

Mayor and Council External Correspondence Summary

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9	Royal Canadian Legion BR. 61	Commemorative Crosswalks	ENG	150325
<i>Proposed Motion:</i>		<i>THAT the letters from the Royal Canadian Legion dated March 1, 2026, and February 20, 2026, be referred to staff to prepare a report for Council's consideration.</i>		

10	ElderCollege Delta Society	A letter of Support Needed for Grant Application	CS	150335
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City Clerk

This is provided for Mayor & Councils information

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From: Staff <mail@spallumcheentwp.bc.ca>
Sent: February 19, 2026 9:44 AM
To: Lisa Gyorkos
Subject: Township of Spallumcheen SILGA Resolution
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Good morning,

Please see attached the information submitted to SILGA from the Township of Spallumcheen Council regarding a resolution requesting a BC Building Code amendment to ensure that natural gas remains a viable energy option now and in the future.

Lisa Gyorkos

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Township of Spallumcheen - Resolution Background Information

In 2018, the Province of BC adopted the CleanBC plan. This plan was used to amend the BC Building Code BC through the Energy Step Code, which establishes progressively stringent energy efficiency and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction requirements for new construction and major renovations. In practical terms, this framework is moving toward the effective elimination of natural gas as an energy option in many areas of British Columbia.

Recent developments underscore the real-world consequences of this trajectory. In December 2023, the BC Utilities Commission denied approval of FortisBC Energy Inc.'s proposed \$327 million Okanagan Capacity Upgrade project, citing uncertainty in future natural gas demand influenced by CleanBC policies and Step Code impacts. This decision highlights how current regulatory direction is already affecting long-term infrastructure planning and private investment in our province.

For communities like the Township—and for many rural, agricultural, and industrial municipalities—natural gas remains a clean-burning, comparatively low-emission, reliable, and cost-effective energy source. It supports essential operations such as greenhouse heating, industrial process heat, and dependable residential heating. In many areas outside the Lower Mainland, electrification alone may not provide the reliability or affordability required, particularly during peak demand or extreme weather events.

This resolution is not about resisting environmental progress, but rather, it's about ensuring that environmental performance is measured by outcomes rather than by prohibiting specific technologies. High-efficiency natural gas systems, hybrid systems, and district energy solutions can achieve strong environmental performance while maintaining affordability and reliability. A balanced transition—rather than abrupt, one-size-fits-all restrictions—better supports both environmental and economic sustainability, and is more reflective of the reality we face.

Restricting natural gas through the Building Code risks several unintended consequences:

- Increased construction and energy costs for families and businesses;
- Reduced economic competitiveness in rural and resource-based communities;
- Diminished attractiveness for agricultural and industrial investment;
- The forced abandonment of functional, efficient infrastructure, resulting in material waste and additional environmental burden.
- The potential to continue our dependency on other jurisdictions as a critical source of on demand energy

After feedback received from UBCM executive in regards to a previous 2025 version of our submission, we have made adjustments to this resolution to respectfully address those recommendations, such as to broaden consideration of the various relevant codes that influence the BC step code, and to acknowledge and respect the autonomy of local

governments in their implementation of building code, based on local priorities and initiatives.

Municipalities vary significantly in geography, infrastructure capacity, climate, and economic composition. Local governments are best positioned to understand these realities and pursue practical environmental progress tailored to their communities. Preserving energy flexibility respects local autonomy, protects public and private investment, and maintains democratic confidence in policy decisions.

The resolution before you asks that the Province amend the BC Building Code to ensure that natural gas remains a viable energy option—now and in the future—while still supporting reasonable and achievable energy efficiency goals. It further calls for any amendments to consider related provincial building and energy regulations and to be implemented in a manner that expands, rather than restricts, local opportunity and autonomy.

This is about balanced transition, environmental responsibility grounded in measurable results, and safeguarding the economic stability of communities across British Columbia.

BULLET POINTS:

Background and Policy Context

- In 2018, the Province adopted the CleanBC plan.
- CleanBC informed amendments to the BC Building Code, incorporating the BC Energy Step Code.
- The Step Code establishes progressively stringent energy efficiency and GHG reduction requirements for new construction and major renovations.
- In practical effect, this framework is moving toward the elimination of natural gas as an energy option in many areas of British Columbia.

Regulatory and Investment Impacts

- In December 2023, the BC Utilities Commission denied approval of FortisBC Energy Inc.'s \$327 million Okanagan Capacity Upgrade project.
- The denial cited uncertainty in future natural gas demand influenced by CleanBC policies and Step Code impacts.
- This demonstrates that current regulatory direction is already affecting long-term infrastructure planning and private sector investment in BC.

Importance of Natural Gas to Rural and Resource-Based Communities

- Natural gas remains:
 - Clean-burning and comparatively low-emission;
 - Reliable and dispatchable;
 - Cost-effective for residential, agricultural, and industrial users.
- Essential applications include:
 - Greenhouse heating;
 - Industrial process heat;
 - Dependable residential heating.
- In many areas outside the Lower Mainland:

- Electrification alone may not provide sufficient reliability;
- Peak demand and extreme weather events pose risks to fully electric systems;
- Affordability remains a significant concern.

The Resolution advocates for:

- Measuring environmental performance by outcomes rather than by prohibiting specific fuel sources;
- Technology-neutral policy approaches.
- High-efficiency natural gas systems, hybrid systems, and district energy solutions can:
 - Achieve strong environmental performance;
 - Maintain affordability and system reliability.
- A balanced and staged transition is more practical than abrupt, one-size-fits-all restrictions.

Risks of Eliminating Natural Gas via the Building Code

- Increased construction and energy costs for families and businesses.
- Reduced economic competitiveness in rural and resource-based communities.
- Diminished attractiveness for agricultural and industrial investment.
- Forced abandonment of functional and efficient infrastructure, resulting in:
 - Material waste;
 - Additional environmental burdens from premature replacement.
- Potential continued dependency on other jurisdictions for critical, on-demand energy supply.

Response to Feedback from UBCM

Revisions include:

- Broadening consideration of the various provincial codes and regulations that influence the Step Code;
- Explicitly acknowledging and respecting local government autonomy in building code implementation;
- Recognizing diverse local priorities and initiatives across municipalities.

Principles of Local Autonomy and Flexibility

- Municipalities differ significantly in:
 - Geography;
 - Climate;
 - Infrastructure capacity;
 - Economic composition.
- Local governments are best positioned to:
 - Assess community energy needs;
 - Balance environmental goals with economic realities;
 - Implement context-sensitive solutions.
- Preserving energy flexibility:
 - Protects public and private investment;
 - Respects democratic decision-making;
 - Maintains public confidence in environmental policy.

Core Request of the Resolution

- That the Province amend the BC Building Code to:
 - Ensure natural gas remains a viable energy option now and in the future;
 - Support reasonable and achievable energy efficiency goals;
 - Consider related provincial building and energy regulations;
 - Implement changes in a manner that expands—rather than restricts—local autonomy and opportunity.

Overall Objective

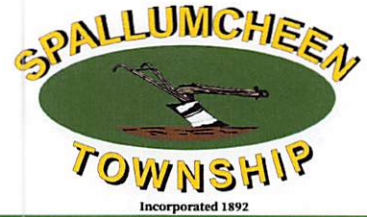
- Promote a balanced energy transition.
- Ground environmental responsibility in measurable results.
- Safeguard the economic stability and long-term sustainability of communities across British Columbia

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February 18, 2026

Southern Interior Local Government Association

Via Email: info@silga.ca

Re: Township of Spallumcheen Resolution

Please find attached to this letter the resolution for consideration and the background information to support this resolution.

A similar resolution was submitted in 2025 which was supported by SILGA at the 2025 convention and forwarded to UBCM. At the 2025 UBCM convention, the resolution did not make the floor for open debate and was not supported by the committee after the fact. The Township followed up and received the following feedback:

2025-NR68, BC Building Code Amendment to Include Natural Gas - discussion noted that the resolution does not sufficiently address other relevant codes that influence the building step code. It was also noted that the intention of the resolution runs counter to established UBCM policy that supports buildings sector emissions reductions and more equitable building code implementation support for small, rural and northern communities.

Township Council still strongly believes in the 2025 resolution. We have therefore made amendments to address the concerns raised by the UBCM resolution committee and resubmit the amended resolution for consideration of support in 2026.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Gyorkos", is written over a horizontal line.

Lisa Gyorkos
Manager of Strategic Priorities

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File No 0230-02

TOWNSHIP OF SPALLUMCHEEN

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Moved by Councillor Casson/seconded by Councillor York:

"...THAT the Township of Spallumcheen Council direct staff to submit the following resolution to the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) for consideration of endorsement to proceed to the 2026 UBCM Conference as follows:

WHEREAS the BC Building Code has incorporated the BC Energy Step Code, which sets increasingly stringent energy efficiency and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction requirements for new buildings and major renovations, effectively limiting the current uses and eliminating the future uses of natural gas as a fuel in areas of BC that use the BC Building Code;

AND WHEREAS many municipalities, including those with significant agricultural, industrial, and rural residential needs, require flexibility and ongoing energy investment to ensure affordable, reliable, and diverse energy options for residents, businesses, and farms;

AND WHEREAS limiting or eliminating natural gas as an energy option could increase energy and construction costs, reduce economic competitiveness, and limit the ability of municipalities to attract and retain families, businesses, and agricultural entities that rely on natural gas for their operations;

AND WHEREAS there have also been recent changes to implementation strategies in the CleanBC legislation by the Province of BC government, in coordination with the Federal government, that should also be considered in context with the BC Energy Step Code and BC Building Code;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Spallumcheen asks the members of SILGA to request the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) petition the Province of British Columbia to amend the BC Building Code to ensure that natural gas remains a viable energy option now and in the future, allowing residents, businesses and municipalities the flexibility to determine the most appropriate energy solutions for their unique economic, geographic, and community needs, while still supporting reasonable and achievable energy efficiency goals, and that any such amendment consider applicable provincial building and energy regulations, and be implemented in a manner that expands rather than restricts local autonomy and opportunity, and is flexible and practical for all British Columbia Municipalities."

CARRIED

I hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township of Spallumcheen at their Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Dated: February 18, 2026



Lisa Gyorkos

Manager of Strategic Priorities/Deputy Corporate Officer

City Clerk

From: Daniel Boisvert
Sent: February 26, 2026 2:18 PM
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Daniel Boisvert | Councillor
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This letter is from the BC Council of Forest Industries (COFI) regarding their "Forestry is a Solution" advocacy campaign. As part of this campaign, municipal councils are being asked to endorse the campaign, encourage residents to sign the petition on forestryisasolution.com and send the form letter to their MLA, the Minister of Forests, the Premier, the Official Opposition Forests Critic, and lastly, request that City staff share information about the Forestry is a Solution campaign via the City's official communication channels. Council has not previously formally endorsed COFI advocacy campaigns.

From: Travis Joern <joern@cofi.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 2:14 PM
To: Daniel Boisvert <DBoisvert@delta.ca>
Subject: Forestry is a Solution - letter for consideration

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Hello Councillor Boisvert,

Please find attached a letter from Kim Haakstad, President & CEO of the BC Council of Forest Industries (COFI). We ask for this letter to be brought forward to the Council of the City of Delta for consideration to endorse "Forestry is a Solution" as an initiative to demonstrate public support for BC's forest sector.

Regards,

Travis Joern
Director of Communications

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COFI and its member companies recognize and respect Indigenous rights in the traditional territories in which we live and work. We are committed to advancing reconciliation and support the implementation of BC's Declaration

February 26, 2026

Re: Request for Official Endorsement of “Forestry is a Solution”



Dear Councillor Boisvert,

On behalf of a coalition of forest sector organizations, I am requesting that the City of Delta endorse the **Forestry is a Solution** initiative by way of council motion, demonstrating community support for forestry across British Columbia.

Launched on January 20, 2026, at the BC Natural Resources Forum in Prince George, this province-wide initiative is led by a broad coalition of community leaders, workers, and industry advocates. Our goal is to demonstrate the deep public support for British Columbia’s forest sector and ensure it remains a strategic asset for the future of our province.

Why This Matters to Our Community

For many communities across British Columbia, forestry is more than an industry—it is a cornerstone of your economic resilience. However, the sector currently faces significant headwinds from global competition, challenging operating conditions, and damaging U.S. trade actions. We believe that by working together, we can show the provincial government that forestry provides the solutions for BC’s most urgent challenges, including:

- **Building affordable housing** by providing renewable, low-carbon materials.
- **Reducing wildfire risks** through active, professional forest management in our backyards.
- **Supporting family-sustaining jobs** for skilled workers in the bush, at the mills, and in the office.
- **Contributing revenues and services** that fund our local schools, hospitals, and public services.
- **Storing carbon** in every beam and board, helping cut building emissions.



Request for Action

The **Forestry is a Solution** initiative outlines four key priorities for immediate government action to strengthen the sector:

1. **Speed up access to economic wood** by expediting permits and approvals for greater predictability.
2. **Improve competitiveness and cost certainty** by reducing administrative and regulatory burdens.
3. **Fix BC Timber Sales** to ensure a reliable and competitive supply of logs for mills and secondary manufacturing.
4. **Support First Nations partnerships** with the capacity and tools to expedite referrals and increase revenue sharing.

Request to Council

We respectfully request that Council consider a motion to:

1. **Officially endorse** the “Forestry is a Solution” campaign.
2. **Encourage community members** to visit forestryisasolution.com to sign the petition and send a letter to their MLA, the Minister of Forests, the Premier, and the Official Opposition Forests Critic.
3. **Support staff** to share information about Forestry is a Solution through your community’s official communication channels.

Our collective goal is to reach **5,000** signatures to demonstrate support for the government to take these practical steps. When our forests and forest sector thrive, our communities remain strong.

Thank you for your leadership and for your continued support of the workers and families who depend on BC forestry. We would be pleased to provide a brief presentation to Council on this initiative at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Kim Haakstad

President & CEO, BC Council of Forest Industries

On behalf of coalition partners:

- BC Council of Forest Industries (COFI)
- Truck Loggers Association (TLA)
- Alliance of Resource Communities (ARC)
- ResourceWorks
- Interior Logging Association (ILA)
- Interior Forest Labour Relations Association (IFLRA)
- BC Pulp and Paper Coalition
- Private Forest Landowners Association (PFLA)
- Woodlots BC
- Council on Northern Interior Forest Employment Relations (Conifer)
- North West Loggers Association
- Independent Lumber Manufacturer's Association (ILMA)

Enclosed

- Forestry is a Solution Platform



Forestry
is a
solution
for BC,
for Canada.



Take Action The Problem The Opportunity Who Supports This

Forestry is a solution for BC, for Canada.

- + Supports people.
- + Strengthens communities.
- + Builds economic resilience.

British Columbia's forest sector can help protect jobs, strengthen communities, and build a stronger BC and Canada. At a time of global uncertainty and damaging U.S. duties and tariffs we need a made-in-BC solution.

BC has the forests, the workers, and the expertise. Let's work together for BC.

Take Action

Learn More



Take Action:
Support a made-in-BC economic solution

Do you support BC forestry? Take one or all of these steps:

Step 1: Sign the petition

Sign [this petition](#) and stand with neighbours and friends to support BC forestry.

Full Name

Email

Postal Code

Sign Petition

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Step 2: Send the letter

Politicians need to hear from you. Send [this letter](#) to your MLA and the BC Government.

Full Name

Email

Postal Code

Send Letter

Travis Joern (joern@cofi.org) is signed in

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Step 3: Share the campaign

Let's bring BC together on this issue. Share with your networks!

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The Problems

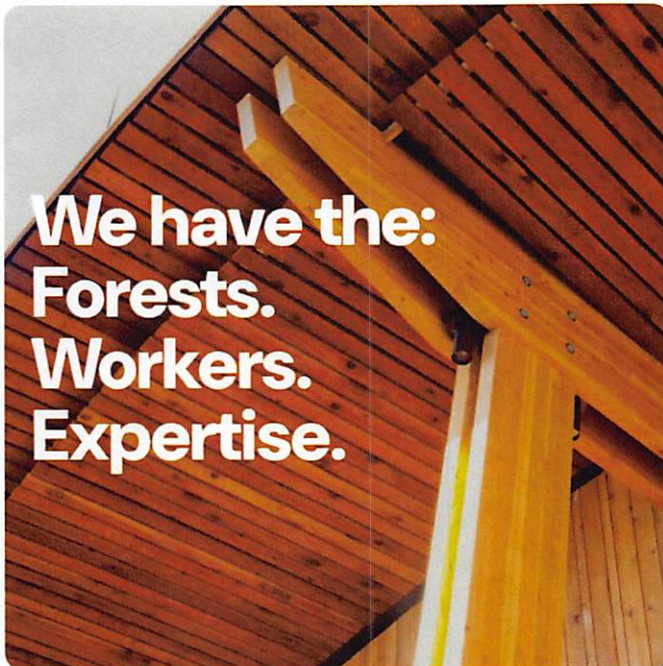
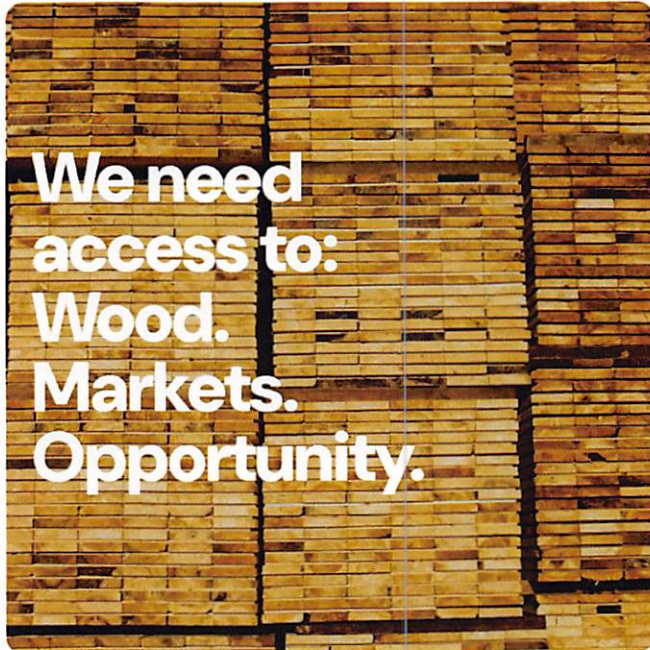
British Columbia's forest sector is operating in a difficult global environment.

- Global competition is increasing
- Conditions in BC limit the full potential
- U.S. trade actions hurt Canadian wood producers

Yet despite these headwinds, forestry remains one of BC's greatest economic opportunities.

This is a moment to focus on homegrown solutions that create value here in British Columbia.

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The Opportunity

British Columbia has the timber to support a healthy and sustainable forest sector. Ready to harvest and fire-damaged timber is available – and demand for Canadian wood remains strong. The opportunity is clear:

Get wood moving efficiently through the value chain from the forest to the mill to your home

This will:

- Keep people working
- Offset economic damage from U.S. trade actions
- Create more value and increase secondary manufacturing jobs
- Strengthen economic security

This is about using harvest ready timber better and faster.

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Let's work together for BC

What needs to happen:

1. Speed up access to economic wood

Expedite permits and approvals so timber reaches mills in a predictable and timely way.

2. Improve competitiveness and cost certainty

Address administrative and regulatory burdens affecting harvesting and manufacturing.

3. Make BC Timber Sales work as intended

Deliver a reliable, competitive supply of logs to support mills and workers.

4. Support First Nations partnerships

Support First Nations with the capacity and tools to expedite referrals and increase revenue sharing.

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Why Forestry matters right now

Forestry is a solution. When it can reach its full potential, forestry is a strategic asset for British Columbians. BC's forest sector:

- ✔ Supports tens of thousands of good, family-sustaining jobs
- ✔ Keeps rural, First Nations, and urban communities economically strong
- ✔ Supplies Canadian wood for housing and infrastructure
- ✔ Stores carbon in every beam and board, helping cut building emissions
- ✔ Generates public revenue for essential services
- ✔ Reduces wildfire risk through active forest management

A Broad Coalition of Support:

This is about working together to ensure forestry continues to contribute to BC's future. Support for forestry solutions spans British Columbia, including:

- Forestry workers and their families
- First Nations governments and entrepreneurs
- Local businesses and contractors
- Industry organizations
- Residents who care about economic stability and community resilience



Take Action >

City Clerk

From: Kellett, Leslie <Leslie.Kellett@princegeorge.ca>
Sent: February 27, 2026 12:56 PM
Subject: City of Prince George – Public Safety Petition
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Good afternoon,

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Please find attached a letter from Mayor Simon Yu encouraging peer communities throughout British Columbia to support the petition initiated by the City of Prince George to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, calling on the federal government to take action to address public safety concerns.

The petition is available on the House of Commons website until March 27, 2026 at 12:25 p.m. PST:
<https://www.ourcommons.ca/petitions/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-7063>

We encourage you to share this information within your communities and networks, as appropriate.

Thank you,



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We respectfully acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh, on whose land we live, work, and play.

The Police Department does not engage in petition processes. We have established appropriate advocacy channels through the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and the BC Association of Chiefs of Police, particularly on matters related to modernizing the judicial process.



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Local Governments in
British Columbia

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Transmitted via email

February 25, 2026

RE: City of Prince George requesting signatures in its petition to the Minister of Justice and the Attorney General of Canada

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the City of Prince George, I am writing to ask for your support in signing our petition to the Minister of Justice and the Attorney General of Canada.

Prince George continues to advocate for stronger public safety measures, an issue currently affecting municipalities across the country. This petition offers all British Columbians a meaningful way to participate and demonstrate to the federal government the importance of a collective voice in working together to find solutions.

The petition calls upon the federal government to:

- Amend the Criminal Code of Canada to strengthen bail requirements for prolific and non-violent offenders to include provisions for repeat offences to lead to:
 - automatic detention,
 - release to be dependent on reverse onus, and/or
 - demonstration of the Principle of Respect for the Law
- Appoint more judges, crown prosecutors and paralegals to end court backlogs
- Provide funding and resources for Crown Counsel to increase capacity and decrease delays in preparing and bringing cases to court in a timely manner
- Provide funding and resources to provincial correctional centres and support services to increase capacity for detention of individuals, as well as providing rehabilitation and release planning services

We encourage you to share our petition within your communities.

The [petition](#) is available on the House of Commons website until March 27, 2026 at 12:25 p.m. PST.

Respectfully,

Simon Yu
Mayor
City of Prince George



Branch 061
Delta



Royal Canadian Legion Br 61

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March 1st 2026

Mayor George Harvie and Members of Delta Council
City of Delta

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Dear Mayor George Harvie and Members of Council,

This year, the Royal Canadian Legion celebrates its 100 Year Anniversary. Special activities and events in Ottawa and across the nation commencing on July 17 will take place to celebrate and honour a century of service to veterans, their families, and communities.

One of the Royal Canadian Legion's nationwide initiatives is focused on community-oriented projects, including advocacy and community outreach. Delta is fortunate to have two branches, Branch 289 serving Tsawwassen and Branch 61 serving the remainder of Delta. Locally, our branches goals include increasing community awareness of the important work the Legion does in Delta, strengthening partnerships with community organizations, and encouraging new membership to continue and expand our service for future generations.

A joint event is being considered by both Branches to be held at the Doug Husband Discovery Centre during Legion week in September.

The Tsawwassen Legion Branch 289 is planning a series of pop-up booths at different events throughout the year. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 289, is also very involved in the community. They are known for supporting veterans, military members and their families while serving a community hub for special events. Some of their key highlights include hosting weekly meat draws, live music and pub style events. They have the largest live music stage in South Delta. They provide opportunities for talented artists and bands while offering great performances for their membership. They are great supporters of local charities and community groups and organizations. They are part of the Remembrance Day, host of the Canada Day reception, and Poppy Campaign. They will be recognizing the Centennial with some pop-up events and the possibility of a joint event with us in September. Even though we are 3 communities, we are "One Delta". It is very important to ensure that the Tsawwassen Branch 289 be included and involved in the Commemorative Cross-walk program.

This is a request from the Royal Canadian Legion for the City to provide support for a number of initiatives related to the celebration of the 100-year anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion. This includes in-kind support and equipment rental for an event scheduled for July 18 on Delta Street, the promotion of the 100th Anniversary and the installation of three new painted commemorative crosswalks in Delta. It is recommended that this correspondence be referred to staff for a report back and recommendation to Council in response to these requests.

Royal Canadian Legion Delta Branch 61 is planning a special community celebration to recognize this major milestone and the importance of the Legion's work and contributions within the City of Delta.

We have already received positive responses from members of the community who wish to be involved and participate in this significant event. Branch 61 would like to invite the City of Delta to partner with us as a major sponsor for this 100-Year Celebration in three different areas:

1. Provide In-Kind Support:

As the show stage is not available, we respectfully ask that Delta rent a raised platform. Rove Events have raised platforms that they deliver, set up, and take down. Cost is dependent on the size needed — we will require enough room for Delta Council and other dignitaries.

- Outdoor sound system and Delta podium
- Three 10' x 20' tents, two 10' x 10' tents, and bases
- Barricades for road closures
- Tables and chairs for the barbecue area
- Garbage cans and recycling bins
- City staff support for set-up and take-down of the tents and sound system
- Balloon poles and bases

2. Commemorative Crosswalks:

Consideration for sponsorship of the commemorative crosswalks in all three communities of Delta — Ladner, Tsawwassen, and North Delta. Attached is information about the crosswalks and various cost options.

3. Event Promotion:

Assistance with promotion of the event, including Delta social media and press releases, and a public announcement from Delta declaring the 100th Anniversary of Service to Veterans, with celebrations commencing across Canada July 17th.

This request is very similar to the in-kind request that we have had for our annual Remembrance Day ceremony.

Another goal is to recruit new members to continue our good work. Currently, our membership is approximately 1,100.

The celebration will take place on Saturday, July 18th, on Delta Street from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A permit application has been submitted to the City of Delta for road closure approval. We will notify local stores and restaurants of the temporary closure, and the public will continue to have pedestrian access to businesses throughout the event.

The vision for the July 18th celebration is to host a vibrant, inclusive community event that reflects the spirit and service of the Delta Branch. The day will feature a community barbecue, live entertainment, and engaging children's activities, creating an atmosphere that welcomes families and residents of all ages. A formal program will include remarks from representatives of all three levels of government and our Legion. We also plan to showcase displays from community groups and organizations that the Delta Branch has supported or partnered with over the years. We have already received an enthusiastic and positive response from these groups, demonstrating strong community interest and support for the event.

We are meeting with the Honourable Jill McKnight, Member of Parliament – Delta, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence, and with Ian Paton, MLA Delta South, to determine what type of involvement they can provide to support this very important event. If all levels of government could provide support, it would be wonderful. We live in a great community and we are very proud to be part of it. We will further be inviting a representative from Branch 289 to join us at this meeting if they are wanting to attend.

We are also aware that the City is hosting a FIFA World Cup event on Chisholm Street on July 17th and would welcome working together with the City to ensure both events are successful. We will work with the City to ensure that both events are successful. We would also work with Delta Police and Delta Fire to have a Risk Management Plan in place for public safety.

One of the Royal Canadian Legion's nationwide initiatives is focusing on blended projects including advocacy and community outreach. Our Branch also has goals that include providing greater community involvement and increasing awareness about the important work that our Legion does in the community. For many years, our branch has raised funds for the community. In 2025, we raised \$69,000. Examples include \$275,000 since 1993 for Delta Hospital, 30 years of a \$5,000 donation to Variety Club, and youth bursaries four times annually. We have also supported local organizations, sport groups, the Legion Foundation, Honour House, and Heron's Hospice, just to name a few.

Other examples of Branch 61s community involvement include:

- Annual Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Support to local veterans and families
- Youth education and scholarship initiatives
- Community barbecues and outreach events
- Partnerships with local organizations
- Poppy campaign for Ladner and North Delta
- Working with Delta Assist on Christmas Hampers
- Support to Air Cadet Squadrons 819 and 1867 Seaforth Cadets

We would greatly appreciate the City of Delta's support and would ensure that our community knows about Delta's involvement and support.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Kind Regards,

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61

Olwen Demidoff
President, RCL Branch 61

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February 20th 2026

Mayor and Council
City Hall,
4500 Clarence Taylor Crescent
Delta, BC,
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Dear Mayor Harvie and Council,

The Royal Canadian Legion is celebrating 100 years of service in 2026. Currently RCL Delt Branch 61 and Tsawwassen Branch #289 are planning celebrations honour the founding of the Legion.

Many cities and municipalities across the country have installed commemorative crosswalks to honour and remember veterans.



These crosswalks are an expression of a community's gratitude to those who have served and stand as a powerful reminder of those who have given their lives and those who have served with unwavering courage, sacrifice and dedication to secure our freedom and peace.

Following discussions with Mayor Harvie we would like to ask the City to consider installing three of these crosswalks in the City of Delta, proposed locations are:

- Veterans Way at Delta Street in Ladner
- 84th Ave at 114th St, adjacent to the North Delta Recreation centre
- 56th street at Southpoint Academy

The pattern that is preferred is as shown in the above picture and is one that has been used in many cities, eg. Airdrie Alberta

The cost of these projects vary according to the preparation work, location of crosswalk, type of paint used etc. Attached please find a document that lists some of the typical cost scenarios.

Kind regards,



Barbra Dyck

Chair, Branch #61, 100-year committee

Cc Tanya MacNeill, President RCL Branch #289

Olwen Demidoff, President RCL Branch #61

Judy Stene

Heather Bowling Branch #61 Office Manager

Legion Commemorative Crosswalks

Typical Cost Scenarios

- **Low Cost/Simple Paint (\$500 - \$1,500):** Adding simple red and white stripes to existing crosswalks, or utilizing basic paint for smaller, low-traffic areas.
- **Moderate Cost (\$6,000 - \$15,000):** Standard, durable, specially designed, or thermoplastically marked crosswalks, such as those in Langford (\$6,000–\$8,000) or Airdrie (\$12,000–\$14,000).
- **High Cost (\$20,000 - \$75,000+):** High-traffic, complex, or high-durability projects, such as the \$20,000 Richmond project or the \$75,000, two-crosswalk project in Niagara Falls.

Cost Factors

- **Materials:** Methyl Methacrylate (MMA) paint and thermoplastically applied designs are more expensive but last longer than standard traffic paint.
- **Maintenance:** Annual maintenance to repaint or touch up faded, high-traffic areas is required, with estimated annual operating budgets for maintenance around \$3,200 for busy locations.
- **Site Preparation:** Costs may increase if the site requires removal of old paint, asphalt repairs, or in the case of a Salmon Arm project, repairing damaged concrete/subsurface soils (\$145,000 total upgrade).

Crosswalk in Airdrie Alberta.

This is the pattern preferred by branch #61



The City is used traffic paint for the crosswalks, citing lower initial cost and easier maintenance compared to thermoplastics. Estimated cost per crosswalk is \$12,000 to \$14,000.

Crosswalk in Richmond BC

From City of Richmond Review to the Richmond Public Works and Transportation Committee (full report available}

"The cost to implement the commemorative crosswalk on No. 3 Road and Anderson Road is \$20,000. The scope of work includes removal of the existing crosswalk paint, asphalt repairs, and Methyl Methacrylate (MAA) paint for the crosswalk design. The costs can be accommodated by the approved 2025 Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Program. An Annual Operating Budget Impact (OBI) of \$3,200 starting in 2026 is anticipated. The maintenance cost reflects the heavier wear at this location due to the high traffic volumes on No. 3 Road, including frequent buses."

Mayor & Council

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Cc: bill.didur@eldercollegedelta.org; loraine.littlefield@eldercollegedelta.org; Jennifer Johnson
Subject: A letter of Support needed for Grant Application please
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Dear Mayor Harvey,

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FILE # 1850-01

I've attached the letter of support you gave us when we successfully applied for a grant to expand our Tech Help Drop-In sessions to Saturdays. The Saturday sessions have been incredibly popular, with 358 seniors dropping in for help since last April. It's become essential help for many and we want to continue the program.

Our funding for the Saturday Tech Help Sessions from the New Horizons Senior Program ends on March 31st and with the hope of continuing it we are applying for a grant through CIRA, the Canadian Internet Registration Authority. **Our deadline for the application is Feb 13th.**

Please, can you offer us once again a letter of support? As I mentioned above, I've attached the previous letter you sent us. Below is a sample paragraph offered from CIRA that you could use in an updated letter of support:

"To that end, I am pleased to submit this letter as the Mayor of Delta, BC in support of ElderCollege Delta Society's application to the Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA) for a grant to continue to offer free drop-in computer tech support to seniors with a continued focus on cyber security and scam recognition."

With sincere thanks,

Louise

Louise Latremouille, Admin
 ElderCollege Delta Society
www.eldercollegedelta.wildapricot.org

Elder College is seeking a letter of support for a grant application to be submitted to the Canadian Internet Registration Authority for the continuation of their Saturday Tech Help Sessions. It is recommended that a letter of support be provided from the Mayor on behalf of Council.

August 26, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: ElderCollege Delta Society – New Horizons for Seniors Program

On behalf of Delta Council and the City of Delta, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for ElderCollege Delta Society's application for funding through the federal New Horizons for Seniors Program. Delta has a large and active seniors' community, and Delta Council fully supports the work of ElderCollege, which has provided services to hundreds of seniors in Delta since 2003.

ElderCollege Delta has been a cornerstone of lifelong learning in our community, offering a wide range of educational and enrichment opportunities to our senior population. Their programs not only provide intellectual stimulation and social interaction but also significantly contribute to the well-being and quality of life for older adults in Delta.

As our population continues to age, the demand for accessible, affordable, and engaging educational programs for seniors will only increase. ElderCollege Delta has consistently demonstrated its capacity to meet this demand with excellence, fostering a community of continuous learners who are actively involved in their personal growth and empowerment.

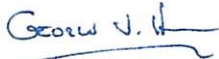
The City of Delta recognizes the critical role that ElderCollege Delta plays in supporting our seniors and enriching our community. We believe that federal grant funding will enable ElderCollege Delta to continue its outstanding work, expand its reach, and introduce new and innovative programs that will benefit even more seniors in our community.

ElderCollege is a key social service agency in Delta, and I strongly urge you to consider this application favourably to help support seniors in our community.

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Thank you for considering our endorsement of ElderCollege Delta's grant funding request. We are confident that with the federal government's support, this key social service agency in Delta will continue to be a leading force in senior education and empowerment.

Yours truly,



George V. Harvie
Mayor

cc: Delta Council
Donny van Dyk, City Manager