

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
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**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
SUPPLEMENTARY Board of Directors
September 17, 2015**

To: Chair Miller and the Board of Directors
From: Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development
Date: September 16, 2015
Regarding: Letter of Support Request – Beyond the Market

Beyond the Market is submitting a proposal for long-term funding to the Ministry of Agriculture’s Provincial Community Based Extension Services Program. The funding will allow Beyond the Market to provide local farmers and ranchers with greater access to training resources and support. A letter of support for this program is being requested from the RDBN Board of Directors.

The purpose of the new program model is to provide community-based extension services to the agriculture sector across the province, with a particular focus on new and young farmers.

The goals of the program are:

1. To increase the number of new farmers across the province;
2. To increase the viability and capacity of existing farms, especially those in start-up and early growth phases;
3. To improve the succession of longstanding farms to the next generation; and
4. To establish sound agri-business management practices that will result in job creation.

Activities will include:

- Farm Business Coaching;
- Advisory Services;
- Match Making and Online Directories;
- Annual Regional Event;
- Training and Learning Events; and
- Grant Writing and Funding Leverage.

The budget of \$333,000 annually includes:

- Wages, Benefits and Travel for Six Regional Coordinators and one Provincial Coordinator;
- Core Network Events;
- Communications and Outreach; and
- Train-the-trainer sessions.

Does the RDBN Board of Directors wish to provide a letter of support for this initiative?

Recommendation:	(All/Directors/Majority)
Direction.	



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

**Supplementary
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Chair Miller and Regional Board of Directors

FROM: Gail Chapman, CAO

DATE: September 16, 2015

**SUBJECT: RDBN Forestry Forum (Wildfire Workshop)
October 13th, 2015**

The RDBN Forestry Forum is fast approaching and staff are working toward finalizing arrangements for the event. To date, 45 people have registered with representation from industry, provincial ministries, community forests and local government.

Prior discussion at the RDBN Forestry Committee level has taken place regarding hiring Al Gorley, Triangle Resources, as a facilitator and further consideration was given to adding Brian Simpson, Wildfire Management Services 1041469 BC Ltd., to make a presentation, titled, "Fire Management in BC – Our New Reality".

Cost re Al Gorley, Triangle Resources

\$2500 plus travel costs

Cost re Brian Simpson, Wildfire Management Services 1041469 BC Ltd.

\$1000/day all-inclusive based on 9 hrs. day, plus travel costs

I wish to confirm that there are sufficient monies in the RDBN Forestry Strategy budget for the cost of hiring Mr. Al Gorley as a facilitator and Mr. Brian Simpson as a presenter.

Recommendation

(All/Directors/Majority)

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako authorize staff to hire Mr. Al Gorley, Triangle Resources, as the facilitator for the October 13th, 2015 Wildfire Workshop at an estimated cost of \$2500 plus travel. Further, that Mr. Brian Simpson, Wildfire Management Services 1041469 BC Ltd., be hired as a presenter for upcoming Wildfire Workshop at an estimated cost of \$1000/day plus travel costs."



**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Board of Directors –
SUPPLEMENTARY Memorandum
September 17, 2015**

To: Chair Miller and the Board of Directors
 From: Kristi Rensby, Finance/Administration Coordinator
 Date: September 14, 2015
 Regarding: Federal Gas Tax Funds – Electoral Area 'D' (Fraser Lake Rural)
 District of Vanderhoof

The District of Vanderhoof has requested the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako's assistance in the form of Federal Gas Tax Funds to assist with the construction of the Vanderhoof Pool complex, to be located in Vanderhoof.

At this point, the District of Vanderhoof is asking for a commitment of funds to be used for leveraging further funds for the project. There is no project start date set at this point. If the project were to not go forward, the RDBN would be able to rescind its resolution and return the committed funds to the Electoral Area 'D' Gas Tax Fund allocation.

Total uncommitted Gas Tax Funds remaining in Electoral Area 'D' allocation is \$336,200.80. Director Parker is supportive of this project and accessing Federal Gas Tax Funds in the amount of \$200,000. A Board resolution is required to contribute Federal Gas Tax Funds to this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize contributing \$200,000 of Electoral Area 'D' Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to the District of Vanderhoof to build the Vanderhoof Pool complex; and further,

(All/Directors/Majority)
2. That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$200,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.

(All/Weighted/Majority)

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**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Board of Directors –
SUPPLEMENTARY Memorandum
September 17, 2015**

To: Chair Miller and the Board of Directors
From: Kristi Rensby, Finance/Administration Coordinator
Date: September 11, 2015
Regarding: Federal Gas Tax Funds – Electoral Area 'F' (Vanderhoof Rural)
District of Vanderhoof

The District of Vanderhoof has requested the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako's assistance in the form of Federal Gas Tax Funds to assist with the construction of the Vanderhoof Pool complex, to be located in Vanderhoof.

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Total uncommitted Gas Tax Funds remaining in Electoral Area 'F' allocation is \$653,642.15. Director Petersen is supportive of this project and accessing Federal Gas Tax Funds in the amount of \$500,000. A Board resolution is required to contribute Federal Gas Tax Funds to this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize contributing \$500,000 of Electoral Area 'F' Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to the District of Vanderhoof to build the Vanderhoof Pool complex;
2. That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize the purchase and installation of approved signage for the project to a maximum of \$400 cost, and further,
(All/Directors/Majority)
3. That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$500,400 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.
(All/Weighted/Majority)

Jason Ilewellyn

From: Alison Beal
Sent: September-16-15 3:21 PM
To: Jason Ilewellyn
Cc: David Hatler;
Subject: TEMPORARY USE PERMIT APPLICATION A-01-14

Hello Jason,

Following are our concerns regarding the above permit application:

1. There was no site inspection.
2. We are not aware of any provisions for noise containment.
3. Is it possible to confirm the existence of the 30m treed buffer zone at the property line?
4. Is the RDBN aware that the surrounding properties are at a higher elevation than the pit itself ... thus appropriate noise mitigation practices may need to be identified and implemented.
5. We understand that a crusher has been operating on the site to this date. Will approval of this permit represent any significant change in present practices at the pit site?

Finally, we regret that we are only responding to your letter of Sept 3 today, however circumstances have not permitted an earlier response.

with thanks for this opportunity,

Alison Beal & David Hatler
4931 Morris Road, Telkwa, V0J 2X3



**BRIEF SUBMITTED TO THE RDBN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ON THE BURNS AND BURNS APPLICATION FOR A TUP TO CRUSH GRAVEL
on the fractional SW1/4 of Section 4, Township 4, Range 5, Coast District,
except Plans 11348, PRP14394 and PRP41187**

2015 September 17

From **fifteen** resident households, businesses, and recreational
Interests affected by illegal gravel crushing in the Burns and Burns and
West Fraser Concrete pits located about 4 km west of Telkwa along
Highway 16

Contact: Dr. Ray Chipeniuk,

This brief is by way of public input on the application by Greg and Robin Burns for a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) to crush gravel on the WFC Donaldson Road property, Fractional SW ¼ of Section 4, Township 4, Range 5, Coast District, except Plans 11348, PRP14394 and PRP41187. The brief represents the views of over **fifteen** households and commercial and recreational interests who have suffered environmental harm from the illegal crushing conducted on this or the adjacent West Fraser Concrete site for at least the past six or seven years. (To avoid the potential for retaliation, which is a real concern for some members of our group, those names are not listed here, but contact information for many of them has been provided to our Board Director, Mark Fisher, for verification that their owners endorse the positions we are presenting here.

Our concerns about the TUP that Burns and Burns are seeking

- (1) Apparently the applicants, Burns and Burns, and their predecessors, have been gravel on their site illegally for about twenty years. In our view a business should not be rewarded for its bad behavior by being given permission to continue crushing under a TUP. Had Burns and Burns or their predecessors applied for and been granted a TUP before they began illegal crushing operations, the TUP would have expired after three years – that is, long ago. Even after the one TUP renewal permitted under British Columbia law, in our understanding, Burns and Burns would by now have been obliged to cease crushing gravel on the site.
- (2) In British Columbia, we have been told by a senior manager within the provincial ministry responsible for local government, the normal annual term for gravel crushing under a TUP is two or three weeks, not the 180 days Burns and Burns are asking for in

their application. Mobile gravel crushers are supposed to move around from pit to pit, not squat in a place as if they were permanent structures.

- (3) The hours of crushing asked for in the Burns and Burns TUP application, starting at 7:00 AM, will ruin the sleep of professional residents in the neighbourhood who work irregular hours.
- (4) Gravel pits in this area, and in particular the West Fraser Concrete pit, are used as a location for loud recreational off-road vehicle riding, which could be given a kind of sanction if the Regional District grants the TUP applied for. Within the past week illegal motocross racing on a large, organized scale has taken place on the West Fraser Concrete property (or perhaps on the Burns and Burns property). In addition, however, ATVs and dirt bikes are used for joyriding when the gravel pits and crushers are not in operation, during evenings, weekends, and even lunch breaks. Pit and crusher operators are not residential neighbours, willing to take a human interest in neighbours' concerns about noise nuisances.

Our understanding of the position in which the Board of Directors finds itself

- (1) The Board is on the horns of a very unpleasant dilemma. Paragraph 921(1)(b) of the Local Government Act states that a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) may be granted only if *"The environment would not be negatively affected by the proposed temporary use."* Our group of over fifteen households and Bulkley River-based businesses assures the Board that the environment is in fact negatively affected by the illegal gravel crushing which already goes on in the proponents' property and the property of West Fraser Concrete adjacent to it. The noise and vibration from crushing in this area are great and intolerable. So if the Regional District grants Burns and Burns a TUP for this location, *the Regional District will itself be violating British Columbia law.*
- (2) On the other horn of its dilemma, the Regional District is already failing to enforce its own Zoning Bylaw in relation to the illegal crushing and motocross land uses which West Fraser Concrete has sponsored on the property adjacent to the Burns and Burns property. If the Regional District now decides not to grant Burns and Burns a TUP and at the same time it countenances continued illegal crushing on both the Burns and Burns site and the West Fraser Concrete site, *it will establish a clear pattern of moral cowardice in how it governs land use by gravel operators who choose to be a law unto themselves.*

Our recommendations for conditions if the Board grants Burns and Burns a TUP

Our group believes the RDBN Board of Directors should **not** grant Burns and Burns a TUP for this location, but if it does, then the TUP should include several strong conditions. The conditions are that:

- i. The gravel crushing must be enclosed within a noise-suppressing structure, as is sometimes done within other jurisdictions, such as Hinton.
- ii. The crushing should extend over no more than two or three weeks a year on the Burns and Burns site, as is commonly required by other regional districts in British Columbia and equivalent rural governments elsewhere.
- iii. The TUP should specify that there be **no** off-road recreational vehicle riding on the Burns and Burns site.
- iv. Crushing on the Burns and Burns site should follow a dust suppression program of the sort Northern Health recommends for gravel crushing operations in other regional districts in northern British Columbia.
- v. If the Mines permit under which the mine owners extract gravel on the Burns and Burns site does not already require it, the Regional District TUP should specify that *progressive reclamation* take place as different portions of the site are depleted. As allowed under the Local Government Act, the Regional District should require a bond as surety for proper reclamation. The Mines ministry should never have permitted gravel extraction on the Burns and Burns site in the first place, in view of the high environmental, tourism, and residential value of land adjacent to the Bulkley River and situated between Telkwa and Smithers, but the RDBN has a responsibility to mitigate the unwise provincial government decision of two decades ago.
- vi. A Web camera should be installed and maintained on the Burns and Burns site, at Burns and Burns expense, with live streaming available to the public over the Internet at all times, to monitor Burns and Burns compliance with the terms of the TUP. Because the principal environmental harms expected from gravel crushing are auditory, the Web feed should include sound (and perhaps simultaneous digital sound readings). Web cameras are a feature used to allow the public to monitor environmental compliance at, for example, wood mills emitting large amounts of particulate matter.



Frontier Farwest Steelhead Lodge

1275 raymond rd
Smithers, BC
250-846-9153

September 16, 2015

Dear RDBN Board

As many of our neighbours know we own and operate a fishing lodge at the end of Raymond road. When we bought our property 8 years ago, it was zoned for Agriculture and was a part of the ALR. At great time and expense we went through the proper process to change our property to a commercial zoning to allow us to legally operate as a fishing lodge. With that comes a massive increase in property tax, one we are happy to pay to have the privilege to run a business on this beautiful section of the Bulkley River.

We are a valued part of the community as we buy everything we can locally, and offer many employment opportunities to locals. Due to our success within the local community and by popular demand we are going to be doing weddings at the lodge and other events, including local business private lunches and dinners. This past summer we also offered long table barn lunches and dinners in our 100 year old restored heritage barn.

Obviously with these type of events, loud sounds can be quite detrimental to the surrounding ambience. Being that we are a commercial operation we certainly don't want to block anyones plans for making a living and providing a needed service to the community. Obviously gravel pits as close to town are very important as the lower transport costs are paramount. However due to the close proximity of our commercial operation we have to voice our opinion that we are not in favour of the gravel pit.

However if this pit is granted a TUP we just ask that we can work together along with the local residents to come up with a plan that everyone can agree to. We support the Boards recommendations for conditions if a TUP is granted (i through vi in the brief submitted). Thank you for taking the time to consider our position.

Sincerely yours,

Derek Botchford



Bell Group

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September 16, 2015

Mr. Bill Miller
Chairman, Board of Directors
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
37 – 3rd Avenue
Burns Lake, BC, V0J 1E0

Cc: Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning

Re: Temporary Use Permit Applications #A-01-14 (Vihar Construction Pit, Skillhorn and Morris Road, Telkwa) and #A-02-14 (G&R Pit, 6105 Hwy. 16)

Request for Deferment

The applicants respectfully request a deferment of consideration in respect of TUP Applications #A-01-14 and #A-02-14 by the Board of Directors until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. This will allow the applicants time to further assess some of the recent developments surrounding these applications.

The applicants proposes to use the intervening period to:

1. Further evaluate the number of days of operation as originally noted in the TUPs, as well as the hours of operation in the same.
2. Meet with the Planning Department and engage them in further consultation to arrive at a consensus on best practice.
3. To meet the residents affected by the TUPs and discuss with them their areas of concern as they relate to the crushing process.

With regard to TUP Application #A-02-14, the applicant is aware of the submissions to the Board by the Frontier Farwest Steelhead Lodge and by Dr. Ray Chipeniuk, representing some of the neighbouring property owners and users. We would like to take this opportunity to address certain assertions contained in this submission by Dr. Chipeniuk:

1. The G&R (Burns) Pit is separate from and in no way associated with the West Fraser Concrete operation.
2. The G&R Pit is fenced and gated and only accessed off of Highway 16
3. As noted by the Planning Department, the extraction and certain processing of gravel which has been in operation for more than 20 years is an allowable use under the current zoning by-laws.

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4. There is no public access for off road vehicles to the G&R Pit, nor are there any organized off road vehicular activities in this pit.
5. There is a residential rental property located on the subject property. The residents of this rental property would be those most affected by the G&R Pit, but in fact they report that there is little or no impact on their lifestyle.

The applicant recognises the concerns of the neighbouring properties expressed in Dr. Chipeniuk's submission and look forward to the opportunity to address them with Dr. Chipeniuk and the other concerned property owners and users. This operation has a 20 year history and wishes to continue and be recognized as a good corporate and civic citizen.

We thank you for considering our request to defer TUP #A-01-14 and TUP #1-02-14 to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting of October 22, 2015.



Dale Bellavance

On behalf of Vihar Construction Ltd. and Greg and Robin Burns

Town of Smithers



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Ms. Gail Chapman
Chief Administrative Officer
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Box 820
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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF
BULKLEY NECHAKO

Dear Ms. Chapman:

RE: Re-use Shed at the Smithers/Telkwa Waste Transfer Station

At its Regular Meeting held September 8, 2015, Council were dismayed at the recent announcement by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors to close all the re-use sheds at waste transfer stations in their jurisdiction, including the Re-use Shed at the Smithers/Telkwa Waste Transfer Station.

Council understands that a motion passed by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors to conduct public consultation sessions prior to any closures of the re-use sheds was not rescinded by the Board, nor carried out.

The Town of Smithers Council requests that the Re-use Shed at the Smithers/Telkwa Waste Transfer Station remain open until the public consultations have taken place.

Yours truly,

Susan Bassett
Acting Chief Administrative Officer

SB/plg



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REGIONAL DISTRICT
OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

"A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN OUR REGION"

September 16, 2015

Ms. Susan Bassett,
Acting Chief Administrative Officer,
Town of Smithers,
Box 879,
Smithers, B.C. V0J 2N0

Dear Ms. Bassett,

RE: Re-Use Shed at the Smithers-Telkwa Transfer Station

Thank you for your letter of September 9th, 2015, wherein you advised that the Town of Smithers Council has expressed their dismay regarding the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako's Board of Directors decision to close its re-use sheds (8) across the region due to safety concerns and legal liability to the taxpayers of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.

Your letter also states "a motion passed by the RDBN Board of Directors to conduct public consultation sessions prior to any closures of the re-use sheds was not rescinded by the Regional Board, nor carried out". The October 23, 2014 resolution respecting community consultation was brought to the Regional Board's attention at the August 20th, 2015 meeting, and the Regional Board was advised that due to staff workload there had been insufficient time to consult with the public. The Regional Board adopted the resolution for immediate closure on August 20th, 2015 in full knowledge of its previous resolution. A legal opinion in regard to this issue clearly confirms that the RDBN Board of Directors August 20th, 2015 resolution takes precedence over and supersedes the earlier motion of October 23, 2014, such that the August 20th resolution has by implication repealed the earlier one.

I respectfully request that the Town of Smithers request "that the re-use shed at the Smithers-Telkwa Waste Transfer Station remain open until the public consultations have taken place", be directed to Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors rather than myself. As an aside, the Re-Use Shed/Salvaging Public Workshop for Smithers/Telkwa and area has been scheduled to take place on Oct. 6/15.

Yours truly
Gail Chapman
Gail Chapman, CAO

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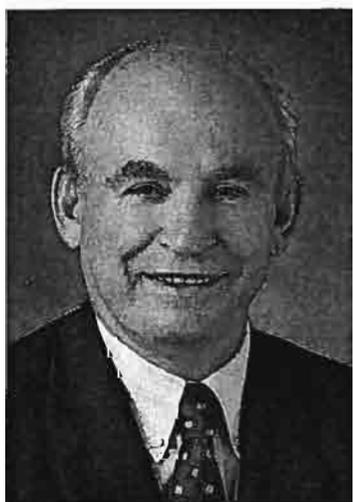
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Tuesday, September 22, 2015
9am – 12 pm
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AGENDA

- 9:00 am – 9:05 am** **Introduction and Welcome**
Chair Art Kaehn, UBCM Electoral Area Representative
- 9:05 am – 9:15 am** **Minister's Speech**
Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
- 9:15 am – 9:55 am** **Connectivity in Rural Areas**
- Network BC**
Wilf Bangert, Executive Lead responsible for Network BC, Ministry of Technology, Innovation & Citizens' Services
- BC Broadband Association and ABC Communications**
Chris Allen, Director, BC Broadband Association and President, ABC Communications
- Kootenay Regional Broadband Committee**
Chair Rob Gay, Regional District of East Kootenay
- 9:55 am – 10:30 am** **OPEN MICROPHONE**
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- 10:30 am – 10:45 am** **Break**
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10:45 am – 11:20 am

Housing in Rural Areas

Better at Home - United Way

Kahir Lalji, Provincial Program Manager, Better at Home

Comox Valley Regional District

Ann MacDonald, General Manager of Planning and Development Services

BC Housing

Stephanie Allen, Senior Project Officer in Development and Asset Strategies

11:20 am – 11:55 am

Disasters In Rural Areas

Emergency Management BC

Ian Cunnings, Senior Regional Manager, Southwest Region, Emergency Management BC, Ministry of State for Emergency Preparedness

Mount Polley Mine Spill

Jim Martin, CAO, Fraser-Fort George RD

Dog Mountain Wildfire

Russell Dyson, CAO, Alberni-Clayoquot RD

11:55 am – 12:00 pm

Closing Remarks

Chair Art Kaehn, UBCM Electoral Area Representative

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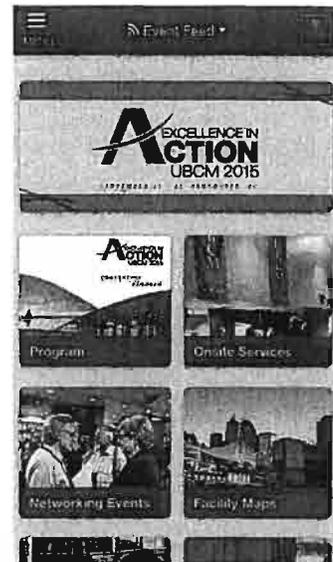
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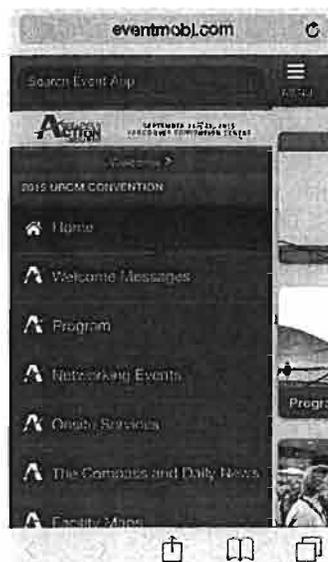


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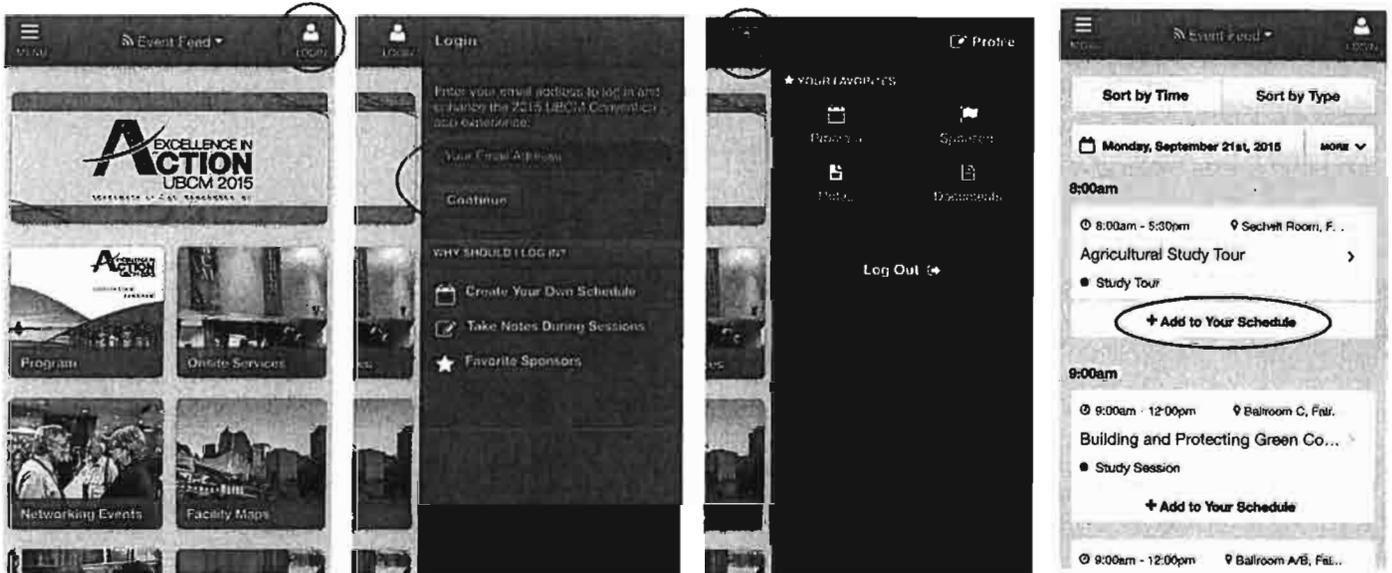
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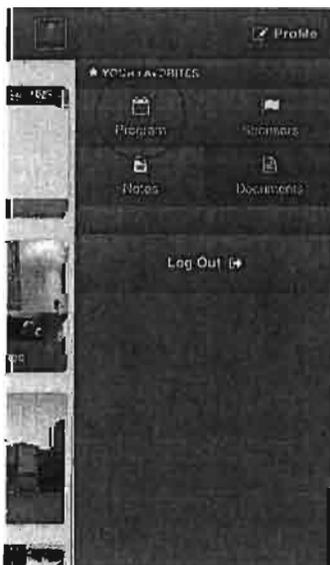


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NILS JENSEN

CANDIDATE FOR UBCM EXECUTIVE

For the last 19 years I've dedicated myself to public service, as Mayor, Councillor and Regional Director and Chair. That combined with my professional life as crown counsel and high level provincial policy advisor has given me the experience and skills necessary to be part of the UBCM leadership team.



I know the issues large, small and rural communities deal with on an ongoing basis. I've lived and worked in Oak Bay, Vancouver and the interior. I have been a Director and subsequently the Chair of the Capital Regional District (CRD), a district that reflects the diversity of BC and UBCM itself. The CRD is made of up of 13 municipalities, 3 electoral areas, 11 First Nations, resource-dependent communities, farmlands and concentrated urban areas. This combination of experiences has given me the insights necessary to help lead a diverse organization such as UBCM.

I am passionate about the issues that will confront our communities over the coming years. Issues that are directly tied to downloading without funding, which has become the trademark of provincial and federal authorities. Local governments are now responsible for providing services that were provided by other levels of government when I first became Councillor in 1996. The single most important challenge we face as a collective of local governments is funding - which currently is largely based on an archaic, regressive concept of property taxes reminiscent of feudalism. To realize the true potential of our communities this must be changed.

I offer my leadership and experience to meet the many challenges facing UBCM. -

Thank you,
Nils

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WHY SUPPORT NILS

- Political Experience
 - 15 yrs Councillor
 - 4 yrs Mayor
 - 12 yrs head of Greater Victoria water board
 - 4 yrs as Director and one year as Regional District Chair

- Successful Leadership
 - Major expansion of water supply for region - no drought restrictions required in 2015
 - Building Canada's largest UV treatment plant
 - Protecting \$500 million sewage treatment grants

- Professional Experience
 - Former crown prosecutor and law professor
 - Provincial policy advisor - developed the bylaw notice enforcement system
 - Graduate engineer