



**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
Tuesday, February 25, 2020 @ 3:30 PM  
George Fraser Room, Ucluelet Community Centre,  
500 Matterson Drive, Ucluelet**

**LATE AGENDA**

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1. LATE ITEMS	
1.1. Highway Four Closures <i>Claire Trevena, Minister, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Add C-5 MOTI Correspondence as Correspondence Item 10.5 after page 111. <a href="#">C-5 MOTI Correspondence</a></li></ul>	3 - 6
1.2. Request for Budget Support for the Ucluelet Chamber of Commerce for Economic Development <i>Laurie Gehrkie, Vice-President, Chamber of Commerce</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Add 02-25-2020 Letter Requesting Funding Support to Delegation Item 9.2 after page 11. <a href="#">02-25-2020 Letter Requesting Funding Support</a></li></ul>	7





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His Worship  
 Mayor Mayco Noël  
 District of Ucluelet  
 200 Main Street  
 PO Box 999  
 Ucluelet BC V0R 3A0

Reference: 290898  
 Your File: 0530-01  
 0410-20 MOTI

Dear Mayor Noël,

**Re: Highway 4 Closures**

Thank you for your letter regarding unplanned closures on Highway 4 at the Kennedy Hill safety improvement project and the possibility of providing Wi-Fi at the site. I am sorry it has taken me so long to respond.

I know the most recent unplanned closure of January 23, 2020, was particularly difficult for residents and travellers on both sides of the closure. We appreciated their patience as crews worked around the clock to reopen the highway as fast as possible.

Ministry staff and our contractors ensured this latest unplanned closure was communicated swiftly to the public through DriveBC, the project's traffic advisory hotline and social and other media. For any unplanned closure, the contractor will immediately update electronic message boards at both ends of the project. If the closure is expected to be lengthy, as was the case on January 23, the contractor will deploy flaggers to the junction of Highway 4 with the Tofino-Ucluelet Highway and to the Sproat Lake Area to alert travellers in advance.

I am glad to hear that communications between emergency services in your community and our contractor have improved. Ministry staff will continue to work with the contractor to ensure any unplanned closures continue to be communicated quickly to the public.

Ministry staff have investigated the possibility of providing Wi-Fi service at the Kennedy Hill project site, but the infrastructure needed would be very costly due to the complicated requirements to build onsite and would require significant time to complete the engineering, permitting and construction. As well, the range of any provided Wi-Fi would be short. Given the mountainous terrain and curvy highway, most queued traffic would be well out of range of the Wi-Fi signal. Having contractor staff walk the traffic queues remains the best way to keep travellers at the site informed.

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the ministry's District Manager, Michael Pearson. He can be reached at 250 751-3287 or at Michael.Pearson@gov.bc.ca and would be pleased to assist you.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,



Claire Trevena  
Minister

Copy to:       Honourable Scott Fraser  
                  Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation  
                  MLA, Mid Island-Pacific Rim

Janelle Staite, Regional Deputy Director  
South Coast Region

Michael Pearson, District Manager  
Vancouver Island District



19 December 2019

Our File: 0530-01  
0410-20 MOTI

***Via Email and Regular Mail***

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure  
PO Box 9055 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC  
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**RE: Highway 4 – Kennedy Road Safety Improvements**

Thank you for your letter dated October 22, 2019. It was a pleasure meeting with you and your Staff at UBCM to discuss our highways.

During our meetings we relayed concerns with the timeliness of communications about road closures at the Kennedy Hill Safety Improvement site (the “site”) and the need for Wi-Fi.

To date Wi-Fi has not been installed in or around the site. Wi-Fi will help alleviate hardships associated with the Kennedy Hill Safety Improvements. A brief email to a loved one or Doctor goes a long way!

I can report that communications between our emergency services and your contractors have improved. Unfortunately, motorists continue to be impacted by communication delays regarding unscheduled road closures in and around the site. As winter conditions worsen, road closures are likely to become more frequent. The closures must be communicated promptly for motorists to take steps to mitigate the impact on their lives and our economy.

We look forward to working with your Staff and contractors to improve communications and thank you for your time.

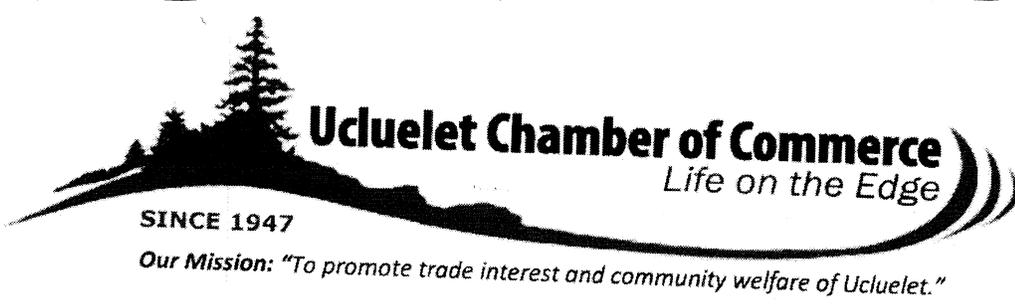
Sincerely,

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Mayor Noël  
Mayor, District of Ucluelet

CC: Honourable Scott Fraser  
Mayor Osborne, District of Tofino

Michael Pearson, District Manager Vancouver Island District  
Janelle Staite, Deputy Regional Director  
Saya M. Masso, Interim Tribal Administrator, Tla-o-quiaht  
Chief Greg Louie, Ahousaht  
Suzanne Williams, Director of Operations, Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ  
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February 25, 2020

**Re: Request for Budget Support for the  
 Ucluelet Chamber of Commerce for Economic Development**

To Mayor Noel and Council,

The Ucluelet Chamber of Commerce Economic Development initiatives are continuing to grow in our Community. Since focusing on our mission, demand within the community of Ucluelet businesses for Chamber programming has increased. The Chamber's role in Economic Development is:

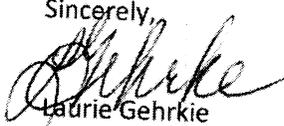
- Focused on keeping local businesses and employment opportunities in good shape, and helping businesses recognize growth opportunities for the future.
- Making employers aware of the many Workforce Assistance Programs.
- Hosting seminars and workshops that combine education, fun, and networking.
- Working with the Youth of our region with the Junior Achiever Business Program
- Networking with our Businesses to grow a camaraderie with each other and the ability to work together as a region.
- Offering Staff Housing for our Businesses
- Offering other Chamber driven business assistance programs.

**The Ucluelet Chamber of Commerce is writing to request a \$35,000 contribution for the following three budget years 2020, 2021, and 2022.**

Recent Chamber hosted Workshops and Seminars included Bookkeeping month, Social Media and SuperHost, and Forklift Training. Year 2 of the UBERE program determined which training should be included moving forward. Funding will be required to aid in the Chamber's growing training program offerings.

In 2020, the Chamber is also excited to offer our own regionally focused Ambassador Program, partnering with the Tofino Chamber of Commerce. This program aims to build a strong and healthy community, encouraging a positive attitude among responsible citizens, improving community relations with visitors, and growing support for the diversity and well-being of area businesses."

Thank you for considering this contribution to the Ucluelet Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely,  
  
 Laurie Gehrkie  
 Board Vice-President