



DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
Regular Meeting of Council
Monday, May 4, 2026
4633 10th Ave - Room #2 Council Chambers
Regular Meeting – 7:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00PM

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 Accept Minutes of April 13, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- 2.2 Accept Minutes of April 13, 2026 regular meeting
- 2.3 Accept Minutes of April 28, 2026 Special Committee of the Whole Virtual Meeting

3. PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS: NONE

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- 4.1 Supporting a Blood Plasma Donor Centre in Northern BC
- 4.2 Invitation to Participate in Regional Housing Conference

5. REPORTS

- 5.1 Council Reports

6. BYLAWS

- 6.1 Adoption of the 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 391, 2026

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 Response from PRGT's Social Economic Effects Management Plan and Health Medical Services Plan regarding our previous comments
- 7.2 2026 Emergency Plan
- 7.3 Council Strategic Plan for next term
- 7.4 Canada Day 2026
- 7.5 Council New Business
- 7.6 Council Schedule

8. ADJOURNMENT



DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Monday April 13, 2026
4633 10th Ave - Room #2 Council Chambers
6:00PM

1. CALL TO ORDER COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: 6:15PM

Present: Mayor G. Lowry
Councillor J. Hobenshield
Councillor A. Berg
Councillor B. Henwood
Councillor M. Weeber
Councillor G. Burns
Councillor R. Sturney

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer, W. Hunt
Corporate Officer, B. White

Regrets: Chief Financial Officer, L. Roe

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 Reviewing Draft Financials presented by Alyssa Bjorgaard from MNP

- Alyssa presented the Draft Financials and was able to answer any questions that came up.
- One question that was asked was to provide a breakdown of the Rental Income in the comparisons for 2024, Alyssa said that is an easy fix and would be provided in the final financial statements.
- For information only, no further action required.

3. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 8478/26

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, the committee of the whole meeting be adjourned at 6:36PM.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS 4TH DAY OF MAY, 2026

Mayor

Corporate Officer



DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
Regular Meeting of Council
Monday April 13, 2026
4633 10th Ave - Room #2 Council Chambers
7:00PM

1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING: 7:00PM

Present: Mayor G. Lowry
Councillor J. Hobenshield
Councillor A. Berg
Councillor B. Henwood
Councillor M. Weeber
Councillor G. Burns
Councillor R. Sturney

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer, W. Hunt
Corporate Officer, B. White

Absent: Chief Financial Officer, L. Roe

2. MINUTES

2.1 Accept Minutes of March 2, 2026, regular meeting

RESOLUTION 8479/26

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, the minutes of the March 2, 2026, regular meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS: NONE

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Ross Lake Provincial Park Update 2026

- Received for information only, no further action required

4.2 Heritage Conservation Act amendments

- Received for information only, no further action required.

5. REPORTS

5.1 1ST Quarter of 2026 Financial Update

- CAO, Hunt was available for any questions that arose.
- For information only, no further action required.

5.2 Council Reports

- Councillor Sturney advised that Upper Skeena Development Center (USDC) had an unofficial meeting as they did not meet quorum but announced that USDC's Work BC contract is finishing soon and they will not be renewing it.

- Councillor Burns went to COFI in Vancouver April 8-10th. He reported that the overall outlook for the forestry industry is challenging, with significant impacts from tariffs making the sector difficult to sustain. A highlight of the conference was a presentation by Bruce Andersen, which was very well received. Councillor Burns also advised that he networked at the conference and spoke with the Chief Forester regarding the community forest request. He noted that the District has been awaiting a decision since 2014 and inquired about the delay. The Chief Forester responded that staff are working to ensure the decision is legally defensible and that they are close to completing the process.
- Councillor Hobenshield advised that the Hazelton District Public Library is looking for a spot to put a book return box in New Hazelton and asked if the District Office would be a suitable option. CAO, Hunt advised that the Librarian, Rose could reach out to her to have a discussion around what that may look like.
- Mayor Lowry advised that they are having a Resource Benefit Alliance (RBA) meeting this Thursday.

6. BYLAWS: NONE

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 2025 Draft Financial Statements

RESOLUTION 8480/26

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, Council accept the 2025 Draft Financial Statements as presented by MNP.

CARRIED

7.2 Confined Space Policy Program and Procedures

RESOLUTION 8481/26

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, Council accept the changes to the Confined Space Program and Procedures Policy as presented.

7.3 GIS Dataset Management Policy

RESOLUTION 8482/26

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, Council approves the GIS Dataset Management Policy as presented.

CARRIED

7.4 Management and Hourly Staff Compensation Policy

RESOLUTION 8483/26

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, Council accept the changes to the Management and Hourly Staff Compensation Policy as presented.

CARRIED

7.5 Council New Business

- Councillor Hobenshield raised a question from the Information Package regarding the Upper Skeena Labour Market Research Plan, and which firm was awarded the contract. CAO Hunt will provide Council with the information via email. Councillor Hobenshield also requested that Council receive a copy of the final report once the research is completed.

7.6 Council Schedule

- Council reviewed their schedule for the upcoming months.

8. CLOSED MEETING Move to exclude the public and enter a closed meeting pursuant to S. 90(1)(e) of the *Community Charter* regarding disposition of land at 7:31PM.

9. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 8484/26

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, the regular meeting be adjourned at 7:35PM.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS 4TH DAY OF MAY, 2026

Mayor

Corporate Officer



DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
Special Council Meeting - 12:00pm
Tuesday, April 28, 2026
4633 10th Ave - Room #2 Council Chambers
Virtual Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER VIRTUAL SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: 12:00PM

Present: Mayor G. Lowry
Councillor J. Hobenshield
Councillor G. Burns
Councillor R. Sturney
Councillor A. Berg

Staff: Chief Financial Officer, L. Roe
Corporate Officer, B. White

Absent: Chief Administrative Officer, W. Hunt
Councillor B. Henwood
Councillor M. Weeber

2. BYLAWS

- 2.1 First, Second and Third Reading of the 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 391, 2026

RESOLUTION 8485/26

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, Council gives the First, Second and Third Reading of the 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 391, 2026.

CARRIED

3. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 8486/26

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, the special council meeting be adjourned at 12:01PM.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS 4TH DAY OF MAY, 2026

Mayor

Corporate Officer



Our Blood Counts

Plasma for Northern BC

April 19, 2026

District of New Hazelton: Her Worship Mayor Gail Lowry and members of Council
glowry@newhazelton.ca info@newhazelton.ca

Subject: Supporting a Blood Plasma Donor Centre in Northern BC

Dear Mayor Lowry:

On behalf of *Our Blood Counts*, we ask for Council's support in principle as we advocate for a Northern BC Blood Plasma Donor Centre in Prince George on the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation.

Canada relies heavily on American donors and suppliers for medications from blood plasma. A plasma donor centre in Northern BC would help to address that critical deficiency. We ask for a letter of support to BC Minister of Health Josie Osborne (HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca) and Canadian Blood Services (CBS) CEO Dr. Graham Sher (graham.sher@blood.ca), and possibly a resolution of support from Council. We also welcome and appreciate you and members of council signing and sharing our petition at www.ourbloodcounts.com.

Canada's plasma shortage and the need for a Northern BC centre

Plasma is processed into treatments for cancer, immune deficiencies, and blood disorders.¹ Canada collects about 30 percent of the plasma that our patients need. The majority of immune globulin (a key medication made from plasma) comes from the United States. CBS's expansion of plasma collection is expected to only meet 50 to 60 percent of national demand.²

Prince George had a blood donor centre from 1998 to 2015. Rural communities similar to Prince George such as Thunder Bay, Ontario now have plasma donor centres.³

Our advocacy and regional support

Our Blood Counts is a group of donors, recipients, and advocates. Our petition has 3,600 signatures, with 90 percent of those signing saying they would be likely to donate at a regional blood plasma donor centre. We have received resolutions and letters of support from the following organizations and individuals:

- Lheidli T'enneh First Nation
- Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
- City of Terrace
- City of Prince Rupert
- Claire Rattée, MLA: Skeena
- District of Stewart

- Cariboo Regional District
- Reg. Dist. of Fraser Fort George
- Village of Burns Lake
- Village of Fraser Lake
- District of Kitimat
- District of Mackenzie
- Village of McBride
- City of Prince George
- City of Quesnel
- Village of Valemount
- District of Vanderhoof
- Kiel Giddens, MLA: Prince George-Mackenzie
- John Rustad, MLA: Nechako- Lakes
- Todd Doherty, MP: Cariboo- Prince George
- North Central Local Government Association (2025 Annual Convention)
- Northern Health Authority
- Prince George Hospice and Palliative Care Society

Canadian Blood Services' response

Despite needing a million new donors by 2030, CBS has declined our call for a Northern BC centre, citing population and unspecified logistical concerns. We believe their analysis overlooks regional capacity ⁴ and Prince George's proximity to Calgary and Vancouver testing facilities. Several petitioners from across Northern BC have noted they would include blood donation in their regional travels should a centre return. We made these points in a presentation to the CBS Board last spring: <https://tiny.cc/cbsbo2506> and continue to do so in our correspondence

Why Council's support matters

We believe Council's support would show Northern leadership and solidarity toward addressing the need for specialized blood products in BC and across Canada.

Representatives from *Our Blood Counts* are available to meet and answer your questions as well as discuss any ideas that would make the donor centre a reality.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Our Blood Counts

Irina Doering PhD, Mark Karjaluoto, Melanie Lindholm, Ankur Patel, Niel Strydom

Sources:

1. Canadian Blood Services, **Plasma for Life: What is plasma?** (undated) <https://www.blood.ca/en/plasma>
2. Canadian Blood Services, **Our commitment to increasing plasma sufficiency in Canada** (undated) <https://www.blood.ca/en/about-us/media/plasma/plasma-sufficiency>
3. Alicia Anderson, Thunder Bay's plasma centre celebrates grand opening, TB News Watch, April 23 2025 <https://www.tbnewsWatch.com/local-news/thunder-bays-plasma-centre-celebrates-grand-opening-10566304>
4. Sources include:
 - a. Statistics Canada, **Population estimates, July 1, by census metropolitan area and census agglomeration, 2021 boundaries, Jan 14th 2026** <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=1710014801>
 - b. Northern Health, **Our Communities:** <https://www.northernhealth.ca/our-communities>



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March 16, 2026

By email to ourbloodcounts@gmail.com

Our Blood Counts – Plasma for Northern BC
7605 Loedel Crescent
Prince George, BC V2N 0A5

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Letter of Support for Our Blood Counts for the Establishment of a Treatment Centre and a Mobile Blood Donation Unit in Prince George

The City of Prince Rupert is pleased to provide this letter of support for Our Blood Counts in their efforts to establish a blood donation centre and mobile blood donation unit in Prince George, British Columbia.

Access to reliable and convenient blood donation services is vital for the health and well-being of communities across northern British Columbia. The establishment of a treatment centre and mobile blood donation unit in Prince George would significantly strengthen the regional capacity for blood collection and help ensure that hospitals and patients throughout the region have access to life-saving blood supplies.

The creation of blood donation opportunities in Prince George would provide residents of Prince Rupert and surrounding communities with greater access to participate in blood donation and contribute to this essential healthcare service.

The City of Prince Rupert recognizes the importance of initiatives that support public health and strengthen healthcare resources across northern communities. Increasing opportunities for blood donation will benefit not only Prince George but the entire region.

The City of Prince Rupert supports the efforts of Our Blood Counts to establish a blood donation centre and mobile blood donation unit in Prince George and encourages consideration of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Mayor Herb Pond
City of Prince Rupert



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

April 16, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Supporting a Blood Plasma Donor Centre in Northern BC

At the April 13, 2026 City of Terrace Regular Council Meeting, Council resolved the following:

“That Council provide a letter to Our Blood Counts in support of its efforts to establish a blood plasma donor centre in Prince George.”

Council recognizes the essential role of blood plasma in the treatment of cancer, immune deficiencies, and blood disorders, as well as the importance of increasing Canada’s domestic plasma supply. Expanding plasma collection capacity in Northern British Columbia would help improve equity and access to critical health infrastructure for northern residents.

The City of Terrace acknowledges Prince George’s role as a regional service centre and the demonstrated region-wide support for this initiative and wishes Our Blood Counts continued success in its advocacy.

Sincerely,

**Sean Bujtas
Mayor**

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Lheidli T'enneh

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Chronological No.: 07/Feb-2026

Date: February-13-2026

Canadian Blood Services

Dr. Graham Sher, President and CEO

graham.sher@blood.ca

cc: ourbloodcounts@gmail.com

Dzenes hoonzoo- good day

On behalf of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, I write to formally endorse the call by **Our Blood Counts** for Canadian Blood Services to establish a blood plasma donor centre in Northern British Columbia.

Lheidli T'enneh are the people of where the rivers meet, the Nechako and the Lhtako (Fraser). We are the original caretaker of the territory on which the City of Prince George now stands. The health and wellbeing of the people in this region have always been central to our responsibilities as stewards of the land.

First Nations people in British Columbia experience poorer health outcomes than many others in this province. These inequities are well documented and reflect systemic barriers to care and services. Indigenous people face obstacles to accessing prevention, treatment, and specialized health supports. Efforts to improve health services must recognize and respond to these realities. Likewise, improving health services can benefit from the participation and perspectives of our Indigenous peoples.

A plasma donor centre in Prince George would improve blood donation access for people in Northern British Columbia. It would reduce travel and cost burdens on people who must currently travel great distances to donate or receive services. This is especially important for Indigenous families, rural residents, and communities with limited local health infrastructure.

Lheidli T'enneh also sees this donor centre as an opportunity to create a space that reflects Indigenous ways of knowing and being. This means valuing holistic health, family and community relationships, and traditional understandings of wellbeing as part of everyday

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practice. Health services should respect cultural frameworks and strengthen dignity and trust for all people.

We would support Canadian Blood Services in establishing a regional donor centre that aligns with its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). The RAP sets out commitments to build respectful relationships with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities. It also guides work to create culturally safe experiences for Indigenous donors and workers and to partner with Indigenous peoples on communication strategies and community engagement.

Canadian Blood Services can demonstrate leadership by working in authentic partnership with Indigenous Nations throughout Northern British Columbia. This includes listening to Indigenous leadership and knowledge holders when shaping how donation services are offered. It also includes supporting cultural safety training and ongoing dialogue with Indigenous partners.

Our Nation has long supported initiatives that strengthen community wellness and Indigenous health. Through our Health Department we deliver programs focused on chronic disease management, mental wellness, and community-determined prevention strategies. Indigenous perspectives on health inform this work while emphasizing balance, connection, and self determination.

A plasma donor centre in Northern British Columbia can also serve as a place for education and shared learning. It can be a place where people in our region learn more about plasma donation and how it supports the health of Canadians. It can also be a space where Indigenous and non-Indigenous people come together in shared purpose for community wellbeing.

For these reasons the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation fully supports the establishment of a blood plasma donor centre in Northern British Columbia. We would welcome the opportunity to work with Canadian Blood Services and other partners to shape a centre that reflects cultural belonging, mutual respect, and shared benefit for all in our region.

Nenuchalhuya- we are thankful to you.

Dolleen Logan
Chief Councillor



Honourable Josie Osborne
Minister of Health
Province of British Columbia

Dr. Graham Sher
Chief Executive Officer
Canadian Blood Services

Re: Support for a Blood Plasma Donor Centre in Northern British Columbia

Dear Minister Osborne and Dr. Sher,

I am writing in strong support of establishing a blood plasma donor centre in Northern British Columbia, proposed for Prince George.

As the MLA for Skeena, I represent communities that understand both the benefits and the challenges of living in northern and rural British Columbia. We are resilient, generous, and deeply community-minded. We are also too often required to travel long distances to access essential services that should be more equitably distributed across our province.

Plasma is critical in the treatment of cancer, immune deficiencies, bleeding disorders, and other serious medical conditions. At present, Canada relies on the United States for up to 70 percent of certain plasma-derived medications. At a time when Canadian Blood Services has identified the need for one million new donors by 2030, it is difficult to reconcile that goal with the absence of a donation centre serving Northern BC.

Northern communities have demonstrated clear and measurable support for this initiative. Nearly 2,700 individuals have signed the Our Blood Counts petition, with the overwhelming majority indicating they would donate locally if given the opportunity. Municipal governments and regional districts across the Northern Interior and Cariboo have formally endorsed the proposal, as has the North Central Local Government Association.

Although a Prince George-based centre would still require travel for many residents of Skeena, northerners are unfortunately accustomed to travelling for specialized services, and this location would still be much closer than existing locations in Vancouver. A northern plasma centre would meaningfully improve access and send a clear message that rural and northern British Columbians are part of Canada's health care solution.

Northern BC previously contributed directly to Canada's blood supply before the Prince George donor centre closed in 2015. Re-establishing a plasma collection site in the region is not a new concept, it is a restoration of capacity that once existed.

I respectfully urge the Ministry of Health and Canadian Blood Services to work collaboratively with regional partners to reassess the feasibility of a Northern BC plasma donor centre. Consideration should reflect not only population metrics, but also regional geography, demonstrated community support, and Canada's broader need for plasma self-sufficiency.

Northern British Columbians are ready to contribute. We simply need the opportunity to do so.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I would welcome continued dialogue on how we can advance this initiative.

Sincerely,



Claire Rattée
MLA for Skeena
Official Opposition Critic for Mental Health, Addictions & Housing Supports

20 November 2025

Re: Support for Plasma Collection Centre in Northern British Columbia

Northern Health is committed to improving access to essential health services for residents across Northern British Columbia. We recognize the critical role that plasma plays in patient care and the growing need for sustainable plasma supply in Canada.

We strongly support the advocacy efforts of *Our Blood Counts* to explore the establishment of a plasma collection centre in Prince George. Such a centre would:

- **Enhance regional access** to plasma donation opportunities for Northern communities.
- **Improve supply resilience** for plasma-derived therapies, reducing reliance on distant centres.
- **Align with equity goals** by ensuring rural and northern populations have comparable access to donation facilities.

Northern Health is prepared to collaborate with Canadian Blood Services and community partners to assess feasibility, address operational considerations, and contribute expertise where appropriate. We believe this initiative reflects our shared commitment to patient care and health equity.

Thank you for considering this important opportunity. We look forward to continued dialogue and partnership to advance this initiative.

Sincerely,



Lisette Vienneau
Regional Director, Diagnostic Services
Northern Health



Dr. Ronald Chapman
Vice-President, Medicine
Northern Health



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

April 27, 2026

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To Mayor and Council:

Re: Invitation to "Room for All: Building Community Housing"

On behalf of Council, I would like to extend an invitation to attend the City of Terrace Housing Committee's Housing Conference, "Room for All: Building Community Housing" taking place at the Terrace Sportsplex from May 21 – May 22, 2026.

The purpose of this conference is to not only learn about the growing housing needs of different populations during this time of ever-increasing cost of living, but also to come together to explore available resources and supports from all levels of government, investments from the private sector, and non-profit expertise.

The City of Terrace Housing Committee would be delighted to establish an opportunity for you to share your insight on current housing needs and resources at the conference, should this be of interest to you. It is also acknowledged that you have a very busy schedule and as such, the Housing Committee would happily welcome a delegated representative in your stead, should prior commitments prevent you from attending.

The Committee will forward a detailed program once available, and we are happy to answer any questions you may have about this important event. Please contact us at cityhall@terrace.ca or by phone at 250-638-4717.

The Housing Committee, on behalf of the City of Terrace, looks forward to your participation and hopes to see you there.

Sincerely,

Sean Bujtas
Mayor of Terrace

cc: Terrace Housing Committee

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DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
BYLAW NO. 391, 2026

Being a bylaw for the levying of rates for Municipal,
Hospital and Regional District for the year 2026

THE COUNCIL of the District of New Hazelton, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. The following rates are hereby imposed and levied for the year 2026
 1. For all lawful **general** purposes of the Municipality on the value of land and improvements taxable for general municipal purposes, rates appearing in **Column "A"** of the Schedule attached hereto and forming a part hereof.
 2. For **hospital** purposes on the value of land and improvements taxable for Hospital District purposes, rates appearing in **Column "B"** of the Schedule attached hereto and forming a part hereof.
 3. For purposes of the **Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine** on the value of land and improvements taxable for general municipal purposes, rates appearing in **Column "C"** of the Schedule attached hereto and forming a part hereof.
2. This Bylaw may be cited as "**2026 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 391, 2026.**"

READ A FIRST TIME this 28th day of April, 2026

READ A SECOND TIME this 28th day of April, 2026

READ A THIRD TIME this 28th day of April, 2026

ADOPTED this 4th day of May, 2026

CORPORATE OFFICER

MAYOR

Schedule A

Bylaw No. 391, 2026

PROPERTY CLASS	A GENERAL MUNICIPAL	B HOSPITAL	C REGIONAL DISTRICT
Residential	5.5283	0.5395	2.1596
Utilities	19.3491	1.8884	7.5586
Supportive Housing	5.5283	0.5395	2.1596
Major Industry	18.7962	1.8344	7.3427
Light Industry	18.7962	1.8344	7.3427
Business	13.5443	1.3219	5.2911
Managed Forest Land	16.5849	1.6186	6.4788
Recreation/Non Profit	5.5283	0.5395	2.1596
Farm	5.5283	0.5395	2.1596

PRGT Comment Table for the Social and Economic Effects Management Plan - District of New Hazelton

Thank you for your comments. PRGT appreciates Indigenous nation participation to submit comments through this process and the feedback helps our Project to develop more robust management plans. If comments to the Social and Economic Effects Management Plan have been included as a result of the Participant Comment, the changes are noted within the proponent response in *italics and bold* font. If no updated text to the Management Plan is included in the proponent response, then no change has been made to the plan as a result of the Participant Comment.

ID #	Comment Date	Comment Author	Comment Organization	Document Title	Document Section/ Page #	Participant Description or Comment	Response Date	Proponent Response
DONH-001	2026-03-05	Mayor and Council	District of New Hazelton	Social and Economic Effects Management Plan	Page 23	Council was concerned regarding the wording in this section that states there is a zero tolerance for drugs and alcohol yet it also notes there is progressive discipline & harm reduction measures as part of the policy. The Social & Economic Effects Mgmt Plan pg 23 states that it prohibits use of drugs and alcohol on shift but the Health & Medical Services Plan says Zero Tolerance so it appears they contradict one another. It is our understanding that the camp in the Kispiox will be a dry camp which does this policy does not address.	2026-04-21	<p>PRGT acknowledges Council's concern regarding the apparent inconsistency between the SEEMP and the Health and Medical Services Plan (HMSP). The intent of both documents is aligned, and the difference in wording does not represent a contradiction in policy.</p> <p>The HMSP's zero-tolerance policy refers to the prohibition of possession, use, or impairment from drugs and alcohol while at work, on shift, or on Project work sites, consistent with Canadian occupational health and safety requirements. The SEEMP language focuses on workforce behaviour and social risk management and is intended to describe the same standard in a different context.</p> <p>The inclusion of progressive discipline and harm-reduction measures reflects PRGT's obligation under Canadian labour and human rights law to address substance use disorders in a fair and case-by-case manner, without compromising safety. Zero tolerance applies to safety-critical situations, while supportive measures may be used where appropriate to help workers access treatment or rehabilitation.</p> <p>Overall, the policy framework is intended to ensure safety, regulatory compliance, and clear expectations, while allowing for legally required and compassionate responses to workers</p>
DONH-002	2026-03-05	Mayor and Council	District of New Hazelton	SEEMP for the Prince Rupert Gas Transmission (PRGT) Project	General Comment	Not in either plan, Council is wondering if any of the FSR Roads will be gated to keep the public from accessing. They want to be assured that the public will still have access to the FSRs in the area for personal use.	2026-04-21	<p>The SEEMP does not propose general gating of Forest Service Roads (FSR) to prevent public access. The access controls described in the SEEMP relate to Project site/accommodation security and restrictions on worker recreation, not to general closure of public FSR access. Where the Project requires use of an FSR, any road-use conditions would be determined through the applicable Ministry authorizations and agreements with the road maintainer. PRGT therefore would not unilaterally set public access restrictions on those roads.</p>

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EMERGENCY PLAN

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON



DISTRICT of NEW HAZELTON



Updated: March 16, 2026

Approved by Council:

PART I – GENERAL

1.00 THE DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON EMERGENCY PLAN (NHEP):

- 1.01 The District of New Hazelton Emergency Plan (hereinafter called “NHEP”) is the collective title for the organization, plans and procedures established within the District of New Hazelton (hereinafter called the “District”) for combating major emergencies and disasters. It encompasses all District Departments and Volunteer Response Services within the District of New Hazelton. The Emergency Coordinator is responsible for the planning and development of the NHEP.
- 1.02 The aim of the NHEP is to provide for continuity of government and the preservation of life and property through a coordinated response by elected officials, District Departments, Volunteer Response Services and such outside agencies as may be able to assist during a major emergency/disaster.

2.00 ENABLING LEGISLATION:

- 2.01 **The Emergency and Disaster Management Act, SBC 2023** authorizes the District of New Hazelton to prepare an emergency plan and implement all or part of the plan at the declaration of a state of local emergency.

3.00 THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDE:

- 3.01 The purpose of this Plan is to provide general direction and a framework within which District Officials can formulate responses to deal with peacetime emergency situations.
- 3.02 Part I – “GENERAL” of the Guide provides a general outline of the NEHP and its operation during major emergencies/disasters.
- 3.03 Part II – “SPECIAL CONTINGENCY PLANS” contains contingency plans for specific emergency situations that might occur in the District and for which pre-planning is considered prudent.
- 3.04 Part III – “DEPARTMENT RESOURCES” outlines the emergency roles, organization and resources of key District Departments and the Volunteer Response Services.
- 3.05 Part IV – contains information on emergency assistance available from neighboring municipalities, higher levels of government, commercial and outside volunteer agencies.

4.00 THE EMERGENCY COORDINATOR:

- 4.01 The Emergency Coordinator is responsible for preparing and updating the NHEP. Amendments, other than minor changes such as names, appointments, addresses and telephone numbers, must be approved by the Council via resolution.
- 4.02 The Emergency Coordinator shall direct and coordinate the activities of the District's volunteer services during a major emergency or disaster.
- 4.03 At other times, the Emergency Coordinator shall:
- a. Advise the Mayor, Council, Chief Administrative Officer and heads of departments, on all matters relating to the NHEP;
 - b. Prepare and update the District of New Hazelton Emergency Plan;
 - c. Stimulate and coordinate the emergency planning of District departments;
 - d. Select and process candidates for federal and provincial emergency planning courses;
 - e. Coordinate the equipping and training of volunteer services;
 - f. Conduct studies and exercises to keep the NHEP in a tested state of readiness; and
 - g. Act as the point of contact with Emergency Management & **Climate Readiness (hereinafter called "EMCR")**, and other agencies concerned with emergency planning and operations.

5.00 DEFINITIONS:

- 5.01 **EMERGENCY:** An emergency is a critical situation that requires immediate action but that can be dealt with by the implementation of routine departmental policies and procedures. It will usually involve only one or two departments (i.e. Police and/or Fire Departments attending at the scene of a fire). When more than one department is involved, the department with the primary operational responsibility (lead agency) will effect coordination, including the release of public information.
- 5.02 **MAJOR EMERGENCY:** A major emergency is a critical situation that requires a substantial commitment of all the emergency response resources of the District. Call-out procedures will be initiated to assemble, or place on standby, all or some of the following:
- a. The Mayor;
 - b. The Emergency Operations Control Group (hereinafter referred to as "EOCG");
 - c. District Employees; and
 - d. The Volunteer Services

5.03 **DISASTER:** A disaster is a critical situation that has exceeded the emergency response resources of the District. All of the emergency response resources listed in Paragraph 5.02 above will be called out, and consideration will be given to declaring a State of Local Emergency.

5.04 **OTHER DEFINITIONS/ABBREVIATIONS:** (listed alphabetically)

NHEP – District of New Hazelton Emergency Plan

Departmental/Services Emergency Guides – See paragraph 11.01 and 12.00 for information.

EMCR – Emergency Management & Climate Readiness

Emergency Coordinator – District’s Principal Administrator or his alternate.

E.O.C.G. – Emergency Operations Control Group

E.O.C. (Emergency Operations Centre) – Primary location is the municipal office at 4670 10th Ave and the secondary location is the Erwin Stege Community Center at 4633 10th Ave.

E.O.C.G. Chairman – Mayor or his alternate.

E.O.C.G. Operations Officer – District’s Administrator or his alternate.

E.O.C.G. Deputy Emergency Operations Coordinator – Administrator or his alternate.

E.O.C. Finance Officer – Chief Financial Officer.

E.S.S. Reception Centre – A reception centre used to register and place victims and/or evacuees. It can be located at any large hall, as directed by the EOC.

Executive Committee – Is the committee that forms preceding the declaration of a state of emergency and completes the functions found in Section 9 of the New Hazelton Emergency Plan.

Major Emergency/Disaster Account – See paragraph 14.02

SITREPS – Situation Reports

6.00 DECLARATION AND TERMINATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY:

- 6.01 A “STATE OF EMERGENCY” MAY BE DECLARED BY the following, and confers extraordinary powers on the authority issuing the declaration:
- a. The Federal Government by Act of Parliament;
 - b. The Provincial Government under the powers contained in the *Emergency Program Act*, or other *Acts of the Legislature*; or
 - c. Pursuant to section 12 of the *Emergency Program Act*, Council has the power to make a declaration by either bylaw or resolution. If council is unable to meet the Mayor may order the declaration; however, in doing so must follow the guidelines set out in the Act.

6.02 NOTIFICATION IF A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IS DECLARED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

The Ministry of the Public Safety and Solicitor General shall be advised as quickly as possible through Emergency Management & Climate Readiness (EMCR). The notification should include:

- a. The time that the declaration was made;
- b. The nature of the emergency situation;
- c. Any other pertinent information; and
- d. It must be followed up in writing.

See sample “Declaration of State of Local Emergency” form in Part IV, Appendix I.

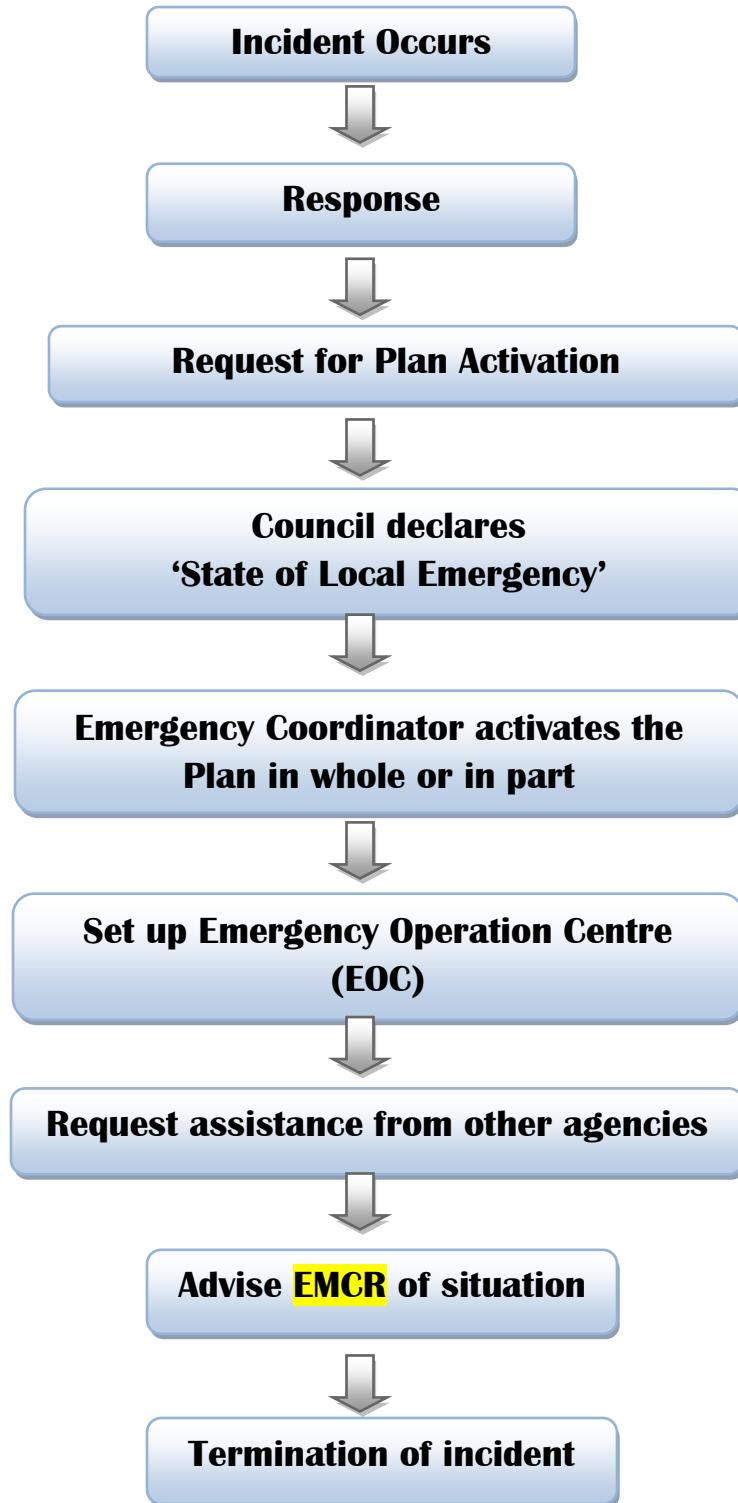
- 6.03 TERMINATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY: Once a “State of Local Emergency” has been declared, it will remain in effect for seven days unless terminated at an earlier point by the declaring authority.

7.00 CALL OUT PROCEDURES:

- 7.01 The Mayor, Administrator, R.C.M.P., Fire Chief, and/or Public works Superintendent may request the implementation of the NHEP, in whole or in part.
- 7.02 It is expected that the initial reports of a major emergency/disaster will be received by the Police, Fire Department, or Public Works Department.
- 7.03 The recipient of the initial report will advise the most senior member of their department that can be reached.
- 7.04 The senior member of the department receiving the report will consider whether or not instructions should be issued to call out, or place on standby, all or some of the following:

- a. Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer;
 - b. The EOCG;
 - c. Other District of New Hazelton employees; and
 - d. Volunteer Response Services.
- 7.05 The Mayor (or Deputy) will be contacted by the Chief Administrative Officer to apprise him/her of the situation, along with a recommendation on whether or not to institute call out/standby procedures. If the Mayor (or Deputy) cannot be reached, the Administrator will act as Chairman of the EOCG.
- 7.06 If called out:
- a. Meeting Location (EOC) – The EOCG will meet in the municipal office
Alternate Meeting Location – will be the Erwin Stege Community Center, 4633
10th Ave;
 - b. District Employees at their normal places of duty, and
 - c. Council will assemble in the Council Chambers, if required.
- 7.07 Detailed call out procedures is attached hereto as Annex “C”.

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8.00 EMERGENCY ROLES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

- 8.01 The Mayor, as Chairman of the EOCG Committee, and Deputy Mayor as Co-Chairman, bear the ultimate responsibility for the effectiveness of the emergency measures planned and undertaken within the District.
- 8.02 The Mayor, in addition or performing his/her normal role with Council, will act as Chairman of the EOCG. The Mayor also has authority to request assistance from neighboring municipalities under the terms of the Mutual Aid Agreements outlined in Part IV of this Plan.
- 8.03 Council may be called upon to declare a “State of Local Emergency” and to authorize the expenditure of special funds to meet the urgent demands of the emergency situation.

9.00 THE EOCG COMMITTEE:

- 9.01 The EOCG is composed of the following:
- a. Mayor, as Chairman;
 - b. Administrator, as Emergency Coordinator;
 - c. Fire Chief;
 - d. RCMP Staff Sargent;
 - e. District Public Works Superintendent; and
 - f. Such other members, as may be appointed by the Mayor (i.e. EHS, Health, SAR, Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine).
- 9.02 If the EOCG is required to remain in session for a protracted period of time, or if members of the EOCG are not available, they may be replaced by alternates.
- 9.03 During a major emergency/disaster, the EOCG will:
- a. Direct and coordinate the overall emergency response operations with the District;
 - b. Resolve conflicts concerning the application of limited resources to a variety of concurrent situations;
 - c. Formulate policy for the release of information to the public;
 - d. Make recommendations to Council on the enactment of emergency legislation and the allocation of funds to meet the requirements of the emergency situation; and
 - e. Maintain a record of all major decisions and actions, and the time at which they were made.

10.00 HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES:

- 10.01 Heads of departments/services, detailed in the next section, will ensure that departmental Emergency Guides are prepared and given to the Emergency Coordinator for distribution.
- 10.02 During a major emergency/disaster, heads of departments/services will:
- a. Ensure that their department's Emergency Guide has been implemented and that a clear chain of command exists;
 - b. If required, designate on site/field commanders to take charge at the site of major operations;
 - c. Ensure that provision has been made for their department to function on a twenty-four (24) hour basis, if it appears that this will be required;
 - d. Advise the EOCG of any requirements for special funds to meet the emergency situation;
 - e. Advise the EOCG of transportation requirements; and
 - f. Ensure that the Operations Officer in the EOCG is receiving up-to-date Situation Reports on actions being taken by their department.

11.00 SITUATION REPORTS (SITREPS):

- 11.01 The EOC cannot function unless it receives accurate and timely information. It is vital, therefore, that departments/services submit SITREPS to the EOC Operations Officer whenever there has been a significant occurrence.
- 11.02 SITREPS can be telephoned, radioed, or delivered by hand. Runners can be made available to pick up written reports.
- 11.03 SITREPS should contain:
- a. Up to date information on the emergency situation;
 - b. Any activities being planned or undertaken since the last report;
 - c. Activities terminated since the last report;
 - d. Resources and personnel committed; and
 - e. Requests for special resources (i.e. equipment, transportation, personnel, communications, etc.).

11.04 EXAMPLE REPORT: **The following is an example report:**

FROM: D.C. Anderson	TO: EOC OPERATIONS OFFICER
SITREP #4	DATE: April 1/09 Time: 0300 hrs.
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pumper 6 and Rescue 1 dispatched to apartment block: 3679 Pugsley Street, 0258 Hours. "Working fire" confirmed, Deputy Chief in Command. Floors 1 and 2 fully involved. "Fast Attack Mode". Some occupants on roof.2. Request Mutual Aid from Village of Hazelton – One Engine Company3. Currently committed apparatus Pumper 6, Pumper 3, Ladder 4, 2 staff Cars, 6 Officers, 27 Fire Fighters.4. Can you arrange transportation for approx. 23 evacuees at 3679 Pugsley Street to be taken to the ESS Reception Centre at the New Hazelton Meeting Centre.	

11.05 Periodically, the EOC will issue general SITREPS to departments/services outlining the overall emergency situation and the response measures being planned or underway.

12.00 SPECIAL EMERGENCY FUNDS:

12.01 If deemed necessary, the EOC will request that council authorize funding to meet anticipated expenditures that cannot be met from existing contingency funds.

12.02 The funds will be allotted to a special major emergency/disaster account which has been set up outside of the budget series of accounts and which will only be activated when authorized by the Mayor or Council. The account will be used to meet expenditures directly attributable to the emergency situation.

12.03 Costs incurred will be reported in the "Work in Progress Reporting System" which reports expenses by cost centers: labor, materials, equipment, etc.

12.04 When authorized, the following Departments may make expenditures against the special account:

- a. RCMP;
- b. Fire Department; and
- c. Public Works Department.

12.05 The Finance Officer in the EOC will keep a rough running tally of expenditures charged against the major emergency/disaster account. They will contact departments periodically to obtain an update on amounts expended.

13.00 LINES OF SUCCESSION:

13.01 Under the provisions of Bylaw No. 376, 2023 Council may appoint one of its members as Acting Mayor. In a major emergency/disaster, the Acting Mayor may be called upon to exercise the duties of the Mayor and will have the same emergency powers as would the Mayor. If for any reason the Mayor or Acting Mayor is unable to attend meetings of Council, the Council may appoint one of the members present to be Acting Mayor.

13.02 Each volunteer response service has a coordinator and Deputy Coordinator. In the absence of the Coordinator, the Deputy Coordinator will take over and appoint a new Emergency Coordinator will appoint other volunteer response members to the positions.

14.00 CONTINGENCY CHECK LIST:

**TICK
WHEN
ACTIONED**

Has public warning been issued?
*Prior to release, check with RCMP and other involved agencies to ensure
Accurate and appropriate information is released.* _____

Have other geographic areas likely to be affected been contacted? _____

Has accurate assessment of incident been completed? _____

Confirm and indicate by whom _____

Have the Regional and Provincial Offices been informed and a Task No. Issued? _____

Are survivors being checked for and relocated if practical? _____

Has the lead agency been identified and confirmed? _____

Have appropriate communications been established for the emergency? _____

Is a separate command post and site commander necessary?
If so, make arrangements? _____

Confirm records are being maintained at EOC and/or at site command post. _____

Is specialized equipment required at site?
Contact Supply Officer if necessary _____

Have perimeter boundaries been established and manned for security and control purposes? _____

Have I.D. vests or markers been issued as necessary? _____

Have access and egress routes been established and clearly marked and cleared? _____

14.00 CONTINGENCY CHECK LIST CONT'D:

**TICK
WHEN
ACTIONED**

Is additional manpower required?

Appoint personnel for registration of volunteers;
Contact Media to announce registration site; and
Arrange for group transportation to emergency site, to eliminate traffic
congestion.

Is feeding and shelter required for volunteers?

Contact E.S.S. Director if yes

Has E.S.S. been activated for registration of victims?

Has the hospital been advised of the number of casualties expected?

Has updated information been compiled for News Media if appropriate?

**Consider registration information of victims for relatives, public
Health dangers or precautions, etc.**

If necessary, has a temporary morgue been set up?

**Public Health responsibility subject to confirmation with RCMP and
Coroner.**

Are satellite First Aid Posts of any value?

Is manpower available and are public announcements required?

Has use of schools been controlled?

Is mutual aid required from any other community?

Has appropriate action been taken for protection of property?

Have crews been assigned to secure emergency site for subsequent
investigation if likely?

If specialists are available have they been contacted for information or taken
to site for input? (i.e. Engineers etc.)

NEW HAZELTON EMERGENCY SERVICES

Distribution List

1. Mayor and Council
2. Administrator
3. Public Works Superintendent
4. Fire Chief
5. New Hazelton RCMP Detachment
6. Regional EMCR Office

INITIAL EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Administration – District of New Hazelton

250-842-6571

Wendy Hunt, Administrator

Cell

250-842-3121

Fire Department

Emergency

9 – 1 – 1

Chief, Roger Smith

Non-Emergency

250-842-6571

Cell

250-877-2992

R.C.M.P.

Emergency

9 – 1 – 1

Staff Sargent ~~Darren Durnin~~

Non-Emergency

250-842-5244

Public Works

250-842-6571

Jody Giguere, Public Works
Foreman

Cell

250-842-3425

Ambulance

Emergency

9 – 1 – 1

Non-Emergency

250-842-5655

Hospital

Emergency

9 – 1 – 1

Non-Emergency

250-842-5211

Municipal Insurance Association of BC

Emergency

1-855-535-0554

Coast to Coast Claims

Non-Emergency

claims@miabc.org

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Director, Regional Response

(No one is currently
in this position)

EMCR Victoria Duty Officer (24 Hours)

Emergency

1-800-663-3456

BV Search & Rescue

**Emergency
Coordination Center**

1-800-663-3456

INITIAL EMERGENCY CONTACTS

E.O.C.G. Phone List

E.O.C.G.	NAME	WORK PHONE #
Administrator	Wendy Hunt	250-842-6571
Mayor	Gail Lowry	250-842-5501
Deputy Mayor	George Burns	250-842-6842
RCMP	Staff Sargent Darren Durnin	250-842-5244
Fire Department	Chief, Roger Smith	250-842-6571
Public Works	Jody Giguere	250-842-6571

Emergency Contacts

Resource	Contact	Phone Numbers
Health Services Administrator	Direct Line Administrator On Call (evening & weekend)	250-842-4403 250-877-4402
Ambulance	Emergency Non-Emergency: Wrinch Memorial Hospital	9 – 1 – 1 250-842-5655 250-842-5211
Medical Services	Administrator On Call (evening & weekend) Community Services Manager Health Services Administrator	250-877-4402 250-842-4503 250-842-4403
Emergency Support Services	Jude Hobenshield, ESS Director ESS On-Call Phone	250-842-8255 250-842-8536
BV Search and Rescue	Search Manager, Michael Williams Emergency Coordination Center	250-643-3346 1-800-663-3456

EMCR Director,
Regional Response

(No one is currently in
this position)

24 Hour Emergency: 1-800-663-3456

Atmospheric Environmental Service	Air Quality Hotline General Inquiries Recorded Forecast Environment Ministry	250-847-1689 250-847-7260 250-847-1958 250-847-7260
BC Hydro	Business Hours	1-888-POWERON
TELUS	Trouble Line	310-2255
Canadian National Railroad	Road master Track Supervisor	250-638-6635 250-638-6633
Court House	Government Agent/Serv. BC Court House Sheriff	250-842-7624 250-847-7376 250-847-7369

Under normal circumstances when a spill occurs, we contact **EMCR** (24 hour, toll free: 1-800-663-3456); however, these are the people that are available in Smithers should we need to contact them:

Emergency Contacts

Resource	Contact	Phone Numbers
Ministry of Environment	Skeena Region	250-847-7260
Contact List for Reporting Spills	Environmental Emergency Reporting (Request to speak to an Environmental Emergency Response Officer)	1-800-663-3456
	Victoria After hours emergency Victoria Fire Services Advisor, North – Sandy Shepard (Mon-Thurs)	1-800-663-3456 1-888-988-9488 1-250-318-1477
Forest Service	Prov. Wildfire Reports	1-800-663-5555
Highways (Transportation & Highways)	Bulkley Nass Distr. Office	250-847-7403
Hospital Wrinch Memorial		250-842-5211

Media	The Moose Radio Office Phone	250-847-2521
	The Moose Radio On-Air Studio	Or 250-847-2277
	The Moose Radio News Room	Or 250-847-2773
	The River CJFW Radio	250-638-0181
	CFNR	250-638-8137
	CFNR	Or 866-833-2367
	CBC - Prince George	604-662-6801
Road Maintenance, Dawson Road Maintenance	24/7 Road Response	1-800-842-4122
	Dallas Oben, Acting Superintendent	Cell: 250-877-2806 Office: 250-847-8737
	Ryan Gerlitz, Second Contact	Cell: 778-202-7793
	Shop in Carnaby	250-842-6023
School District No. 82	Coast Mtn. School District No 82	
	Rodney Kuehne – Manager of Maintenance Services	After Hours Phone: 250-615-7514
	Robert Schibli – Director of Facility Services	After Hours Phone: 250-641-8560

PART II – SPECIAL CONTINGENCY PLANS

1.00 INTRODUCTION:

1.01 Emergency situations can rarely be predicted in advance, but some have a greater likelihood of occurrence than others. Included in this Plan are procedures for those emergencies most likely to occur in New Hazelton.

1.02 Plans and procedures dealing with each situation have been developed as follows:

	Type of Situation
2.00	EARTHQUAKE
3.00	DANGEROUS GOODS SPILL
4.00	OIL SPILL – HEAVY COMBUSTIBLE
5.00	MAJOR SNOW STORM
6.00	MAJOR POWER BLACKOUT
7.00	MAJOR FOREST FIRE
8.00	TRAIN DERAILMENT

1.03 The “potential actions to be taken” in each plan are not listed in order of priority, many actions will be concurrent.

2.00 EARTHQUAKE:

2.01 **LEAD AGENCY:** No single District department or volunteer response service can be designed as the lead agency for dealing with an earthquake. All departments and volunteer response services will be involved in combating a variety of occurrences.

2.02 INTRODUCTION:

- a. Earthquakes are unpredictable and strike without warning. Magnitude, the amount of energy released, is measured by Richter Scale; and
- b. The N.B.C. seismic zone reflects horizontal velocity, historical earthquake intensities and frequency. **The District of New Hazelton is located in a Seismic Zone 1.** An earthquake occurring in the District could result in the following:
 - i. Slight damage to specially designed structures
 - ii. Considerable damage to ordinary buildings, including partial collapse
 - iii. Great damage to poorly built structures
 - iv. Fall of smokestacks, chimneys, columns, walls and monuments
 - v. Heavy furniture moved or toppled

2.03 POTENTIAL EFFECTS: Potential effects of an earthquake occurring in New Hazelton are the following:

- a. Deaths, injuries, trapped and missing persons;
- b. Evacuation and relocation of people and livestock;
- c. Damaged structures (i.e. overpasses, reservoirs, water towers, fuel storage, tanks, etc.);
- d. Damaged and collapsed buildings;
- e. Landslides, ground cracks and solid liquefaction;
- f. Settling, buckling and cracking of road surfaces;
- g. Damaged sewer and water lines;
- h. Power failure due to the breaking of underground conduits, drowned lines and transformers;
- i. Disruption of telephone communications due to damage of poles and the overloading of circuits;
- j. Fires in dwellings, buildings and fuel storage facilities;
- k. Oil and dangerous goods spills; and
- l. Public health problems.

2.04 POTENTIAL ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:

<i>Potential Actions to Be Taken</i>	<i>Agencies Responsible</i>
1. Take action to deal with any immediate life-threatening situations.	RCMP, Fire Dept, EHS, SAR Volunteers
2. Clear routes for emergency vehicles.	RCMP, Public Works
3. Arrange evacuation of severe casualties, treatment of the slightly injured and disposal of the dead.	BCAS, RCMP & Coroner
4. Assess the number of dead and missing persons.	RCMP, Fire Dept., SAR Volunteers
5. Evaluate the nature and extent of physical damage.	Public Works
6. Determine the adequacy of resources available. Request outside assistance from EMCR , if required.	EOC
7. Conduct rescue operations for trapped persons.	Fire Dept., RCMP, SAR Volunteers
8. Eliminate hazards from damaged utilities.	BC Hydro, Public Works
9. Fire suppression.	Fire Department
10. Deal with dangerous goods and oil spills.	Fire Department, Public Works
11. Establish perimeters, control points and the signage of hazardous areas.	RCMP, Public Works
12. Establish Emergency Social Services Reception Centres.	Emergency Social Services Volunteers
13. Establish a Public Information and Citizen Registration Inquiry Service.	EOC Public Information Service
14. Undertake repair and salvage operations.	Public Works
15. Advise utility companies of priorities for the restoration of services (ie: power, water, sewage, telephones).	EOC

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| 16. Arrange for the collection and distribution of portable water and food supplies. | EOC, Public Works,
ESS Volunteers |
| 17. Combat potential public health problems. | Regional Health
Officers, Community
Health Services. |
| 18. Inspect damaged buildings and structures. Sign or demolish Those considered unsafe. | Public Works |
| 19. Consider requesting Provincial Disaster Assistance funding. | Mayor & Council
EOCG |

3.00 DANGEROUS GOODS SPILLS:

3.01 LEAD AGENCY: FIRE DEPARTMENT

3.02 INTRODUCTION:

- a. The responsibility to contain and clean up a spill of dangerous goods rests with the Spiller. The District may provide advice and will monitor the situation to ensure that an adequate job is being done. If, however, the Spiller is unknown or is incapable of or unwilling to take prompt action, the District will arrange for the work to be done, with costs to be recovered from the Spiller. The Fire Department will undertake the immediate containment and clean up of any spill, if there is a threat to life, property or the environment; and
- b. Dangerous Goods are those substances detailed in the Department of Transport's Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, R.S.B.C., 1980, Chapter 36.

3.03 POTENTIAL EFFECTS:

- a. Deaths and injuries;
- b. Release of dangerous goods;
- c. Explosions;
- d. Contamination of soil and water;
- e. Disruption of traffic and business activities; and
- f. Evacuation and relocation of people and livestock.

3.04 POTENTIAL ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:

Potential Actions to Be Taken	Agencies Responsible
1. Determine nature of substance spilled and possible effects.	Fire Dept.
2. Repair or cut off of spill if it is safe to do so.	Fire Dept.
3. Divert traffic and clear routes for emergency vehicles.	RCMP, Public Works
4. Establish Command Post.	RCMP, Fire Dept., EHS
5. Arrange evacuation of casualties and disposal of the dead.	EHS, Coroner, RCMP
6. Advise Provincial Emergency Program Headquarters and Regional Manager – Request assistance, if required.	EOC, Area EMCR Coordinator
7. Warn adjacent municipalities/communities that may be affected.	RCMP, Fire Dept.
8. Establish hot zone, inner and outer perimeters, staging area, restrict and control area.	Fire Dept. RCMP
9. Eliminate potential ignition sources.	RCMP, BC Hydro, Fire Dept.
10. Contain spilled material and protect sewers and drainage systems.	Fire Dept., Public Works
11. Establish a Public Information and Citizen Inquiry Service.	EOC, Public Information Service
12. Establish Emergency Social Services Reception Centres.	EOC, ESS Volunteers

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| 13. | Evacuate people. | RCMP, Fire Dept., BC Fire Comm., EOC, ESS Volunteers |
| 14. | Secure site for subsequent investigation. | RCMP |
| 15. | Patrol evacuated areas. | RCMP |
| 16. | Clean up and dispose of spilled material. | Spiller, Public Works, Fire Dept., Waste Management |
| 17. | Cost recovery from responsible party. | District Legal |

4.00 OIL SPILLS – HEAVY COMBUSTIBLE:

4.01 LEAD AGENCY: PUBLIC WORKS

Should an oil spill evolve into a situation where there is an accumulation of gases and the danger of an explosion or fire, the Fire Department will assume the role of Lead Agency.

4.02 INTRODUCTION:

- a. DEFINITION OF “OIL SPILLS”: This plan is only concerned with heavy fuel oil. Flammable petroleum products such as gasoline or kerosene come under the category of dangerous goods spills;
- b. SPILLER RESPONSIBLE FOR SPILL: The responsibility to contain and clean up an oil spill rests with the Spiller, with the District monitoring and providing advice, as required. If however, the Spiller is unknown, or if the spiller refuses or is incapable of taking action, the District will arrange for the work to be done with the costs to be recovered from the Spiller. The District will also intervene in any situation where there is a threat to life property or the environment; and
- c. DETERMINE JURISDICTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE: In the case of any oil spill it is important to determine quickly which level of government (Federal, Provincial, or Municipal) has jurisdiction over the spill. Jurisdictional responsibility determines who will deal with the Spiller, who will organize and fund response activities, and who will take action to recover expenditures.
 - i. **The Federal Government has jurisdiction over the following:**
 - Spills on, from or to Federal property.
 - Spills from aircraft.
 - Marine mystery spills.
 - Land to marine spills.
 - ii. **The Provincial Government has jurisdiction over spills** outside incorporated areas.
 - iii. **Municipalities have jurisdiction over** those spills occurring within municipal boundaries that are not under the jurisdiction of the Provincial or Federal Governments.

- d. NOTIFY EMCR OF ANY AND ALL SPILLS: Emergency Management & Climate Readiness (EMCR) maintains records on all spills occurring within the Province and should be informed of any spill, regardless of size. EMCR will refer spill information to other levels of government and will assist municipality in obtaining specialist advice, assistance and clean up recovery equipment.

4.03 POTENTIAL EFFECT:

- a. Soil, water and shoreline pollution;
- b. Damage to fish and wildlife;
- c. Damage to property;
- d. Fire and explosion;
- e. Health hazards;
- f. Evacuation of people; and
- g. Damage to sewer and drainage systems.

4.04 POTENTIAL ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Potential Actions to Be Taken	Agencies Responsible
1. Determine type of product and quantity spilled.	Public Works
2. Assess danger of fire or explosion.	Public Works, Fire Dept.
3. Stop source of flow and commence containment to prevent spread.	Public Works, Fire Dept.
4. Determine whether spiller is able and willing to undertake clean up.	Public Works, District Solicitor
5. Determine whether jurisdiction is Federal, Provincial or Municipal.	Public Works, EOC, EMCR
6. Determine resources required and request any necessary assistance from outside agencies through PEP Headquarters and Regional Coordinator.	Public Works, EOC, EMCR
7. Advise PEP and Ministry of Environment of any danger to fish and wildlife.	Public Works, EOC
8. Assess whether there are any health or environmental hazards.	Regional Health Officer, PEP
9. Establish a Public Information and Citizen Inquiry Service.	EOC, Public Information Service
10. Complete containment action and commence recovery of spilled material.	Public Works
11. Dispose of recovered oil, oil-soaked solid and debris.	Public Works, EOC, EMCR , BC Environmental Protection Br.
12. Restore spill site.	Public Works

13. Cost recovery from responsible party.

District
Solicitor

5.00 MAJOR SNOW STORM:

5.01 **LEAD AGENCY:** PUBLIC WORKS

5.02 **INTRODUCTION:** A major snow storm would adversely affect the District's ability to provide essential services.

5.03 **POTENTIAL EFFECTS:**

- a. Cessation of road traffic;
- b. Blockage of road and streets by drifted or piled snow and abandoned vehicles;
- c. Stranded and missing people;
- d. Difficulty in transporting drugs, medical supplies, food, fuel and specialist personnel to points of need;
- e. Disruption of utilities due to frozen/ruptured water lines & downed power/phone lines;
- f. Disruption of ambulance, police, fire and other District services;
- g. Closure of schools and businesses;
- h. Inability of hospital and other institutional employees to get to and from work; and
- i. Shortages of food and fuel.

5.04 <u>POTENTIAL ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:</u>	Agencies Responsible
1. Snow removal from roads, streets and around fire hydrants and essential buildings.	Public Works, Highways Ministry Private Contractors
2. Modify call out procedures to include pick-up of essential employees unable to make their way to work.	RCMP, Department Heads
3. Request and organize vehicles with over snow capability.	EOC, EMCR , SAR
4. Search for stranded and missing persons.	RCMP, SAR
5. Establish a Public Information and Citizen Enquiry Service.	EOC, Public Info. Serv.
6. Provide accommodation and feeding for stranded persons.	EOC, ESS Volunteers
7. Transport food, fuel, pharmaceutical supplies, medical personnel and repairmen to points of need.	EOC, Public, SAR Volunteers, Community Health Services
8. Transport hospital and other institutional employees to and from places of work.	EOC, SAR Volunteers, RCMP
9. Transport emergency patients to hospitals.	RCMP, EHS, Fire Dept.
10. Provide auxiliary power and heaters to points of need.	EOC, RCMP, SAR, Public Works
11. Restore utilities.	BC Hydro, Telus , Public Works

6.00 MAJOR POWER BLACKOUT:

6.01 **LEAD AGENCY:** NO SINGLE DEPARTMENT

6.02 **INTRODUCTION:** A major power blackout could last for several days. BC Hydro is responsible for the restoration of power. The municipality can assist only indirectly by such actions as clearing fallen trees from routes by Hydro repair crews.

6.03 **POTENTIAL EFFECTS:**

- a. Health problems, especially if weather conditions are severe;
- b. Disruption of utilities;
- c. Closure of schools and businesses; and
- d. Failure of sewer pump stations.

6.04 POTENTIAL ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:

Agencies Responsible

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. Establish headquarters for the restoration of power. | BC Hydro |
| 2. Submit to BC Hydro a priority power restoration list related to areas/facilities. | EOC |
| 3. Establish a Public Information and Citizen Inquiry Service. | EOC, Public Information Service |
| 4. Assist BC Hydro repair crews. | Public Works |
| 5. Provide auxiliary power, lighting, and heating to points of need. | EOC, Public Works |
| 6. Provide assistance to the aged, infirm and home-care patients. | EOC, Community Health Services,
ESS |
| 7. Provide auxiliary power generators for sewer and water. | Public Works,
ESS |

7.00 MAJOR FOREST FIRE:

7.01 **LEAD AGENCY:** FIRE DEPARTMENT

7.02 **INTRODUCTION:** There is a possibility of a major forest fire in the municipal boundaries of New Hazelton. The initial responder is the Fire Department, with assistance from the Provincial Forestry Service, when requested by the Fire Department.

7.03 **POTENTIAL EFFECTS:**

- a. Deaths and injuries;
- b. Destruction of homes and buildings;
- c. Evacuation of homes and businesses;
- d. Traffic disruption; and
- e. Disruption of power and communications.

7.04 POTENTIAL ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:

Potential Actions to Be Taken	Agencies Responsible
1. Establish a Command Post.	Fire Dept, RCMP, EHS
2. Establish staging and triage areas.	Fire Dept, RCMP, EHS
3. Fire suppression and rescue.	Fire Dept, SAR Volunteers
4. Arrange evacuation of casualties and disposal of the dead.	RCMP, EHS, Coroner
5. Divert traffic and clear routes for emergency.	RCMP, Public Works
6. Establish hot zone, inner and outer perimeters, staging area, restrict and control area.	RCMP
7. Eliminate hazards from damaged utilities.	BC Hydro, Public Works
8. Evacuate people.	RCMP, EOC, ESS
9. Establish Emergency Social Services Reception Service.	EOC, ESS Volunteers
10. Establish a Public Information and Citizen.	EOC, Public Information Ser. Enquiry Service.
11. Protect property and valuables.	RCMP
12. Restore utilities and communications.	Public Works, BC Hydro, TELUS
13. Secure site for investigation.	RCMP, Fire Dept, Wildfire BC.
14. Inspect damaged structures and buildings. Sign or demolish those unsafe.	Public Works
15. Undertake repair and salvage operation.	Public Works

8.00 TRAIN DERAILMENT:

8.01 **LEAD AGENCY:** POLICE DEPARTMENT/CNR

8.02 **INTRODUCTION:** This plan is based on a “worst case scenario” for a train derailment that occurs in an urban area.

8.03 **POTENTIAL EFFECTS:**

- a. Deaths and injuries;
- b. Explosion;
- c. Fire;
- d. Disruption of traffic;
- e. Evacuation of people; and
- f. Disruption of communications and utilities.

8.04 POTENTIAL ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:

Agencies Responsible

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Divert traffic and clear routes for emergency vehicles. | RCMP, Public Works |
| 2. Arrange evacuation of casualties and disposal of the dead. | RCMP, EHS, Coroner |
| 3. Establish a command post. | RCMP, Fire Dept., EHS |
| 4. Establish a hot zone, inner and outer perimeters, restrict and control area. | RCMP, Fire Dept. |
| 5. Fire suppression and rescue. | Fire Dept, Rescue Service |
| 6. Eliminate hazards from damaged utilities. | BC Hydro, Public Works, CNR |
| 7. Establish a Public Information and Citizen Inquiry Service. | EOC, Public Information Service |
| 8. Establish Emergency Social Services Reception area. | EOC, Support Services Volunteers |
| 9. Evacuate people. | RCMP, Fire Chief, EOC, ESS, SAR Vol. |
| 10. Restore utilities and communications. | Public Works, BC Hydro, TELUS |
| 11. Protect property and valuables. | RCMP |
| 12. Secure site for investigation. | RCMP, Transp.Canada |
| 13. Inspect damaged structures and buildings. Sign or demolish those unsafe. | Public Works |
| 14. If spill of dangerous goods has occurred, refer to Part II, Section 4.00 of this plan. | Fire Department |
| 15. Repair and salvage operation. | Public Works |

PART III – DEPARTMENT RESOURCES

1.00 PUBLIC WORKS:

1.01 CONTACTS: District Office 250-842-6571
 Roger Smith (c) 250-877-2992
 Jody Giguere (c) 250-842-3425

1.02 ROLE:

- a. Provide for the inspection and repair of buildings and public utilities, such as water mains, sewers, public roads, and public buildings, affected by the emergency situation;
- b. To coordinate the use of mutual aid, provincial, federal, and the private sector engineering services, when required;
- c. Monitor and report levels of water, for the purposes of flood warning and control, as necessary, to the Chief Administrative Officer;
- d. Will advise the Medical Health Officer of the known contamination, disruption and/or restoration of public or private water systems;
- e. Prior to establishing emergency drinking water or sewage services, consult with the Medical Health Officer;
- f. Coordinate transportation services;
- g. Provide material for barricades and shoring;
- h. Provide coordination, if necessary, for the containment and clean up of heavy combustible oil spills;
- i. Will provide public works resources in the event of, but not limited to, the following emergencies: and

Earthquakes	Oil Spills
Floods	Explosions
Mud Slides	Hazardous Material
Avalanches	Industrial Emergencies
Train Derailments	Urban Fires
Drought/Water Contamination	Extreme weather
Power Outages	Waste Disposal

- j. Develop a Public Works Emergency Response Plan, which will indicate the need for coordination with local industry and indicate the resources available.

1.03 TRANSPORTATION:

ROLE:

- a. To arrange for the use of all passenger and freight transportation facilities. To develop and inventory of the property of the municipality, as well as private enterprise, which may be available and committed in an emergency situation;
- b. To coordinate the use of mutual aid, provincial, federal and private sector transportation facilities, when required; and
- c. To develop transport arrangements to respond to, but not limited to, the following emergency situations:

Earthquakes	Explosions
Floods	Hazardous Materials
Mud Slides	Train Derailments
Avalanches	Extreme Weather
Forest Fire	Industrial Emergencies
Civil Disturbances	Power Outage
Oil Spills	Urban Fires

1.04 SUPPLY SERVICES:

- a. Responsible for making arrangements to purchase or rent supplies needed by municipal services to meet their emergency response needs; and
- b. To coordinate the obtaining and use of mutual aid, provincial, federal and private sector supplies required to meet the emergency.

2.00 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES:

2.01 EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

**Emergency Management and Climate Readiness... 1-800-663-3456
Health Services Administrator.....250-842-4403**

2.02 ROLE:

- a. To provide arrangements for the public health services in the event of an emergency;
- b. To coordinate the use of mutual aid, provincial, federal and private sector health services, when required;
- c. To provide mortuary service plans and facilities in conjunction with the RCMP and coroners requirements and/or guidelines;
- d. To provide public health inspection and services in the event of contamination, disruption, or restoration of public or private water systems;
- e. To provide public health services in the event of, but not limited to, the following emergency situations: and

Earthquakes	Explosions
Floods	Hazardous Materials
Mud Slides	Aircraft Crashes
Avalanches	Train Derailments
Forest Fires	Extreme Weather
Drought/Water Contamination	Industrial Emergencies
Human Epidemics	Civil Disturbances
Waste Disposal	Urban Fires
Power Outage	

- f. To prepare a Public Health Guide as part of the Municipalities Emergency Plan (See Note "A").

2.03 NOTE "A":

Public Health includes the provision of guidance and inspection concerning sanitation, sewage, sanitary waste disposal which may be affected by the emergency, including public health measures for epidemic control and immunization programs, and the provision of mortuary service.

3.00 MEDICAL SERVICES:

3.01 EMERGENCY CONTACTS: **Manager Patient Care Services..... 250-842-4555**
Community Services Manager..... 250-842-4503
Administrator on Call (evening & weekend)..... 250-877-4402

3.02 ROLE:

- a. To provide arrangements for the medical services in the event of an emergency;
- b. To coordinate the use of mutual aid, provincial, federal and private sector medical services, when required;
- c. To provide medical services in the event of, but not limited to, the following emergency situations: and

Earthquakes	Explosions
Floods	Hazardous Materials
Mud Slides	Aircraft Crashes
Avalanches	Train Derailments
Forest Fires	Extreme Weather
Drought/Water Contamination	Industrial Emergencies
Human Epidemics	Civil Disturbances
Waste Disposal	Urban Fires
Power Outage	

- d. To prepare a medical plan as part of the Municipalities Emergency Plan, with all amendments filed with the Area Coordinator (See Note "A").

3.03 NOTE "A":

The emergency medical service includes the arrangements for medical care for the injured at hospitals and other health institutions, and the initial triage, treatment and care of the injured. This plan must also make provision for treatment of emergency response personnel.

4.00 AMBULANCE:

4.01 CONTACTS: **New Hazelton Emergency Number..... 9 – 1 – 1**
 Provincial Dispatch 1-800-665-7199
 Non-Emergency Number 250-842-5655
 Unit Chief, Brian Hobbins (EOC Activations) 778-202-0114

4.02 ROLE:

- a. To develop and maintain a coordinated plan to meet the medical needs of the population in the event of an emergency, to provide a level of ambulance service in accordance with the standards already developed, and to update such standards as experience proves necessary;
- b. To advise, if necessary, the RCMP and/or New Hazelton Fire Department in order that their respective Emergency Plans can be put into operation;
- c. To prepare and control an initial triage location;
- d. To make available the services of medically trained persons on a temporary basis, under circumstances or in situations where such assistance is required and is not otherwise available;
- e. To provide local hospitals with information on the number of casualties and types of injuries, to assist in preparation for receiving victims;
- f. Transport equipment from casualty collection unit (located at Hospital);
- g. To assist other health institutions, agencies, and municipalities, to provide emergency health services. To train personnel to provide such services, and to educate the public in basic emergency care; and
- h. To establish an effective communications system for emergency health services in the province.

4.03 PERSONNEL: **New Hazelton Ambulance Station (Non-Emergency) 250-842-5655**

4.04 EQUIPMENT:

- a. TWO (2) CAR AMBULANCE SERVICE;
- b. ONE REGIONAL SPARE AMBULANCE, WHEN AVAILABLE (no guarantee); and
- c. Dispatch will cross-cover New Hazelton from other outside Ambulance Operators, without depleting the service to these other communities:

Kitimat	One (1) Unit	Prince Rupert	Two (2) Units
Smithers	Day Three (3) Units	Terrace	Day Four (4) Units
	Night Two (2) Units		Night Two (2) Units

5.00 DONH EMERGENCY PLAN:

CONTACTS: **Fire Hall (Emergency) 9 – 1 – 1**
 Fire Hall (Non-Emergency)..... 250-842-6571
 Wendy Hunt 250-842-6571 or 250-842-3121

5.01 ADMINISTRATION:

- a. The Emergency Coordinator, municipal departments and agencies, having emergency response functions, will establish orderly files of directives and forms so that, during an emergency, these materials will be readily available; and
- b. The Emergency Coordinator will register with **EMCR** all volunteers for the purpose of engaging in authorized emergency tasks and activities. This registration may be completed by the Canada Employment Centre under the execution of their plan. Personnel who are employees of the municipality, required to perform emergency services do not need to be registered with EMBC.

5.02 INFORMATION SERVICES:

- a. CONTACT: Wendy Hunt(w) 250-842-6571 or (c) 250-842-3121
- b. ROLE:
 - I. To develop a capability to distribute emergency information of direct concern to the public affected by the emergency, and to the public at large;
 - II. Coordinate the resources for the agencies capable of disseminating information;
 - Local newspapers;
 - Radios;
 - Television stations; and
 - Possible printing and distributing services
 - III. The preparation of press releases, organizing press conferences, and producing information bulletins in the event of any emergency; and
 - IV. To coordinate public information distribution with provincial, federal and private sector officials, as required.

5.03 PROVINCIAL SUPPORT:

Should the threat to life and property exceed, or become likely to exceed, the capacity of this District, and support from all mutual aid signatories has been activated, and the emergency resources authorized under emergency statutes have been fully utilized, the following procedures may be followed:

- a. This District will advise the Ministry of the Attorney General through Emergency Management & Climate Readiness (EMCR) that an extraordinary emergency exists in the district, and provincial government assistance is requested;
- b. The EMCR Regional Manager will advise the EMCR Director, of the needs of the District. Action may be taken by the provincial government, or other jurisdictions, as appropriate; and
- c. The District of New Hazelton EOCG will continue to have a shared responsibility with the EMCR Regional Manager in the coordination of provided provincial resources.

- ii. Channels: Fire Department South Hazelton.....163.665
- Fire Department (DONH)162.99
- ~~Public Works (DONH)165.75~~
- EHS (Ambulance)165.75
- Fire Commissioner155.46

6.05 VEHICLES:

- Engine II 1050 GPM IGPM@150PSI
- Tender II 1250 GPM IGPM@150PSI
- Rescue II

6.06 EQUIPMENT:

- a. Generator on Rescue II One (1) 7000 watt
- b. Generator on Engine II One (1) 5500 watt
- c. Flood lights (portable) Two (2)
- d. S.C.B.A. MSA Ten (10)
- Spare Bottles (SCBA) Eight (8)
- RIT Tank One (1)
- e. Jaws One (1)
- f. Cutters One (1)
- g. Combi-Tool One (1)
- h. Ram One (1)
- i. Air Bags Assorted Sizes
- j. Air Compressor JMAR Compressor J5000 – R.S
- k. Cascade System 5 bottles 6,000 psi
- l. Porta-Tank One (1) 1,500 Gal.
- m. Chainsaw Two (2)
- n. Portapower One (1)
- o. PPV Fan One (1)
- p. Rope Rescue Equipment 4 person
- q. Thermal Imagers Three (3) (2 MSA) (1 Flir)
- r. 18 HP Water Pump
- s. Wajax Pumps Two (2)

7.00 R.C.M.P.:

7.01 CONTACTS: RCMP Emergency9 – 1 – 1
RCMP Non-Emergency250-842-5244
Staff Sargent ~~Darren Durnin~~..... 250-842-5244

7.02 ROLE:

- a. As an extension of their normal functions, in an emergency, the police will extend its law enforcement, traffic and crowd control, rescue communications, warning and altering services, to meet the needs of the emergency;
- b. To advise, if necessary, other response agencies in order that their respective emergency plans can be put into operation;
- c. To coordinate the use of auxiliary police, special police, mutual aid, provincial, federal, and private sector police services support, when required; and
- d. Advise, as necessary, the Chief Administrative Officer of emergency situations as they develop.

8.00 BV SEARCH AND RESCUE

8.01 CONTACTS: **Emergency Coordination Center.....1-800-663-3456**
 Search Manager, Michael Williams.....250-643-3346

8.02 ROLE:

- a. To provide personnel for search and rescue (i.e. marine, lost people, building collapse, inland water, mountain);
- b. To assist ESS with the manning of Emergency Shelters;
- c. To assist ESS with the manning of Registration Centre’s;
- d. To coordinate the use of mutual aid, provincial, federal, volunteer and private sector rescue services, as required;
- e. To respond to, but not limited to, the following types of emergencies, as required: and
 - Earthquakes Hazardous Materials Floods
 - Explosions Train Derailment Mud Slides
 - Avalanches Industrial Emergency Urban fires
 - Aircraft Crashes Extreme Weather Forest Fires
- f. To develop a municipal plan for rescue, to include coordination with all agencies having rescue capabilities (public and private).

9.00 Emergency Support Services

9.01 CONTACTS: **Jude Hobenshield.....(c)250-842-8255**
Nikki Kirton.....(c)250-842-8444
Kate Pottinger.....(c)250-842-8879

9.02 ROLE:

a. To coordinate volunteers for the following services during an emergency situation in this municipality, or for persons evacuated to the municipality from other disaster areas:

- Lodging Feeding
- Clothing Registration
- Inquiry and Personal Services

b. To coordinate the use of mutual aid, provincial, federal, volunteer and private sector support, when required;

c. To provide all, or some, of the services indicated in 9.02 a) above in, but not limited to the following types of emergencies: and

- Earthquakes Train Derailment
- Floods Industrial Emergencies
- Mud Slides Human Epidemics
- Forest Fires Civil Disturbances
- Explosions Urban Fires
- Drought/Water Contamination Power Outages
- Hazardous Materials Extreme Weather
- Waste Disposal Aircraft Crashes

d. Develop a Social Services Plan for the municipality, involving all volunteer and church agencies, and using the local schools and civic centers, and the resources of other departments and private businesses, including hotels and motels.

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON

**DECLARATION OF STATE OF
LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Section 12 of the *Emergency Program Act* grants council the power to make a declaration by either bylaw or resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the District of New Hazelton in open meeting assembled, **hereby enacts a State of Local Emergency.**

Declaration Date: _____ Time: _____

Nature of Emergency:

Mayor’s Signature: _____

Chief Administrative Officer ‘s Signature: _____

Notified **EMCR** Northwest Regional Office:

By Phone: _____

In Writing: _____



Agenda Meeting Schedule

DATE	TIME	WHERE	DETAILS OF EVENT
May 6-8th	All Day	Smithers Civic Centre and New Arena – 4204 3 rd Ave	Minerals North Conference & Trade Show – Mayor Lowry, Councillor Sturney & Councillor Burns going.
May 20-22nd	All Day	Prince George Conference and Civic Centre	2026 NCLGA AGM & Convention – Mayor Lowry, Councillor Hobenshield, Councillor Burns & CAO, Hunt going.
May 21-22nd	TBD	Terrace – location TBD	Room for All: Building Community Housing Conference
June 1st	7:00PM	Council Chambers	Regular Council Meeting
July 1st	7:30AM	Allan Park	Canada Day Celebration
July 6th	7:00PM	Council Chambers	Regular Council Meeting
August 10th	7:00PM	Council Chambers	Regular Council Meeting
September 8th	7:00PM	Council Chambers	Regular Council Meeting
Sept 14-18th	All Day	Vancouver Convention Centre	UBCM – 3 rooms booked.
October 5th	7:00PM	Council Chambers	Regular Council Meeting
November 2nd	7:00PM	Council Chambers	Regular Council Meeting
November 19th	10:00AM	Council Chambers	Committee of the Whole Meeting (Budget)
December 2nd	9:00AM-4:00PM	Council Chambers	Council Orientation w/ VOH – Ron Poole Consulting
December 7th	7:00PM	Council Chambers	Regular Council Meeting

May 2026

Information Package



**REGIONAL DISTRICT
of Fraser-Fort George**

Monthly 9-1-1 Call Statistics

March 2026

	Month					Year to Date					Ratio of Total Calls	
	Police	Fire	EMS	Aband.	Total	Police	Fire	EMS	Aband.	Total	H1	H2
Regional District of Fraser-Fort George												
City of Prince George	1364	134	1348	642	3488	3774	337	3787	1798	9696		
District of Mackenzie	30	2	19	11	62	72	3	67	49	191		
Fraser-Fort George RD	83	10	90	15	198	248	27	233	78	586		
McLeod Lake Reserve	0	5	3	0	8	1	5	11	1	18		
Village of McBride	3	0	5	2	10	5	0	13	5	23		
Village of Valemount	18	1	21	3	43	56	6	90	16	168		
Total	1498	152	1486	673	3809	4156	378	4201	1947	10682	44.92%	
Cariboo Regional District												
Cariboo RD (North)	85	9	122	69	285	235	25	334	109	703		
Cariboo RD (South)	354	41	261	169	825	986	104	742	383	2215		
City of Quesnel	216	33	186	110	545	590	83	534	299	1506		
City of Williams Lake	75	7	91	19	192	251	27	254	62	594		
District of 100 Mile House	60	13	66	9	148	155	25	161	38	379		
District of Wells	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	15	1	18		
Watch Lake	1	2	4	0	7	3	2	20	3	28		
Total	792	105	730	376	2003	2222	266	2060	895	5443	22.89%	
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako												
Bulkley-Nechako RD	171	23	146	77	417	482	58	389	185	1114		
District of Fort St James	38	1	34	16	89	132	12	128	59	331		
District of Houston	16	5	23	7	51	93	11	76	24	204		
District of Vanderhoof	55	8	50	12	125	128	12	138	34	312		
Lake Babine Nation	2	0	1	0	3	8	0	7	1	16		
Nadleh Whut'en	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	3	0	3		
Nak'azdli	4	1	10	1	16	7	1	14	2	24		
Saik'uz First Nation	6	0	4	2	12	15	0	19	6	40		
Stellat'en First Nation	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	3		
Takla Lake First Nation	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	1	5		
Tl'azt'en	2	0	6	0	8	5	0	20	2	27		
Town of Smithers	51	20	114	29	214	183	25	260	72	540		
Village of Burns Lake	62	5	48	18	133	177	11	134	54	376		
Village of Fraser Lake	16	2	12	1	31	38	9	37	8	92		
Village of Granisle	2	0	2	0	4	2	0	4	0	6		

	Month					Year to Date					Ratio of Total Calls	
	Police	Fire	EMS	Aband.	Total	Police	Fire	EMS	Aband.	Total	H1	H2
Village of Telkwa	3	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	0	4		
Wet'suwet'en	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Yekooche	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	429	65	454	163	1111	1278	139	1232	448	3097	13.02%	
Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine												
City of Terrace	307	33	249	83	672	904	76	722	404	2106		
District of Kitimat	94	9	89	53	245	257	30	230	102	619		
District of New Hazelton	30	1	17	13	61	85	9	55	38	187		
District of Stewart	1	0	2	4	7	10	1	3	5	19		
Gitanmaax Band	3	3	6	2	14	6	3	20	4	33		
Gitanyow Band	4	0	4	1	9	7	0	19	1	27		
Gitsegukla Band	2	0	1	0	3	4	0	9	0	13		
Gitwangak Band	3	0	3	0	6	5	0	8	1	14		
Glen Vowell (Sik-e-dakh)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2		
Hagwilget Village	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	3	0	9		
Haisla Nation	1	0	2	1	4	10	0	5	3	18		
Hazelton Rural	139	13	97	41	290	378	21	255	143	797		
Hyder, Alaska	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Kemano	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Kispiox Village	3	1	3	0	7	10	1	19	6	36		
Kitselas (Gitaus)	4	2	0	1	7	17	2	4	5	28		
Kitselas (Kulspai)	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	2		
Kitsumkalum	6	2	3	0	11	10	2	10	1	23		
Klemtu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Meziadin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Nass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Terrace Rural	80	12	59	17	168	231	18	171	64	484		
Village of Hazelton	2	2	0	1	5	7	3	1	1	12		
Witset First Nation	15	0	16	3	34	55	1	48	18	122		
Total	694	78	552	220	1544	2002	168	1585	796	4551	19.14%	
Missing District												
	2	0	0	2	4	3	0	0	4	7		
Total	2	0	0	2	4	3	0	0	4	7	0.03%	
Grand Total	3415	400	3222	1434	8471	9661	951	9078	4090	23780		
Percentage	40.31%	4.72%	38.04%	16.93%		40.63%	4%	38.17%	17.2%			



REGIONAL DISTRICT
of Fraser-Fort George

Monthly Fire/Rescue Statistics

March 2026

	Month					Year to Date					Ratio of Total Calls	
	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	H1	H2
Regional District of Fraser-Fort George												
Bear Lake Fire	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	2	1	4		
Beaverly Fire/Rescue	4	5	5	1	15	8	14	20	9	51		
Buckhorn Fire	2	1	4	1	8	4	4	13	1	22		
Ferndale/Tabor Fire	1	0	6	0	7	2	2	16	1	21		
Hixon Fire	1	3	4	0	8	2	6	8	1	17		
Mackenzie Fire	4	4	2	2	12	22	9	6	4	41		
McBride District Fire	0	5	0	2	7	2	14	0	3	19		
Ness Lake Fire	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	3		
PG Regional Highway Rescue	0	7	0	5	12	0	21	0	11	32		
Pilot Mountain Fire	1	0	10	0	11	3	0	17	0	20		
Pineview Fire	3	11	2	1	17	5	29	9	2	45		
Prince George Fire/Rescue	151	57	663	42	913	471	165	1792	144	2572		
Red Rock/Stoner Fire	0	3	2	1	6	1	6	4	2	13		
Salmon Valley Fire	0	2	3	0	5	0	3	9	0	12		
Shell-Glen Fire/Rescue	1	3	2	0	6	1	9	9	0	19		
Summit Lake Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Valemount & District Fire	1	8	0	2	11	2	22	0	11	35		
Willow River Fire	1	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	3		
Total	170	110	705	59	1044	527	305	1906	191	2929	47.80%	
Cariboo Regional District												
100 Mile House Fire/Rescue	10	4	22	2	38	20	12	69	10	111		
108 Mile House Fire	2	1	18	0	21	4	6	50	1	61		
150 Mile House Fire	1	6	6	3	16	3	8	14	3	28		
Alkali Lake/Estetmc FN Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		
Barlow Creek Fire	1	3	1	1	6	4	5	1	4	14		
Big Lake Fire	0	0	3	0	3	0	1	10	0	11		
Bouchie Lake Fire	3	0	10	1	14	7	1	24	4	36		

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	Month					Year to Date					Ratio of Total Calls	
	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	H1	H2
Canim Lake FN Fire	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	2		
Canoe Creek FN Fire	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	2		
Cariboo Regional District	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1		
Central Cariboo SAR	1	14	0	5	20	1	35	0	8	44		
Chimney/Felker Lake Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Deka Lake Fire	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	3	1	6		
Forest Grove Fire	1	0	6	2	9	2	0	13	4	19		
Greeny Lake Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1		
Hawkins Lake Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		
Horsefly Fire	0	2	3	0	5	0	2	8	0	10		
Interlakes Fire	0	2	4	1	7	0	3	17	1	21		
Kersley Fire	1	0	1	0	2	2	3	1	1	7		
Lac La Hache Fire	0	3	1	0	4	4	4	2	0	10		
Likely Fire/Rescue	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	5		
Lone Butte Fire	1	0	5	0	6	2	0	12	2	16		
Miocene Fire	2	3	3	0	8	2	4	10	1	17		
North Cariboo Highway Rescue	0	9	0	3	12	0	23	0	7	30		
Quesnel Fire	52	11	14	4	81	120	31	37	22	210		
Ten Mile Fire	0	2	0	0	2	2	2	0	3	7		
Ulkatcho First Nations Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Watch/Green Lake Fire	1	0	0	2	3	2	0	0	2	4		
Wells Fire Brigade	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1		
West Fraser Fire	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1		
Wildwood Fire	6	1	1	0	8	7	5	6	2	20		
Williams Lake Fire	29	10	2	6	47	90	28	3	14	135		
Total	112	72	101	33	318	277	174	283	98	832	13.58%	
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako												
Burns Lake Fire/Rescue	5	2	6	2	15	14	9	13	4	40		
Cluculz Lake Emergency	0	2	0	1	3	3	4	3	2	12		
Fort Fraser Fire	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2		
Fort St James Fire/Rescue	3	0	1	9	13	11	3	2	18	34		
Fraser Lake Fire	1	2	5	10	18	6	2	13	27	48		
Granisle Fire	2	0	6	0	8	3	0	13	1	17		

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	Month					Year to Date					Ratio of Total Calls	
	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	H1	H2
Houston Fire/Rescue	9	3	21	0	33	18	4	55	2	79		
Smithers Fire/Rescue	13	22	20	4	59	25	33	50	7	115		
Southside Fire	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	4		
Telkwa Fire/Rescue	2	6	3	0	11	7	9	11	3	30		
Topley Fire	0	0	3	0	3	5	1	8	3	17		
Vanderhoof Fire	12	5	0	3	20	20	16	0	7	43		
Total	48	42	65	30	185	115	82	168	76	441	7.20%	
Regional District of Central Kootenay												
Balfour/Harrop Fire	0	1	8	1	10	5	6	14	1	26		
Beasley Fire	3	1	2	0	6	5	5	3	0	13		
Blewett Fire	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	5	1	7		
Boswell FR	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	3		
Canyon-Lister Fire	8	1	0	1	10	10	5	3	1	19		
Crescent Valley Fire	3	6	3	0	12	4	10	15	0	29		
Creston Fire Rescue	17	9	37	4	67	30	37	132	19	218		
Kaslo Fire/Lardeau Valley FR	7	0	5	1	13	10	1	18	4	33		
Kaslo SAR	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	7	7		
Nakusp Fire	1	3	0	2	6	2	5	0	10	17		
Nelson Fire & Rescue	0	0	2	3	5	0	0	2	3	5		
New Denver Fire	0	3	1	2	6	3	4	4	4	15		
North Shore Fire	0	7	10	1	18	2	9	28	3	42		
Ootischenia Fire	2	2	7	0	11	8	3	13	0	24		
Pass Creek Fire	1	1	1	1	4	2	1	2	1	6		
Passmore Fire	1	4	5	1	11	2	6	12	1	21		
Riondel Fire	0	2	2	0	4	0	2	16	0	18		
Robson Fire	2	1	8	1	12	4	1	16	2	23		
Salmo Fire	3	4	1	20	28	9	13	2	37	61		
Slocan Fire	1	1	4	0	6	2	1	11	0	14		
Tarrys Fire	0	5	10	0	15	1	10	16	0	27		
Winlaw Fire	0	9	0	2	11	1	10	1	4	16		
Wynndel Lakeview Fire	6	0	0	3	9	9	3	0	3	15		
Yahk-Kingsgate Fire	0	4	3	0	7	3	8	7	0	18		
Ymir Fire	0	1	0	2	3	2	1	0	8	11		

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	Month					Year to Date					Ratio of Total Calls	
	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	H1	H2
Total	55	65	112	49	281	115	142	321	110	688	11.23%	
Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine												
Gitanmaax & Hazelton Fire	11	0	1	7	19	13	1	1	8	23		
Gitanyow Fire	1	0	5	5	11	1	0	15	18	34		
Gitsegukla Fire	1	0	6	0	7	1	0	23	2	26		
Gitwangak Fire	2	1	5	2	10	2	2	17	6	27		
Glen Vowell Fire	3	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	1	4		
Hagwilget Fire	0	0	5	0	5	2	0	13	0	15		
Haisla Nation Fire	3	2	16	3	24	4	2	46	3	55		
Kispiox Fire	0	1	1	1	3	0	2	3	1	6		
Kitimat Fire	16	9	127	5	157	41	25	444	12	522		
New Hazelton Fire	2	4	1	0	7	10	11	1	1	23		
Stewart Fire	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	2	5		
Terrace Fire	30	21	49	13	113	79	50	130	22	281		
Thornhill Fire	10	20	43	4	77	31	24	102	9	166		
Witset Fire	7	0	8	3	18	11	0	23	9	43		
Total	86	58	267	44	455	200	118	818	94	1230	20.11%	
Grand Total	471	347	1250	215	2283	1234	821	3496	569	6120		
Percentage	20.63%	15.2%	54.75%	9.42%		20.16%	13.42%	57.12%	9.3%			

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Monthly 9-1-1 Call Statistics

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	Month					Year to Date					Ratio of Total Calls	
	Police	Fire	EMS	Aband.	Total	Police	Fire	EMS	Aband.	Total	H1	H2
Regional District of Fraser-Fort George												
City of Prince George	1155	80	1166	479	2880	2410	203	2439	1156	6208		
District of Mackenzie	24	0	22	25	71	42	1	48	38	129		
Fraser-Fort George RD	75	7	77	37	196	165	17	143	63	388		
McLeod Lake Reserve	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	8	1	10		
Village of McBride	0	0	3	1	4	2	0	8	3	13		
Village of Valemount	13	4	36	2	55	38	5	69	13	125		
Total	1267	91	1305	544	3207	2658	226	2715	1274	6873	44.90%	
Cariboo Regional District												
Cariboo RD (North)	86	9	102	25	222	150	16	212	40	418		
Cariboo RD (South)	302	32	234	106	674	632	63	481	214	1390		
City of Quesnel	178	20	146	105	449	374	50	348	189	961		
City of Williams Lake	88	13	70	21	192	176	20	163	43	402		
District of 100 Mile House	41	8	45	17	111	95	12	95	29	231		
District of Wells	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	15	1	17		
Watch Lake	1	0	9	1	11	2	0	16	3	21		
Total	696	82	607	275	1660	1430	161	1330	519	3440	22.47%	
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako												
Bulkley-Nechako RD	144	14	107	67	332	311	35	243	108	697		
District of Fort St James	52	6	42	23	123	94	11	94	43	242		
District of Houston	41	4	26	8	79	77	6	53	17	153		
District of Vanderhoof	32	2	32	9	75	73	4	88	22	187		
Lake Babine Nation	4	0	3	1	8	6	0	6	1	13		
Nadleh Whut'en	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Nak'azdli	0	0	3	0	3	3	0	4	1	8		
Saik'uz First Nation	6	0	12	4	22	9	0	15	4	28		
Stellat'en First Nation	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2		
Takla Lake First Nation	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	4		
Tl'azt'en	2	0	2	1	5	3	0	14	2	19		
Town of Smithers	73	3	84	16	176	132	5	146	43	326		
Village of Burns Lake	58	3	40	19	120	115	6	86	36	243		
Village of Fraser Lake	16	7	13	3	39	22	7	25	7	61		
Village of Granisle	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	2		

	Month					Year to Date					Ratio of Total Calls	
	Police	Fire	EMS	Aband.	Total	Police	Fire	EMS	Aband.	Total	H1	H2
Village of Telkwa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1		
Wet'suwet'en	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Yekooche	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	429	39	365	151	984	849	74	778	285	1986	12.97%	
Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine												
City of Terrace	301	25	224	148	698	597	43	473	321	1434		
District of Kitimat	82	8	73	26	189	163	21	141	49	374		
District of New Hazelton	24	0	10	8	42	55	8	38	25	126		
District of Stewart	1	0	0	1	2	9	1	1	1	12		
Gitanmaax Band	1	0	7	1	9	3	0	14	2	19		
Gitanyow Band	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	15	0	18		
Gitsegukla Band	1	0	7	0	8	2	0	8	0	10		
Gitwangak Band	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	5	1	8		
Glen Vowell (Sik-e-dakh)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	2		
Hagwilget Village	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	3	0	9		
Haisla Nation	5	0	2	1	8	9	0	3	2	14		
Hazelton Rural	128	0	78	54	260	239	8	158	102	507		
Hyder, Alaska	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Kemano	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Kispiox Village	4	0	6	3	13	7	0	16	6	29		
Kitselas (Gitaus)	7	0	0	1	8	13	0	4	4	21		
Kitselas (Kulspai)	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1		
Kitsumkalum	1	0	2	1	4	4	0	7	1	12		
Klemtu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Meziadin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Nass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Terrace Rural	79	5	53	18	155	151	6	112	47	316		
Village of Hazelton	3	1	0	0	4	5	1	1	0	7		
Witset First Nation	10	1	13	6	30	40	1	32	15	88		
Total	649	40	479	268	1436	1308	90	1033	576	3007	19.64%	
Missing District												
	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	3		
Total	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	3	0.02%	
Grand Total	3042	252	2756	1238	7288	6246	551	5856	2656	15309		
Percentage	41.74%	3.46%	37.82%	16.99%		40.8%	3.6%	38.25%	17.35%			



**REGIONAL DISTRICT
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Monthly Fire/Rescue Statistics

February 2026

	Month					Year to Date					Ratio of Total Calls	
	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	H1	H2
Regional District of Fraser-Fort George												
Bear Lake Fire	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2		
Beverly Fire/Rescue	3	6	8	4	21	4	9	15	8	36		
Buckhorn Fire	1	3	5	0	9	2	3	9	0	14		
Ferndale/Tabor Fire	0	1	7	0	8	1	2	10	1	14		
Hixon Fire	1	1	2	1	5	1	3	4	1	9		
Mackenzie Fire	3	1	1	0	5	18	5	4	2	29		
McBride District Fire	1	5	0	1	7	2	9	0	1	12		
Ness Lake Fire	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1		
PG Regional Highway Rescue	0	7	0	0	7	0	14	0	6	20		
Pilot Mountain Fire	2	0	1	0	3	2	0	7	0	9		
Pineview Fire	0	8	4	0	12	2	18	7	1	28		
Prince George Fire/Rescue	145	49	528	46	768	320	108	1129	102	1659		
Red Rock/Stoner Fire	0	2	2	1	5	1	3	2	1	7		
Salmon Valley Fire	0	1	5	0	6	0	1	6	0	7		
Shell-Glen Fire/Rescue	0	3	4	0	7	0	6	7	0	13		
Summit Lake Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Valemount & District Fire	1	8	0	7	16	1	14	0	9	24		
Willow River Fire	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1		
Total	158	95	567	60	880	357	195	1201	132	1885	49.05%	
Cariboo Regional District												
100 Mile House Fire/Rescue	7	1	22	4	34	10	8	47	8	73		
108 Mile House Fire	1	3	18	0	22	2	5	32	1	40		
150 Mile House Fire	0	0	4	0	4	2	2	8	0	12		
Alkali Lake/Estetmc FN Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		
Barlow Creek Fire	1	1	0	0	2	3	2	0	3	8		
Big Lake Fire	0	1	5	0	6	0	1	7	0	8		
Bouchie Lake Fire	3	1	6	3	13	4	1	14	3	22		

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	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	H1	H2
Canim Lake FN Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Canoe Creek FN Fire	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1		
Cariboo Regional District	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1		
Central Cariboo SAR	0	9	0	1	10	0	21	0	3	24		
Chimney/Felker Lake Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Deka Lake Fire	1	0	2	1	4	1	0	2	1	4		
Forest Grove Fire	0	0	5	0	5	1	0	7	2	10		
Greeny Lake Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1		
Hawkins Lake Fire	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1		
Horsefly Fire	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	5	0	5		
Interlakes Fire	0	1	5	0	6	0	1	13	0	14		
Kersley Fire	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	5		
Lac La Hache Fire	2	0	0	0	2	4	1	1	0	6		
Likely Fire/Rescue	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	4		
Lone Butte Fire	1	0	2	1	4	1	0	7	2	10		
Miocene Fire	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	7	1	9		
North Cariboo Highway Rescue	0	7	0	3	10	0	14	0	4	18		
Quesnel Fire	29	12	8	4	53	68	20	23	18	129		
Ten Mile Fire	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	5		
Ulkatcho First Nations Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Watch/Green Lake Fire	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1		
Wells Fire Brigade	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1		
West Fraser Fire	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1		
Wildwood Fire	1	2	1	1	5	1	4	5	2	12		
Williams Lake Fire	38	9	0	5	52	61	18	1	8	88		
Total	88	47	81	26	242	165	102	182	65	514	13.37%	
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako												
Burns Lake Fire/Rescue	4	4	3	1	12	9	7	7	2	25		
Cluculz Lake Emergency	1	1	3	1	6	3	2	3	1	9		
Fort Fraser Fire	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1		
Fort St James Fire/Rescue	2	2	2	7	13	8	3	2	9	22		
Fraser Lake Fire	3	0	3	12	18	5	0	8	17	30		
Granisle Fire	0	0	3	0	3	1	0	7	1	9		

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	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	H1	H2
Houston Fire/Rescue	4	0	19	1	24	9	1	34	2	46		
Smithers Fire/Rescue	7	5	12	2	26	12	11	30	3	56		
Southside Fire	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	3		
Telkwa Fire/Rescue	1	1	7	2	11	5	3	8	3	19		
Topley Fire	1	0	2	2	5	5	1	5	3	14		
Vanderhoof Fire	6	4	0	2	12	8	11	0	4	23		
Total	30	18	54	31	133	67	40	104	46	257	6.69%	
Regional District of Central Kootenay												
Balfour/Harrop Fire	3	3	3	0	9	5	5	6	0	16		
Beasley Fire	0	3	1	0	4	2	4	1	0	7		
Blewett Fire	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	1	5		
Boswell FR	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2		
Canyon-Lister Fire	1	2	0	0	3	2	4	3	0	9		
Crescent Valley Fire	0	2	5	0	7	1	4	12	0	17		
Creston Fire Rescue	8	14	38	6	66	13	28	95	15	151		
Kaslo Fire/Lardeau Valley FR	3	0	8	0	11	3	1	13	3	20		
Kaslo SAR	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	3	3		
Nakusp Fire	1	1	0	3	5	1	2	0	8	11		
Nelson Fire & Rescue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
New Denver Fire	3	0	1	0	4	3	1	3	2	9		
North Shore Fire	1	1	9	2	13	2	2	18	2	24		
Ootischenia Fire	4	1	2	0	7	6	1	6	0	13		
Pass Creek Fire	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2		
Passmore Fire	1	1	3	0	5	1	2	7	0	10		
Riondel Fire	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	14	0	14		
Robson Fire	2	0	2	0	4	2	0	8	1	11		
Salmo Fire	4	2	1	11	18	6	9	1	17	33		
Slocan Fire	0	0	4	0	4	1	0	7	0	8		
Tarrys Fire	0	1	2	0	3	1	5	6	0	12		
Winlaw Fire	0	0	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	5		
Wynndel Lakeview Fire	1	2	0	0	3	3	3	0	0	6		
Yahk-Kingsgate Fire	0	2	0	0	2	3	4	4	0	11		
Ymir Fire	1	0	0	3	4	2	0	0	6	8		

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	Total	Month					Year to Date					Ratio of Total Calls	
		Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	H1	H2
	Total	33	35	86	30	184	60	77	209	61	407	10.59%	
Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine													
Gitanmaax & Hazelton Fire		1	1	0	1	3	2	1	0	1	4		
Gitanyow Fire		0	0	3	8	11	0	0	10	13	23		
Gitsegukla Fire		0	0	11	1	12	0	0	17	2	19		
Gitwangak Fire		0	0	4	1	5	0	1	12	4	17		
Glen Vowell Fire		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		
Hagwilget Fire		1	0	2	0	3	2	0	8	0	10		
Haisla Nation Fire		1	0	16	0	17	1	0	30	0	31		
Kispiox Fire		0	1	1	0	2	0	1	2	0	3		
Kitimat Fire		8	9	134	2	153	25	16	317	7	365		
New Hazelton Fire		0	3	0	0	3	8	7	0	1	16		
Stewart Fire		2	0	0	1	3	2	1	0	1	4		
Terrace Fire		27	19	49	8	103	49	29	81	9	168		
Thornhill Fire		11	1	27	1	40	21	4	59	5	89		
Witset Fire		3	0	6	1	10	4	0	15	6	25		
	Total	54	34	253	24	365	114	60	551	50	775	20.17%	
	Grand Total	363	229	1041	171	1804	763	474	2247	354	3838		
	Percentage	20.12%	12.69%	57.71%	9.48%		19.88%	12.35%	58.55%	9.22%			

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**REGIONAL DISTRICT
of Fraser-Fort George**

Monthly 9-1-1 Call Statistics

January 2026

	Month					Year to Date					Ratio of Total Calls	
	Police	Fire	EMS	Aband.	Total	Police	Fire	EMS	Aband.	Total	H1	H2
Regional District of Fraser-Fort George												
City of Prince George	1255	123	1273	677	3328	1255	123	1273	677	3328		
District of Mackenzie	18	1	26	13	58	18	1	26	13	58		
Fraser-Fort George RD	90	10	66	26	192	90	10	66	26	192		
McLeod Lake Reserve	1	0	7	1	9	1	0	7	1	9		
Village of McBride	2	0	5	2	9	2	0	5	2	9		
Village of Valemount	25	1	33	11	70	25	1	33	11	70		
Total	1391	135	1410	730	3666	1391	135	1410	730	3666	45.71%	
Cariboo Regional District												
Cariboo RD (North)	64	7	110	15	196	64	7	110	15	196		
Cariboo RD (South)	330	31	247	108	716	330	31	247	108	716		
City of Quesnel	196	30	202	84	512	196	30	202	84	512		
City of Williams Lake	88	7	93	22	210	88	7	93	22	210		
District of 100 Mile House	54	4	50	12	120	54	4	50	12	120		
District of Wells	1	0	14	1	16	1	0	14	1	16		
Watch Lake	1	0	7	2	10	1	0	7	2	10		
Total	734	79	723	244	1780	734	79	723	244	1780	22.19%	
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako												
Bulkley-Nechako RD	167	21	136	41	365	167	21	136	41	365		
District of Fort St James	42	5	52	20	119	42	5	52	20	119		
District of Houston	36	2	27	9	74	36	2	27	9	74		
District of Vanderhoof	41	2	56	13	112	41	2	56	13	112		
Lake Babine Nation	2	0	3	0	5	2	0	3	0	5		
Nadleh Whut'en	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Nak'azdli	3	0	1	1	5	3	0	1	1	5		
Saik'uz First Nation	3	0	3	0	6	3	0	3	0	6		
Stellat'en First Nation	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1		
Takla Lake First Nation	2	0	1	1	4	2	0	1	1	4		
Tl'azt'en	1	0	12	1	14	1	0	12	1	14		
Town of Smithers	59	2	62	27	150	59	2	62	27	150		
Village of Burns Lake	57	3	46	17	123	57	3	46	17	123		
Village of Fraser Lake	6	0	12	4	22	6	0	12	4	22		
Village of Granisle	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1		

	Month					Year to Date					Ratio of Total Calls	
	Police	Fire	EMS	Aband.	Total	Police	Fire	EMS	Aband.	Total	H1	H2
Village of Telkwa	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1		
Wet'suwet'en	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Yekooche	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	420	35	413	134	1002	420	35	413	134	1002	12.49%	
Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine												
City of Terrace	296	18	249	173	736	296	18	249	173	736		
District of Kitimat	81	13	68	23	185	81	13	68	23	185		
District of New Hazelton	31	8	28	17	84	31	8	28	17	84		
District of Stewart	8	1	1	0	10	8	1	1	0	10		
Gitanmaax Band	2	0	7	1	10	2	0	7	1	10		
Gitanyow Band	3	0	13	0	16	3	0	13	0	16		
Gitsegukla Band	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	2		
Gitwangak Band	1	0	4	1	6	1	0	4	1	6		
Glen Vowell (Sik-e-dakh)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1		
Hagwilget Village	5	1	3	0	9	5	1	3	0	9		
Haisla Nation	4	0	1	1	6	4	0	1	1	6		
Hazelton Rural	111	8	80	48	247	111	8	80	48	247		
Hyder, Alaska	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Kemano	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Kispiox Village	3	0	10	3	16	3	0	10	3	16		
Kitselas (Gitaus)	6	0	4	3	13	6	0	4	3	13		
Kitselas (Kulspai)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Kitsumkalum	3	0	5	0	8	3	0	5	0	8		
Klemtu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Meziadin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Nass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Terrace Rural	72	1	59	29	161	72	1	59	29	161		
Village of Hazelton	2	0	1	0	3	2	0	1	0	3		
Witset First Nation	30	0	19	9	58	30	0	19	9	58		
Total	659	50	554	308	1571	659	50	554	308	1571	19.59%	
Missing District												
	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	2		
Total	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	0.02%	
Grand Total	3204	299	3100	1418	8021	3204	299	3100	1418	8021		
Percentage	39.95%	3.73%	38.65%	17.68%		39.95%	3.73%	38.65%	17.68%			



**REGIONAL DISTRICT
of Fraser-Fort George**

Monthly Fire/Rescue Statistics

January 2026

	Month					Year to Date					Ratio of Total Calls	
	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	H1	H2
Regional District of Fraser-Fort George												
Bear Lake Fire	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	2		
Beaverly Fire/Rescue	1	3	7	4	15	1	3	7	4	15		
Buckhorn Fire	1	0	4	0	5	1	0	4	0	5		
Ferndale/Tabor Fire	1	1	3	1	6	1	1	3	1	6		
Hixon Fire	0	2	2	0	4	0	2	2	0	4		
Mackenzie Fire	15	4	3	2	24	15	4	3	2	24		
McBride District Fire	1	4	0	0	5	1	4	0	0	5		
Ness Lake Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
PG Regional Highway Rescue	0	7	0	6	13	0	7	0	6	13		
Pilot Mountain Fire	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	6	0	6		
Pineview Fire	2	10	3	1	16	2	10	3	1	16		
Prince George Fire/Rescue	175	59	601	56	891	175	59	601	56	891		
Red Rock/Stoner Fire	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	2		
Salmon Valley Fire	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1		
Shell-Glen Fire/Rescue	0	3	3	0	6	0	3	3	0	6		
Summit Lake Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Valemount & District Fire	0	6	0	2	8	0	6	0	2	8		
Willow River Fire	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1		
Total	199	100	634	72	1005	199	100	634	72	1005	49.36%	
Cariboo Regional District												
100 Mile House Fire/Rescue	3	7	25	4	39	3	7	25	4	39		
108 Mile House Fire	1	2	14	1	18	1	2	14	1	18		
150 Mile House Fire	2	2	4	0	8	2	2	4	0	8		
Alkali Lake/Estetmc FN Fire	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1		
Barlow Creek Fire	2	1	0	3	6	2	1	0	3	6		
Big Lake Fire	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	2		
Bouchie Lake Fire	1	0	8	0	9	1	0	8	0	9		

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	Month					Year to Date					Ratio of Total Calls	
	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	H1	H2
Canim Lake FN Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Canoe Creek FN Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Cariboo Regional District	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Central Cariboo SAR	0	12	0	2	14	0	12	0	2	14		
Chimney/Felker Lake Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Deka Lake Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Forest Grove Fire	1	0	2	2	5	1	0	2	2	5		
Greeny Lake Fire	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1		
Hawkins Lake Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Horsefly Fire	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	4	0	4		
Interlakes Fire	0	0	8	0	8	0	0	8	0	8		
Kersley Fire	1	3	0	1	5	1	3	0	1	5		
Lac La Hache Fire	2	1	1	0	4	2	1	1	0	4		
Likely Fire/Rescue	1	0	1	1	3	1	0	1	1	3		
Lone Butte Fire	0	0	5	1	6	0	0	5	1	6		
Miocene Fire	0	1	5	1	7	0	1	5	1	7		
North Cariboo Highway Rescue	0	7	0	1	8	0	7	0	1	8		
Quesnel Fire	39	8	15	14	76	39	8	15	14	76		
Ten Mile Fire	1	0	0	3	4	1	0	0	3	4		
Ulkatcho First Nations Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Watch/Green Lake Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Wells Fire Brigade	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1		
West Fraser Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Wildwood Fire	0	2	4	1	7	0	2	4	1	7		
Williams Lake Fire	23	9	1	3	36	23	9	1	3	36		
Total	77	55	101	39	272	77	55	101	39	272	13.36%	
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako												
Burns Lake Fire/Rescue	5	3	4	1	13	5	3	4	1	13		
Cluculz Lake Emergency	2	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	3		
Fort Fraser Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Fort St James Fire/Rescue	6	1	0	2	9	6	1	0	2	9		
Fraser Lake Fire	2	0	5	5	12	2	0	5	5	12		
Granisle Fire	1	0	4	1	6	1	0	4	1	6		

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	Month					Year to Date					Ratio of Total Calls	
	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	H1	H2
Houston Fire/Rescue	5	1	15	1	22	5	1	15	1	22		
Smithers Fire/Rescue	5	6	18	1	30	5	6	18	1	30		
Southside Fire	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1		
Telkwa Fire/Rescue	4	2	1	1	8	4	2	1	1	8		
Topley Fire	4	1	3	1	9	4	1	3	1	9		
Vanderhoof Fire	2	7	0	2	11	2	7	0	2	11		
Total	37	22	50	15	124	37	22	50	15	124	6.09%	
Regional District of Central Kootenay												
Balfour/Harrop Fire	2	2	3	0	7	2	2	3	0	7		
Beasley Fire	2	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	3		
Blewett Fire	1	0	2	0	3	1	0	2	0	3		
Boswell FR	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	2		
Canyon-Lister Fire	1	2	3	0	6	1	2	3	0	6		
Crescent Valley Fire	1	2	7	0	10	1	2	7	0	10		
Creston Fire Rescue	5	14	57	9	85	5	14	57	9	85		
Kaslo Fire/Lardeau Valley FR	0	1	5	3	9	0	1	5	3	9		
Kaslo SAR	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1		
Nakusp Fire	0	1	0	5	6	0	1	0	5	6		
New Denver Fire	0	1	2	2	5	0	1	2	2	5		
North Shore Fire	1	1	9	0	11	1	1	9	0	11		
Ootischenia Fire	2	0	4	0	6	2	0	4	0	6		
Pass Creek Fire	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	2		
Passmore Fire	0	1	4	0	5	0	1	4	0	5		
Riondel Fire	0	0	9	0	9	0	0	9	0	9		
Robson Fire	0	0	6	1	7	0	0	6	1	7		
Salmo Fire	2	7	0	6	15	2	7	0	6	15		
Slocan Fire	1	0	3	0	4	1	0	3	0	4		
Tarrys Fire	1	4	4	0	9	1	4	4	0	9		
Winlaw Fire	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	2		
Wynndel Lakeview Fire	2	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	3		
Yahk-Kingsgate Fire	3	2	4	0	9	3	2	4	0	9		
Ymir Fire	1	0	0	3	4	1	0	0	3	4		
Total	27	42	123	31	223	27	42	123	31	223	10.95%	

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	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	Fire	Rescue	Medical	Admin	Total	H1	H2
Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine												
Gitanmaax & Hazelton Fire	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1		
Gitanyow Fire	0	0	7	5	12	0	0	7	5	12		
Gitsegukla Fire	0	0	6	1	7	0	0	6	1	7		
Gitwangak Fire	0	1	8	3	12	0	1	8	3	12		
Glen Vowell Fire	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1		
Hagwilget Fire	1	0	6	0	7	1	0	6	0	7		
Haisla Nation Fire	0	0	14	0	14	0	0	14	0	14		
Kispiox Fire	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1		
Kitimat Fire	17	7	183	5	212	17	7	183	5	212		
New Hazelton Fire	8	4	0	1	13	8	4	0	1	13		
Stewart Fire	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1		
Terrace Fire	22	10	32	1	65	22	10	32	1	65		
Thornhill Fire	10	3	32	4	49	10	3	32	4	49		
Witset Fire	1	0	9	5	15	1	0	9	5	15		
Total	60	26	298	26	410	60	26	298	26	410	20.14%	
Grand Total	400	245	1206	183	2034	400	245	1206	183	2034		
Percentage	19.67%	12.05%	59.29%	9%		19.67%	12.05%	59.29%	9%			

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2026/04/13

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David Eby, Premier of British Columbia
Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister of Education and Childcare
Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Transportation and Transit

Dear Premier Eby, Minister Beare, and Minister Farnworth:

RE: City of Langford - Permanent Daylight-Saving Time and the Impacts on Safe Routes to School

At its Special Meeting held March 30, 2026, City of Langford Council passed the attached resolution that forms part of this letter. For your reference, an excerpt has been included below:

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a letter to the Minister of Education and Childcare, the Minister of Transportation and Transit, and the Premier's Office, with a copy to all local governments in British Columbia, outlining Council's concerns regarding the impacts of adopting year-round Pacific Daylight Time on children who would be required to walk to school in the dark. AND THAT the letter from the City of Langford Mayor and Council advocate for:

- *the immediate reopening of BC's Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program for safe routes to school projects;*
- *the establishment of a program ensuring all students have access to visibility enhancing resources such as lights and reflective gear; and*
- *the expansion of The Society for Children and Youth of BC (SCY)'s Walking School Bus program.*

On behalf of the City of Langford Council, I am writing to express the collective concerns regarding the Province of British Columbia's adoption of permanent year-round Daylight-Saving Time (DST). While Council recognizes that the decision reflects changing regional and economic considerations and does not seek to reverse that decision, it is critical to address unintended safety impacts on children and their caregivers who commute to school by walking or rolling during the darkest months of the year.

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Permanent DST will result in significantly later winter sunrises across southern British Columbia. In Langford and other communities served by Sooke School District 62 (SD62), it can be reasonably estimated that many elementary students begin their commute as early as 8:00 a.m. This new prolonged period of low-light conditions coincides with the wettest and foggiest season of the year, where heavy rainfall, poor visibility, and slick surfacing further increases risk for pedestrians and cyclists of all ages and abilities. Permanent DST results in a material increase in challenging travel conditions for school-aged children.

While the City recognizes that dark commutes are more common throughout other regions of the Province, the challenges noted above are compounded by the established characteristics of existing neighbourhoods in Langford and similar communities throughout the Province. Urban streets are busy with vehicular traffic, often containing parking and other barriers that can conceal pedestrians from drivers. Older residential areas and semi-rural roads are often wide with a very slim shoulders and often, there are no sidewalks paths, or adequate street lighting available.

Mitigating these risks requires targeted infrastructure improvements such as traffic calming, pedestrian lighting, sidewalk completion, protected crossings, and other safe-route-to-school measures. Langford has successfully partnered with the Province in the past through the BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program to advance such projects. However, we are concerned that the pausing of the 2025/2026 intake of this program, pending review of the CleanBC framework, significantly limits the ability of local governments to plan, design, and implement safety improvements in time for the 2026/2027 school year.

As growth continues throughout the region, new school sites are being selected that are outside current transportation networks requiring significant investment from local governments that are not financially viable without Provincial support. The City of Langford strongly requests that the BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program be reopened and that new applications featuring projects that support safe routes to school be given preference, or, at minimum, clear communication from the Province to all local governments regarding the status and anticipated timeline of this grant program.

To further support and encourage active transportation to commute to school, the Province is encouraged to develop a program in partnership with School Districts to ensure students have

access to visibility enhancing resources such as reflective gear and lights. As mentioned above, schools opening further from established transportation networks introduce further hazards for students navigating to school. Travelling in darkness may increase interactions with other road users, and without targeted support, permanent DST may exacerbate existing inequities and disproportionately affect children from lower-income households.

Council also wishes to acknowledge and commend the Province's recent support for the Walking School Bus Program, delivered in partnership with the Society for Children and Youth of BC (SCY). In addition to improving safety during school commutes, expanding Provincial support for this program may play a critical role in assisting students during their commute to school under low-light conditions.

City of Langford Council wishes to express that the intent of this letter is to encourage early dialogue regarding proactive, collaborative steps that can be taken to ensure this transition does not compromise the safety of young commuters. Active Transportation grants that support the creation and enhancement of safe routes to school help local governments respond thoughtfully, maximize the impact of limited resources, and provide safe, healthy, and sustainable school travel across British Columbia. Early consultation and discussions can identify needs and mitigate impacts, particularly on more vulnerable groups.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns. We would welcome the opportunity to engage further in discussions on how provincial and local governments can work together to mitigate impacts and improve outcomes for students and families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Goodman". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Mayor Scott Goodman
City of Langford

Attached: Certified Resolution from the Special Meeting of Council held March 30, 2026.
CC: BC Municipalities



CITY OF LANGFORD

RESOLUTION

ITEM TITLE: Notice of Motion from March 16, 2026 - Permanent Daylight-Saving Time and the Impacts on Safe Routes to School

MOVED BY: GUIRY
SECONDED: HARDER

WHEREAS the adoption of permanent, year-round daylight-saving time means that many school age children, including those in the Victoria area who begin their commute around 8:00 a.m., will be travelling to school in darkness from early November until the end of February;

AND WHEREAS many communities have older neighbourhoods with wide roadways which may cause unintended speeding, limited or non-existent sidewalks or pathways, and limited street lighting. Mitigation of these neighbourhood conditions would require significant upgrades to ensure safe travel for children during dark winter mornings;

AND WHEREAS the BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant 2025/2026 intake was paused pending a review in the fall of 2026, thus limiting the ability of local governments to make meaningful change and prepare for the 2026/2027 school year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to prepare a letter to the Minister of Education and Childcare, the Minister of Transportation and Transit, and the Premier's Office, with a copy to all local governments in British Columbia, outlining Council's concerns regarding the impacts of adopting year-round Pacific Daylight Time on children who would be required to walk to school in the dark. AND THAT the letter from the City of Langford Mayor and Council advocate for:

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Motion CARRIED.

This is a certified resolution passed by the City of Langford at their Special Meeting of Council held on March 30, 2026.



Marie Watmough
Corporate Officer



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Northern & Rural Governments in
British Columbia

Transmitted via email

April 28, 2026

RE: City of Prince George requesting co-sponsorship of the Northern-Rural Homeowners Grant resolution to UBCM

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Prince George City Council, I am writing to ask for your support in cosponsoring on the attached Northern-Rural Homeowners Grant resolution to UBCM. The homeowner grant offered by the Government of British Columbia helps reduce the amount of property taxes residents pay each year on their principal residence. The grant is available to homeowners who pay property taxes to a municipality, or directly to the Province if they live in a rural area.

Currently, the regular grant amount is **\$570** for properties located in the Capital Regional District, the Metro Vancouver Regional District, and the Fraser Valley Regional District. For all other areas of the province, the grant amount is **\$770**.

However, effective for the 2027 and subsequent taxation years, the \$200 Northern and Rural Homeowner Benefit will be repealed. This benefit was originally introduced as part of the homeowner grant program to offset the effects of the carbon tax, which has now ended. As a result, the regular homeowner grant will be reduced to \$570 across all areas of the province.

This change will have a disproportionate impact on northern and rural communities. Municipalities in these regions continue to face unique and persistent cost pressures not experienced to the same extent in southern urban centres. Higher transportation costs, longer supply chains, increased heating expenses, and limited access to services are ongoing realities for residents in our communities. These challenges will not disappear simply because provincial tax policy has changed.

We are calling on all northern and rural local governments impacted by this decision to stand together in support of this resolution and formally urge the Province to reverse the repeal of the Northern and Rural Homeowner Benefit or implement a meaningful alternative that reflects the true cost of living in our regions.

A strong and coordinated response from municipalities across British Columbia will send a clear message: provincial programs must recognize regional realities and must not unfairly disadvantage northern and rural residents. Together, we can advocate for fairness, protect affordability, and help ensure the long-term sustainability and viability of our communities. We encourage you to make your voice heard by co-sponsoring this resolution.

Respectfully,

Mayor Simon Yu
City of Prince George

Resolution: Northern-Rural Homeowners Grant

WHEREAS the Province has indicated they will end the northern and rural homeowner benefit beginning in 2027 reducing the amount northern and rural communities are eligible for;

AND WHEREAS there remains strong rationale for a higher grant value in northern and rural communities due to higher costs of heating and transportation regardless of the repeal of the consumer carbon tax.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM strongly urges the Province to explain and reverse the decision to reduce the Northern Rural Homeowners grant