbridge
Councillor Ian Gould
Councillor Kelly Whitney-Gould

CAO Ruby Decock

Members of the Public and Press: Marilyn Bliss

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM

Mayor Daugert: I call to order this meeting of the Council of the Village of Port Clements being held on the traditional territory of the Haida People.

1. ADOPT AGENDA

2020-11-222—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Whitney-Gould
THAT the November 16, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted with the addition of G3
– Letter to ICBC – All Islands Haida Gwaii Protocol Table and BA-1 -Rise and Report.
CARRIED

2. 2020 BYELECTION

B-1 – 2020 Village of Port Clements Byelection
2020-11-223— Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Gould
THAT Council receives the report on the 2020 Byelection from Chief Election Officer Kim
Mushynsky.
CARRIED

3. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS

4. MINUTES

M-1—October 19, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
2020-11-224— Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Gould
THAT the October 19, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as amended to change
the date on Council motion 2020-10-211 from October 5th to October 19th.
CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BA-1- Rise & Report – In-Camera Council Meeting October 19, 2020.
Council reports that the Village of Port Clements will be applying to the Gwaii Trust Society Vibrant
Communities Grant for developing a Public Works storage yard, and for renovations for the Port
Clements Fire Department flooring and staircase.

6. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE

C-1— Request for Tennis Court Improvement- Harmonie Blais

2020-11-225— Moved by Councillor Gould, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge

THAT Council receives the letter from Harmonie Blais requesting improvements to the Tennis Court.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEM – To add this item to strategic planning for follow up with Public Works Superintendent to make a plan to pressure wash, repaint the lines, brush the trees back, put the fencing back in place and have it ready for spring (NDIT funding may be available - \$30,000 to max of 70% of eligible project budget open on a quarterly basis).

C-2— Concern regarding Dyson Corner Development - Wendy Quinn

2020-11-226— Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Whitney-Gould

THAT Council receives the letter from Wendy Quinn stating her concern regarding the Dyson Corner Development.

CARRIED

C-3—Adoption Awareness Month – Provincial Director of Child Welfare/Adoption

2020-11-227— Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Gould

THAT Council receives the correspondence on Adoption Awareness Month.

CARRIED

C-4—Successful Application for Seniors Program on Haida Gwaii – Haida Gwaii Recreation

2020-11-228— Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councilor Whitney-Gould

THAT Council receives the correspondence from Haida Gwaii Recreation regarding their successful application for the Seniors Program.

CARRIED

7. FINANCE

8. GOVERNMENT

G-1—Donation to Canadian Legion

2020-11-229— Moved by Mayor Dugert, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge

THAT Council authorize the Village of Port Clements to donate \$100.00 to the Royal Canadian Legion, as although the Mayor felt it inadvisable to have a formal ceremony on November 11, 2020, due to concerns around the increase in cases of the COVID disease in British Columbia, this does not indicate any lack of respect for persons who have served in the Canadian military, or lack of recognition of the sacrifices made by them and their families.

CARRIED

G-2—Islands Solid Waste Management Regulation, Fees and Charges Bylaw Amendment No. 669, 2020 notification – North Coast Regional District

2020-11-230— Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councilor Whitney-Gould

THAT Council receives the correspondence from NCRD Islands Solid Waste Management.

CARRIED

G-3 – Letter to ICBC Request – All Islands Haida Gwaii Protocol Table

2020-11-231— Moved by Councillor Gould, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge

THAT Council signs the letter to ICBC.

CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

Mayor Daugert: On October 21 I attended a Protocol meeting. We had a presentation on the Trails Strategy which was general and did not address specific plans and an update on COVID concerns, changes in advice and changes in restrictions.

On October 28 I chaired a MIEDS meeting. We had a quarterly financial report, which was accepted. COVID made it more difficult to read and follow, since some of the funding had not flowed through from Federal and Provincial grants meant to cover specific responses. The Board reviewed our lease agreement for office space and changed the agreement to occupy a smaller and less expensive space in the new year.

On October 25 O'Brien Road and Bridge docked their barge at Rainbow Wharf to unload road salt. I observed the docking, which took place during calm weather with no problems. On Sunday morning October 26 they began the unloading process with both Councillor Falconbridge and myself observing the beginning of the process and watching that the engineer's requirements were adhered to. Subsequently Councillor Falconbridge and I checked numerous loads to make sure the restrictions were being complied with. At all times the O'Brien's crew was cooperative and professional and checked with me when they had any questions. The unloading finished late Tuesday, but the barge could not be moved because the high tide made it impossible to unload equipment, which I observed the following day, again making sure the engineer's requirements were followed. I wish to thank the crew for their continued cooperation in safely managing the project, and Councillor Falconbridge in assisting me to look after the interests of the Village.

This week there is a Protocol meeting on Wednesday, Wednesday and Thursday our Halibut distribution, Friday is the Northwest Regional Hospital District (NWRHD) and North Coast Regional District (NCRD) meeting.

Councillor Whitney-Gould – Nothing to report.

Councillor Gould: VIRL meeting this upcoming Saturday. Concerns heard about Small Craft Harbour (SCH) dock regarding uneven boards – need to follow up with SCH regarding plans for replacement.

Councillor Falconbridge: Attended Special on October 21 and November 11, 2020. Question about the sand and salt on the hills. From 26 to 28 assisted with O'Brien's unloading of road salt.

CAO Decock: Getting ready for sanding and salting program. Generator and backup power for water, dealing with commitments for ongoing training. Training PW assistant. Dealing with chlorinator – issue that will take a little time. Doing planning work on Council projects that have been delayed due to COVID, so they may carry forward to 2021, including projects funded externally by grants. Will be short staffed this week so regular duties will be interrupted. Ronda in tomorrow, Wed and Thurs, she can assist a little but in terms of general operations I'm alone.

**2020-11-232 —Moved by Councillor Gould seconded by Councillor Falconbridge
THAT council receives the verbal reports.**

CARRIED

11. ACTION ITEMS

A-1– Action Items List

CHANGE THE FONTS – to note the need to get it into a large font and more pages.

The Village will look into using Microsoft Teams in the future for Council as a meeting platform and for documentation.

12. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS

Comment – Recreation Commission - Marilyn Bliss:

Recreation Commission is looking forward to getting something done for Christmas and looking for some assistance from Council and public. We will be meeting tomorrow with the CAO and Public Works Superintendent to discuss our plans.

13. IN-CAMERA

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(j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;

(d) the security of the property of the municipality;

2020-11-233 — Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Whitney-Gould THAT Council moves to In-Camera per section 90(1)(c), (j) and (d) at 7:53 PM.

CARRIED

14. ADJOURNMENT

2020-11-234 — Moved by Councillor Falconbridge THAT Council this meeting be adjourned at 8:04PM.

CARRIED

Mayor Doug Daugert

CAO Ruby Decock



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December 1, 2020

File # 0230-20

Email: jjustason@ubcm.ca

Union of BC Municipalities
Suite 60 - 10551 Shellbridge Way
Richmond, BC V6X 2W9

Attention: Jamee Justason

Dear Ms. Justason,

Reference: UBCM Convention Schedule

City Council has been reviewing its memberships in various organizations, taking into consideration the value provided by the organization versus the expense to be a member. At the July 27, 2020 Council meeting, Council had a robust discussion regarding this topic as well as the current format of the annual UBCM Convention.

The resolutions session, in which many municipalities contribute submissions for discussion, are debated at the same time as individual local government Minister meetings are scheduled. Both are important to attend which leaves local government elected officials conflicted with competing priorities since their resolution submission(s) may be discussed at the same time as they are scheduled to meet with a Minister.

Since the 2020 UBCM convention is virtual, this allowed the Ministers meetings to be scheduled from September 14 to 18 with the convention itself taking place from September 21 to 24. It is recognized that the alternate format was developed due to the pandemic although this change may bode well to incorporate as part of the regular convention schedule moving forward. This would allow local government elected officials to participate in the convention as well as attend requested Minister meetings.

It is acknowledged that UBCM is undertaking a review of its existing resolution process to streamline the number and content of submissions which may result in the number of resolutions being reduced.

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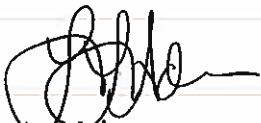
December 1, 2020 Letter to UBCM

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It would be appreciated if UBCM could provide an update on members' response to the resolution submission process changes and the change in Minister meeting scheduling.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (250) 787-8160 or by email at lackerman@fortstjohn.ca.

Yours truly,



Leif Ackerman
Mayor

cc member municipalities

Elizabeth Cumming

From: peter.julian@parl.gc.ca
Sent: November-26-20 2:19 PM
To: Elizabeth Cumming
Subject: ERRATA w our sincere apologies - Request regarding Bill C-213 The Canada Pharmacare Act

Mayor DAUGERT
PORT CLEMENTS

Dear Mayor DAUGERT,

We are writing to you today seeking the City Council of PORT CLEMENTS's formal endorsement of Bill C-213, the *Canada Pharmacare Act*.

Introduced in February 2020, the *Canada Pharmacare Act* is ground-breaking new federal legislation based on the recommendations of the Hoskins Advisory Council on the Implementation of National Pharmacare and modelled on the *Canada Health Act*.

The *Canada Pharmacare Act* specifies the conditions and criteria that provincial and territorial prescription drug insurance programs must meet to receive federal funding. This includes the core principles of public administration, comprehensiveness, universality, portability, and accessibility.

Universal public drug coverage has been recommended by commissions, committees, and advisory councils dating as far back as the 1940s. Immediately following the last election, the New Democratic Party of Canada began working to draft a legislative framework to enable the implementation of a universal, comprehensive and public pharmacare program. The *Canada Pharmacare Act* is the first piece of legislation introduced by the New Democrat Caucus in the current Parliament.

As you know, across Canada, people are making impossible choices every day because they cannot afford their prescription medications. Over the past year alone, one-in-four Canadians were forced to avoid filling or renewing a prescription due to cost or take measures to extend a prescription because they could not afford to keep the recommended dosage schedule.

Even those with private coverage are seeing their employer-sponsored benefits shrink – a trend that has accelerated due to the economic impacts of COVID-19. In fact, Canadians are twice as likely to have lost prescription drug coverage as to have gained it over the past year.

Simply put, universal public pharmacare will extend prescription drug coverage to every single Canadian, while saving billions every year. The final report of the Hoskins Advisory Council found that, once fully implemented, universal public pharmacare will reduce annual system wide spending on prescription drugs by \$5 billion. Businesses and employees will see their prescription drug costs reduced by \$16.6 billion annually and families will see their out of pocket drug costs reduced by \$6.4 billion a year.

Although a recent study from Angus Reid Institute found near universal support for pharmacare among the

Canadian public, powerful vested interests in the drug and insurance industries are lobbying to block this critical program in order to protect their profits.

Indeed, the *Canada Pharmacare Act* is reaching a crucial period in the legislative process. The first hour of debate on this bill took place in Parliament on November 18, 2020. The second hour of debate and the first vote will be held in February 2021. This legislation could be enacted by next spring, allowing millions of Canadians who are struggling to pay for medication to receive the support they desperately need.

That's why we need your help to secure the adoption of the *Canada Pharmacare Act* in Parliament. We are asking your City Council to join other municipalities across Canada to formally endorse Bill C-213. We will be publicizing this support nationally.

For more information on C-213 and to sign the e-petition, please visit our website: www.pharmacarec213.ca

Thank you very much for your consideration. Please feel free to contact us if you require further detail.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Peter Julian, MP
New Westminster-Burnaby

Jenny Kwan, MP
Vancouver East

Don Davies, MP
Vancouver Kingsway

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Northern Community Relations 2020 Annual Report

Fall 2020

500,000 volt transmission lines leaving the GM Shrum Generating Station with Mount Frank Roy in the distance.

The big black-out: Northern BC separates from the Provincial Grid

It happened without warning. Instantly, 124,000 customers were cut off from the BC Hydro system and plunged into darkness and silence. What happened?

At around 8:52 p.m. on September 11, 2019 entire communities from north of Quesnel all the way to Fort St John and from Terrace eastward to Prince George were affected by an event that caused most of Northern BC to separate from the grid.

The backbone of the network of power lines in the province is the 500 kilovolt lines that run from the Peace and the Columbia regions to the Lower Mainland and also interconnect BC to the western North American grid via Alberta to the east and Washington state to the south.

Electrical storms were moving across the Cariboo region that night and lightning struck one of the three 500 kV lines between Kelly Lake Substation near Clinton and Williston Substation in Prince George. The lightning caused a short-circuit between the lines and protective equipment on the line then automatically de-energized the lines between Clinton and Prince George to prevent damage to the lines and other equipment.

As a result, the grid north of the Kelly Lake Substation became separated from the provincial electrical system. Once this occurred, there was an imbalance between the production of electricity from the Peace region and the electricity demand of our northern customers; this imbalance led to widespread northern outages.

Powered by Water

BC Hydro provides clean, reliable and affordable electricity to British Columbians. We generate 96% clean energy for the province, giving us a hydro advantage.

BC Hydro has prescribed restoration plans that were implemented immediately after this event. Re-energization is done in a methodical, staged manner to ensure that power is returned to customers safely and reliably. This process was implemented efficiently and power was back on to some communities within about 45 minutes and was restored to all customers by 11:30 p.m.

Thanks to our 230,000 volt lines, which were not hit, customers north of Clinton all the way up to Quesnel were not affected as they are not connected directly to the 500 kV system. The Fort Nelson area was not left in the dark either as the community is connected to the Alberta grid. The north coast was also left unscathed as the Prince Rupert area was already on back-up supply from our Rupert Gas plant in order to do maintenance on the 230 kV transmission line from Terrace.



Northern blackout outages map.

Message from Chris O'Riley, President



Hi everyone,

BC Hydro is pleased to share our Community Relations annual report highlighting some of our work in your region. We're proud to serve communities and their elected representatives in all parts of the province.

While our annual report looks back at the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020, I want to start by recognizing the unprecedented time we're currently in. COVID-19 has touched all of us in some way. Like many of you, at BC Hydro we've had to adjust our plans to ensure the safety

of our employees, contractors and communities. What hasn't changed is our commitment to adapting so that we can safely provide you with the electricity our communities rely on.

BC Hydro continues to invest approximately \$3 billion per year in our system to ensure it is there to support British Columbia's growing population and economy. We have the important responsibility to keep electricity rates affordable for our customers, while funding these necessary investments in our electricity system. To support this goal, we implemented the outcomes from Phase 1 of the Comprehensive Review of BC Hydro and continued to make all reasonable efforts to limit rate increases. We have also advanced affordability initiatives to help our customers save money on their electricity bills and continued to focus on making it easier for our customers to do business with us.

We're working with the Province on Phase 2 of the Comprehensive Review to strategically position BC Hydro for long-term success, while meeting the Province's climate goals, keeping rates affordable, furthering reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and supporting quality economic development. The actions taken as part of the Phase 2 Review will support the government's CleanBC plan, including expanding the electrification of our growing economy over the coming decades.

Within this report, you'll find many examples of how we're working with your communities on a range of topics – from capital projects and corporate programs, to initiatives like the Integrated Resource Plan (Clean Power 2040). This report also includes some important indicators of how we're doing in providing you with reliable power.

Specifically in the Northern region, we're upgrading aging equipment at Peace Canyon and Williston substations and Kennedy and McLeese capacitor stations. As well, we've upgraded the electromechanical systems of the spillway gates at the W.A.C. Bennett Dam to increase the overall reliability of the dam safety water discharge system.

We're proud of our accomplishments this year. We'll continue to work closely with you on a daily basis to meet the needs of your community. If you have any questions, please contact our Community Relations representatives in your region. We'd be pleased to help.

Sincerely,

Chris O'Riley
President & CEO
BC Hydro

Quick Facts

PROVINCE-WIDE:

4 million customers

Electricity is delivered through a network of:

- 79,000 kilometres of transmission and distribution lines
- over 300 substations
- 1 million plus utility poles

Capital investments of approximately \$3 billion a year

NORTHERN REGION SUPPLY

Generating Stations:

GM Shrum	2,778 MW
Peace Canyon	694 MW
Falls River	7 MW
Clayton Falls	2 MW

Thermal:

Fort Nelson	73 MW
Prince Rupert	46 MW

Diesel:

16 Diesels	57.7 MW
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MW = megawatt



Site C Update

Site C will be a third dam and hydroelectric generating station on the Peace River in northeast B.C. Construction started more than five years ago, in July 2015.

During the fifth year of construction, activities accelerated substantially in all project areas, particularly the roller-compacted concrete placement work on the spillways buttress and the activities required in advance of river diversion in fall 2020. Work also advanced along the Highway 29 realignment, transmission line corridor and in the future reservoir area.

The project reached several milestones this past year, including:

- river diversion was successfully achieved on October 3, 2020, which involved opening the two diversion tunnels and completing the rockfill berm across the Peace River
- the temporary fish passage facility is now operational
- the Site C Substation and one of two 75-kilometre-long transmission lines that run between Site C and the Peace Canyon Substation were energized in October 2020
- the roller-compacted concrete buttress for the Site C spillways was completed in October 2019; work continues on the buttress for the dam core
- powerhouse construction advanced and penstock installation began; to date, one of six penstock units are complete
- work advanced on all sections of the Highway 29 realignment

BC Hydro also delivered on several commitments in the region this year. We continued to provide grants to support non-profit organizations in the Peace region through the Generate Opportunities (GO) Fund; as of September 2020, \$487,000 had been distributed to 55 projects. We distributed the first funds from our \$20 million Peace Agricultural Compensation Fund; as of March 2020, \$400,000 had been distributed to 16 projects.

For more information on Site C, please select sitecproject.com.



The Site C project achieved river diversion in October 2020.

Clean Power 2040 – Building a bright electricity plan for B.C.

Clean Power 2040 is our province-wide, long-term resource planning process. Engaging with you will help us make informed strategic decisions to meet future electricity demand. These decisions will become part of our next Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).

Over the next year, through Clean Power 2040, we'll be looking at options for our power system over a 20 year horizon.

JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE B.C.'S CLEAN ELECTRICITY FUTURE.

- What should we do to meet everyone's electricity needs over time?
- How should BC Hydro meet the demand for electrification?
- What new technology could support our power systems?

We already have one of the cleanest renewable power systems in the world, but our ability to meet your needs now and in the future depends on different assets and factors. This includes our power stations, power lines, conservation initiatives and our understanding of potential demand.

Through Clean Power 2040, we're gathering input from customers, Indigenous communities, regulators and governments. We're also looking at technical, financial, environmental and economic development considerations. Your forward-thinking input alongside those factors will help us draft actions.

Five Fast Facts on Clean Power 2040

- BC Hydro must submit an Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) to the B.C. Utilities Commission.
- The IRP is a plan for our power system over the next 20 years.
- The IRP is structured to look at early years (now to approximately 2030) and the remaining years to 2040.
- Engagement with Indigenous communities, our customers, and our future customers is key.
- Clean Power 2040 kicked off in September and will take one year to complete.

Sign up for our updates, and learn more about participating in the Clean Power 2040 consultation process that started this fall, by selecting bchydro.com/CleanPower2040.

Regional information

Capital projects

PEACE TO KELLY LAKE STATIONS RENEWAL PROJECT

The Peace to Kelly Lake Capacitor Project (PKCP) was cancelled in December 2019 based on our October 2019 load forecast. Our planning studies determined that our current transmission system can meet load requirements until 2031 at a minimum.

To maintain the existing transmission system, upgrades need to be done to address aging equipment at the Kennedy and McLeese Capacitor Stations and at the Peace Canyon and Williston Substations, previously part of PKCP. The new project is named the Peace to Kelly Lake Stations Renewal Project (PKSP).

This project involves upgrading the aging equipment at Peace Canyon Substation (near Hudson's Hope) and Williston Substation (near Prince George) and Kennedy Capacitor Station (near Mackenzie) and McLeese Capacitor Station (near Williams Lake). We'll be replacing the aging voltage stabilization equipment in the two substations and the end-of-life capacitor control system in the two capacitor stations.

At Kennedy Capacitor Station and at Williston Substation, the existing control buildings will also be replaced.

For more information, please select [bchydro.com/pksp](https://www.bchydro.com/pksp).

What's a capacitor station?

A capacitor station is a facility where electricity from a high-voltage transmission line is carried through a series of devices called capacitors. This helps maintain the voltage levels in a transmission line, allowing more electricity to pass through a line over long distances.

What's a substation?

Substations are usually located in open-air sites. Transformers in those substations are used to "step-up" or "step-down" voltage to ensure power is delivered efficiently. Voltage is increased when delivering power over long distances to minimize energy losses and decreased for distribution lines to deliver electricity at lower voltages.

W.A.C. BENNETT DAM SPILLWAY RELIABILITY UPGRADE

We've upgraded the electromechanical systems of the spillway gates at the W.A.C. Bennett Dam to increase the overall reliability of the dam safety water discharge system.



Water being released down the spillway during our testing of the spillway reliability upgrade work at W.A.C. Bennett Dam in summer 2019. Photo courtesy of John Verney, BC Hydro.

What's a spillway?

A spillway is a structure built into a dam to enable the release of water from the reservoir into the water course below the dam.

The three spillway gates at this site weigh 162 tonnes each and are used to release water to lower the Williston Reservoir when required. Construction started in May 2019 and was completed in June 2020. The spillway was in use in July and August due to much higher than normal reservoir inflows this spring and summer.



Spillway gate hoist.

FAST CHARGING COMES NORTH

BC Hydro's network of fast charging stations for electric vehicles is making its way north. Last October, McBride and Valemount were added and in January 2020 the stations in Quesnel, Hixon and Williams Lake went live. The fast charging stations will power up a car or truck equipped with an electric battery to 80 per cent of full charge in about 30 to 40 minutes. Funding for the fast charging stations comes from Natural Resources Canada, the provincial government and BC Hydro. BC Hydro applies to a federal program for a grant and then builds the station the following year. Future plans include completing fast charging stations in Prince George and west along Highway 16 to Prince Rupert and then further north into the Peace region.

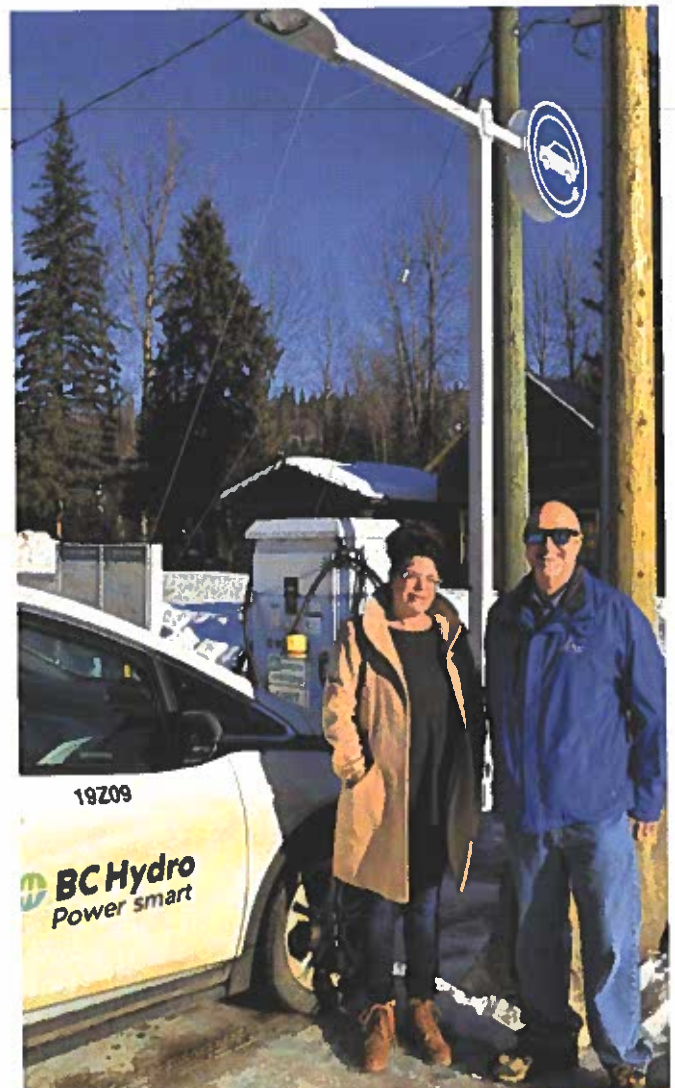


Community Relations manager Bob Gammer (L) and Mayor Eugene Runtz with students from McBride Elementary School at the new McBride Fast Charging Station.

The fast charging stations, also called Level 3 stations, are not the only ones in the north. Level 2 stations, which deliver the charge over a few hours, are becoming more and more plentiful thanks to the Community Energy Association and the provincial government. The two levels of charging stations go well together. One is not superior to the other when you consider that a longer stay for shopping, recreation and meals accommodates a longer charging session. Vehicles passing through needing a quick top up, just like a gas station fill up, make better use of the fast chargers. Communities and small businesses benefit from both.

Eventually, the fast charging network will be built out across the province and BC Hydro will have fulfilled its mandate to government. The commercial sector also plans to add their own fast charging stations, including Petro-Canada, who have completed 51 stations; and Tesla with proprietary stations for their brand of vehicle in nearly 600 locations dotted from coast to coast.

As the cost of electric vehicles comes down with more competition from manufacturers entering the market, more and faster stations are expected to be in operation.



Testing the newly in-service Hixon Fast Charging Station are landowner Tammy Colebank (L) and RDEFG Chair and Area E Director Art Kaehn.

Supporting communities

Trees and Vegetation Management

Our electrical system is complex and highly efficient, with over 79,000 kilometres of overhead transmission and distribution power lines throughout the province. Managing trees and plants around these lines is important for safety and service reliability.

Our vegetation management team regularly inspects trees and other tall vegetation growing under or adjacent to our overhead system to identify potential problems. Tall, diseased or dead trees can fall or grow into power lines, causing electrical outages.

Vegetation management contractors – we employ professional arborists and foresters that follow strict environmental guidelines – prune or remove trees and vegetation in areas where the lines may be impacted. What's more, when an area experiences reliability issues, we assess the local distribution lines for potential tree-related causes. Even with a proactive management program, more than half of all outages in B.C. are caused by trees. For more information, please select bchydro.com/trees.

Community ReGreening Program

Our Community ReGreening Program helps fund urban tree planting that's related to visual aesthetics and environmental enhancements. We pay for seedlings, medium and large trees in cities and towns across B.C. Over the past 20 years, we've funded the planting of more than 300,000 trees.

We partner with local communities and Tree Canada to help make sure appropriate trees are planted around power lines, while enhancing open spaces. The program is intended for small-scale community projects and is open to local governments served by BC Hydro. All applications need to be received by January 31, to be eligible for funding within the same year. For more information, please select bchydro.com/regreening.



Successful applications included:

Community	Project	Funding
100 Mile House	Beautification & Tree Replacement Project	\$1,700
Burns Lake	Spirit Square Revitalization	\$3,950
Houston	9th Street Revitalization	\$4,000
Kitimat	2020 Kitimat Parks Tree Enhancement	\$5,000
McBride	Village of McBride ReGreening Project	\$3,500
Mackenzie	Morfee Campground	\$3,200
New Hazelton	Municipal Office ReGreening Project	\$1,400
Pouce Coupe	Pouce Coupe Skate Park	\$2,050
Telkwa	2020 Telkwa Cemetery Beautification Project	\$3,250
Terrace	FireSmart Tree Replacement	\$1,450
Vanderhoof	Ferland Park	\$3,500



Community members involved in the 'Replanting the residential/ Beautifying the boundary' project in Prince George in 2019.



Beautification Fund

Our Beautification Fund provides financial assistance to municipal governments to relocate BC Hydro equipment on public property. We co-fund projects to move overhead lines and poles to underground duct banks as part of community redevelopment plans or to enhance and improve the use of public spaces. Previous projects have included high traffic areas and community venues such as town centres, parks, commercial districts, civic facilities, and bike lanes.

Select [bchydro.com/beautification](https://www.bchydro.com/beautification) for more information and to apply. Applications must be submitted by September 30 to be considered for the following year.

Decorative Wrap Grant Program

Our Decorative Wrap Grant Program provides financial assistance to municipal governments looking to improve the visual aesthetics of a neighbourhood by installing decorative wraps on BC Hydro-owned pad-mounted equipment boxes. Eligible applicants can receive grant funding of \$350 or \$700 per unit, depending on the size of the equipment box to be wrapped. The funding amount will be determined by BC Hydro during the application review.

This past year, successful applicants for decorative wraps included:

- ☐ Kitimat
- ☐ Prince George
- ☐ Terrace
- ☐ Vanderhoof
- ☐ Williams Lake

The application closing date for each year is September 30. For more information, please select [bchydro.com/wrap](https://www.bchydro.com/wrap).



Example of a decorative wrap on our pad-mounted equipment.

Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program

The Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP) is a partnership between BC Hydro, the Province of B.C., Fisheries and Oceans Canada, First Nations, and public stakeholders to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams.

In 2019–2020, the FWCP's Peace Region board approved funding for 26 projects (nine fish and 17 wildlife) across the Finlay, Peace, Parsnip and Dinosaur sub-regions, for approximately \$1.5 million.

Some of the projects funded include assessing bull trout spawning habitats, studying Arctic grayling in the Williston Reservoir watershed, improving fish passage, restoring habitat to support endangered caribou, improving caribou calf survival through maternity penning, studying endangered bats, conserving fisher habitat, and identifying opportunities for wetland restoration.

A three-year mercury study was also concluded with the goal of improving our understanding of mercury in fish in the Williston and Dinosaur reservoir watersheds, and to provide this information to agencies responsible for advising the public on fish consumption. The full report, and a concise plain-language public summary, is available at fwcp.ca/mercury.

Since 1988, the FWCP has committed more than \$39 million to support fish and wildlife in the Peace region. Learn more at fwcp.ca.



Thirteen caribou calves born inside the Klinse-Za maternity pen were all safely released in July of 2019 – the most since the project started in 2014. Photo courtesy of Wildlife Informetrics Inc.

For information on Community Engagement Grants – which are typically \$500 to \$1,000 and help stewardship groups and others take action to benefit local fish and wildlife – please select fwcp.ca/community-engagement-grants/.

Grants-in-lieu

We pay net property tax and grant payments to local governments. The grant program is a provincial government initiative and the amounts paid are determined under the current legislation. Listed below are the grants paid to each community in the Northern region as of June 30, 2020.

Municipality/District	School Taxes*	Grants	Other Taxes	Total Payments
District of 100 Mile House	\$87,015.81	\$94,314.89	0	\$181,330.70
Village of Burns Lake	\$40,826.97	\$93,801.67	\$(0.12)	\$134,628.52
Central Coast Regional District	0	\$4,363.00	0	\$4,363.00
District of Chetwynd	\$61,852.20	\$110,526.70	\$1,333.67	\$173,712.57
City of Dawson Creek	\$204,881.90	\$1,099,213.70	0	\$1,304,095.60
District of Fort St. James	\$30,830.28	\$457,516.13	0	\$88,346.41
City of Fort St. John	\$117,436.75	\$391,844.49	\$(0.10)	\$509,281.14
Fraser-Fort George Regional District	0	\$1,126,488.00	0	\$1,126,488.00
Village of Fraser Lake	\$11,449.46	\$39,489.88	0	\$50,939.34
Village of Granisle	\$10,692.42	\$10,057.97	0	\$20,750.39
Village of Hazelton	\$3,979.61	\$8,183.47	0	\$12,163.08
District of Houston	\$110,749.79	\$116,727.17	\$618.00	\$228,094.96
District of Hudson's Hope	\$1,666,947.89	\$1,768,721.86	\$24,191.37	\$3,459,861.12
District of Kitimat	\$130,205.72	\$133,723.41	0	\$263,929.13
District of Mackenzie	\$79,769.41	\$2,457,820.76	0	\$2,537,590.17
Village of Masset	\$34,507.84	\$26,494.89	0	\$61,002.73
Village of McBride	\$29,549.43	\$16,884.96	0	\$46,434.39
District of New Hazelton	\$32,603.00	\$17,376.33	\$632.80	\$50,612.13
North Coast Regional District	0	\$15,274.00	0	\$15,274.00
Northern Rockies Regional Municipality	\$384,171.86	\$301,988.37	\$1,354.76	\$687,514.99
Peace River Regional District	0	\$1,485,130.00	0	\$1,485,130.00
Village of Port Clements	\$4,649.12	\$4,964.12	0	\$9,613.24
District of Port Edward	\$141,595.70	\$150,859.17	0	\$292,454.87
Village of Pouce Coupe	\$4,560.50	\$13,082.59	0	\$17,643.09
City of Prince George	\$695,529.89	\$1,821,401.12	0	\$2,516,931.01
City of Prince Rupert	\$92,655.76	\$252,363.76	0	\$345,019.52
Village of Queen Charlotte	\$51,730.51	\$15,042.78	\$733.13	\$67,506.42
City of Quesnel	\$190,818.47	\$728,205.44	0	\$919,023.91
Town of Smithers	\$94,119.56	\$173,869.37	\$100.00	\$268,088.93
District of Stewart	\$40,587.45	\$95,943.62	\$9,259.60	\$145,790.67
District of Taylor	\$27,832.08	\$470,045.63	0	\$497,877.71
Village of Telkwa	\$9,149.67	\$9,608.71	0	\$18,758.38
City of Terrace	\$391,663.34	\$342,512.41	\$223.25	\$734,399.00
District of Tumbler Ridge	\$237,483.47	\$75,962.26	0	\$313,445.73
District of Vanderhoof	\$96,239.86	\$153,341.65	\$1,583.00	\$251,164.51
District of Wells	\$7,505.28	\$5,161.21	0	\$12,666.49
City of Williams Lake	\$108,212.60	\$256,009.54	\$248.50	\$364,470.64

*Local governments collect school taxes which are then forwarded to the provincial government to help fund school districts.

Community grants

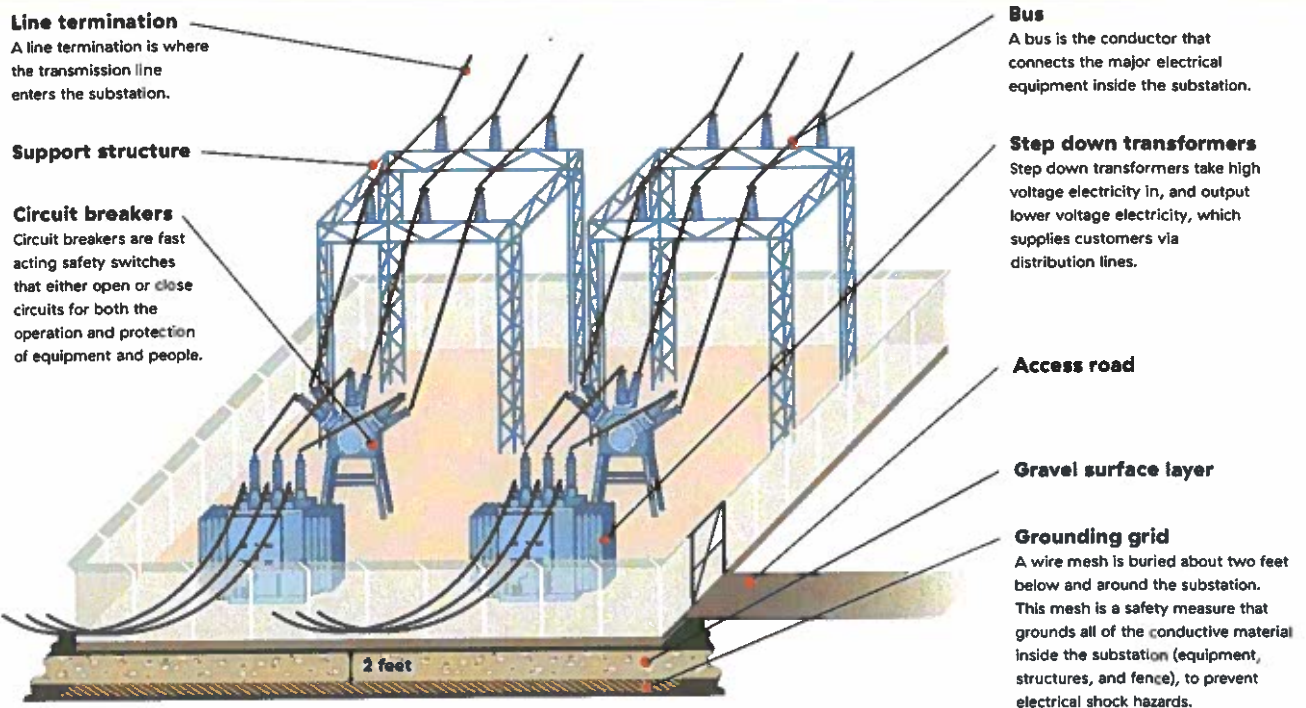
By providing power to the people and businesses of this province, we provide an essential and important service. We also believe in doing more than that: we offer two types of grants to support non-profit organizations and registered charities that are making a difference in their communities. This year, we supported nearly 80 community-based projects across every region of the province.

Our grants are given out in three focus areas: building the workforce of tomorrow, safety education, and developing smart energy ideas. When planning for your project, please keep in mind that our grants have set criteria and application deadlines. To learn more, please select bchydro.com/grants.

Some of the organizations that we supported in the region included:

Organization	Project	Community	Grant
Fraser-Fort George Museum Society	Science Alliance Summer Day Camps	Prince George	\$2,000
Horsefly Volunteer Fire Department	Traffic Control Safety Equipment	Horsefly	\$2,000
Williams Lake Cross Country Ski Club	LED Lighting Upgrade	Williams Lake	\$2,000
Prince George Chamber of Commerce	2020 Chamber Carbon Action Plan	Prince George	\$2,000
BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA)	Cool It! Climate Leadership Training	Northern and Lower Mainland	\$4,000
The Upper Skeena Community Learning Society	Youth Works	Northern	\$2,000
SkeenaWild Conservation Trust	Skeena Salmon Education Program	Northern	\$8,000

What's in a substation?



Electricity is usually generated and transmitted at high voltages. As the electricity approaches communities, it enters a substation so it can be stepped down to a lower voltage, which is safer and more efficient to use in homes and businesses. This is an outdoor air-insulated distribution substation, which means the equipment is outdoors in the open air. If the location, environment, and regulations allow, we prefer to build this type of substation instead of an indoor substation because they are more economical to build.

Reliability performance



We recognize how important the reliable supply of electricity is to our customers. We'll continue to improve, reinforce and maintain the electrical system.

The information below provides a comparison between Fiscal 2019 and Fiscal 2020 for communities in the Northern region. These statistics include interruptions due to planned outages.

Community	Fiscal 2019 Average customer interruption duration (hours)	Fiscal 2020 Average customer interruption duration (hours)	Fiscal 2019 Average number of interruptions per customer	Fiscal 2020 Average number of interruptions per customer
100 Mile House	3.74	1.56	1.20	3.43
Atlin	4.04	0.85	2.41	1.55
Burns Lake	8.97	3.07	5.31	10.80
Chetwynd	2.15	2.11	3.23	3.65
Dawson Creek	1.59	2.20	3.06	3.71
Fort Nelson	1.86	7.52	8.61	6.09
Fort St. James	7.01	2.99	1.60	13.99
Fort St. John	1.90	2.29	3.33	3.90
Fraser Lake	1.38	2.71	1.04	4.49
Granisle	11.83	2.72	0.13	6.76
Hazelton	2.90	1.95	3.80	3.49
Houston	2.21	1.88	1.68	3.89
Hudson's Hope	1.87	1.75	5.31	2.73
Kitimat	1.10	3.02	1.54	4.03
Mackenzie	5.37	2.26	1.61	6.26
Masset	2.12	1.10	5.22	4.42
McBride	0.83	0.49	7.40	6.21
New Hazelton	0.52	1.61	1.16	4.94
Port Clements	5.17	2.28	13.98	12.05
Pouce Coupe	0.85	1.68	3.10	2.40
Prince George	2.31	1.94	1.61	2.45
Prince Rupert	4.38	3.14	2.16	2.58
Queen Charlotte	3.46	2.30	10.52	11.74
Quesnel	1.30	2.26	2.47	3.08
Smithers	2.44	1.57	3.04	6.80
Stewart	7.37	9.51	3.76	7.07
Taylor	0.70	1.36	2.12	2.19
Telkwa	1.77	1.20	9.66	5.64
Terrace	2.78	2.78	2.32	4.69
Tumbler Ridge	0.43	1.81	2.05	2.51
Vanderhoof	2.65	1.85	3.82	11.74
Wells	3.11	5.88	9.46	9.44
Williams Lake	2.66	2.98	3.07	4.18

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BC Hydro Community Relations

At BC Hydro we build strong relationships to support the unique needs and strengths of the communities we serve. Our Community Relations team does this by listening, providing information and working together with communities. We're the point of contact for local government, media, local business and community groups. Whether it's for capital projects, corporate initiatives and programs, local BC Hydro activities, significant planned outages, emergency response or unplanned power outages, we work hard to meet the needs of our stakeholders and ensure communities are kept informed.

Northern region

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BC Hydro guide for local government

Quick access to key information on bchydro.com

My Hydro and Energy Savings initiatives

My Hydro
bchydro.com/myhydro/ Log in to manage your account.

Energy Savings Programs
bchydro.com/energysavings Learn how you can be smart with your power. Take advantage of rebates and programs.

Projects

Capital Projects
bchydro.com/projects Learn more about major projects taking place in your region.

Programs

Beautification fund
bchydro.com/beautification Find out more about our beautification program that provides financial assistance to municipal governments for conversion of overhead to underground facilities.

Decorative Wrap Grant Program
bchydro.com/wraps Learn about our program that provides financial assistance to municipal governments looking to install decorative wraps on BC Hydro pad-mounted equipment boxes.

Community ReGreening Program
bchydro.com/regreening The regreening program assists municipalities with urban tree planting while helping to make sure appropriate trees are planted around power lines.

Community Giving

Grants for community groups
bchydro.com/grants Learn about our grants for community groups and how to apply for them.

Scholarships & Endowments
bchydro.com/scholarships We look to build the next generation of engineers, electricians, and many other key roles who will help us deliver clean energy to our customers. Learn about our scholarships and endowments.

Electric vehicles

Fast charging stations
bchydro.com/ev Learn more about how clean and affordable power makes B.C. a great fit for electric vehicles.

Report an outage

How to report a power outage
bchydro.com/outages Check the outage map or list to see if we know your power is out. If not, call us at 1 800 BCHYDRO (1 800 224 9376) or *HYDRO (*49376) on your mobile phone to report it.

Report graffiti

How to report graffiti on our equipment
bchydro.com/graffiti We rely on the public to report graffiti on everything from our pad-mounted transformer boxes to our offices.

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Pursuant to *Community Charter* Section 127 notice is hereby given for the 2021 Regular Council Meetings. Meetings are scheduled on the first and third Monday of every month, except in January and July where the first Monday Meeting was postponed to the second Monday and the third Monday Meeting was cancelled, so there is only one meeting in each of those months. Where there is a holiday Monday the meeting is moved to the Tuesday. The schedules of regular meetings are as follows:

January 11th
February 1st & 16th (Family Day, February 15th)
March 1st & 15th
April 6th & 19th (Easter Monday, April 5th)
May 3rd & 17th
June 7th & 21st
July 12th
August 3rd & 16th (BC Day August 2nd)
September 7th & 20th (Labour Day, September 6th)
October 4th & 18th
November 1st & 15th
December 6th & 20th

Meetings are open to the public and are held in the Council Chambers located in the Multi-Purpose Building at 36 Cedar Ave West, Port Clements, BC at 7:00 PM. Submissions of Correspondence and/or request to appear as a delegation in front of Council must be made in writing a minimum four business days (Wednesday by 1 PM) prior to the scheduled meeting.

Committees of Council Schedule

Port Clements Vibrant Community Commission	-- as required – will post in advance
Port Clements Emergency Management Commission	– as required – will post in advance
Port Clements Recreation Commission	– as required – will post in advance

Please contact the Village Office Tuesday through Friday 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM for updates or changes to scheduled meetings. Notices for any changes to scheduled meetings will be located on the public posting location and on the municipal website (www.portclements.ca).



2020 Haida Gwaii COVID-19 Business Impact Survey Executive Report with Recommendations

Jennifer Rutt, Executive Director
November 20, 2020

MIEDS Mission

“To work with individuals, businesses, stakeholders, governments, communities and potential investors to coordinate, collaborate and implement islands-wide economic development initiatives aimed at increasing employability, employment and/or jobs for the people of Haida Gwaii.”

Historic Economic Development Background

September 2007:

Haida Gwaii Economic Development Accord was created in conjunction the Economic Development Understanding - Council of the Haida Nation and the Island Communities' these documents in turn created MIEDS.

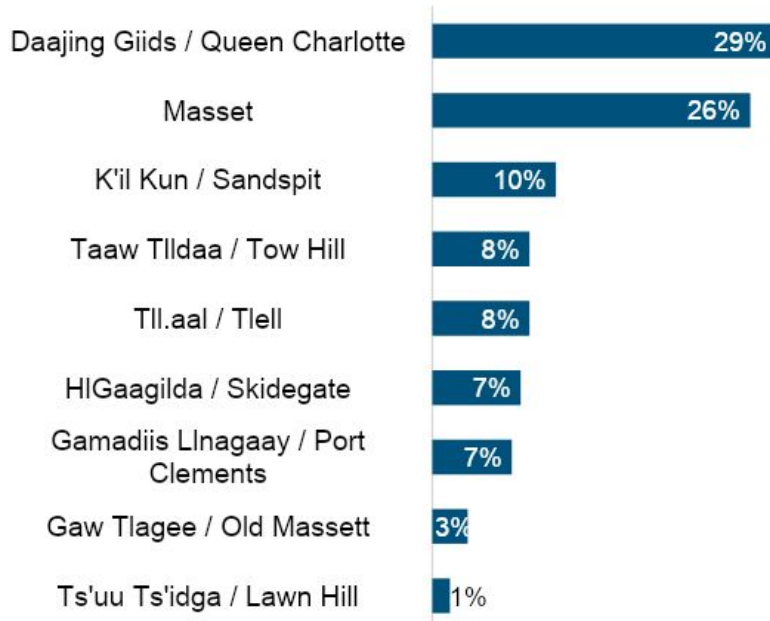
COVID-19 Business Impact Survey - Approach

- An online survey distributed in October 19-29, 2020. The questions were developed by MIEDS in consultation with CHN. Analysis was completed by Align Consulting Group.
- 136 survey responses were collected from about 254 private businesses in Haida Gwaii (from inventory).
- **Tourism** represents about 59% of all businesses in Haida Gwaii (~149 tourism businesses of 254)
- 79% of survey responses consider themselves part of tourism industry. Therefore survey responses may over-represent tourism industry.
- All Indigenous-owned business responses were in the tourism industry.

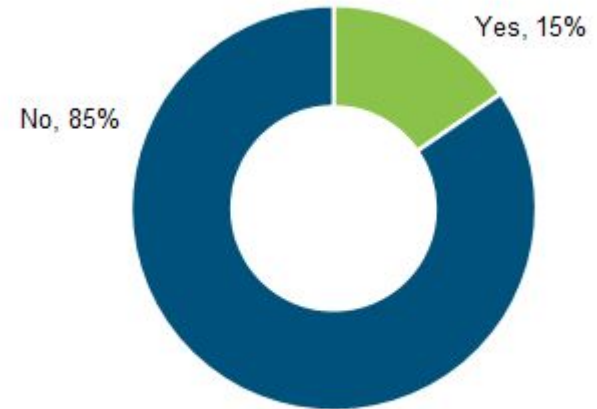
About **54%**
of Haida Gwaii
businesses are
represented in survey
responses

COVID-19 Business Impact Survey - Responses

Location of Survey Responses



Indigenous Ownership



Is your business Indigenous owned? n = 136



COVID-19 Business Impacts



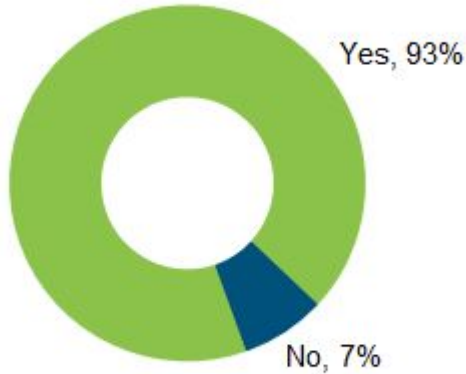
Declines in Revenue and Employment



COVID-19 Business Impact Survey – Revenue Declines

- 93% of businesses experienced revenue declines as a result of COVID-19.
- 100% of Indigenous businesses experience revenue declines. Similarly, tourism businesses were more likely to experience revenue declines (98%) compared to other businesses (71%).

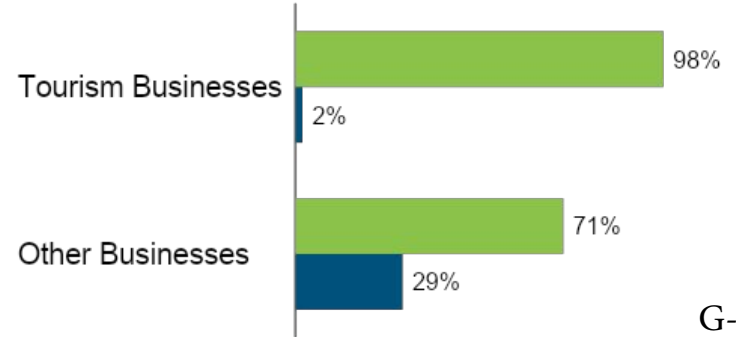
Experience Revenue Declines?



Has your business experienced a revenue decline due to COVID-19? n = 136

Experience Business Revenue Declines?

■ Yes ■ No



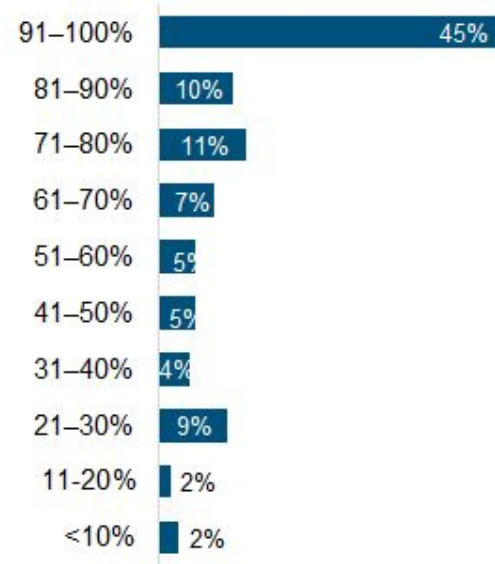
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Has your business experienced a revenue decline due to COVID-19? n = 136

COVID-19 Business Impact Survey – Revenue Declines

- 66% of all businesses had revenue declines of more than 70% in 2020.
- 45% of those businesses had a revenue decline of 91-100%

Business Revenue Declines Due to COVID-19

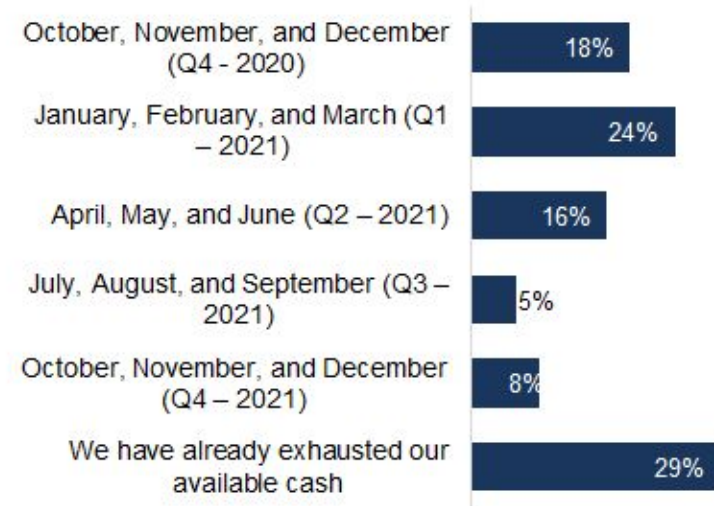


Please estimate the revenue decline you have experienced as a result of COVID-19? n = 136

COVID-19 Business Impact Survey – Use All Cash & Credit

- 45% of all businesses indicated they have more bills than income (negative cash flow gap.)
 - 75% of Indigenous businesses responded they had a negative cash flow gap.
- Nearly 50% of these businesses have or will have used all resources before the end of 2020.
- Another 24% will have used all available resources by March 2021.

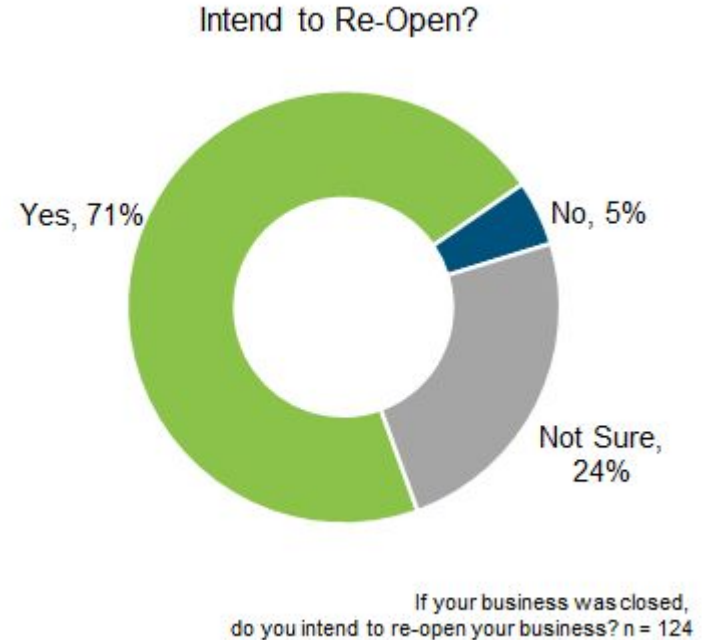
How Long Can You Stay Solvent With Negative Cash Flow Gap



If your business currently has a negative cash flow gap, how many months before your business uses all available cash and credit facilities (i.e. bank accounts, access to equity in other assets, credit cards, lines of credit, creator terms)?

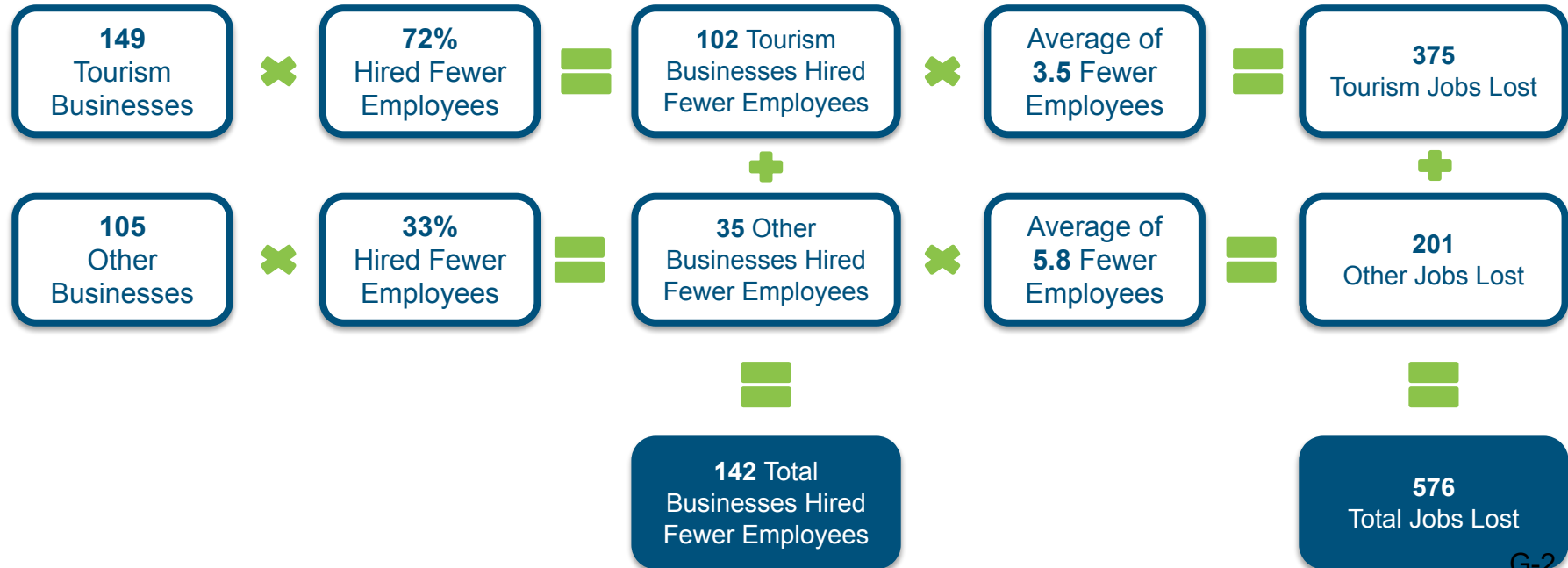
COVID-19 Business Impact Survey – Intention to Re-Open

- The majority of businesses intend to re-open (71%).
- 29% of businesses are unsure or not re-opening.
- This means we could potentially lose nearly 1 in 3 businesses on Haida Gwaii.



COVID-19 Business Impact Survey – 2020 Lost Jobs

To date, there is approximately 576 Haida Gwaii jobs that went unfilled in 2020, including 375 tourism jobs and 201 other jobs.





COVID-19 Support Programs

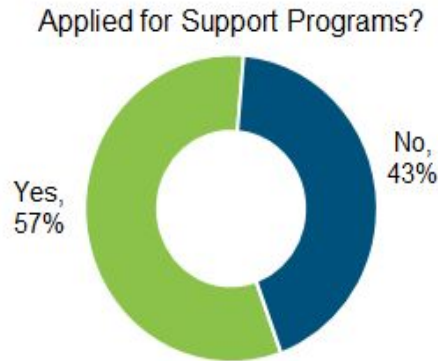


Program Participation and Business
Debt Acquired

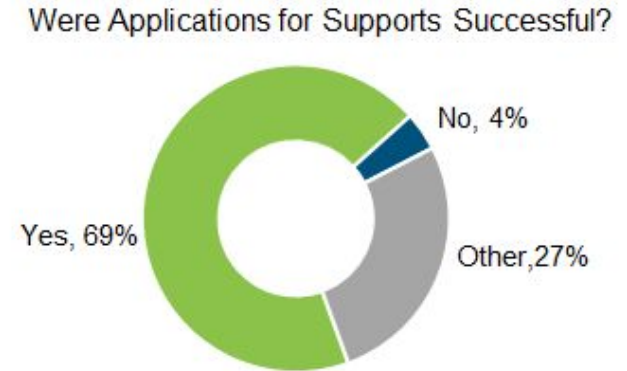


COVID-19 Business Impact Survey – Support Programs

- Over half (57%) of businesses applied for support programs. Most of those businesses (69%) were successful in obtaining support.
- 65% of Indigenous-owned businesses applied for support programs and 46% of them were successful.
- 61% of tourism businesses applied for support programs and 63% of them were successful.



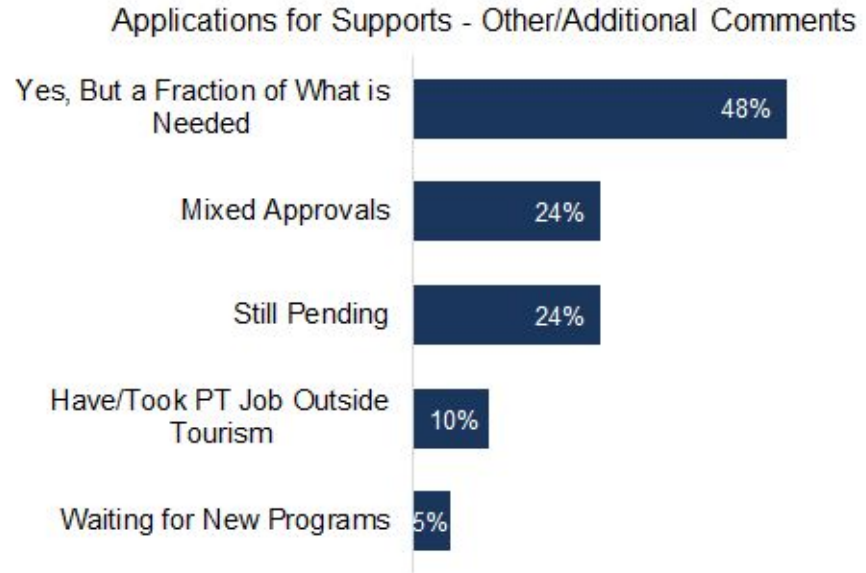
Have you applied for any support programs due to COVID-19? n = 130



Were your applications for COVID-19 support successful? n = 74

COVID-19 Business Impact Survey – Support Programs

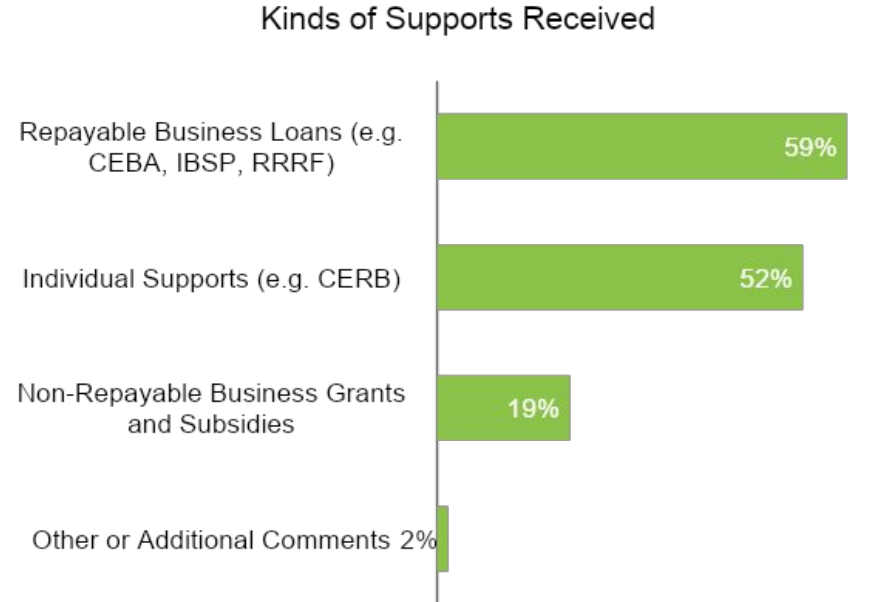
- 21 businesses made 23 comments about support programs.
- Half of those comments mentioned they were successful in obtaining funding but it is a fraction of what is needed.
- Another quarter mentioned they were approved for some but not all programs or were still waiting to hear if they were approved or not.



Those that answered 'Other' to: Were your applications for COVID-19 support successful?
21 businesses made 23 comments *Caution low sample size.
Businesses could respond with more than one comment so the total sums to more than 100%.

COVID-19 Business Impact Survey – Support Programs

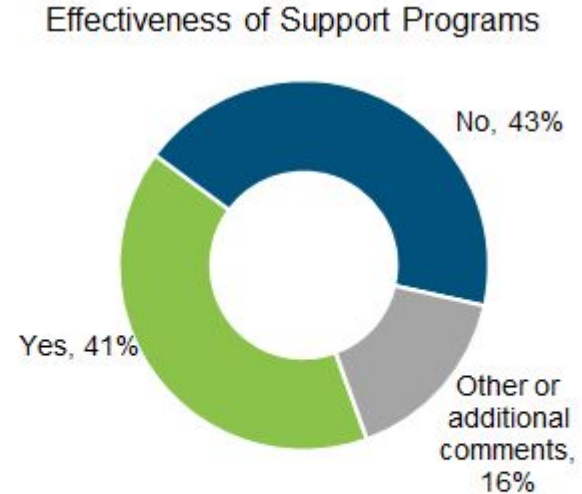
- Most businesses received were repayable business loans (59%), followed by individual supports (e.g. CERB, 52%) and non-repayable business grants and subsidies (19%).
- 58% of tourism businesses obtained repayable loans followed by individual supports (54%) and non-repayable business grants and subsidies (21%).
- Of repayable business loans the majority of businesses took out \$10-50K in debt that will take 3-5 years to repay at normal operating activity.



What kinds of supports have you or your business received?
n = 63.
Businesses could respond with more than one comment so the total sums to more than 100%.

COVID-19 Business Impact Survey – Support Programs

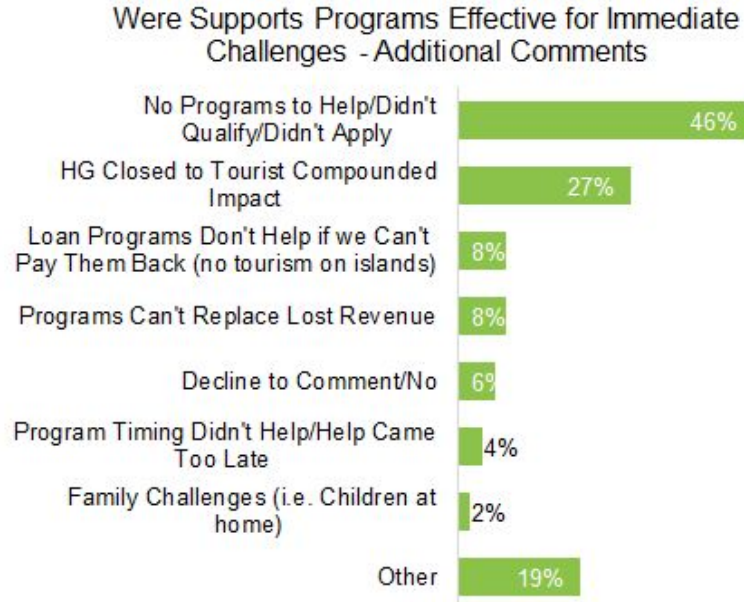
- 43% of businesses responded support programs were NOT effective in addressing immediate challenges.
- Similarly, 41% of businesses believe support programs were effective.
- 53% of Indigenous businesses and 45% of tourism businesses mentioned support programs were NOT effective.
- 16% had other comments.



Were the COVID-19 support programs effective in addressing immediate challenges faced by you or your business? n = 113

COVID-19 Business Impact Survey – Support Programs

- These responses are from all businesses, not just the under half who did not apply.
- 52 businesses made 62 comments about why support programs weren't effective.
- 46% responded that there weren't any programs to help or they weren't eligible for support programs.
- Some businesses responded that loan programs don't help if there is no revenue (8%) and programs can't replace lost revenue (8%).



[If 'No' on Q23] If no, please provide details on your situation. n = 52

52 businesses made 62 comments.

Businesses could respond with more than one comment so the total sums to more than 100%.

Recommendation: Advocacy to Provincial and Federal Governments

- The difference between the Provincial and Haida Gwaii responses has created a situational difference in the help available vs. the help needed.
- Example: Mainland hotels, many of which are operating at a higher level of occupancy, have access to the exact same programs that are available to a hotel on Haida Gwaii which has had zero occupancy.
- Advocacy around these inequities is needed now regardless of what happens in 2021.
- Once a business is bankrupt it is too late to help them.
- Advocacy that is done by working together will most likely have the strongest potential positive response.

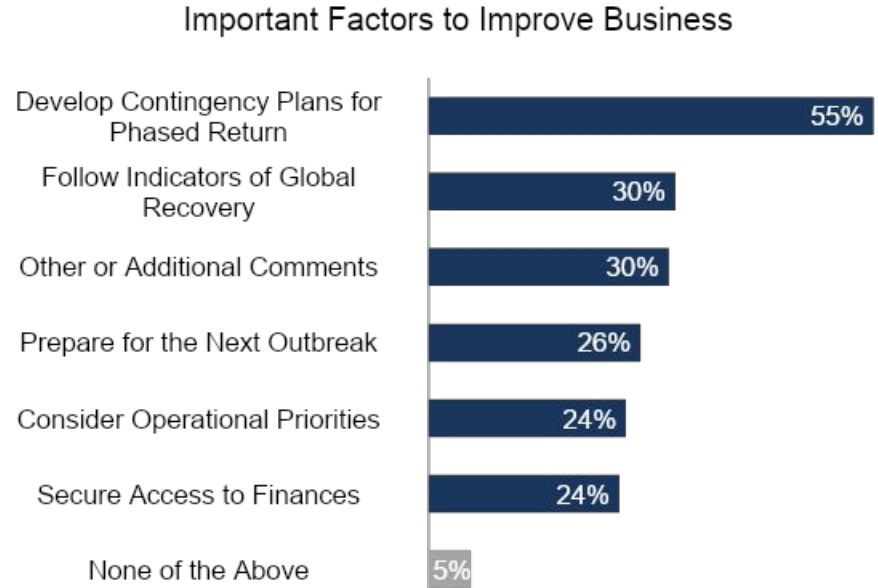
Recommendation: Advocacy to Provincial and Federal Governments

- The Provincial and Federal governments need to be made aware that their support programs are not designed for the business realities here on Haida Gwaii and that those programs are not adequately supporting our local businesses.
- MIEDS welcomes the full survey report being taken to government leaders to ask for assistance. We are available to help if requested.
- If we are successful in advocacy we will need a model to reach out to 100% of businesses on Haida Gwaii.

Haida Gwaii Protocol Table to have a dedicated discussion and explore strategies around special support for Haida Gwaii businesses in light of the unique challenges they face.

COVID-19 Business Impact Survey – Business Environment

- More than half (55%) of businesses believed contingency plans for a phased return should be developed to improve the business environment.
- 30% of businesses responded Haida Gwaii should follow indicators of global recovery or had additional comments
- About a quarter of businesses believed Haida Gwaii should prepare for the next outbreak, consider operational priorities or secure access to finances.



Which of the following are most important to improving Haida Gwaii's business environment? n = 115
115 businesses checked 223 factors.
Businesses could respond with multiple factors so the total equals more than 100%.


Recommendation: Communication & Marketing

- Comments mentioned communication as a barrier or frustration for businesses.
- The vast majority of businesses, have been respecting the CHN emergency orders regarding their tourism marketing and awaiting direction.
- Most businesses have not yet started marketing and booking for 2021, some exceptions exist that may cause a feeling of inequity.
- In a typical year, businesses begin to take reservations in January/February.
- According to the Visitor Exit Survey over 60% of visitors are from BC.
- If there is not a tourism season in 2021, advocacy to government on behalf of local businesses will become even more imperative.


Targeted communication from CHN to tourism business on how to respectfully plan for 2021.



COVID-19 Preparedness



Policy and Procedures, Compliance
Assessment and PPE

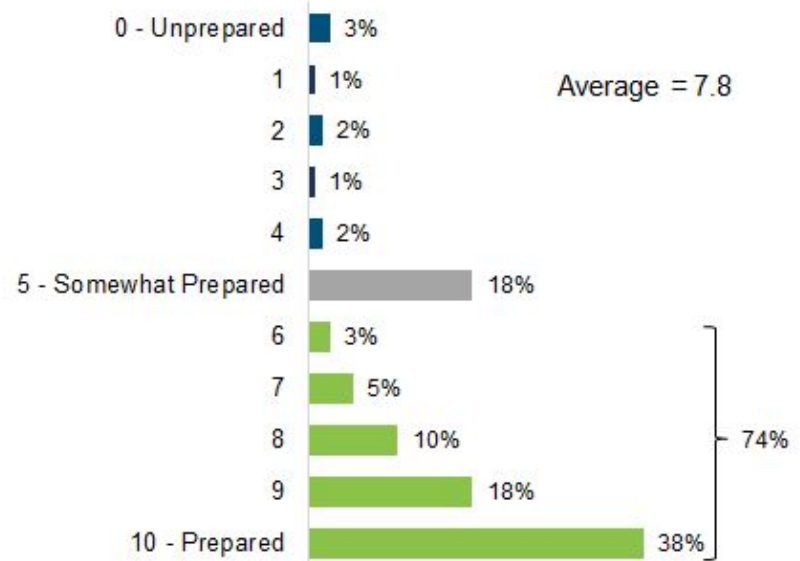


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COVID-19 Business Impact Survey – Updated Policies

- 74% of businesses were prepared and had updated their policies and procedures to address COVID-19 related changes and risks.
- 72% of Indigenous businesses and 73% of tourism businesses were prepared for COVID-19 related changes and risks.
- 27% of business feel somewhat or less prepared.

Prepared to Address COVID-19 Related Changes

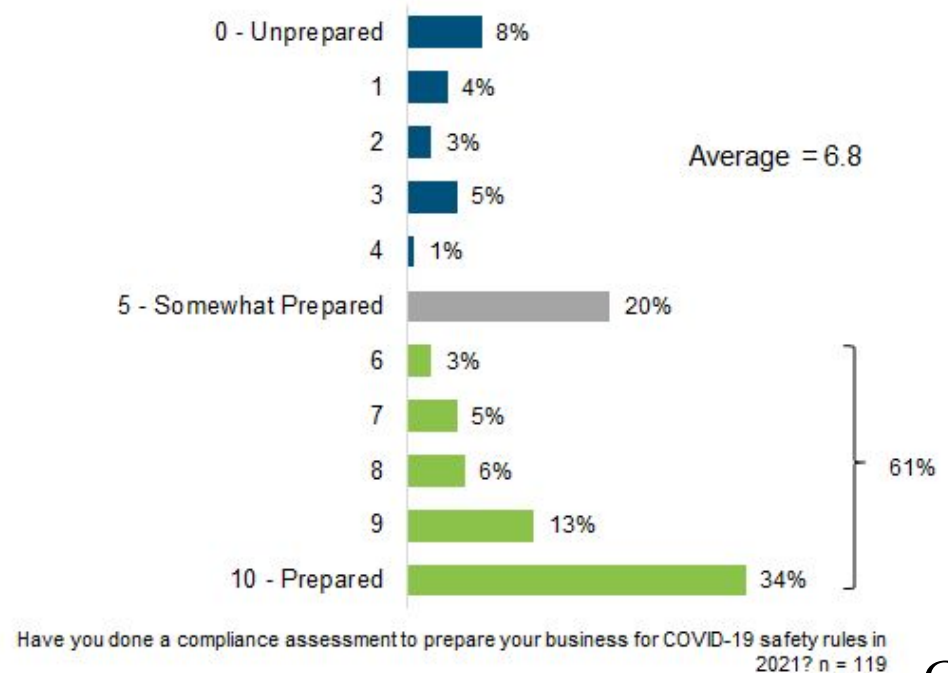


Are your policies and procedures updated to address COVID-19-related changes and risks?
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COVID-19 Business Impact Survey – Compliance Assessment

- 61% of businesses had done a compliance assessment to prepare for COVID-19 safety rules in 2021.
- 56% of Indigenous businesses and 61% of tourism businesses had completed a compliance assessment.
- 39% of businesses have not done a completed assessment.

Prepared For 2021 Safety Rules - Compliance Assessment



Recommendation: Planning & Preparation

- Absence of knowledge about the future does not mean we can not prepare for scenarios and safety.
- Planning and preparing can happen now in a resident only model.
- Specifically, an opportunity exists to create a business safety planning program that would have a positive impact on community health regardless of what happens in 2021. (See addendum.)
- This work would need to be done cooperatively with CHN Incident Command and CHN Communications.

Write a letter of support for MIEDS to receive Gwaii Trust project funding for the Business Safety Precautions position and program development.

Recommendations Summary

- ***Haida Gwaii Protocol Table to have a dedicated discussion and explore strategies around special support for Haida Gwaii businesses in light of the unique challenges they face.***
- ***Targeted communication from CHN to tourism business on how to respectfully plan and advertise for 2021.***
- ***Write a letter of support for MIEDS to receive Gwaii Trust project funding for the Business Safety Precautions position and program development.***

Questions?
For more information
<http://www.mieds.ca/>

Thank you for making this possible.



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Council Meeting Action Items List

Action #	Date	Description	Lead	Follow up
A30	06-09-2016	Weight Room Upgrades	Administration	Questionnaire distributed on equipment use - Several Turned in. Grant Writer to look for opportunities. Ruth Bellamy & CAO toured facilities to determine what improvements should be made.
	14-03-2019			Councillor Kish contacted Grant Writer about grants. She also spoke to Ruth Bellamy about equipment and removal of non-essential items. Plan to dispose of these items during free tipping day
	16-03-2020		HG Rec	Strength-Building: The Haida Gwaii Weight Room Strategy. Applying to Community Innovation Grant to develop HG weight room strategy
	13-07-2020		VOPC	see if weightroom funding application can be expediated by the Gwaii Trust Society
	13-08-2020			Cannot be expediated. Weightroom funding application seperated between COVID-19 & upgrades, upgrades needs motion for application noting specific amount
A36	08-08-2017	Sunset Park Mgmt. Plan	Council	Review recently adopted Management plan in Nov/Dec 2017 and again in Nov/Dec 2018.
	16-04-2019			Draft plan circulated to Council for review.
	03-06-2019			Motion made to hold public hearing and then adopt Management Plan. Staff dealing with scheduling.
	31-07-2019			Requested date for Aug 20/20 - waiting for confirmation
	22-08-2019			Public Meeting held to receive comments on proposed plan and Berry Maze
A41	09 26 2018	Amend the Campground Bylaw fees		Still in Progress - Still needs to be reviewed
A46	18-11-2019	Staff to accumulate information		Staff to Accumulate all information on location of sewer lines where it impacts current land application - may not be completed & brought back until next year
A49	13-07-2020	OCP review & update information		CAO to provide more information on process for next Council Meeting
A51	04-08-2020	Rainbow Wharf Repairs		Request for information on Rainbow Wharf repair proposal including information as to why it has not taken place, the efforts of staff to accomplish this, the names and contact information of any government agencies that have blocked the work (if any), a statement from the contractor as to their current intentions regarding the contract, and if there is a place to ensure this work is accomplished in a timely fashion.
	05-08-2020			Staff are working to gather this information Dependent on whether company can get permit (fisheries permissions)
A53	02-09-2020			Zoom/Team Meetings for Council Meetings - webcam, zoom subscription, remote powered speaker or microphone. Staff have been investigating digital access, and are reaching out for assistance
	21-09-2020			Staff identified need for further direction from Council on options
	05-10-2020			supplier looking into workaround for equipment issues (microphones) with backfeed; pending supplier update
A54	11-16-2020	Tennis Court Improvement		Add to strategic planning for follow up - to make a plan to pressure wash, repaint the lines, brush the trees back, put the fencing back in place and have it ready for spring (NDIT funding may be available - \$30,000 to max of 70% of eligible project budget open on a quarterly basis).