

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO  
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Thursday, September 22, 2016

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**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Chair Miller and Board of Directors**

**FROM: Cheryl Anderson**  
**Manager of Administrative Services**

**DATE: September 21, 2016**

**SUBJECT: Smithers and Area Victims' Services Service Establishment – Alternative Approval Process**

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At its May 26, 2016 Board meeting the RDBN Board of Directors gave three readings to "Smithers and Area Victims' Services Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1776, 2016."

Consent has been received from the Town of Smithers and the Village of Telkwa and Director Fisher has requested staff to proceed with the **Alternative Approval Process** to determine public support for the adoption of the bylaw.

The Alternative Approval Process allows eligible voters to register their opposition to the establishment of a service. If the number of elector responses is less than 10% of the number of eligible electors within the proposed service area, the bylaw may then be adopted.

The bylaw has been forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval, and once it has been given Statutory Approval, the Alternative Approval Process may commence.

For the Alternative Approval Process, under Section 86 of the *Community Charter*, the following steps are required:

1. Establish the deadline for receiving elector responses;
2. Establish elector response forms;
3. Make a fair determination of the total number of electors of the area to which the approval process applies;
4. Set the deadline for submission of Elector Response Forms (at least 30 days after the 2<sup>nd</sup> notice in the local newspaper);
5. Advertise the Alternative Approval Process for two (2) consecutive weeks in the local newspaper;
6. Following the submission deadline, review and tabulate the number of submissions;

- 7. If less than 10% of eligible electors submit Elector Response Forms, the Board may adopt the bylaw.

**Determination of Number of Eligible Electors**

The 2011 Census was used to determine the number of eligible electors.

Population of Electoral Area "A"

- Canadian Citizens Aged 18 and over 3,865

**10% of Eligible Voters 387**

**Recommendation: (All/Directors/Majority)**

**"That the Alternative Approval Process be used to determine approval of the electors for "Smithers and Area Victims' Services Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1776, 2016";**

**Further, that for the purpose of obtaining approval for the "Smithers and Area Victims' Services Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1776, 2016" using the alternative approval process, 387 be used as the fair determination of 10% of the total number of eligible electors within Electoral Area "A";**

**Further, that the deadline for receiving elector responses for Bylaw No. 1776 be Monday, December 5, 2016;**

**And further, that the attached Elector Response Form be approved as the Elector Response Form for Bylaw No. 1776."**



# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

## ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS

### ELECTOR RESPONSE FORM

**Smithers and Area Victims' Services Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1776, 2016**

Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)

As an elector in Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, I am **OPPOSED** to the adoption of "Smithers and Area Victims' Services Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1776, 2016" which establishes a service within Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) for the purpose of contributing funds to Smithers and Area Victims' Services for the purpose of providing counselling and others services to victims of crime and other trauma.

#### I CERTIFY THAT I MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- 18 years of age or older;
- Canadian citizen;
- resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately before signing this Elector Response Form;
- resident of OR registered owner of real property in Electoral Area "A" of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for at least 30 days immediately prior to signing this Elector Response Form; and
- not otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

**FULL NAME OF ELECTOR:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print Full Name)

**ELECTOR'S RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(State Full Civic Address)

**SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR:**

**DATE:**

#### To be completed by Non-Resident Property Electors Only

I am entitled to register as a non-resident property elector as an owner of the property located at the following address:

\_\_\_\_\_

- ❖ A person must not sign more than one elector response form in relation to the same Alternative Approval Process.
- ❖ A person may only submit one elector response form, regardless of the number of properties owned.

**\*\*THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED ONLY IF YOU ARE OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSED SERVICE\*\***

Unless Alternative Approval Electoral Response Forms petitioning against the adoption of this bylaw have been received from 10% (387) of the eligible electors within the defined portion of Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, Bylaw No. 1776 will be deemed to have received approval of the electors.

**COMPLETED ELECTOR RESPONSE FORMS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 4:30 PM, MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016** at the following address:

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako  
Box 820  
37, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
BURNS LAKE, BC V0J 1E0

- **Postmarks WILL NOT be accepted as the date of submission**
- **ORIGINAL SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED, therefore the Elector Response Forms may not be returned by fax or email.**

**INFORMATION REGARDING QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTORS****Resident Electors:**

- age 18 or older;
- a Canadian citizen;
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before signing this Elector Response Form;
- a resident of Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) for at least 30 days before signing this Elector Response Form; and
- not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

**Non-resident property electors:**

- not entitled to register as a resident elector in Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural);
- age 18 or older;
- a Canadian Citizen;
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before signing this Elector Response Form;
- a registered owner of real property in Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) for at least 30 days before signing this Elector Response Form;
- not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

**\*\*If there is more than one registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, may register as a non-resident property elector in relation to one parcel of real property in a jurisdiction. (Consent form is attached)**

**\*\*Properties registered in company/corporation names do not qualify under the *Local Government Act* to vote.**

Copies of this form may be utilized, provided that only Elector Response Forms with original signatures are submitted. Forms may also be obtained by contacting the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako at 1-800-320-3339 or at [www.rdbn.bc.ca](http://www.rdbn.bc.ca) .

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTOR CONSENT FORM

We, together with the person registering, constitute a majority of registered owners of the real property noted below and hereby give consent to

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of non-resident property elector)

residing at \_\_\_\_\_ (residential address)

to be registered as the Non-Resident Property Elector for the jointly owned property

legally described as \_\_\_\_\_ (legal description of property)

and located at \_\_\_\_\_ (street address or location)

\_\_\_\_\_ name

\_\_\_\_\_ signature

- NOTE: (a) The person registering as the Non-Resident Property Elector must be one of the registered owners of the property.
- (b) The person registering must be one of the individuals granting consent.

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****SUPPLEMENTARY MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Chair Miller and Board of Directors**

**FROM: Cheryl Anderson**  
**Manager of Administrative Services**

**DATE: September 21, 2016**

**SUBJECT: Municipal Insurance Association**

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Chair Miller has changed the RDBN's appointment to the Municipal Insurance Association from himself to Director Eileen Benedict. The change will allow RDBN representation at both the Municipal Finance Authority and Municipal Insurance Association meetings which are scheduled at the same time at the upcoming UBCM Convention.

**Recommendation: (all/directors/majority)**

**That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako ratify the appointment of Director Eileen Benedict to the Municipal Insurance Association for 2016.**



## Forums Focus: Streetside Health Care; Reconciliation; Marijuana Dispensaries

Sept. 21, 2016

The agendas for the community forums are shaping up for UBCM's Convention in Victoria. The forums provide breakouts for delegates from electoral areas, as well as small, mid and large-sized communities, and will be held Tuesday Sept. 27, 9am – 12 pm.

The **Large Urban Communities Forum** will highlight community strategies to support those who are hard to reach. The City of Maple Ridge will focus on its Resilience Initiative and the City of Vancouver will share work being undertaken in the Downtown Eastside to meet with patients on their own turf to coordinate service for individuals with extreme mental health issues.

The forum will also consider the analysis provided by an expert panel on B.C.'s housing market. Delegates will hear from Helmut Pastrick (Chief Economist, Central 1 Credit Union); Thomas Davidoff (Associate Professor, Strategy and Business, Economics Division, Sauder Business School, University of British Columbia); and Paul Kershaw, Associate Professor, UBC, School of Population and Public Health and author of *Generation Squeeze*.

The **Mid-Size Communities Forum** will critically explore local approaches to marijuana dispensaries in light of the rapid growth in dispensaries throughout the province. Delegates will hear presentations from the District of Squamish, the City of Merritt, and the City of Nelson.

The forum will also discuss the attraction and recruitment of skilled workers and families to communities. Delegates will hear from Dr. Paul Kershaw on the challenges impacting families and workers, including housing, debt levels, and daycare, as well as mitigation strategies. Local government approaches to recruitment and retention will also be featured, including the City of Quesnel and the District of Lake Country.

The **Electoral Area Directors Forum** this year has a strong emphasis on funding – for infrastructure, economic diversification, and wildfire protection. The forum will start with a presentation by Claudia Trudeau, Director of Rural Policy and Programs for the Rural Secretariat in FLNRO, providing an update on the Rural Dividend program. Following the open microphone session, Vera Vukelich, Land Policy and Programs Manager in FLNRO, will present on Off Road Vehicles. The remainder of the session will consist of a panel discussion on funding addressing water systems, climate change & asset management; wildfire protection; and transportation infrastructure.

The **Small Talk Forum** will welcome Darlene Morgan, CAO, Nisga'a Village of Gitlaxt'aamiks to deliver a special presentation on local government and reconciliation. The Nisga'a Village of Gitlaxt'aamiks is a member of the Union of B.C. Municipalities and Ms. Morgan is a survivor of the residential school system. This session will also feature success stories from the Village of Slocan (Owl Walk nature park); the Village of Lumby (Monashee Community Forest partnership with the Splat'sin First Nation); Town of Osoyoos (Fighting School Closure); and the Village of Clinton (Brownfields to Dog Parks).



## Promoting Communities to Business Investors Online

Sept. 21, 2016

The B.C. Government's digital hub for promoting B.C. to the world as a great place to invest and do business – [BritishColumbia.ca](http://BritishColumbia.ca) – is a resource that every community can leverage. The site features comprehensive economic profiles of communities across B.C. and also offers listings of investment opportunities in these communities.

To learn more about how to take advantage of the site, reach out directly to Irina Richardson at the UBCM Government booth on September 28, 2016 while at the conference. If you miss Irina at the booth, you can also contact her for a demonstration.

A number of investor-friendly enhancements have been recently made to the site, including:

- **Customizable opportunity alerts** –offers the ability to sign up for weekly alerts of new opportunities
- **Printable community profile** PDF documents that are instantly generated and can be inserted into investor or delegation kits
- **Instant access to perform a MS Excel** download of all community statistics

A how-to guide is available describing these new features in-depth.

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## Province Seeks Input for National Housing Strategy

Sept. 21, 2016

The Government of B.C. will host a session on the National Housing Strategy at the UBCM Convention in Victoria, September 27th, 2016. At this session, the Government of Canada will also provide an overview of their work on the National Housing Strategy to date. The information gathered at this interactive session will help inform the Government of B.C. and will result in a formal submission to the federal government and the National Housing Strategy consultation.

The Government of Canada is working with provinces and territories to develop a new National Housing Strategy. The National Housing Strategy will focus on meeting the housing needs of all Canadians, and improving the lives of those in greatest need.

The BC submission to the National Housing Strategy will be based on input from industry stakeholders, housing providers, local governments, UBCM and also Housing Matters BC, the provincial strategy directing new affordable housing investments.

Housing Matters BC builds on seven years of best practices and establishes three priorities to guide future investments and projects:

- Take meaningful steps to improve safety, enhance affordability and promote healthy homes and communities.
- Create greater housing stability in a manner that increases confidence for renters, landlords and strata owners.
- Develop partnerships in a manner that creates more choices and increases affordable housing options for all British Columbians.

On September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, the Government of BC hosted a session on the National Housing Strategy with a broad range of industry stakeholders, housing providers and local government staff.

The input from this UBCM session will assist the Government of B.C. in preparing their submission to the National Housing Strategy and the Government of Canada.

UBCM will also prepare a submission to for the National Housing Strategy. Local governments that wish to make their own submission or find out more may do so through the Government of Canada consultation website.

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**inquiries**

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**From:** Gaetz, Sharon <sharon@chilliwack.com>  
**Sent:** September 19, 2016 11:13 PM  
**To:** inquiries  
**Subject:** To Electoral Area Directors

SEP 20 2016  
REGIONAL DISTRICT OF  
BULKLEY NECHAKO

Dear Electoral Area Directors Bill Miller, Eileen Benedict, Mark Fisher, Tom Greenaway, Rob Newell, Mark Parker and Jerry Petersen,

In just a week I will be packing my bags to head off to Victoria and I really hope that you will be joining me and many other Local Government and First Nations' Representatives at the 2016 UBCM Annual Convention. We will have an opportunity to meet with the Provincial Government, debate 177 resolutions, attend workshops and plenary sessions, network and hopefully come away inspired and ready to tackle the issues that face each and every one of us.

We will also be electing our executive members who work hard in advocacy, education, policy development and implementation, communication and government relations.

I would be honoured if you would take a moment to consider me for the position of Director at Large. I have attached my nomination paper for your information.

Thanks again – hope to see you there!

Warm regards,

Sharon Gaetz  
Mayor, City of Chilliwack  
Chair, Fraser Valley Regional District

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Dear *Chair Bill Miller & Board,* REGIONAL DISTRICT OF  
BULKLEY NECHAKO <sup>13</sup> - Sept. 2016

This is updated information we have for the physiotherapy fact sheet regarding shortage of physiotherapists in the north. The fact sheet that was attached to the e-mail sent out last week only had the information about 7% of physios work in rural communities. The information below here shows more accurately the inequities in our province. The stat is that 7% of Physios in BC work in rural communities (not the north), and yet 15% of the population live in rural. The number of the north is:

The shortfall is greatest in Northern BC where **86 registered physiotherapists serve a regional population of 350,000 (1 per 4069 per capita)** compared with 3,251 physiotherapists serving a population of 4,251,000 in the remainder of BC\* (1 per 1307). This represents a more than 3-fold difference in availability of physiotherapists to the population without considering the patient access challenges associated with serving a sparsely distributed population.

This updated Fact Sheet provides a more accurate picture of the shortage of physiotherapists in northern BC. Thank you for considering this new information.

Hilary Crowley  
Physiotherapist

Re: Shortage of Physiotherapists

9<sup>th</sup> sept. 2016Dear *Chair Bill Miller & Beard,*

First of all, thank you for your support of the Cariboo Regional District resolution at last years UBCM requesting a physiotherapy program at UNBC, which passed at the convention. Recent articles in the Prince George Citizen demonstrate community need for physiotherapy throughout the life-span. Currently UBC graduates 80 physiotherapists per year but only 2 or 3 of these graduates ultimately end up practicing physiotherapy in northern BC. There are vacant positions throughout the north but also many more communities without access to physiotherapy. Families are struggling to access suitable physiotherapy services for their infants with disability – many go without, due to distance and lack of appropriate services. The community will ultimately demand equality with other areas of the province once they know the facts.

Since last years UBCM physiotherapists for northern communities have presented to the Standing Committees on both Finance and on Health. We met with Isobel Mackenzie, Seniors Advocate, and responded to her report "Placement Drugs and Therapy" which highlighted the lack of physiotherapy services for seniors in BC, which is exacerbated in northern and rural communities. We continue to have discussions with the President, Provost and Deans of Medicine at UNBC and UBC and with our MLAs..

There is a need to increase the number of physiotherapists graduating in BC from 80 to 100 with the extra 20 seats being situated at UNBC. Recruitment from the north for training in the north is the best solution for providing health professionals for the north.

Research shows that access to physiotherapy helps:

- To reduce hospital, emergency and Dr visits.
- To reduce number of hospital stay days through early mobilisation.
- To keep seniors at home
- To provide optimal quality of life in residential care.
- To achieve appropriate developmental milestones for children with disability.

We need your support for a full academic physiotherapy program at UNBC, preferably a dual UBC/UNBC degree, in order to meet the needs of the citizens of northern BC and other rural areas of the province. This need is urgent since the physiotherapy workforce is aging and we are at risk of losing this opportunity with reverse migration of students leaving the north to train and stay in the south if we don't all get behind it now. We implore you to urge the provincial government to release funds to enable this important program to come to fruition. We are happy to provide any further information you require relative to this need. Thank you so much,

Sincerely,

*Hilary Crowley*Hilary Crowley RPT [hcrowley@mag-net.com](mailto:hcrowley@mag-net.com)

On behalf of Physiotherapists for Northern Communities

## PHYSIOTHERAPY FACT SHEET

- Physiotherapy** is a healthcare profession dedicated to working with people to maximize their ability to move and function throughout their lifespan. Specifically, physiotherapists improve clients' quality of life by promoting optimal mobility, physical activity and overall health and wellness. Physiotherapists help to prevent injuries and provide therapy to alleviate pain, strengthen muscles and improve co-ordination. They work with patients with stroke, arthritis, trauma, neurological disease, cardio-respiratory conditions and much more.
- Shortage of Physiotherapists:** There is a shortage of physiotherapists across BC however the shortfall is greatest in Northern BC where **86 registered physiotherapists serve a regional population of 350,000 (1 per 4069 per capita)** compared with 3,251 physiotherapists serving a population of 4,251,000 in the remainder of BC\* (1 per 1307). This represents a more than 3-fold difference in availability of physiotherapists to the population without considering the patient access challenges associated with serving a sparsely distributed population. In 2014, the Physiotherapy Association of BC identified 267 Physiotherapy vacancies in BC. This includes public and private sector positions however it should be noted that many vacancies are not posted due to unsuccessful physiotherapy recruitment efforts, resulting in loss of positions. Furthermore, the age of the physiotherapy workforce is also greater in the north meaning that imminently there will be more vacant physiotherapy positions and the expertise of these therapists will no longer be available to provide clinical teaching to new students unless this initiative is acted on in a timely manner.
- Underserved Areas:** Many First Nations communities do not have access to Physiotherapy services. Families living in northern, rural and First Nations communities are disadvantaged by lack of access to these services. The increase in resource development in the north also exacerbates the need for health professionals. Access to physiotherapy reduces reliance on hospital emergency departments for management of chronic disease and improves patient outcomes at lower cost.
- Pediatrics:** Early Intervention Services for vulnerable children in Nechako Lakes and Burns Lake is presently being provided by Smithers. It is important that we don't leave a gap in physiotherapy services for children with delayed development, since early intervention makes a critical difference in the future of children's ability to function and develop life skills.
- Seniors:** A recent report by the Seniors Advocate showed that BC falls far behind other provinces in therapy services available to seniors. This leads to seniors in BC being placed in residential care prematurely due to mobility issues and no chance of good rehabilitation following a fall, injury or age-related mobility losses.
- Training:** UBC is the only Physical Therapy training program in BC. BC has the lowest number of seats to population ratio amongst all the provinces across Canada. UBC graduates 80 physiotherapists annually. In 2011, the provincial government funded the Northern and Rural Cohort, NRC, which supports 20 of these 80 students to complete their clinical experience in rural and northern communities. UNBC is equipped with a physiotherapy lab that is capable of academic distribution from UBC and linked to Northern Health sites across the North. Research shows that students trained in the north are far more likely to stay in the north.
- Local Government Support:** The Mayors and Councils and MLAs at the NCLGA conference in May 2015 agreed that there was a need for more physiotherapists and that recruitment and retention is more successful when students come from and are trained in a rural or northern community. Their Resolution to this end was endorsed at UBCM.
- Request:** We urge your support for 20 more physiotherapy academic seats in BC, to be located in the north to address the community need for physiotherapy services. A Northern Physiotherapy Program at UNBC, providing a dual UBC/UNBC degree, will help to serve northern and rural communities. This allows students to live and experience work in rural communities and increase supply for the existing vacancies thereby improving the overall access to physiotherapy for many more rural and northern British Columbians.

For further information: Hilary Crowley, Physiotherapist [hcrowley@mag-net.com](mailto:hcrowley@mag-net.com) 250 965-7715

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Chan Miller, Bulkley-Necharo R.D.

SEP 19 2016

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY NECHARO

Dear Mayors, Councillors, Regional District Directors September 14, 2016.

We have been "raising awareness" to the issue of **Human trafficking/sexual exploitation, youth and child exploitation, youth porn use/addiction** with civic leaders in BC for the past 4 years.

This culminated in 2 UBCM Resolutions last September B53 on Human Trafficking and B80 on Rape Culture (see yellow sheet). We are encouraging civic leaders to implement and fund these resolutions.

We are also encouraging the implementation of Bill C-36 "The Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act" (see yellow sheet).

Human trafficking/sexual exploitation is the fastest growing crime in the world, in Canada and locally. It is a "low risk, high return" crime that has been "invisible" to the public. However, as the demand for commercial paid sex increases, due to an unhindered internet, the supply must increase, making our youth and children vulnerable and targets.

We have included 10 strategies for Councils to consider in stopping this egregious crime.

Please let us know what you are doing in your communities. Please let us know if you need more information. Please let me know if I can present to your Council.

Most Sincerely, Mrs. Cathy Peters; former inner city high school teacher, volunteer for 2 Federal MP's (John Weston- West Vancouver, BC & Joy Smith-St. Paul/Kildonan, Manitoba) , speaker and advocate addressing Human Trafficking/Sexual Exploitation in BC.

#302-150 W. 15th St., North Vancouver, BC V7M 0C4 ca.peters@telus.net

Cathy Peters

## 10 strategies for cities and municipalities to consider:

1. Learn about the issue. Read the books "Invisible Chains" by UBC law professor Benjamin Perrin, "Pornland" by Dr. Gail Dines (world expert on porn research), have staff take the OCTIP (Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons) free online course. Encourage police to take HT course on the Police Knowledge Network.
2. Incorporate the United Nations 4 Pillars to stop Human trafficking/sexual exploitation: **Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, Partnerships.**
3. **Prevention:** raise awareness in community. "Education is our greatest weapon". ie. Children of the Street Society does school programs.
4. Encourage "Men end exploitation" movements: ie. Moosehide Campaign, Fortress Foundation (in Victoria).
5. Use communications to support a cultural mindshift. Ontario has "Saving the girl next door program", the RCMP has the "I'm Not for Sale" campaign.
6. **Protection:** help victims, have exit strategies in place for them, consider 24-7 "wrap-around programs" ie. Salvation Army "Deborah's Gate", Covenant House, Servants Anonymous.
7. **Prosecution:** increase policing budget, training and priorities. Have "john" deterrants in place, **enforce Bill C-36 "Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act" which addresses "demand" ie. perpetrators, johns, facilitators.**
8. Train community stakeholders: Health care workers, fire department, municipal business licensing managers to recognize human trafficking/sexual exploitation ie. Fraser Health Authority has a human trafficking protocol, Surrey Fire department is trained to recognize HT indicators.
9. **Partnerships: Collaboration:** with other cities and municipalities at local government associations, Police agencies and RCMP, 3 levels of government (civic, provincial, federal); UBCM, FCM with Resolutions.
10. No decriminalization of prostitution because the vulnerable (aboriginal girls/women, youth, children) in our communities will be targets to be lured, groomed and exploited for the sex trade. **Goal: safe communities.**

**B53****HUMAN TRAFFICKING; NCLGA Executive**

WHEREAS human trafficking is a real and devastating issue in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS significant work & research has been done as of late to aid in the prevention and prosecution of human trafficking throughout Canada:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the RCMP, local police forces and local governments to work collaboratively in order to implement the recommendations found within the National Task Force on Sex Trafficking of Women and Girls in Canada's recent report ("NO MORE' Ending Sex -Trafficking In Canada") as well as the Province of British Columbia's "Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking."

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**B80****RAPE CULTURE IN CANADA; NCLGA Executive**

WHEREAS sexual assaults continue to be committed across Canada, and victims are of every age, race, income and gender;

AND WHEREAS sexual assaults are under reported, and prosecution and conviction rates are low:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM advocate for an intergovernmental task force to be convened to determine the steps needed to erase the "rape culture" that is pervasive in schools, universities, workplaces and elsewhere across Canada;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be mandated to elicit testimony from victims in order to determine the steps needed to improve the reporting, arrest and conviction rates across Canada.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## **Canadian Federal Bill C-36: "The Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act"**

(versus the New Zealand Model of Decriminalization):

1. **Targets the demand** by targeting the buyer of sex; the predator, pimp, trafficker, john are criminalized
2. Recognizes the seller of sex is a victim; usually female and is not criminalized
3. Exit strategies put in place to assist the victim out of the sex trade.

### **Reasons to say NO to legalization/decriminalization:**

- human trafficking, juvenile/child prostitution, and organized crime explodes
- sex tourism explodes (USA to Canada)
- international crime syndicates move in
- the sex industry grows and becomes legitimized and normalized in the culture
- porn/prostitution/rape culture are a toxic mix and all become normalized. Every girl and woman will become vulnerable and a possible target. Canada becomes a pimp and prey culture.
- significant violence against girls and women will increase. Prostituted girls and women currently experience extreme violence, torture, degrading and brutal acts.
- the health and the community /public safety all become compromised in our communities to the point they will not be safe, vibrant, healthy or working.
- once children are involved in the sex industry our society breaks down.
- aboriginal girls and women are the first casualties.