



GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012

5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

410 ESPLANADE

Mandate – To advise Council on a broad spectrum of issues related to departmental matters

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6.2. Clinton Ekdahl, Founder, Day of the Honey Bee Request for proclamation and endorsement of a recognized “Day of the Honey Bee” by the Government of Canada	16 - 18
<u>Staff Recommendation</u> That Council proclaim May 29, 2012 as “Day of the Honey Bee” in the Town of Ladysmith, and consider whether it wishes to encourage the Government of Canada to establish a national day of recognition for the Honey Bee.	
6.3. G. and L. Walerius, Port Alberni Catalyst Pension Group Request for Support in Catalyst Paper Restructuring	19 - 28
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7. NEW BUSINESS	
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A number of municipalities (including Prince Rupert, Campbell River, Port Hardy, Grand Forks, Oak Bay, Chetwynd, Houston and Wells) have written to the Premier of British Columbia expressing concern that the panel does not include local government representation and requesting that the process provide an opportunity for local government perspective.	
<u>Staff Recommendation</u> That Council consider whether it wishes to send a letter to the Premier of British Columbia requesting serious consideration of local government input and consultation to the Expert Panel on Business Taxation and the Local Government Revenue Sources Review, with copies to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT



TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Steve Arnett, Chair
Mayor Rob Hutchins
Councillor Glenda Patterson

Councillor Bill Drysdale
Councillor Duck Paterson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Jill Dashwood

Councillor Gord Horth

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
Erin Anderson
Joanna Winter

Sandy Bowden
John Manson

CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Arnett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councillor Arnett requested the Committee's consideration of the following additions to the agenda:

- 6.3 Alice Miro, Heart and Stroke Foundation — "Local Government Collaboration with Public Health" Webinar
- 7.1 Additional Turn Signal at Roberts Street and Trans Canada Highway

GS 2012-016

It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Government Services Committee meeting of March 19, 2012 be adopted as amended.

MINUTES

GS 2012-017

It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the Government Services Committee meeting held February 20, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

DELEGATIONS

Brian Dennison, Cowichan Valley Regional District
Proposed Upgrades to the Peerless Road Recycling Depot
B. Dennison provided Council with an overview of the Cowichan

Valley Regional District plans to upgrade and expand the recycling facility at Peerless Road, and responded to questions from Council.

Council thanked Mr. Dennison for his presentation.

STAFF REPORTS

District Energy

Director of Infrastructure Services John Manson provided Council with a review of findings from his participation in a recent trade mission to Europe organized by the Canadian Bio-Energy Association.

GS 2012-018

Building Inspector's Report

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Building Inspector's Report for February 2012 be received

GS 2012-019

Trolley Report

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Trolley Report for February 2012 be received.

GS 2012-020

Ladysmith Fire/Rescue Report

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Ladysmith Fire/Rescue report for February 2012 be received.

GS 2012-021

Coastal Animal Control Services – Pound Report

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Pound Report from Coastal Animal Control Services for February 2012 be received.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sandra Taylor

Davis Road Sidewalk

GS 2012-022

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that the correspondence from Sandra Taylor, received February 20, 2012, requesting installation of a sidewalk on the east side of Davis Road between Davis Road Elementary School and Hall Road, be referred to staff for review and recommendation, including discussion with School District #68 regarding cross walk supervision and other pedestrian safety measures.

Brian Van Acker, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #171

Permissive Property Tax Exemption

GS 2012-023

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that the request from the Ladysmith Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, dated February 16, 2012, for Permissive Property Tax Exemption in 2013 be referred to staff for review and recommendation.

Alice Miro, Heart and Stroke Foundation
Local Government and Public Health Collaboration Webinar
Council members were advised of a web-based seminar talking place on March 29, 2012 and encouraged to participate.

NEW BUSINESS

GS 2012-024

Advanced Turn Signal for Southbound Traffic— Roberts Street and the Trans Canada Highway

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure be requested to install advanced turn signals southbound at the intersection of Roberts Street and the TransCanada Highway, and northbound at the intersection of First Avenue and the Trans Canada Highway in order to ensure the safety of residents of and visitors to the Town of Ladysmith.

GS 2012-025

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Ladysmith Detachment Request for Confirmation of Policing Priorities for 2012/2013

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that the following policing priorities for 2012-2013 be endorsed:

- Property crime reduction
- Prolific offenders
- Police visibility
- Traffic
- Community Policing

ADJOURNMENT

GS 2012-026

It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting of the Government Services Committee be adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Chair (Councillor S. Arnett)

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)



Royal
Canadian
Mounted
Police

Gendarmerie
royale
du
Canada

Security Classification/Designation
Classification/désignation sécuritaire

Non- Commissioned Officer in Charge
Ladysmith Detachment
320 6th Ave. P.O. Box 280
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Your File Votre référence

Our File Notre référence

April 3, 2012

Mayor Robert HUTCHINS
P.O. Box 220
Ladysmith, BC V9G 1A2

Dear Mayor and Council:

This letter is to inform you of the 2012/13 Annual Performance Plan (APP) Priorities and initiatives for the Ladysmith RCMP Detachment. As part of the planning process consultations have been made with yourself, the community members we serve, and police officers within the Detachment. These priorities are a result of all of these consultations and input.

The four Priorities and objectives for the 2012/13 year are:

1. PROPERTY- BREAK and ENTER/CRIME REDUCTION

Objective: Reduce Property Crime.

The measures for this will be a reduction in residential Break and Enters as well as a reduction in theft from motor vehicles.

2. TRAFFIC- AGGRESSIVE DRIVING/IMPAIRED DRIVERS

Objective: Contribute to Safe Roads.

The measures for this will be the interdiction of impaired drivers utilizing the Criminal Code and Provincial Laws as well as the interdiction of aggressive and/or distracted drivers.

3. POLICE/COMMUNITY RELATIONS/VISIBILITY

Objective: Enhance/Contribute to Police and Community Relations

The measures for this will be implementing a Bar Watch Program and an increase in client satisfaction measured through a community survey.

4. FIRST NATIONS POLICING- Alcohol and Drugs in relation to Aboriginal Communities.

Objective: Contribute to safer and healthier Aboriginal Communities.

The measures for this will be the reduction of complaints where alcohol is a factor.

INITIATIVES

Under each of these priorities there will be a number of initiatives.

The Initiatives for each of these priority items are:

PROPERTY- BREAK and ENTER/CRIME REDUCTION

1. Identify the top three prolific offenders for property crime and target these individuals with the goal of prosecution, relocation, or rehabilitation.
2. Identify the top three locations where individuals involved in property crime frequent and selectively target these areas with the goal of apprehending the individuals responsible.
3. Provide Detachment members training in Human Source management.
4. Members of the Ladysmith Detachment will conduct regular curfew checks of individuals on curfews, with a primary focus on prolific offenders.

TRAFFIC- AGGRESSIVE DRIVING/IMPAIRED DRIVERS

1. Members of Ladysmith Detachment will conduct impaired driving investigations resulting in enforcement action which includes charges under the Criminal Code as well as sanctions under Provincial Legislation.

2. Members of Ladysmith Detachment will conduct Aggressive /Distracted driving campaigns during the year, resulting in enforcement action as appropriate.
3. The Detachment will provide proactive articles to the local media in respect to safe driving tips and campaign results.

POLICE/COMMUNITY RELATIONS/VISIBILITY

1. The Detachment will institute a bike patrol for the period of May to October. Members will conduct a minimum of one bike patrol per week during this period. Members will conduct these patrols in the downtown core, Transfer Beach and during special events.
2. The Detachment will implement a Bar Watch program to hold liquor establishments accountable under the LCLA, as well as deter the infiltration of organized crime into the local bars.
3. The Detachment will assign specific members to serve as liaison officers with the local public school system within the Ladysmith Detachment area. These members will visit the schools to develop relationships and meet with students and staff.

FIRST NATIONS POLICING

1. In order to establish a positive relationship with the Penelakut First Nation, each General Duty Detachment member will be responsible for making one pro-active visit to the community during the year.
2. The First Nations Policing member will be responsible for arranging 10 workshops for the Chemainus First Nation during the year. Topics are to include, but are not limited, to substance abuse, family violence, bicycle safety, fraud etc.
3. Ladysmith Detachment will arrange with the Chemainus First Nation to hold one cultural workshop focusing on the traditions and culture of the Coast Salish peoples.

If you have any questions regarding the Annual Performance Plan, or wish to discuss these further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

S/Sgt. Larry CHOMYN
NCO I/C
Ladysmith Detachment

Royal Canadian
 Mounted Police

Gendarmerie royale
 du Canada

Ladysmith Detachment
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Mayor Rob Hutchins
 Town of Ladysmith
 410 Esplanade
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Date

April 3rd 2012

Quarterly Mayor's Report- 1st Quarter - January, February and March 2012

There were three hundred and ninety seven (397) calls or occurrences (year to date calls-397) received during the months of January, February and March 2012 in the immediate Town of Ladysmith. Below is an overview of various police occurrences for the 1st Quarter and from previous years.

Occurrences	Jan, Feb, Mar 2012	2012YTD	2011YTD	2010YTD
Sexual Assaults	2	2	2	0
Assaults	15	15	13	21
Break & Enter - Business	4	4	7	16
Break & Enter - Residence	12	12	11	9
Break & Enter - Other	4	4	4	8
Theft of Vehicle	0	0	13	9
Theft fm Vehicle - Over \$5K	0	0	0	0
Theft fm Vehicle - Under \$5K	16	16	7	13
Theft Over \$5K	0	0	2	2
Theft Under \$5K	24	24	24	19
Possession Stolen Property	0	0	5	2
Mischief/Property Damage Over \$5K	0	0	0	0
Mischief/Property Damage Under \$5K	22	22	15	35
Total Calls for Service, Ladysmith	397	397	511	516
Total Calls for service, area of				

Ops	799	799	963	978
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For your information, please find enclosed a copy of the Guardroom and Criminal record check statistics report, YTD 2012.

Sincerely,

S/Sgt Larry CHOMYN
Non Commissioned Officer in Charge
Ladysmith Detachment
(250) 245-2215
larry.chomyn@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

LADYSMITH RCMP 2011

	PRISONERS	CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS	Fingerprinting Non-Criminal
JAN	4	62	6
FEB	8	43	6
MAR	1	49	5
APR			
MAY			
JUN			
JUL			
AUG			
SEP			
OCT			
NOV			
DEC			
TOTAL	13	154	17



TOWN OF LADYSMITH
 Building Permit Summary - March, 2012


Month	Commercial		Industrial		Institutional		Residential (NEW)		Residential Adds, Renos, Other		Dwelling Units	Total Permits	Bidg & Plbg Permit Fees This Month	Permit Values This Month	Permit Values Year to Date 2012
	No. of Permits	Values	No. of Permits	Values	No. of Permits	Values	No. of Permits (new res)	Values	No. of Permits	Values					
MAR	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	3	\$530,461	3	\$25,972	3	6	\$4,251	\$556,433	\$2,765,835

Year to Date

Month	Commercial	Industrial	Institutional	Residential (NEW)	Residential Adds, Renos, Other	Dwelling Units	Total Permits	Bidg & Plbg Permit Fees This Month	Permit Values This Month	Permit Values Year to Date 2012
JAN	1	\$488,275	0	\$0	2	\$357,315	2	\$48,140	\$893,730	\$893,730
FEB	0	\$0	1	\$5,000	4	\$1,184,697	4	\$8,936	\$1,315,672	\$2,209,402
MAR	0	\$0	0	\$0	3	\$530,461	3	\$4,251	\$556,433	\$2,765,835
APR										
MAY										
JUN										
JUL										
AUG										
SEP										
OCT										
NOV										
DEC										
TOTAL	1	\$488,275	0	\$0	1	\$5,000	9	\$2,072,473	\$200,087	\$2,765,835

Demos Mth	#DU	Value	#BP	Value
	0		0	

Comparison	#DU	Value	#BP	Value
YTD 2012	14	\$2,072,473	20	\$2,765,835
YTD 2011	10	\$1,468,066	38	\$1,947,206
YTD 2010	22	\$3,868,402	40	\$5,047,402


 Tom Skarvig, Building Inspector



TOWN OF LADYSMITH
TROLLEY BUS ACTIVITY REPORT - Trolleys 103/105
 March 2012

Day	Date	Passenger Count	Fuel Litres	KM Start	KM Finish	Weather	Wheel Chairs	Service Dogs	Bikes
Thur	1	37	78	144840	145052	Sun/Cloud	1	0	1
Fri	2	61	73	145052	145268	Cloud/Rain	1	0	0
Sat	3	44	71	145268	145483	Cloud/Rain	0	0	0
Sun									
Mon	5	47	67	145529	145739	Rain/Snow	0	0	0
Tue	6	38	74	145739	145950	Sun	0	0	1
Wed	7	36	60	145950	146164	Sun/Cloud	0	0	0
Thur	8	50	80	146164	146378	Sun/Cloud	1	0	1
Fri	9	51	72	146378	146595	Rain	0	0	0
Sat	10	56	80	146595	146811	Cloud/Rain	0	0	0
Sun	11								
Mon	12	36	70	146837	147054	Rain/Snow	0	0	0
Tue	13	45	81	147054	147269	Sun/Cloud/Snow	0	0	0
Wed	14	95	79	147269	147481	Rain/Snow	0	0	0
Thur	15	35	78	147481	147694	Sun/Rain	1	0	0
Fri	16	50	71	147694	147911	Sun/Rain	0	0	0
Sat	17	44	68	147911	148127	Sun/Cloud	0	0	0
Sun	18								
Mon	19	57	70	148127	148344	Sun/Cloud	0	0	0
Tue	20	27	83	148344	148557	Sun/Rain/Snow	1	1	1
Wed	21	55	79	148557	148770	Sun/Cloud/Rain	0	0	1
Thur	22	36	76	148770	148981	Sun/Cloud/Rain	1	0	0
Fri	23	65	71	148982	149199	Sun/Cloud	0	0	2
Sat	24	66	70	149199	149414	Sun	0	0	0
Sun	25								
Mon	26	49	72	149443	149660	Cloud/Rain	0	0	0
Tue	27	45	70	149660	149870	Sun/Cloud/Rain	0	0	0
Wed	28	43	77	149870	150086	Sun/Cloud/Rain	0	0	1
Thur	29	41	70	150086	150299	Cloud/Rain	1	0	1
Fri	30	62	71	150299	150515	Sun/Cloud/Rain	0	1	0
Sat	31	56	70	150515	150732	Sun/Cloud/Rain	0	0	0
TOTAL		1327	1981				7	2	9

SINGLE FARE MAR 2012 - \$904.45

MONTHLY PASSES MAR 2012 - \$100.00

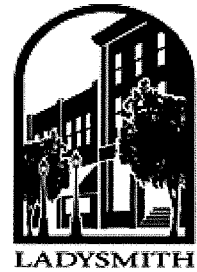
MAR 2012 Total \$1004.45

AVERAGE DAILY RIDER COUNT FOR MAR 2012 - 49



Ladysmith Fire /Rescue

P.O. Box 760 Ladysmith, B.C. V9G 1A5
 Phone: 250-245-6436 · Fax: 250-245-0917



FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

MONTH: **March**, 2012

TYPE OF CALL OUT	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	YEAR'S TOTALS
Alarms Activated: Pulled Station			1										1
By mistake	1												1
Electrical problem		1	2										3
Due to cooking			1										1
Assistance		2											2
Burning Complaint		2	2										4
Fire: Structure		1											1
Chimney	4	3	1										8
Interface / Bush													
Vehicle	1	1	2										4
Other	1	3											4
Hazardous Materials			1										1
Hydro Lines: Down / Fire													
Medical Aid													
MVI	3	1	5										9
Rescue													
Mutual Aid provided by Ladysmith to outside areas	1		1										2
MONTH TOTALS (not incl. Practises)	11	14	16										41
Practises (Totals for each Month)	5	4	4										13
Mutual Aid, requested by Ladysmith from outside areas	1	0	0										1

ALARMS ACTIVATED (location/owner):

1. Seaview Apartments - faulty sensor
2. Legion 621-1st Ave – faulty sensor
3. 1132-2nd Ave – cooking
4. 220 High St. Boys & Girls Club – accidentally pulled station.

COMPARISONS:

Year to Date / 12 41 (excl. practises)
 Year to Date / 11 48 (excl. practises)
 Year to Date / 10 28 (excl. practises)

APPROVED:

Ray Jelcott
 Fire Chief

COASTAL ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES OF BC LTD

2202 Herd Rd. Duncan, BC. V9L 6A6

(250) 748-3395

TOWN OF LADYSMITH POUND REPORT

March 2012

Disposition of Impounded Dogs	Current Month	2012 Totals	
Stray dogs impounded	3	8	
Stray dogs claimed	3	7	
Stray dogs put up for adoption	0	0	
Stray dogs euthanized	0	0	
Stray livestock / cats	0	0	
Other (dog surrendered to SPCA)	0	1	
Calls Received and Investigated	9	26	
Aggressive dogs	1	1	
Dogs at large	3	9	
Confined dog	3	8	
Noise (barking) complaints	1	3	
Other non specific dog related calls	1	5	
Wildlife / livestock / cats	0	0	
After hour call outs	0	0	
Monthly Pound and Board Fees Collected	\$450.00	\$860.00	
Impound fees	\$400.00	\$750.00	
Daily board fees	\$ 50.00	\$110.00	
Tickets issued	0	0	
Unlicenced dog	\$00.00	\$00.00	
Dog at large	\$00.00	\$00.00	
Dangerous dog not muzzled (12e)	\$0	\$00.00	
Habitually noisy	\$0	\$0	
Licencing Statistics	Tags	4	11
	Revenue	\$120.00	\$285.00

Judi Burnett

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CAS Summary of Service Calls, Ladysmith

9 calls in total

01-Mar-12 to 31-Mar-12

Issue	Call #	Received	Type	Completed
Aggressive		1		
	952	16-Mar-12	Dog	26-Mar-12
At large		3		
	951	12-Mar-12	Dog	13-Mar-12
	950	07-Mar-12	Dog	09-Mar-12
	949	06-Mar-12	Dog	09-Mar-12
Confined		3		
	954	24-Mar-12	Dog	26-Mar-12
	948	06-Mar-12	Dog	07-Mar-12
	947	03-Mar-12	Dog	05-Mar-12
Noisy		1		
	953	20-Mar-12	Dog	23-Mar-12
Other		1		
	955	29-Mar-12	Dog	29-Mar-12

Text of an e-mail sent to Mayor Hutchins

Sent: April 3, 2012 7:37 PM
To: BC TRANSIT REVIEW TRAN:EX
Subject: BC Transit Independent Review

On March 15, 2012, the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure appointed a three-person Independent Panel to conduct a review of BC Transit. The Panel, made up of Chris Trumpy (Chair), Catherine Holt and John King, recently met to begin planning for the review and will be arranging to meet with local governments, BC Transit and other interested parties over the next several weeks in a series of face to face meetings or conference calls. The Panel plans to complete its review and deliver its recommendations to the Minister by the beginning of August 2012.

The Panel is charged with examining and making recommendations to the Minister in four main areas:

- Operations and performance: examining the efficiency and effectiveness of transit services provided by BC Transit.
- Governance: examining the existing structure, processes and policies in place for BC Transit, as well as the Capital Regional District's request that the regional district perform the functions of the Victoria Regional Transit Commission.
- Funding relationships between BC Transit and local governments: examining the processes for capital planning, budgeting and operating expenditures and how transit service is allocated, priorities set, charges imposed and expenditures monitored.
- Communications and consultation between BC Transit and local governments.

A full copy of the Panel Terms of Reference is available at
http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/BC_Transit_Review/index.html

The Panel is currently finalizing its schedule and will be contacting local governments over the next week with the planned consultation process which will include opportunities for Tier 1, 2 and 3 Communities to meet with the Panel. If you have any questions about the review you may contact the Independent Review Coordinator, Tom Lee at bctransitreview@gov.bc.ca.

Chris Trumpy, Chair
BC Transit Independent Review

April 3, 2012

Good evening Your Worship and Councillors,

I am very pleased and proud to be writing this letter to you today. Close to four years ago, I began a crusade to change the world and to transform the way people viewed their place in it. My message every year since began with the assertion that one person can change the world and like a landslide that begins with one stone; my message resounded across Canada and continues to be heard.

I write once more about our Honey Bees.

I would hope that by now, it is more widely understood that Honey Bees are responsible for about a third of the food we eat because they are responsible for about 70 percent of our food crop pollination. Honey Bees are an important keystone species and as such, they are the very cornerstone to the sustainability of our agriculture and stability of our environment. I am drawing attention to honey bees because they continue to disappear at unsustainable rates for unexplained reasons not only in Canada, but in every country and across every continent where they are raised. The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) has reported that there is no one single cause for such alarming worldwide disappearances. There are more theories than answers; foremost among these theories being irresponsible pesticide use, monoculture food crops, parasites, and pathogens; one of the latest theories suggests a newly discovered parasitic fly is the culprit. Bernard Vallat, the OIE's director-general, warned, that "Bees contribute to global food security, and their extinction would represent a terrible biological disaster."

According to the Canadian Honey Council, "The value of honey bees to pollination of agriculture is estimated at over \$2 billion annually." In 2010, The Canadian Association of Professional Apiarists (CAPA) suggested that Canada sustained a national honey bee overwintering mortality of 21 percent. In 2011, the Canadian Honey Council indicated a national loss averaging 29.3 percent. This amount of loss is greater than the 15 percent that is considered sustainable. Honey Bees have been disappearing at percentages considered unsustainable for more than a decade and I find this to be more than alarming.

Primary of all known solutions continues to be further education, awareness and proactive initiatives by all levels of government in Canada. One of these

proactive initiatives is the “Day of the Honey Bee” proclamations. Without understanding that there is a problem, the general public will continue to take for granted the severity of this global issue. It is for this reason that I began my campaign in 2009. While it proudly originated in Saskatoon SK, it did not end until it spread from coast to coast and found root in the United Kingdom and the Middle East. I had a vision that if municipal governments across our Nation were to be unified by collective proclamations in dedication to the Honey Bee under the principle of educational awareness, that more people, through media attention, would be made mindful of their alarming decline.

In seven provinces across Canada and with the support of over 70 municipal governments, May 29, 2010 was recognised as the first annual “Day of the Honey Bee”. It was officially recognised in declaration by two provincial governments and recorded in the Legislative Assembly Hansard of a third. The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada suggested, “That the Government (of Canada) follow in the footsteps of the Province of Saskatchewan... ..by proclaiming May 29, 2010 as the National Day of the Honey Bee and that this be reported to the House.”

Last year, there were 163 Municipal Governments all across Canada that issued Proclamations in support of `Day of the Honey Bee; including the Governments of Saskatchewan, Manitoba and British Columbia. Because, the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada unanimously supported the creation of this day last year; but unfortunately the federal election took precedence, it is hopeful that this day will gain federal endorsement this year. I have been assured by a Member of Parliament that this initiative will again be presented to the house.

As a result of this amazing support, more people learned about the plight of Honey Bees. All across Canada and abroad, dozens of events were held by beekeepers, apiarists, beekeeping associations, farmer’s markets, university groups and other individuals around May 29 to educate and inform the public. It is my hope that with my words, you may add to this continued success.

And now therefore, I do humbly request:

That your Worship and Council, on behalf of your citizenry, resolve to proclaim May 29 2012 as the third annual “Day of the Honey Bee;” and (if bylaw allows) that this proclamation be issued in perpetuity;

That in the event that proclamations are not issued as a matter of policy, please consider, for the purposes of educational awareness, making an exemption to that policy;

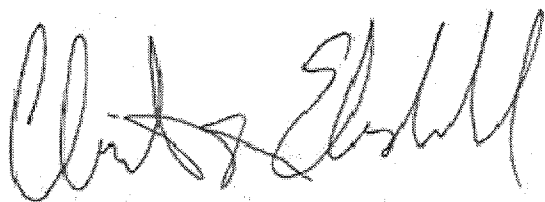
That in the event that there is a public ban on beekeeping within your jurisdiction, that in collaboration with your provincial apiarist and respecting your provincial regulations that this ban be lifted; effectively legalizing beekeeping for Hobbyists within your jurisdiction;

That Council resolve to endorse the establishment of a recognised day by the Government of Canada, by either writing to your local Member of Parliament and / or writing a letter of endorsement to Alex Atamanenko Member of Parliament for BC Southern Interior. alex.atamanenko.a1@parl.gc.ca ;

And that in the event a proclamation and or response are issued, that originals be sent to the address and contact information below; for the purpose of keeping accurate tally and record; and that if copies are to be sent to apiarist or beekeeper groups that they be given copies.

I thank you for your time and your considerations,

Sincerely,



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Text of an e-mail sent to Mayor Hutchins and other Mayors and Regional District Representatives on Vancouver Island

From: G & L Walerius

Sent: April 11, 2012 10:54 PM

To: Mayor, Councilors and Regional Directors: (Campbell River, Powell River, Cowichan Valley)

The Catalyst Pension Group in Port Alberni is looking for support in the Restructuring Plan for Catalyst Paper and the date is drawing near the date when the Bondholders vote - April 23rd.

Today the Catalyst Pension Group in Port Alberni have:

1. Written letters in support of Restructuring to the Premier, Prime Minister, MLA's, MP's and Regional Directors
2. Meetings with MLA Scott Fraser & Gary McCaig, Chairperson for the Catalyst Retirees
3. Dave Sjerven, past president of COPE15 at Catalyst Paper provided some background information to other Mills in Eastern Canada who are also in dire straits. (follows)
3. Peter Finch, Catalyst Retiree made Presentations to the Port Alberni City Council, Alberni Clayoquot Regional District and School District #70

The following attachment is the City of Port Alberni's Council Summary which reports on the motion to act upon the recommendations as set forth in Peter Finch's presentation.

And today, the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District also supported the recommendations from Peter Finch's presentation. (Follows)

The Catalyst Pension Group is concerned for our Pensions and also for all the Catalyst mills in our Communities. It is our sincere hope that as elected representatives that you will discuss the importance of the promoting the RESTRUCTURING of Catalyst Paper and take our concerns to Premier C. Clark and Opposition Leader Adrian Dix along with the Minister of Labour as he speaks to the new BC Jobs Plan at the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities Convention in Ucluelet this coming weekend.

If you require additional information about the RESTRUCTURING Plan versus a Sale and about Pension Legislation, please contact our Catalyst Pension Chairperson, Gary McCaig in Port Alberni. Gary McCaig will come to Ucluelet to meet with you or on your way through to Ucluelet or he can be reached by phone at 250-723-7621 or by e-mail at mccaigs@shaw.ca

Please do not hesitate to call to ask your questions.

We also encourage you to connect with City of Port Alberni Councilor Cindy Solda in putting forth an Emergency Resolution on this very important issue.

The Catalyst Pensioners encourage you to bend the ear of the Premier and Opposition Leader on this important issue as the outcome could have an unfavourable outcome if action is not taken quickly.

Wishing you an Informative and Successful Convention,
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City of Port Alberni April 10th, Council Summary

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The following is the Presentation made by Peter Finch in support of the Restructuring of Catalyst Paper:

Mayor and Council Members I am attaching a letter needing your consideration. As some systems will not open attached files, I have opened them and pasted them below.

Thanks you for your attention

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Apr 9, 2012

Mayor Port Alberni
Honourable John Douglas

Dear Mr Douglas:

Re: City action on Catalyst Paper Corporation CCAA

I am writing to follow up on the special city council meeting held last week.

First just to insure that you have officially received Kevin Clarke's Mar 9th Sun Newspaper article, I am enclosing it. Lynn Brown advised us that she would also resend this to you. It is this article that we referred to at the meeting when we were asking what action you and council were taking to address Catalyst needs in a timely manner.

Second I want to reiterate what was discussed as to the two scenarios, (two doors) presented by Kevin Clarke on what can happen to Catalyst as of Apr 23rd. Though it was inferred that neither of the scenarios would have a significantly different impact on Alberni, we must disagree. There are significant differences between the two scenarios which will have serious consequences to many individuals and potentially this community.

The two scenarios are:

1. restructuring and continued operation after CCAA process completed
2. forced sale of company

The preferred option must be to restructure the company and have it emerge from CCAA as quickly and smoothly as possible. This will have the least impact and present the least risk for all stakeholders. We are asking that you officially inform Kevin Clarke that you support this restructuring scenario over the sale scenario. We are also asking that you officially request, in writing, the Provincial Government to support Catalyst in their restructuring, as requested in the Kevin Clarke Sun article, but to not support the sale scenario. In other provinces - Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia are examples - they have found ways to assist companies in these circumstances through revised electricity rates, revised tax rates, assistance with fibre supply, and special legislation to reduce pension costs.

The other option, of forced sale, will result in immediate and major negative impacts on many people in this community. Approximately 1500 retirees, of which around 200 are local, will lose 35% of their pension income. Suppliers to Catalyst will lose around \$46MM. Thirty-five of these suppliers are local. Many are owed significant and potentially business changing amounts. In the sale scenario they get nothing. In the restructuring scenario they get a portion of what is owed.

The pensioners and suppliers did not agree to enter into a high risk game of the 'junk bond' dealers and should not face the same consequences that the bond dealers are.

Unlike the restructuring scenario which has a 'Plan of Arrangement' which would allow operations to continue much as before Catalyst declared insolvency, there are no "road maps" for what will happen if the restructuring fails. The sale scenario carries much higher risk for all stakeholders. It is unclear who might end up owning the company. Other mills who have entered a sales process after insolvency have faced downsizing, endless demands for further concessions from employees and governments, and in many cases permanent closures and breakdown and sell off of assets and materials.

Kevin Clarke noted that he is working, along with the retirees, on getting the wording changed around pension wind up and forced annuity options. This is good news and definitely something that needs to be done across Canada, but, it does not negate the fact that the pensioners are being forced to take a 35% loss of pension income in a sale scenario, nor does it 'protect' the retirees.

Please read Mr. Clarke's letter, review the request he is making of you and then make things happen. I believe in Catalyst and I agree with Mr. Clarke's message – 7,000 jobs, (325 direct jobs and 1300 "spin off" jobs locally), and \$2 billion a year is worth fighting for – and I am asking you to act with us to set the stage for the success of Catalyst after the CCAA process.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Finch

CC Port Alberni Council Members
Port Alberni City Manager

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- *The Vancouver Sun*
- *BY KEVIN J. CLARKE Kevin J. Clarke is president and CEO of Catalyst Paper.*

Worth fighting for: 7,000 jobs, \$ 2 billion

Requests to Victoria and Ottawa to support Catalyst operations a step to help preserve local taxes, economic activities and spinoff jobs

Alot has been said and written about Catalyst Paper since January 31st. That's when our B. C. based company entered the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA) process, and the attention is understandable. Creditor protection allows Catalyst — with manufacturing facilities in

Powell River, North Cowichan, and Port Alberni, corporate headquarters in Richmond, and a distribution centre in Surrey — to continue to operate while financial restructuring takes place. Catalyst delivers 7,000 jobs in B. C., and has a \$ 2 billion impact a year. So, everyone has an interest in Catalyst's emergence from CCAA with mills operating, jobs preserved, and these real economic benefits continuing — not just for host communities but also for the entire province. Let's be clear — no one wants to enter creditor protection. It means that somewhere along the line, the fundamentals went wrong. It means the action taken to set them right was too little, or too late. Investors, customers and suppliers are closely watching the company, and the municipal, provincial and federal ' fundamentals' that are off- track require effort by all of us to be put right. That's not an easy reality to face, but under CCAA it can't be set aside, even if it means that in some instances, we have to retrace our steps to try again to get the fundamentals right. Is the effort worth it? Yes. Because whether you look at Catalyst from a community level or a provincial level, the impacts are enormous, and we all have reason to fight to keep and expand these jobs and benefits by making the operations viable.

At the community level, in 2011 alone:

- The Port Alberni mill contributed \$ 39 million in wages and benefits for 315 employees, generated 1,270 spinoff jobs, \$ 255 million in spinoff economic activity, \$ 10.5 million in spending with local businesses, and paid \$ 4.7 million in property taxes.
- The Crofton mill in North Cowichan contributed \$ 70.5 million in wages and benefits for 569 employees, generated 2,320 spinoff jobs, \$ 465 million in spinoff economic activity, \$ 10.4 million in spending with local businesses, and paid \$ 6.2 million in property taxes.
- The mill in Powell River — in operation since April 12th, 1912 — contributed \$ 50 million in wages and benefits for 410 employees, generated 1,810 spinoff jobs, \$ 360 million in spinoff economic activity, \$ 7.4 million in spending with local businesses, and paid \$ 2.9 million in property taxes.
- In other B. C. locations, including Surrey and Richmond where Catalyst's distribution centre and head office are located, the enterprise contributed \$ 40.6 million in wages and benefits for 286 employees, and paid \$ 4.2 million in property taxes.

It's no surprise that these community impacts add up to a whopping provincial impact:

- Catalyst employs 1,580 people in rural and urban B. C. municipalities.
- The company's operations spin off 5,385 additional jobs in B. C., for a total impact of 7,000 jobs.
- Each year, the company's spending has a \$ 2 billion impact on the B. C. economy, or roughly double the impact of the entire B. C. film industry.

Very few B. C. companies have such a major impact. That's why we need to get the fundamentals right, and where CCAA can help focus efforts. The Powell River Wastewater Treatment Project is a good place to start.

Two years ago, Powell River and Catalyst worked together to address the issue of the city's taxation fundamental. The city wanted to help preserve the jobs and businesses supported by the paper mill, so we worked together to create an innovative agreement to treat municipal waste using the mill's infrastructure, saving costs for the city and reducing the tax burden on the company.

This agreement received a 2011 innovation award from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators "for thinking outside the box in matters of economic survival and making a sustainable future their priority." Powell River submitted the project to the federally funded Union of B. C. Municipalities Innovations Fund. The application was rejected. Catalyst has asked the provincial government to correct this error and provide the \$ 7 million to support the Powell River project. This time, we need to get this fundamental right.

Failing to take the action required to preserve and expand these jobs and their impacts is no longer an option. That's because the issues facing Catalyst operations are no longer ' local' to a B. C. community or to the province. We are all now being scrutinized for our commitment to

competitiveness through a national and international microscope, and if we don't want to be seen as a flickering beacon of the past, we must recognize the world ahead. Those in B. C. who consider this a time to wait and see what someone else will do to preserve Catalyst operations, or who toss a manhole cover to people treading water, will find that investors, suppliers, and customers can move quickly to pursue their interests and needs elsewhere in Canada and around the globe. These are the times we live in. Either we step up, or we step aside. So Catalyst is stepping up, and we're asking others — including Victoria and Ottawa — to work with us to set right the fundamentals that are essential to viable Catalyst operations. This includes:

- Asking the B. C. government to use Section 199 of B. C.' s Community Charter as offered by the District of North Cowichan and the Supreme Court of Canada to support North Cowichan's efforts to achieve a competitive industrial tax rate.
- Asking the B. C. government to use its Jobs Plan and other mechanisms to make available \$ 30 million over five years to support new hiring and high- tech training programs at Catalyst mills.
- Asking Victoria for support in ensuring certainty in BC Hydro rates (Catalyst is BC Hydro's largest customer and is particularly vulnerable now to rate increases), and to eliminate the \$ 8 million per year risk to Catalyst operations posed by a switch from HST to PST on electricity purchases.
- Asking Ottawa to return to Catalyst the \$ 5.5 million each month in HST credits that are normally returned to the company but that are now frozen under CCAA, and asking the province to backstop these funds until they are returned to B. C. by Ottawa.

These important requests are small when set next to the staggering financial support Quebec and Nova Scotia have provided to our competitors undergoing the CCAA process. We may not like this government support for jobs in other provinces, but the actions are a mark of the times we live in. Got jobs? Fight to keep them. Not with corporate welfare, but with sensible practices and sound fundamentals.

And be prepared to keep fighting. This point was demonstrated last month in the coverage kicking off The Sun's 100th anniversary. One of the photos in the commemorative supplement featured Catalyst employees at our Powell River mill, holding editions of The Sun printed on Electrastar, a popular specialty paper manufactured at that mill. As The Sun made clear, and the mill's 100th anniversary next month confirms, you don't survive if you don't adapt and fight.[attachment "Alberni council letter Apr912.doc" deleted by Davina Sparrow/CPA/ca] [attachment "Kevin Clarke.doc" deleted by Davina Sparrow/CPA/ca]

Article from the Alberni Valley News April 10,2012

<http://www.alberniavalleynews.com/news/146681815.html>

From the "Forestweb" news:

Things could be worse #1 (Northern Ontario edition):

LOS ANGELES, March 26, 2012 (Industry Intelligence) – A numbered company selected by the court-appointed monitor to buy St. Marys Paper Corp.'s supercalendered paper mill in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, would "chop it up," said a union official, reported The Sault Star on March 26.

A Toronto court was expected to approve the sale to 2319839 Ontario Inc. on March 26, the newspaper reported.

There has not been any sign of interest in restarting the mill, said Kim Ginter, Ontario regional VP of the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada (CEP), which represents 300 workers at the mill.

One of the conditions of the sale is that the mill's workers are terminated the day before the deal closes, reported The Sault Star.

In the event that the mill is used for any forestry-related business, the CEP seeks to ensure that its members are given first consideration for any jobs. In the past 10 to 15 years, more than 10,000 jobs have been lost in Ontario due to paper mill and sawmill closures, said Ginter.

Ernst & Young Inc., the court-appointed monitor for the sale, called the transaction "fair and commercially reasonable," and said it "is in the best interests" of the creditors, according to court documents.

CEP members are not likely to receive any of the more than C\$10 million they are owed in severance and vacation pay by St. Marys, said Ginter, The Sault Star reported.

However, Service Canada is expected to inform workers this week about their eligibility for as much as C\$3,500 each under the Wage Earner Protection Program.

St. Marys' biggest creditor is its owner, International Forest Products, which is due C\$7.6 million and supports the sale. The purchase price offered by 2319839 Ontario Inc. was not revealed, reported The Sault Star.

The new owner is expected to receive a cogeneration agreement negotiated between St. Marys Paper and Ontario Power Authority ahead of a C\$175-million cogeneration plant project that was never undertaken.

The development of that project is something local authorities would support, said Sault Ste. Marie MPP David Oraziatti.

The province of Ontario lent St. Marys Paper C\$25 million and only C\$8 million was repaid when the company went into receivership Dec. 20, 2011, The Sault Star reported.

The primary source of this article is The Sault Star, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on March 26, 2012.

#2 (Quebec edition):

March 26, 2012 (Industry Intelligence) – White Birch Paper Co.'s final contract offer at its Stadacona paper mill in Quebec City, Quebec, has been accepted by 79% of those casting ballots in a new vote, reported The Canadian Press (CP) on March 25.

The majority of workers rejected the same offer, which includes significant employee concessions, last December. The company subsequently decided to permanently shut down the mill which makes newsprint, directory paper and paperboard.

The idled mill could restart within one month after a settlement with the union, according to a March 15 filing by court-appointed monitor Ernst & Young Inc., the CP reported.

Ratifying the offer, however, does not come with a guarantee that the mill will restart, noted Renaud Gagné, VP of the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada (CEP) for the Quebec region.

Workers at White Birch's paper mills in Rivière-du-Loup and in Gatineau, Quebec, are scheduled to vote on the same offer on March 26 and 27, respectively.

The offer includes a 10% pay cut, plus annuity reductions of 30% for retirees and 55% for current workers, reported the CP.

Without a guarantee that ratifying the contract will ensure the mill's survival, "workers have sort of bought a lottery ticket on the chance they might save their jobs." said Gagné.

When White Birch Paper filed for bankruptcy protection in February 2010, it was North America's second-largest newsprint producer, the CP reported.

The U.S.-based papermaker had 1,300 employees at three pulp and paper mills and a sawmill in Quebec, plus a fourth pulp and paper mill in Virginia, according to a March 2 CP report that was carried on IndustryIntel.com on March 5.

The primary source of this article is The Canadian Press, Toronto, Ontario, on March 25, 2012.

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#3 (newfie edition)

Unions, pensioners meet on estimated C\$60M liability in pension plan at Kruger's newsprint mill in Corner Brook, Newfoundland; company wants 10 years to pay back shortfall; union official says mill has to run to make the payments

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LOS ANGELES, March 26, 2012 (Industry Intelligence) –

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Talks were held with the unions and pensioners involved in an underfunded pension plan at Kruger Inc.'s newsprint mill in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, on March 23, reported CBC News on March 24.

The Montreal-based company wants 10 years to pay back the shortfall, which some estimated could be as much as C\$60 million, but it needs a two-thirds majority vote of approval from the unions and the pensioners.

Current and past workers at the Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Ltd. mill were informed about details of the pension plan at the March 23 meeting, and more meetings will be held before a vote is held, CBC News reported.

The union is not taking a stand on how its members should vote on the proposed 10-year payment plan, but there are worries that not authorizing more time might pressure the mill to close.

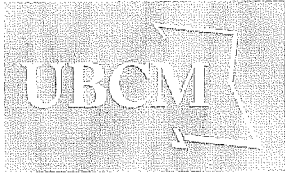
For Kruger to be able to make the payments “the mill has to continue to run,” said Bruce

Randell, president of the union, reported CBC News.

At the March 23 meeting were Natural Resources Minister Jerome Kennedy and Finance Minister Tom Marshall, who represents a Corner Brook district.

The province will not add money to the pension plan, but it is in support of “a long-term sustainability plan” for the mill and for funding the pensions, said Kennedy, CBC News reported.

The primary source of this article is CBC News, Toronto, Ontario, on March 24, 2012.



MEMBER RELEASE

February 10, 2012

TO: Mayor and Council; Chair and Board; Senior Staff
FROM: Heath Slee, President
RE: **Province To Review Municipal Taxation and Local Government Revenue**

The Province of British Columbia is undertaking two reviews of direct interest to local government: an *Expert Panel Review of Business Taxation* and a *Local Government Revenue Sources Review*. I am writing to provide background on both of these initiatives.

1. Expert Panel Review of Business Taxation

On January 10, Finance Minister Kevin Falcon announced the appointment of an *Expert Panel* to provide analysis and recommendations regarding the system of business taxation in British Columbia. The panel will also make recommendations for administrative improvements that streamline the Provincial Sales Tax. This initiative is under the "*Canada Starts Here: The BC Jobs Plan*", and the panel must report by August 31, 2012.

The guidelines for the *Expert Panel* state that "(t)he review will include an examination of municipal property taxation of business and its impact on business competitiveness and investment. Recommendations must address issues of affordability and sustainability for local governments within the framework of the Community Charter."

Panel members are:

- Sarah Morgan-Silvester, Chancellor, University of British Columbia
- Lindsay Hall, Chief Financial Officer, Goldcorp
- Laura Jones, Senior VP, Canadian Federation of Independent Business
- Elio Luongo, Canadian Managing Partner, KPMG
- Fiona Macfarlane, Managing Partner, Ernst & Young
- Grace Wong, VP Academic, University of British Columbia
- Dale Wall, former Deputy Minister, Province of BC (adjunct member)

The full text of the news release and terms of reference for the panel are available here: http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2009-2013/2012FIN0002-000018.htm .

2. Local Government Revenue Sources Review

The Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development has advised UBCM that, in order to supplement the work of the *Expert Panel Review of Business Taxation*, and to fully

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meet the Premier's commitment to review the municipal tax formula, the Ministry is embarking on a *Local Government Revenue Sources Review*.

The terms of reference for that review are not yet complete, but UBCM has been provided with some preliminary briefing material.

At this point, it appears that the review will encompass both municipal and regional district revenues from all sources, including property and other taxes, fees, grants and other transfers. The review is expected to determine trends over time and to consider whether grants are meeting the needs of the provincial government. A literature review and some form of inter-jurisdictional analysis are also expected, as is an analysis of the municipal tax policy objectives set out in municipal financial plans in BC.

The review is expected to be completed by July 31, 2012 and may provide context and background to recommendations of the *Expert Panel* and/or further policy change.

3. UBCM Engagement

Both reviews were topics of discussion during the meeting of UBCM's Executive of February 3, 2012. During the portion of the meeting where we were joined by Ida Chong, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, the Executive noted that local governments would be concerned that a panel investigating municipal taxation lacks local government representation. The Executive also commented that the composition of the *Expert Panel* might lead to questioning of its recommendations.

In terms of next steps, UBCM will contact the *Expert Panel* to express interest in providing a presentation. I have also written to Minister Chong to say that UBCM would be pleased to work collaboratively on the *Revenue Sources Review*. The Executive will also consider options to ensure that the perspective of local government with regard to business taxation and local government revenue is both heard and understood. UBCM will keep watch on both reviews as they get underway, and will provide updates as substantive information becomes available.