



WHISTLER

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2010, STARTING AT 9:00 AM

In the Flute Room of Whistler Municipal Hall
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of the Special Council agenda of January 7, 2010.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

Zoning Amendment
Bylaw (Westin Resort &
Spa Operational Support
Space) No. 1901, 2009

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The purpose of Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Westin Resort & Spa Operational Support Space) No. 1901, 2009 is to amend the TA14 Zone to allow an additional 552 square metres of gross floor area restricted to back-of-house storage and administrative space.

OTHER BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

Opposition to New
Sunday Hours of LDB
Liquor Stores
File No. 4742

Correspondence from Andrew Elliott, Nesters Liquor Store, regarding the new Sunday opening hours of the Marketplace Liquor Store and Creekside Liquor Store operated by the LDB (Liquor Distribution Branch).

CRTC Review of
Community Television
Policy
File No. 3009

Correspondence from Richard Ward, C.M.E.S. Community Media Education Society, regarding the CRTC's upcoming review of community television in Canada.

Support for Renovation of
Whistler's Rainbow
Theatre
File No. 8216.8

Correspondence from Roger Soane, General Manager of The Fairmont Chateau Whistler, regarding support for renovation of Whistler's Rainbow Theatre.

Pitch-In BC
File No. 3009

Correspondence from Pitch-In BC thanking 2009 participants.

2009 UBCM-
Administered Grants
File No. 2014

Correspondence from Harry Nyce, President of Union of British Columbia Municipalities, regarding UBCM-administered grants that were active in 2009.

Coroner's Report: Foreign
Students & Recreation
Activity
File No. 2014

Correspondence from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding a Coroner's Report that deals with the accidental drowning of a foreign student at a regional district park in Victoria, and highlights issues a community may want to consider when hosting foreign students.

Support for the
Commercial Greenhouse
Project
File No. 3009

Correspondence from Jim Chan, Store Manager of Marketplace IGA Whistler, regarding support of the Commercial Greenhouse Project.

ADJOURNMENT

RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER

ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW (WESTIN RESORT & SPA OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SPACE) NO. 1901, 2009

A BYLAW TO AMEND THE RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER ZONING AND PARKING BYLAW NO. 303, 1983

WHEREAS the Council may, in a zoning bylaw pursuant to Sections 903 and 906 of the *Local Government Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c.323, divide all or part of the area of the Municipality into zones, define each zone, regulate the use of land, buildings and structures within the zones, and require the provision of parking spaces and loading spaces for uses, buildings and structures;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler, in open meeting assembled, **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Westin Resort & Spa Operational Support Space) No. 1901, 2009".
2. The lands that are the subject of this Bylaw are those lands situated in the Resort Municipality of Whistler legally described as District Lots 3020, 3865 and 4893 Group 1 New Westminster District Strata Plan LMS 4089, shown outlined in heavy black on the sketch plan attached as Schedule A to this Bylaw.
3. The TA14 Zone, as designated in the Resort Municipality of Whistler Zoning and Parking Bylaw 303, 1983 is amended by deleting Section 14.2 and replacing it with the following:

The maximum gross floor area of all buildings and structures in the TA14 Zone is 36,452 square metres provided that the maximum floor area designed, intended or used for all hotel uses shall not exceed 35,952 square metres of which at least 552 square metres is used for hotel operation office, storage and workshop use, and the maximum floor area designed, intended or used for all employee housing uses shall not exceed 500 square metres.

GIVEN FIRST READING this 7th day of April, 2009.

GIVEN SECOND READING this 7th day of April, 2009.

Pursuant to Section 890 of the Local Government Act, a Public Hearing was held this 5th day of May, 2009.

GIVEN THIRD READING this 5th day of May, 2009.

APPROVED by the Minister of Transportation this 22nd day of May, 2009.

ADOPTED by the Council ____ day of _____, _____.

Ken Melamed,
Mayor

Shannon Story,
Corporate Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true copy of
“Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Westin Resort & Spa Operational Support Space) No.
1901, 2009”

Shannon Story
Corporate Officer

SCHEDULE "A"



From: Elliott, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Elliott@westoncapital.com]
Sent: December 21, 2009 9:30 AM
To: Mayor's Office
Subject: RE: OPPOSITION TO NEW SUNDAY HOURS OF LDB LIQUOR STORES

Hi,

I sent the email below last week to the Mayor's office. I believe you may have received similar letters from the Blackcomb Liquor Store and Rowland's in Creek side last week as well.

Can you let me know what happens next ? Are these letters reviewed by Mayor and Council, will we receive a response ? Please advise.

Thanks you

Andrew Elliott
Nesters Liquor Store

From: Elliott, Andrew
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2009 8:58 AM
To: 'mayorsoffice@whistler.ca'
Cc: 'joan.mcintyre.mla@leg.bc.ca'
Subject: OPPOSITION TO NEW SUNDAY HOURS OF LDB LIQUOR STORES

December 10th, 2009

To Mayor and Council

We are writing to strongly protest the new Sunday opening hours of the Marketplace Liquor Store and Creekside Liquor Store operated by the LDB (Liquor Distribution Branch) and request that Whistler Mayor and Council intervene immediately on behalf of the three locally owned and operated Beer and Wine Stores (Liquor Retail Stores): Nesters Liquor Store, Blackcomb Liquor Store and Roland's Creekside Liquor Store.

On Sunday December 6th, the Government Liquor Stores in Marketplace and Creekside were open for the first time without any prior warning or notice given to the operators of the LRS's from the LDB. These new

hours are devastating for the small locally owned LRS's that make the majority of their annual income on Sundays when the government stores all over the province are *supposed to be closed*. The very reason for the creation and existence of LRS licenses in the first place is to provide a means for BC residents to be able to buy beer, wine and liquor when the government stores are closed on Sundays and Holidays. By opening the Marketplace and Creekside stores on Sundays seriously undermines the viability of these three LRS's.

For the past 2 years we have had to live with the fact that the Village Liquor Store operated by the LDB has been operating on Sundays and the negative impact this has had on our sales. However, we understand that in the heart of this international village that made some sense. By expanding these Sunday hours to include both the Marketplace and Creekside stores means that Whistler now has all three of its' Government Liquor Stores open on Sundays. This is a very high concentration compared to the rest of the province or the lower mainland.

When contacted this week, Terry Barley the area manager of the LDB said that the new Sunday hours were "to serve our Olympic patrons". In our opinion, Whistler is well served on Sunday by the current operating hours of the Liquor Store in the main village and the three LRS's. Furthermore if the purpose is to "serve the Olympic Patrons" perhaps the LDB could be encouraged at the very least to wait until February when their "Olympic Patrons" will actually be here, especially as bookings and forecasted visits to the resort for December and January are down on previous years.

The opening of the government liquor stores is another example of how local Whistler businesses, that are fully invested in Whistler's long term future, are being disenfranchised from these Olympics.

We are seeking immediate action from Whistler's Mayor and Council as well as the relevant Ministries to ask the LDB to consider the following in order to protect the sustainability of three locally owned businesses and their local employees:

1. Reversal of the recent move to open Marketplace and Creekside stores on Sundays
2. At the very least limit their Sunday openings to February 13th, 20th and 27th of 2010
3. Confirm that the Sunday openings are temporary and will not continue after the Olympics

A copy of this letter has also been sent to Gary Barnham and Terry Barley at the LDB, and the Minister of Housing and Social Development.

YOURS SINCERELY

NESTERS LIQUOR STORE
7017 NESTERS ROAD
WHISTLER BC
VON 1B7
TEL: 604-938-2337

OWNERS:
ANDREW ELLOTT
COLIN JOHNSON

ANDREW J ELLOTT
WESTON CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT

WEST COAST OFFICE
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HEAD OFFICE
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WESTPORT CT 06880
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-----Original Message-----

From: Community Media Education Society [mailto:cmes@vcn.bc.ca]
Sent: December 11, 2009 5:39 PM
To: Mayor's Office
Subject: CRTC Review of Community Television Policy

December 11, 2009

To Mayor Ken Melamed and Council:

Regarding our email and letter of November 5th, 2009 (attached), on the CRTC's upcoming review of community television in Canada, additional references have been placed on the file.

Reference 661-1 is two studies entitled "The Community Access Programming Sector: A Quantitative Analysis" and "The Impact of New Technology on Community Television."

Reference 661-2 is a third study: "Community Television Policies and Practices Around the World."

These references are linked at the top of Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2009-661, <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2009/2009-661.htm>.

C.M.E.S. is preparing our own submission and will send it to you. We would also like to know what kind of community access TV is available in your region.

Sincerely,

Richard Ward, Director
Telephone: (403) 613-0869

C.M.E.S. Community Media Education Society
4837 Sophia Street
Vancouver, BC, Canada V8V 3W5
Telephone: (604) 324-2682

November 5, 2009

Resort Municipality of Whistler
4325 Blackcomb Way
Whistler, BC
V0N 1B4

Dear Mayor Ken Melamed and Council:

**Re: Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2009-661
Notice of Hearing - 26 April 2010
Review of Community Television Policy Framework**

C.M.E.S. Community Media Education Society is pleased that the CRTC will review Canada's community television policy framework: [Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2009-661](#) .

For the last twelve years C.M.E.S. Community Media Education Society has worked to promote participatory independent public access television in Canada. Our first success was to get Vancouver community TV shows back onto the air, thanks to CRTC Broadcasting Policy 2002-61. Our active participation in Parliament's Lincoln Report in 2003 brought attention to community television funding problems. Over the coming weeks, C.M.E.S. will write our response to CRTC 2009-661. Here are preliminary notes on some of the most important questions asked by the CRTC.

Question 7 asks why there has been such a modest uptake for the CRTC's offer to license community programming undertakings—only one licence since 2002. Here C.M.E.S. has first-hand experience.

In 2007 we underwent a CRTC hearing to offer a community programming service when Telus said it had no plans for community TV in BC and Alberta. The CRTC recognized we had strong community support—interventions from the cities of Prince George and Medicine Hat, among many other groups and individuals. Nonetheless we were told we were producing locally but distributing from regional hubs and that was insufficiently local. We were also told that, if the BDU failed to meet revenue goals, we had to have the resources to fund the channel ourselves. Very few not-for-profits meet the test of matching BDU funding out of their own pockets.

In **Question 17** the CRTC quotes the Dunbar-Leblanc report which took the general theme of maximizing revenue for the Canadian broadcasting system; thus they favour community channel advertising. There are two problems here.

First, community TV ads take money away from commercial stations where two-thirds of revenue comes from national advertisers, and that income has dropped precipitously during the world economic downturn.

Second it can be argued that, if not-for-profit access groups can sell ads, they don't need public money. The Prime Minister's Office, which appoints CRTC commissioners directly, is always looking for a way to cut public spending.

Question 20 asks whether \$116 million in annual BDU contributions should be directed to access programming. This has been our main goal since deregulation in 1997. We all know the answer is yes, and we need to say so.

Question 26: Now that we have the Internet, do we still need community access to traditional television production? Again the answer has to be yes.

Traditional audiences need more contact with Internet aficionados who in turn need to get out and broaden their neighbourhood horizons. TV still has a better picture and a bigger audience.

To meet CRTC expectations something like the public library system is necessary. Library boards are accountable to elected municipal councils. Library budgets are the same order of magnitude as community TV budgets and libraries already provide some multimedia services. One example, the Toronto Public Library, has world-class architecture as well as operating efficiency. Community TV policy needs support from Ontario to be successful nationally.

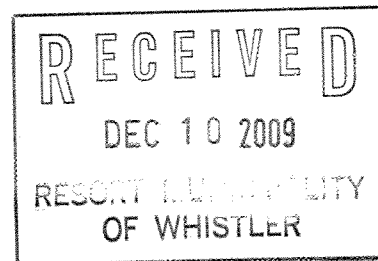
Libraries, traditional TV volunteers and the Internet are a multimedia merger that answers all the CRTC questions raised in 2009-661. We can have public access, participation and independence from BDU gate-keeping. With municipal support library partnership can give us a diverse, alternative and local national policy.

The CRTC deadline for submissions is **1 February 2010**. All comments will be placed on the public file. Those persons or groups who wish to submit their comments or concerns privately to the CRTC, regarding the community television review, may do so through C.M.E.S.

Sincerely,

Richard Ward, Director
C.M.E.S. Community Media Education Society

December 8th 2009



Mayor Ken Melamed and Council Members

Fairmont Hotels and Resorts is a leader in the global hospitality industry, with a distinctive collection and a worldwide reputation for excellence. We offer experiences that are authentically local, and genuine hospitality with engaging service and attention to detail elevate each stay into cherished memories.

As General Manager of the Fairmont Chateau Whistler and Chair of Tourism Whistler my role in both organizations is to promote the resort as an international, year-round destination with the goal of increasing overnight visitation. Tourism Whistler represents its membership who own, manage and operate properties or businesses in Whistler including hotels, restaurants, activity operators and retail shops.

I fully support the capital project to renovate and upgrade Whistler's Rainbow Theatre as this will be a wonderful amenity that will benefit the local community as well as attract clients looking for a state of the art facility.

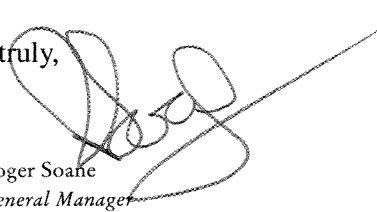
Major benefits will accrue to Whistler based upon the plans of the Whistler Film Festival, an important arts charitable organization in our community. WFFS brings value to both the resort and the community and has potential to become one of the top ten film festivals in the world, and offer leading edge programs.

This project meets the goals of Whistler's 2010 strategic framework and the Whistler2020-Comprehensive Sustainability Plan

There will be community benefits to arts & culture resulting from this project, not just to the programs for WFFS, but for our local performing and visual artists. The project creates a new market for local artists to showcase their art and for the tourism community to attract non weather related business to the destination.

I do hope that you agree this is worthwhile project for consideration.

Yours truly,


Roger Soane
General Manager

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Dear Head and Members of Council

Thanks to all of our PITCH-IN BC MUNICIPAL Participants for 2009!

100 Mile House, 150 Mile House, Abbotsford, Agassiz, Ahousat, Aldergrove, Anmore, Armstrong, Altlin, Barriere, Beaverdell, Black Creek, Burnaby, Burns Lake, Cache Creek, Campbell River Canoe, Canyon, Chase, Chetwynd, Chilliwack, Christina Lake, Clearwater, Clinton, Coldstream, Comox, Coquitlam, Courtenay, Cranbrook, Crawford Bay, Crescent Valley, Creston, Cumberland, D'arcy, Dawson Creek, Delta, Duncan, Edgewater, Elkford, Esquimalt, Farmington, Fernie, Fort Fraser, Fort Nelson, Fort St. James, Fort St. John, Fraser Lake, Fruitvale, Gabriola, Garibaldi Highlands, Gibsons, Grand Forks, Hazelton, Heriot Bay, Hope, Houston, Hudsons Hope, Invermere, Kamloops, Kelowna, Keremeos, Kimberley, Kitimat, Ladysmith, Lake Country, Lake Cowichan, Langley, Logan Lake, Lumby, Lytton, MacKenzie, Maple Ridge, McBride, Merritt, Mill Bay, Mission, Nanaimo, Nanoose Bay, Nelson, New Westminster, North Vancouver, Osoyoos, Parksville, Peachland, Pemberton, Penticton, Pitt Meadows, Port Alberni, Port Alice, Port Coquitlam, Port Hardy, Port McNeill, Port Moody, Port Renfrew, Pouce Coupe, Powell River, Prince George, Prince Rupert, Qualicum Beach, Quathias Lake, Quesnel, Radium Hot Springs, Revelstoke, Richmond, Roberts Creek, Robson, Rossland, Salmo, Salmon Arm, Salt Spring Island, Savona, Sayward, Shawnigan Lake, Smithers, Sooke, South Hazelton, Sparwood, Squamish, Surrey, Tahsis, Terrace, Tofino, Topley, Trail, Maple Ridge, Valemount, Vancouver, Vanderhoof, Vavenby, Vernon, Victoria, Wasa, West Vancouver, Westbank, Whistler, White Rock, Youbou

Is Your Community on the list of participants in the 2009 PITCH-IN Week? Were you one of the 137 communities who participated in PITCH-IN Week last year in BC? If so ... **Congratulations!!** ... you have many dedicated PITCH-IN volunteers who put in hundreds of hours during PITCH-IN CANADA Week Operation: *Clean Sweep* to keep your community clean and beautiful. These volunteers saved your Council thousands of dollars in clean-up costs and freed your staff to attend to other priorities.

PITCH-IN BC provided these volunteers with the materials, ideas, incentives, to undertake the often unpleasant and definitely challenging tasks to clean-up and beautify your community – all for free!! PITCH-IN BC has been organizing and promoting, PITCH-IN CANADA Week and recruiting and supplying volunteers with the materials for PITCH-IN CANADA Week, for over **35 years**. That's a lot of volunteer hours over three+ decades – and adds up to a lot of dollars saved by your Council!

How can your community become involved? One way is by becoming a **Member*** of PITCH-IN BRITISH COLUMBIA. With continued financial support and involvement by BC municipalities we will truly make our province the "Beautiful British Columbia" that we are so proud of!

Help us continue to help your PITCH-IN volunteers !
Become a Member* of PITCH-IN BRITISH COLUMBIA today !

"The City's involvement in PITCH-IN CANADA Week, Operation: Clean Sweep, is a benefit to the community as it provides assistance in city-wide clean-ups, builds upon Communities In Bloom initiatives and promotes environmental awareness. This enhances both the urban and natural environment and develops a strong sense of community pride and responsibility. The estimated value.. of our PITCH-IN volunteers' hours IN 2008 is \$340,000 to \$612,000."

Sandra Kranc, City of Oshawa.

*Membership fees are population based – see over!

PITCH-IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.... VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION!!



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THE BENEFITS OF BEING A PATRON OF PITCH-IN

***You are helping the PITCH-IN volunteers in your community who use our free year-round programs and materials to:**

- *clean up and beautify your neighbourhoods*
- *educate about the importance of individual responsibility for taking care of their environment*
- *undertake projects and campaigns encourage pre-cycling, and living by the 4 R's lifestyle- refuse, reduce, reuse, and recycle*
- *participate all year round in projects that save your Council money and invests in your community's future*

***These EXCLUSIVE Benefits for your Council, PITCH-IN Coordinator and Staff:**

- ✓ access to Patron Secure Section of the PITCH-IN website to download free materials including
 - detailed Action + Communications Plan for PITCH-IN CANADA Week
 - Communications and Action Plan for *The 20-Minute Makeover*
 - The Civic Pride Program, a comprehensive, year-round, litter control and waste management program (manual, workshop materials, DVD, use of logo, etc...)
- ✓ right to use the PITCH-IN trademarks including the PITCH-IN, CIVIC PRIDE and *The 20-Minute Makeover* logos
- ✓ purchase the official SEMAINE PITCH-IN WEEK flag at a reduced price of \$75
- ✓ free registration in the *The National Civic Pride Recognition Program*
- ✓ your community listed and linked on the PITCH-IN CANADA Website as a
- ✓ access to PITCH-IN CANADA staff as you design local litter control + beautification programs

***For Your Local Volunteers:**

- ★ Guaranteed + Priority access to free PITCH-IN Week garbage/recycling bags for volunteers (must apply by March 15)
- ★ Ensure that PITCH-IN Week can continue as a resource for your community groups, so they receive clear recycling bags and the yellow waste removal bags!

You might also want to check out these other **PITCH-IN CANADA** materials and programs for your staff, your Council and the volunteers in your community, all available as FREE downloads from pitch-in.ca

- ecoActive Schools
- Green Shopper
- Shoreline Clean-up
- Fastest Broom Contest (a great kick-off for PITCH-IN Week!)
- Tra\$h-A-Thons
- Pollution Counts
- Re-THINK Educational Unit
- Posters, Colouring Books, Action Projects for the Environment

THANK YOU !!!



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THE COST OF BECOMING A PATRON OF PITCH-IN

The cost is dependent on your community's population.
That makes it fair for all and enables even the smallest villages or hamlets to become a patron.

Population of your Community	Patron's Fee
1 – 500	\$125
501 – 1000	\$175
1001 – 2500	\$225
2501 – 5,000	\$ 350.
5,001 – 10,000	\$ 425.
10,001 – 25,000	\$ 550.
25,001 – 50,000	\$ 675.
50,001 – 100,000	\$ 750.
100,001 – 250,000	\$ 1250.
250,001 – 500,000	\$ 1500.
500,000+	\$ 2000.

November 08

PATRON APPLICATION

Name of Community.....

Mailing Address.....

City/Town/VillageProvince/Territory

Postal CodeTelephone () Fax ()

Contact Person Title

Email Community's Website www.

Population taken from (year) census

Amount of Fee Enclosed (see chart for applicable rate) \$.....

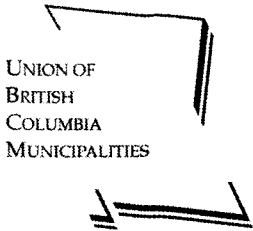
We need an invoice. Our Purchase Order Number is (please attach PO)

Send this Form to:

PITCH-IN CANADA National Office,
Box 45011, Ocean Park PO, WHITE ROCK, BC, V4A 9L1

Local Government Program Services

...programs to address provincial-local government shared priorities



Administration provided
by UBCM

Funding provided by
Province of B.C.



**For program
information, visit the
Funding Programs
section of**

www.ubcm.ca

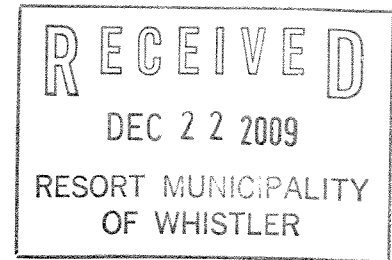
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December 10, 2009

Mayor Ken Melamed and Council
Resort Municipality of Whistler
4325 Blackcomb Way
Whistler, BC V0N 1B4



RE: Resort Municipality of Whistler - 2009 UBCM-Administered Grants

Dear Mayor Ken Melamed and Council,

Local Government Program Services (LGPS), a division of UBCM, manages a number of services and grant programs that are funded by the Province of British Columbia in order to assist local governments. The programs cover a wide range of local government interests, including community safety, tourism, First Nation relations and healthy communities.

Since 2004, LGPS has managed 16 funding programs. In 2009, applications were accepted for nine of these programs and some programs continue to accept applications on an on-going basis. To support the programs, UBCM provides program staff and a specialized knowledge of local government requirements that helps to ensure meaningful funding opportunities for our members.

The new UBCM website (www.ubcm.ca) provides accessible information on current grant programs as well as reports and summary materials from programs that are no longer accepting applications. Details on reporting requirements, as well as the general Terms & Conditions for all LGPS grants, are also available in the Funding Programs section.

As we look forward to 2010, we are providing each member with a statement of the UBCM-administered grants that were active in 2009. Please note the attached statement is accurate as of December 4, 2009.

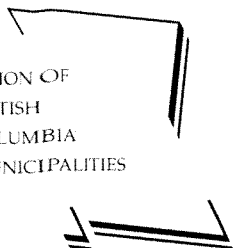
We welcome your feedback on LGPS services and programs as well as the types of programs that would assist your community in addressing provincial-local government shared priorities. In addition, while we do report regularly to the provincial government, we would encourage you to contact your MLA directly regarding the impact UBCM-administered funds have had on your community and future opportunities for local government funding.

Sincerely,

Harry Nyce, President

cc: Bill Barratt, CAO

Enclosure



Union of BC Municipalities
LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM SERVICES

Resort Municipality of Whistler
Summary of Active Grants in 2009

The following is a summary of the grants that were active in 2009. This includes grants that had any activity in year (i.e. approval, completion, payment or request for extension).

Important information about program deadlines, including deadlines for progress and final reports, is also included.

Please note this report is accurate as of December 4, 2009.

Program Name	Status	Grant Amount	Deadline(s)
Community Tourism – Phase 2	On-going	\$29,886.54	Dec. 31, 2008
Operational Fuel Management – MPB	Approved	\$225,000.00	-

Grant Status Definitions:

Approved – application met the program guidelines/funding criteria and initial payment has been made.

Approved in Principle (AIP) – application met the general requirements for approval but requires additional information before full approval.

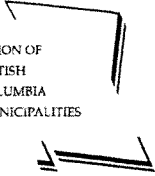
Closed – applicant did not meet final reporting requirements and application closed by LGPS with or without complete payment of the grant.

Completed – applicant completed project, submitted required reports and received complete payment.

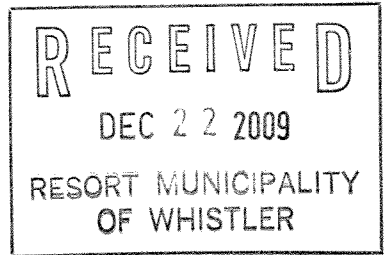
Extended – received a formal extension to the application due date, project end date and/or report deadline.

On-going – applicant has not completed report requirements and has not applied for a formal extension.

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COLUMBIA
MUNICIPALITIES



MEMBER NOTICE



TO: **Mayor and Council
Chair and Regional District Board
Administrator**

FROM: Ken Vance, Senior Policy Advisor

DATE: December 3, 2009

**RE: CORONER'S REPORT: FOREIGN STUDENTS &
RECREATION ACTIVITY**

Attached for your information is a copy of a Coroner's Report that UBCM was requested be forwarded to all local governments.

The report deals with the accidental drowning of a foreign student at a regional district park. The report highlights a number of issues that a community may want to consider when hosting foreign students.



Emergency Management BC

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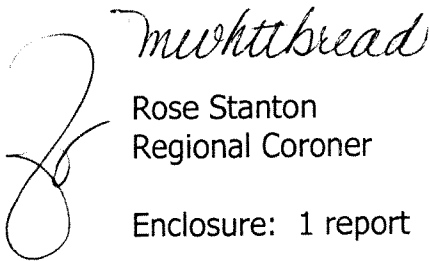
October 19, 2009

Union of BC Municipalities
Attn: Mr. Robert Hobson, President
Suite 60
10551 Shellbridge Way
Richmond, BC V6X 2W9

Dear President Hobson:

This Coroner's Report, regarding the death on July 21, 2006 of Wan-Ting Chang at Thetis Lake Park, is being forwarded to you with a request that it be forwarded to all member municipalities and regional districts for information and educational purposes.

Sincerely,


Rose Stanton
Regional Coroner

Enclosure: 1 report



CORONER'S REPORT
INTO THE DEATH OF

CHANG

SURNAME

WAN-TING

GIVEN NAMES

OF

TAICHUNG CITY
MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE

I, Barbara McLintock, a Coroner in the Province of British Columbia, have investigated the death of the above named, which was reported to me on the 21st day of July, 2006, and as a result of such investigation have determined the following facts and circumstances:

Gender: ☐ MALE ☒ FEMALE
Age: 24 YEARS
Death Premise: LAKE OR POND
Place/Municipality of Death: VICTORIA Date of Death: JULY 21, 2006
Municipality of Illness/Injury: VICTORIA Time of Death: 1445 HOURS

MEDICAL CAUSE OF DEATH


(1) *Immediate Cause of Death:* a) Drowning
DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF
Antecedent Cause if any: b)
DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF
Giving rise to the immediate cause (a) above, stating underlying cause last. c)

(2) *Other Significant Conditions Contributing to Death:*

BY WHAT MEANS: Recreational swimming incident.

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATH ☒ ACCIDENTAL ☐ HOMICIDE ☐ NATURAL ☐ SUICIDE ☐ UNDETERMINED

Date Signed: OCTOBER 19, 2009


Barbara McLintock, Coroner
Province of British Columbia

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CORONER'S REPORT
INTO THE DEATH OF

CHANG

SURNAME

WAN-TING

GIVEN NAMES

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

Wan-Ting Chang was a visitor to Canada from Taiwan (Republic of China). She had arrived in Canada about two weeks prior to her death, and was attending a Summer Institute at the University of Victoria for the purpose of learning English. Her English skills were still quite minimal. She did not know how to swim.

The university's summer programs cater to international students from the age of 17 through 25. They live in residence on campus. They attend classes in the morning, and in the afternoon are taken on outings to experience a variety of Canadian cultural and recreational opportunities. Approximately 45 students and five "cultural leaders" (persons hired by the university to supervise the out-trips) attended Thetis Lake on the afternoon of July 21, 2006.

Thetis Lake is the largest lake in Thetis Lake Regional Park, which is under the management of the Capital Regional District (CRD). It is one of Greater Victoria's most popular spots for water-based recreation. The main swimming area consists of a relatively shallow area of water stretching out from a sandy beach. Only a few hundred metres from this beach, however, the character of the lake changes. In many places, a rock ledge stretches into the lake for a distance of between one and three metres. On this ledge, the water is less than one-half metre deep. However, at the edge of the ledge, the depth of the water abruptly increases to as much as 15 metres. Visibility in the water is poor, with many underwater branches and debris.

The group from the University of Victoria arrived at the park in the early afternoon of July 21, 2006. As they were all young adults, they were not supervised as they might have been if they were minors. They were not specifically asked about their swimming abilities, nor were they warned by the university staff about potential hazards at the Thetis Lake site.

The majority of the group went to the main beach area, but Ms. Chang and some other members of the group chose instead of begin walking around the lake. They entered the water about 500 metres east of the main beach area onto one of the rock ledges. Several other visitors to the lake saw Ms. Chang in the shallow water on the ledge. She was then seen to lose her balance slightly and to take a step backwards. This took her over the steep drop-off from the ledge into much deeper water.

She quickly disappeared from view below the water. Several visitors to the lake attempted to dive to the bottom of the lake to rescue her, but all efforts were unsuccessful. An RCMP dive team was called to the lake. The RCMP divers found her on the bottom of the lake, within one metre of the spot where she had been seen to disappear, under about seven metres of water. Her body was recovered approximately three hours after she had last been seen.

Between the main swimming beach and the place where Ms. Chang drowned, the CRD has posted a sign warning of sudden drop-offs. The sign is written in English and would not likely be easily understood by non-English-speaking visitors to the park.

Visitors to British Columbia are unlikely to realize that many BC lakes and rivers may be colder than those to which they are accustomed, that the rocks along the shoreline may often be slippery, that the current may be much swifter than they expect, and/or that steep drop-offs and other hazards may occur only inches from safe water.



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Since this event, the University of Victoria has upgraded its safety procedures for out-trips involving international students and those who do not speak English well. The out-trip leaders provide much greater detail and direction regarding potential hazards to be found on the trips, and, in fact, the university no longer utilizes Thetis Lake or other high-hazard areas for trips, instead restricting them to less risky locations.

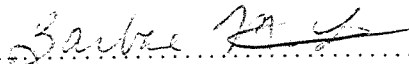
A copy of this Report will be forwarded to the Capital Regional District with a view to the Board examining the possibility of making its signage at Thetis Lake and other high-hazard locations more user-friendly for tourists, especially those who do not speak English well. A copy will also be sent to the Union of BC Municipalities so it can make its member-municipalities aware of the issues found during investigation of this incident.

POST MORTEM/TOXICOLOGY EXAMINATION

No autopsy or toxicology examination was conducted in this case as the drowning was witnessed and the cause of death clear from investigation.

CONCLUSION

I find that Wan-Ting Chang died in Victoria on July 21, 2006, of drowning. I classify this death as accidental and make no recommendations.

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Your Neighbourhood Food Store

December 9, 2009

Mayor and Council
Resort Municipality of Whistler
Blackcomb Way
Whistler BC

Dear Mayor Melamed and Members of Council:

I am writing in support of the request by Whistler Community Services Society for Council Support of the Commercial Greenhouse Project.

In the last few years our store has experienced a strong interest for Organic food. We believe that our ability to provide fresh, locally grown, organic produce will enhance our ability to serve our customers and support the Whistler model. In addition it will allow us to meet the needs of our local community for fresh affordable organic produce in a way that is safe, secure and sustainable.

Sincerely,

Jim Chan
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