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March 19, 2019

Mr. Patrick Wruck  
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Dear Mr. Wruck:

**RE: British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or Commission)  
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)  
Fiscal 2020 to Fiscal 2021 Revenue Requirements Application**

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BC Hydro writes to advise the Commission of its compliance with Commission Order No. G-45-19.

**Directive No. 10**

BC Hydro is providing copies of Appendix B as published in the following news publications:

The Province	March 8, 2019
Vancouver Sun	March 8, 2019
Kelowna Daily Courier	March 11, 2019
Prince George Citizen	March 12, 2019
Victoria Time Colonist	March 12, 2019
Alberni Valley News	March 13, 2019
Cranbrook Townsman	March 13, 2019
Kamloops This Week	March 13, 2019
Kimberley Bulletin	March 13, 2019
Alaska Highway News	March 14 2019
Kitimat Northern Sentinel	March 14 2019
Terrace Standard	March 14 2019
The Northern View	March 14 2019

BC Hydro confirms that the Order was provided to all registered interveners and interested parties who participated in the BC Hydro Fiscal 2017 to Fiscal 2019 Revenue Requirements Application.

**Directive No. 11**

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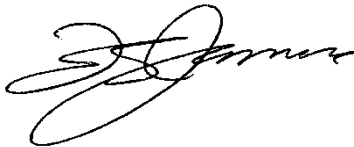
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BC Hydro placed a copy of the Application on its website at:

[https://www.bchydro.com/news/press\\_centre/news\\_releases/2019/bc-hydro-files-revenue-requirements-application-with-bc-utility.html](https://www.bchydro.com/news/press_centre/news_releases/2019/bc-hydro-files-revenue-requirements-application-with-bc-utility.html).

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Yours sincerely,



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# Trudeau acknowledges 'an erosion of trust'

KRISTY KIRKUP AND MIA RABSON  
The Canadian Press

OTTAWA — Prime Minister Justin Trudeau tried to put the SNC-Lavalin affair behind him Thursday, attributing the controversy to a breakdown between his staff and former attorney general Jody Wilson-Raybould, accepting a share of the blame and promising to do better.

But he continued to insist nothing unethical or illegal occurred and did not offer an apology for his handling of the matter, which has cost him two cabinet ministers and his most trusted adviser.

"Over the past months, there was an erosion of trust between my office and specifically my former principal secretary and the former minister of justice and attorney general," Trudeau told an early-morning news conference. "I was not aware of that erosion of trust. As prime minister and leader of the federal ministry, I should have been."

Last week, Wilson-Raybould told the House of Commons justice committee that she was relentlessly and inappropriately pressured last fall by Trudeau, his senior staff, the top public servant and others to intervene to stop a criminal prosecution of



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau held a morning news conference Thursday to address his handling of the SNC-Lavalin affair and its political fallout. — GETTY IMAGES

SNC-Lavalin. Wilson-Raybould said she believes she was moved to the veterans-affairs portfolio in January as punishment for refusing.

She resigned from cabinet altogether a month after accepting the new post. This week, her close friend and cabinet ally, Treasury Board president Jane Philpott, resigned over what she called her own loss of confidence in how the prime minister had handled the SNC affair.

Trudeau's performance was "a completely phoney act

of fake sincerity," said Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer, repeating his call for the prime minister to resign.

"The truth cannot be experienced differently. There is such a thing as right and wrong, and a real leader knows the difference," Scheer said in Toronto.

Similarly, NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh said "there's not two versions of this story" and reiterated his call for a public inquiry. He also said Trudeau was not taking responsibility or offering an apology.

## Indigenous leaders say minister shouldn't have left cabinet

KRISTY KIRKUP  
The Canadian Press

OTTAWA — Jody Wilson-Raybould would have brought a wealth of experience to the Indigenous services portfolio, including firsthand knowledge from the world of First Nations politics, some Indigenous leaders said Thursday as they questioned her decision to decline the cabinet post.

One of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's former top aides told a Commons committee Wednesday that Wilson-Raybould was offered the recently created post of minister of Indigenous services as part of a January shuffle.

She refused, citing her long-standing opposition to the Indian Act, which grants the federal government control over a number of areas, including wills, property and First Nations band administration.

Heather Bear, vice-chief of the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations, which includes 74 First Nations in Saskatchewan, said she wonders if it would have been a positive step for the former justice minister to fill the role.

Wilson-Raybould could have found additional ways to address problems Indigenous people face, Bear said.

"I would have welcomed her presence there in order to

fix what we know is wrong with the system," she said Thursday.

"I do question whether or not it would have been wise for her to occupy that space and maybe come up with some solutions, but it is a difficult situation."

Manitoba Metis Federation President David Chartrand said it was hypocritical for Wilson-Raybould to turn down the Indigenous services.

"Imagine now we have a First Nation leader, who is a lawyer, who is a regional chief, a prosecutor to actually now lead that file? Wow," he said. "You couldn't ask for a better picture."

BRIEFS

**Woman detained after senior stabbed to death**

A woman is in police custody after an 85-year-old man was stabbed to death Wednesday in northwestern B.C. RCMP in Terrace say they were alerted at around 10:30 p.m. about a vehicle in the downtown core that was smeared with blood. The search led officers to a home where they found the senior outside, suffering what appeared to be stab wounds. The man was taken to hospital where he was pronounced dead. A 34-year-old woman was arrested and is in police custody. Police say the man and the woman knew each other.

**Teens charged after bid to steal sunglasses**

Two teens are in custody and face several charges after trying to steal a pair of pricey sunglasses before attempting to stun a mall security guard. On Wednesday, the two boys, age 17 and 18, visited Sevenoaks Shopping Centre and allegedly attempted to steal a pair of \$700 sunglasses. When staff tried to stop them, the boys ran off. When a mall security guard tried to stop the pair, one of the two boys allegedly tried to use a stun baton on him. The teens were quickly identified and captured shortly after. The boys remain in custody and now face charges of robbery, possession of a prohibited weapon, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose and failing to comply with court orders.

**Three arrested over alleged target shooting**

Three people were arrested in Burnaby on Wednesday night after they allegedly were target shooting with a rifle. Mounties say shortly after 8:30 p.m. they responded to a report of a loud bang in Confederation Park. Police allege three people were target shooting with a hunting rifle. Two men and a woman were arrested. They're facing a variety of firearms-related charges. Mounties say no people or animals were injured in the shooting.



A court ruling that B.C. conservation officers have discretion when destroying wild animals, such as this black bear cub that was euthanized in 2016, will stand. THE FUR-BEARERS/THE CANADIAN PRESS/FILES

**Top court won't hear bear euthanasia case**

The Supreme Court of Canada will not hear a case about the authority of conservation officers to euthanize wildlife following the controversial death of an orphaned bear cub. The high court refused Thursday to consider an appeal of a ruling that B.C. conservation officers have discretion when destroying wild animals. Tiana Jackson discovered the black bear cub in 2016 and called a rehabilitation centre in Smithers that was willing to accept the animal. An officer from the provincial Conservation Officer Service examined the cub, decided it could not be rehabilitated and euthanized the animal. The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals filed a complaint against the service on behalf of Jackson, arguing officers can kill wild animals only when they're likely to harm people, property, wildlife or habitat. Senior officials of the conservation service dismissed the complaint and the B.C. courts turned down subsequent appeals, prompting the association to take its case to the Supreme Court.

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## Little people will be hurt

**Dear Editor:**  
Thank you Ron Seymour, as always you are to the point. The article on accommodation (Courier, March 9) tells the story that I think needs to be heard. The little people are the ones that will be hurt. Those willing to do things right, but in the end will find themselves just doing what they can to help people out. These people do not want full-time rentals so that defeats everyone's purpose.

They will have a word-of-mouth system, just like before, because international students, hockey players and short-term college students all need somewhere they can secure for a specific time.

If people think long-term rentals with — let's say four guys renting — won't have a party or create parking issues, think again. I do not have a room or house to rent, but I have given it some thought.

Living in the Okanagan is expensive. If there is a way to augment my pension, I would like to think there is an option. I think it is a strong tourism tool and an opportunity to be hospitable.

A student coming from another city or a family visiting to attend a wedding will appreciate the reception and kindness so many Kelowna people just naturally provide. Last summer, I attended a wedding and another guest was from Vancouver Island. They said if they had not been able to find the Airbnb at such a reasonable cost, they could not have attended their niece's wedding.

We need to remember these are people, not just renters. What started this madness?

Ron, did you say money grab?  
**Erika Podewils**  
Kelowna

## Creston is part of B.C.

**Dear Editor:**  
It seems Premier John Horgan does not know what goes on in his own province. Creston has stayed on the same time year-round for many years. It has to do with trade. Horgan seems more interested in north/south (U.S.) trade than east/west trade (prairie provinces). The combination of both should give him the logical answer as to what the majority of B.C. wants — stay on the same time year-round.

**Chas Passmore**  
Kelowna

## Liberals hypocritical

**Dear Editor:**  
While reading the article on SNC-Lavalin in the *Okanagan Weekend* (March 9), one particular quote by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau stood out when he stated that, "I will remind people that we are a party that values diversity of opinions and perspectives. A government and a party that reflects a broad range of perspectives is better able to serve as a strong team."

Really?  
NBC News broadcast (2015) and still in effect today: "I have made it clear that future candidates need to be completely understanding that they will be expected to vote pro-choice on any bills."

The Liberal leader said it was part of the screening process to ask candidates where they stand on a number of issues, ranging from same-sex marriage to abortion.

"We make sure that the people who are stepping forward are

consistent with the Liberal Party as it is now, as it stands under my leadership."

Is this an example of a party that values diversity of opinions and perspectives?  
How about the fiasco of changes to the Summer Jobs Canada program — a flat out attempt to restrict many faith groups from receiving funding to hire summer students?

Or, how about the proposed multi-million dollar Canadian newspaper bailout, using our money to enlist favouritism from media sources that the Liberal party decides will qualify for help?

Or Bill M103 which MPs passed despite a new Angus Reid poll showing that 71 percent of Canadians would not have voted for the measure?

The Charter protects our freedom to dispute the contents of the Constitution and its interpretation by the courts. But, Trudeau appears to have unilaterally decided that arguing against a right is as bad as infringing it (*Globe and Mail* editorial, Jan. 22, 2018).

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**Murray Elliott**  
Kelowna

## Difference is interpretation

**Dear Editor:**  
So who do we believe — Jody Wilson-Raybould or Gerald Butts? In this case, it is possible to believe both of them.

Nobody denies the events or the conflicting statements. After hearing the testimony, it is evident to thinking men and women that the difference is interpretation. Between one who has dedicated his life to politics

and learned long ago that in the daily running of governments the dynamic nature of events meant very few things are set in stone; it is much more fluid in nature.

In fact government's constant conflicting priorities require the PMO staff to have a well developed entrepreneurial approach to problem solving, bound within the legal framework.

While the other who is a hereditary chief, from a long line of matriarchal-chieftains from the West Coast, a political and legal neophyte, who believes in speaking her truth to power.

Is it any wonder that these two individuals came away from their meetings with different interpretations?

**Jon Peter Christoff**  
West Kelowna

## Angels here in Kelowna

**Dear Editor:**  
I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the anonymous angel who paid a parking ticket for me. My daughter-in-law brought me to the doctor, Thursday and parked in a handicapped spot behind the SOPA buildings on Pandosy.

The day had started poorly and wrestling my non-functioning body into what turned out to be my non-functioning electric wheelchair, did not help.

Upon returning from my appointment we found a parking ticket on my windshield, but it was accompanied by a note saying that an anonymous angel had paid the fine for me.

All I can say is "bless you" for being a light in the world. I think it is people like you who prevent this topsy-turvy world of ours from sliding into the abyss.

**Jan Schredl**  
Kelowna

## LETTER OF THE DAY

### Quit bashing the police

**Dear Editor:**  
I must take exception to John White's letter of the day, "Red light means police stop too" (*Courier*, March 7).

Section 122 (1) of the BC Motor Vehicle Act exempts emergency vehicles (police, fire and ambulance) from a duty to conform to rules governing red lights at intersections, exceeding speed limit, etc., providing it is done with reasonable care, and they are attending an emergency situation.

Let's all back off the police bashing until we know the facts.  
**Phil Potts**  
Kelowna

## LAST WEEK'S TOP STORIES

The following were the five most-read stories on *The Daily Courier's* website for the week ending March 9, 2019.

1. Housing battle erupts in Kelowna
2. Rail Trail obstacle removed
3. MP Stephen Fuhr says no evidence of improper conduct in SNC-Lavalin affair
4. Yoga teacher, young mom's death a blow to the community
5. Just arrived in Canada? There's an app for that

## Happy Birthday

Executive co-chairman of FOX News **Rupert Murdoch** is 88.  
Musician **Bobby McFerrin** (*Don't Worry, Be Happy*) is 69.  
Actor **Terrence Howard** (*Crash*, *Hustle and Flow*, *Empire*) is 50.  
Actor **Johnny Knoxville** (*Lackawanna*) is 48.

## TODAY IN HISTORY: Douglas MacArthur leaves The Philippines

In 1829, German composer Felix Mendelssohn sparked an interest in the music of J.S. Bach after he conducted the St. Matthew Passion, almost a century after the date of its first performance. More than 1,000 people couldn't get tickets. Two further concerts were added.

In 1888, a blizzard swept most of the U.S. eastern seaboard, claiming 400 lives. In New York City, snowdrifts were six metres high. Thousands of people were marooned in their homes, the stock exchange shut down, telegraph communications were halted and rail travel ground to a standstill.

In 1903, bandleader Lawrence Welk was born in Strasburg, N.D. He had a No. 1 song in 1969 "Calcutta" and a TV show which ran from 1951-1982. Welk died on May 17, 1992.

In 1908, Prime Minister Sir Wilfrid Laurier created the National Battlefields Commission, largely to prevent the Plains of Abraham in Quebec City from falling into the hands of speculators.

In 1942, as Japanese forces continued to advance in the Pacific during the Second World War, General Douglas MacArthur left the Philippines for Australia. MacArthur, who subsequently vowed, "I shall return," kept that promise more than two-and-a-half years later.

In 1947, Toronto gave newly crowned world figure skating champion Barbara Ann Scott a ticker-tape parade.

In 1990, Mohawks erected a barricade across a dirt road barring access to land they claimed near Oka, Que.

In 2011, Sen. Raymond Lavigne, 65, was found guilty of fraud and breach of trust for misusing Senate resources and pocketing expenses that were actually run up by his staff.

The disgraced Liberal MP resigned his Senate seat on March 21 and was sentenced to six months in jail and six months of house arrest.

In 2012, sixteen Afghan villagers, mostly women and children, were shot dead as they slept by U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, who later pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

In 2010, a Nunavut jury found Pngosuk Kotola guilty of first-degree murder for shooting RCMP Const. Doug Scott in the head while the officer sat in his police truck on the night of Nov. 5, 2007, in Kimmirut on Baffin Island.

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# Kinky Boots ready to hit the stage

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The boots are kinky, the boots are splashy, the boots are made for a lot more than walking.

Inside those boots, though, are highly trained dancing feet called together from all over America for the touring cast that's sashaying into Prince George next week. A cast of 27 performers plus a sizable touring crew will dazzle the CN Centre stage in one of the hottest blitzes of musical theatre glory to burst from Broadway in years.

There's a wagon load of Tony and Grammy awards on the shelves of the creators (music by Cyndi Lauper, choreography by Jerry Mitchell, story development by Harvey Fierstein — all of them legendary), and a pile of its own Tony Awards since it opened in New York.

Now, after stops all over the States and a few B.C. dates on their way north, Kinky Boots will kick up its heels here.

One of the most prominent actors in this rollicking play is Karis Gallant, who grew up in small-town Robbinsville, New Jersey about halfway between New York City (she now calls NYC home) and Philadelphia. For a kid who grew up singing around the house and dancing in the streets, it was a perfect place to find her way into musical theatre.

"There is a lot going on around there. I'm very fortunate to have been in such a great area growing up, which I love. There is a lot of stuff to audition for and be surrounded by, which is great," Gallant told The Citizen in a phone call from the tour bus somewhere near Albuquerque.

"I was pretty young when I started and I haven't really looked back. I've been riding it since I was middle school when I did my first musical and then it just kinda kept going and going."

She has been at the top end of the marquee for several of those musicals she got cast in, like Sandy in Grease and Olive in Bullets Over Broadway, but she also earned roles like Curly's Wife in Of Mice And Men and Miranda in The Tempest.

"Every now and then I enjoy the dramatic challenge, the experience of doing a straight play, I really do enjoy that," she said but musicals are her hands-down favourite, but she has to search for parts that really speak to her personal sensibilities as well as her raw creative side.

"It has been nice to get some roles in the last couple of years



Karis Gallant and Connor Allsto perform during in the national tour of Kinky Boots.

that are a little more funny and a little more well-rounded and have a little more backstory behind them other than singing about wanting boyfriends. I do enjoy the comedic aspect a lot, that's something I've been running with. But what I really do look for when I pick up a script, I really do like character depth the best, I'm really drawn to it."

Kinky Boots, for all its sass and sizzle, is exactly that kind of play. Broadway has a new wave of musical theatre striking out across the world's community stages these days, and Kinky Boots epitomizes the new movement, one that more fully realizes female characters and one that gives more volume to social undercurrents.

"She (Lauren, her Kinky Boots character) is deep and there is a real message in her," Gallant said. "That's something we try to get through to our audience, and I think we do a good job in the show. And the book and the music stand for themselves in that fact. They are pretty clear in what they are trying to deliver to an audience, so we just help do that, which is really something we are all grateful for."

The play hilariously tells the story of a young British man who is

reluctantly taking over his family's struggling shoe factory. It needs a fresh idea in order to survive, since society's consumer habits have shifted to quickly disposable footwear, not the quality craftsmanship this factory provides. It also provides a lot of jobs and a big slice of a small town's local economy.

That innovative idea cliche-clicks through the door when a drag queen named Lola, or rather the man who portrays Lola, offers some input, in need of some strong siletto heels himself. Part of the research for the cast was learning about the inner workings of footwear factories, their importance to local towns where they were often based, and the changing tides of throwaway consumerism.

That makes Gallant appreciate all the more her own favourite pair of shoes.

"I'm super into Doc Martens. I think they are the most fashionable shoes that goes with all of my outfits and they're so comfy and sturdy and long lasting, which I love. I've had so many pairs of shoes that just break so easily, I had a lot of friends who recommended Doc Martens, I like the idea of investing in shoes and

having them last so long, which brings up the shoes in the musical, too. They are built to last. So I wear these Doc Martens every day,

which has been my tour lifesaver because it makes it look like I planned my outfit, but I didn't, really, I just put them on and they make everything look better, in my opinion. And they feel moulded to my feet; I love them."

Gallant is also striving for a quality touring experience to last the rest of her own life's time. The only other time she has participated in transportation theatre was as a cast member of Norwegian Cruise Lines shows that had some ports of call in Canada. She got into the habit of trying to find the local personality in each place they fleetingly visited.

Gallant said life on the bus is very much focused on "sleeping, eating, breathing," just to stay set for the rigors of the next performance but she does manage some road hobbies.

"I like reading, listening to podcasts, I like to listen to music, I really like working out but it's kinda hard on this schedule. And I'm definitely a big explorer, adventurer. I love to find cute little hole-in-the-wall places whether it's a coffee shop or restaurant or something. I love to take photos and document everything."

Her shutter will snap into Prince George view when she and the Kinky Boots production take their big steps on the CN Centre stage on March 22.

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## 'There is no way to determine when or how they came to be in the location'

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The plan requires an archeologist to determine if there is additional cultural material, sample topsoil stockpiled on the edge of the site, supervise construction operations and further assess the topsoil when it is spread back on the site.

The company said the province has added the site to its archeological database based on the presence of artifacts at the spot. The company quoted the Forests Ministry as saying there was "strong evidence" the artifacts had been moved from their original location, as they were found sitting on top of a frozen slab of clay. Remaining sediments are considered to be "culturally sterile," it added.

The Forests Ministry said in a statement it was impossible to determine the age of the artifacts or attribute them to a specific Indigenous community.

"There is no way to determine when or how they came to be in the location," it added.

Analysis of the artifacts is complete and the branch is now working toward returning them to the

appropriate communities, it said. The Coastal GasLink pipeline would transport natural gas from northeastern B.C. to LNG Canada's export terminal in Kitimat on the coast. In January, police arrested 14 people at a blockade in the area.

The company says it has approval to build the pipeline from First Nations along the pipeline, but some Westsweven hereditary chiefs say they haven't given their consent.

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Saudi Arabia's Absher app lets people pay traffic fines. It also allows men to control women's movements. AMIR NABIL, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Saudis' Absher app raises rights concerns

RACHEL LERMAN and AYA BATRYMAN  
The Associated Press

The Saudi government app Absher is mostly a way for people to pay traffic fines and complete other administrative tasks electronically. But one feature isn't sitting well with civil-rights advocates: the ability for men to grant or deny a woman permission to travel.

Regardless of their age, women in Saudi Arabia must have the consent of a male relative to obtain a passport, travel or marry. In the past, a travel permit was a paper document issued by the Interior Ministry and signed by a male relative. The Absher app replaces the need for a paper document.

The app is merely implementing existing laws, and removing it would not change or remove the guardianship rules in place. Nonetheless, the feature has sparked calls for leading tech companies to block access through their app stores.

"The ingenuity of American technology companies should not be perverted to violate the human rights of Saudi women," U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier, a California Democrat, wrote in a letter to Apple and Google.

According to Speier's office, Google won't remove the app because it doesn't constitute a violation of Google's terms of service, while Apple is still investigating.

Google and Apple declined to comment. Apple CEO Tim Cook told NPR last month that the company would "take a look" at the app.

The app includes a setting where Saudi men can grant or deny their spouses, daughters and minor sons the ability to travel abroad. Through an integrated system, immigration officials at

the airport can see the status of a woman's travel permit by scanning her passport details. According to published reports, the government's system can also send text messages when dependants exit and enter the country, though the app itself doesn't appear to track women using the phone's location services.

Although the app has been around for years, it has only recently gotten the attention of human-rights and other critics. Some civil-rights advocates have argued that the ability for guardians to control travel permissions exist regardless of the app. But they complain that U.S. companies are enabling that practice by allowing the app.

"These companies don't have to support this," said Jillian York, director for international freedom of expression at the Electronic Frontier Foundation. "They're making the choice."

Some Saudi citizens have pushed back against calls for the app's removal. Khawla Al-Kuraym, a female professor in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, wrote in a Bloomberg opinion piece that the app makes travel easier to enable by cutting out long lines and paperwork.

The Saudi Interior Ministry said the app is "an essential and direct means" for Saudis to access government services anytime, anywhere. The ministry also condemned what it said was a "systematic campaign aimed at questioning the purpose of Absher services."

Apple's app guidelines seem to give the company latitude in what apps are considered unacceptable, including those that have "content that is offensive, insensitive, upsetting, intended to disgust or in exceptionally poor taste." Google also has guidelines to prohibit apps that facilitate harassment and characteristics tied to systemic discrimination.

## Pain scale is entrenched, but system has drawbacks



DR. KEITH ROACH  
Your Good Health

Dear Dr. Roach: Why is pain measured by numbers? I have severe pain, and doctors do not know what to do when I say it is an 11 on a scale of 1-10. My pain can't be measured by numbers. It depends on the time of day, what I have done during the day and the weather.

I have arthritis in most of my joints, specifically my spine and hips. Having had five spine surgeries, epidurals and hip shots, I have pain every day. There is not much more that can be done but to take opioids. It can be hard to make the decision either to take an opioid and go out shopping or for coffee feeling like I am in a vacuum, or to go out in pain.

There is no chronic pain support group in my area, and no one can understand how I feel, even the professionals, unless they have gone through it. So when asked how I am, I say "fine." Other people don't want to hear

about my pain.

Why is there not another way the doctor can measure your pain? I have given up everything I love to do in life because of pain. There's no way to get "better" from pain.

M.L.D.

I am very sorry to hear your story; it is similar to those I have heard before from people with chronic pain due to many different causes. It is disappointing for me to hear that you haven't found a pain specialist in your area who seems to care about helping you.

Although the 1-10 pain scale is thoroughly entrenched, it has its flaws. The biggest one is that what one person might consider a two, another person might consider a nine. I've seen people with horrifying injuries gritting their teeth and saying their pain is a 3 while other people claim their pain from what seems to be a minor condition is a 10 (I had one person tell me the pain from getting his blood pressure taken was a 10). Because pain is subjective, there is no way of standardizing what a person means with their pain rating. However, a 10 on a scale of 1-10 is supposed to be the worst pain imaginable.

Dear Dr. Roach: A recent visit to the doctor included some blood tests. I was concerned that the eGFR reading decreased by

23 points (from 93 to 69) in a year's time. Both my cardiologist and my preferred care provider advised that since the reading of 69 was still in the safe zone, there is no reason to be concerned. I have had protein in my urine for years.

My concern is not that it is still acceptable, but that the rate of decrease indicates to me that something is going on with my kidneys. My creatinine level has risen steadily from 0.8 in January 2018 to 0.9 in March, 0.95 in August, and 1.1 in January 2019. Is my concern warranted?

D.L.L.

That's a steady increase in creatinine, meaning a steady decrease in kidney function. Combined with the protein, I certainly would recommend you ask your doctor again about seeing a kidney specialist, a nephrologist. Your primary care doctor is right that the creatinine is still in the normal range, but the trend shows a 30 per cent loss of kidney function in a year.

That deserves an evaluation before the kidney function becomes worse. It is also appropriate to review your medications or supplements you might be taking. For example, if your cardiologist started you on an ACE inhibitor, a 25 per cent apparent decrease in eGFR may be due to the medication affecting blood flow to the kidney.

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**Westshore Better at Home:** Community members interested in becoming a volunteer driver for Westshore Better at Home and supporting West Shore seniors to age in place are invited to attend a free four-hour seminar entitled: Refresh Your Driving Skills for Today's Traffic. For more information and to register please contact: Dori Bodman at 778-677-3540 or email: dbodman@bfsa.org by March 21.

**Royal Roads University — National Indigenous Peoples Day event:** Royal Roads University's Indigenous Education and Student Services team is looking for self-motivated and energetic volunteers to be a part of our celebrations on the shores of Esquimalt Lagoon. We have many volunteer roles. For more information: roland.ginger@royalroads.ca

**The James Bay Market:** The James Bay Market runs every Saturday from May 4 to Sept. 28 at the corner of Menzies and Superior streets. We have several positions open. Task descriptions and application can be found on our webpage: jamesbaymarket.com/james-bay-community-market-volunteer-positions-2019/

**Network Friend:** Lifetime Networks is looking for a volunteer to build a friendship with an artistic woman in her 50s who experiences barriers. Activities she would enjoy include attending music concerts, the theatre and special events, museum and art galleries, or painting in the park. This position requires a vehicle for transport. For information, please

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# Cape Beale rescue 'one for history books'

## Bamfield resident recalls mission full of surprises

MIKE YOUNDS  
Special to the News

Every Leap Year until his death a decade ago, Reid Dobell was sure to leave a message on the answering machine at Bamfield Coast Guard Station on Feb. 29.

Clifford Charles told an audience at Echo Centre last week that Reid, a Vancouver resident, never forgot the crews that came to his rescue twice in one night off Cape Beale.

A hereditary Uchucklesah chief, Charles is a retired Canadian Coast Guard seaman with 37 years of

service based out of CCG Station Bamfield. He was invited by Port Alberni Maritime Heritage Society to talk about the station and a rescue mission with more than its share of unexpected twists and turns in a village where lifesaving tradition dates back to 1907.

Longevity of service and father/son succession are part of the history of Bamfield rescue station. Clifford followed his father Martin into the service and they were both on duty the night of Feb. 29, 1976. While attempting to retrieve his dog, the lighthouse keeper spotted a light off

shore. *Bruce 1*, a commercial herring seiner, was foundering.

Together with Capt. David Christy and fellow seaman Bob Amos, the Charleses set off from Bamfield in a lifeboat with a rigid inflatable in tow. They soon spotted a pair of men in a raft.

"We immediately discovered they were super hypothermic in a very bad way," Clifford Charles said.

The pair was unable to move or speak. That meant rushing them to Bamfield for medical care as the crew fought to raise their body temperatures. After recovering sufficiently,

one managed, "Where's Reid? Where's Rusty?"

With that critical information revealed, the vessel swung around and headed full speed back to Cape Beale. They searched a perimeter around the lighthouse, including a line of debris, all that was left of the wreck, before a closer scan of the shoreline using the inflatable.

They spotted another survivor, Dobell, washed ashore and clinging to a rock, 10 metres up.

"There was no way we were going to get this guy off the rock," Charles recalled.

"Just hang on, we're going to get you," they hollered to the man reassuringly.

Shortly after, the U.S. Coast Guard radioed from Port Angeles, Wash., with an offer of assistance. A USCG helicopter arrived an hour later, retrieving the survivor from the rock before searching for the fourth victim using a high-powered searchlight.

At that point the airborne rescue went awry. The Bamfield crew got another call: The chopper had crashed in high winds in front of the lighthouse. Christy full-throttled to the crash site to find the machine still afloat. Using the inflatable

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— Clifford Charles

again, they rescued the chopper crew and their passenger, Reid Dobell.

"Reid crashed twice, once in the boat and once from 200 feet in the air in a helicopter, but he's OK," Charles said.

CCG Comox completed the search and recovery for a fourth man, the captain, who

was the only one lost in the sinking. "It became one for the history books," Charles said. The crew and their American counterparts were later honoured with silver medals of bravery by Governor General Jules Leger.

The U.S. Coast Guard later recovered most of the downed chopper, aside from a door, which they left as a souvenir for Bamfield station.

Charles spoke of his former colleagues, "a great bunch of guys," with reverence. He remembered his late father as a hero, one who braved countless gales to save many lives. Fittingly, the CCG vessel *M. Charles M.B.* — a Hero class mid-shore patrol vessel based in Sydney since 2015 — is named after Martin Charles. The M.B. stands for Medal of Bravery.

"We had some rough calls; we had some nice easy calls," Clifford said. "I've been very confident on the water as are most Bamfielders."



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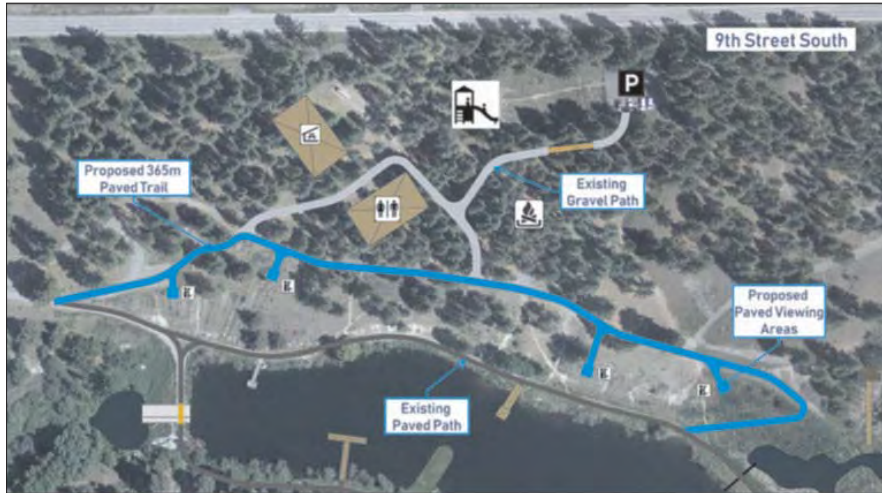
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Retired Coast Guard officer Cliff Charles of Bamfield with a photo of his father Martin.

MIKE YOUNDS PHOTO





# New trail proposed for Idlewild Park

## Cranbrook Rotary, JCI Kootenay join up to create 365-metre paved pathway

**Townsman Staff**

Two groups are partnering to bring a new trail to Cranbrook — to Idlewild Park, be precise.

Cranbrook Rotary and JCI Kootenay formalized their intention to construct a fully accessible paved trail in Idlewild Park during the Rotary Meeting on March 7. Rotary President Ed Murray and JCI Kootenay President Coco Seitz signed a Memorandum of Understanding that speaks to the positive cooperation and mutually beneficial nature of the partnership that has been formed.

“With the benefits of fresh air and the outdoors as well as the increasing recreation and education opportunities at the park, we are excited to make this a project that will positively impact all ages and demographics,” said Mike Matejka, Project Chair for JCI Kootenay. “Having two strong community organizations work together toward a shared goal will also set an amazing example.”

The Idlewild Ridge Trail will be a

365-metre long paved pathway that will take its users along the top of the ridge on the lake’s north side. Multiple proposed viewing areas will also be constructed at key locations to showcase the natural beauty and features of the park. Moving forward both groups hope to see benches and covered structures installed to make these viewing areas suitable for all weather.

A press release from Cranbrook Rotary said this is another step in their strong legacy of contributions to Idlewild Park, which includes the much enjoyed recent playground installation as well as a new zip-line installation scheduled for the Spring.

With many letters of support in hand both groups are now actively seeking funding opportunities and in kind donations, with major contributions already in place by EMCO Waterworks and McElhanney.

If you or your organization want to get involved, contact Cranbrook Rotary or JCI Kootenay.

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# Biologist seeks funding for translocation report

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Data on non-urban mule deer is currently being collected in a separate project by biologists with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

“The translocation was seen as an opportunity to do some non-lethal alternatives,” said Adams. “A lot of conservation groups were in favour. They asked some valid question of, if mule deer are not doing well outside of towns, why are we killing them inside of towns?”

“... This [report] just allows us a bit better, more detailed analysis on how did it work and how did it go?”

The report is being prepared by Chloe Wright, a PhD student at the University of British Columbia Okanagan, along with Dr. Adam Ford, a faculty member, and Adams, who is providing summary tables.

Data tables will include a breakdown of age-class and sex of the deer, mortality numbers and cause of death, movement of the deer, summary of post-translocation

conflicts and recommendations and conclusions from the translocation trial.

Outcomes from data collected should be published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal as well as provide guidance to the B.C. government on the considerations of translocation as a deer management option.

City council will debate the request on Monday evening’s council meeting. If Adams is successful, the city will receive five per cent of the grant (\$1,088) to cover administration costs.

The translocation trial, which began two years ago, removed 85 urban mule deer from four East Kootenay communities to nearby regional winter ranges. Of those 85 deer, 47 were fitted with GPS collars to track their movements, mortality rates and transmit data back to biologists.

At the same time, FLNRO biologists were also conducting a study on the movements of non-urban mule deer, which provides a useful data contrast for non-habituated animals.

SPORTS

# Classics, TRU find podium at Swim BC provincials

KAMLOOPS THIS WEEK

A pair of local swim teams combined to earn 12 medals over the weekend as Kamloops hosted Swim BC's winter provincial championships.

The Kamloops Classics swim team and Thompson Rivers University's varsity squad were among dozens of B.C. teams taking part in the event, which was held at the Canada Games Pool.

The Kamloops Classics found the podium seven times and TRU earned five medals — all courtesy local product Ryley McRae.

McRae won gold in 200 fly, 800 free and 200 free, and earned bronze in 100 free and 200 IM.

Kamloops Classics swimmer Jack Cameron won gold in the 15-and-under boys' 50 free and 100 free, and bronze in the 100 fly.

Fellow Classics swimmer Diego Paz



Kamloops product Ryley McRae earned five medals for TRU at last weekend's provincial swimming championships.

earned three bronze medals in 15-and-under competition — 400 free, 1,500 free and 400 IM — while qualifying for 2020 Canadian Olympic Trials, which will be held next year in Toronto.

In 15-and-over girls' competition, Kamloops Classics' Sarah Koopmans won bronze in the 100 fly.

The Classics placed 12th overall while TRU finished in 18th spot.

# City skater qualifies for short track championship

A Kamloops Long Blades skater found the podium at provincials last weekend and qualified for the Canada West Short Track championships.

Rebecca Thomas earned a silver medal in her division at provincials in Prince George, and with that qualified to race March 23 and March 24 in Grande Prairie, Alta.

Fellow Long Blade Caleb Van der Merwe finished first in his division and Cameron Thomas and Jessie Uribe each placed fifth in their respective divisions.

John Hill placed seventh in his division while Adam and Leah Turner each finished eighth in their divisions. Sophia Pankratz finished 10th in her division and Nelson Smith completed his first provincial championship in 13th place.

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### ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

The City is transitioning to a new registration system, PerfectMind, which will launch on March 6, 2019. To learn more about PerfectMind and to set up your new account, visit [www.Kamloops.ca/PerfectMind](http://www.Kamloops.ca/PerfectMind). Programs are cancelled if the minimum numbers are not met.

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**Old Courthouse**  
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**Kamloops Tennis Centre Bubble**  
Thu Apr 4–25  
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Sat Apr 6–May 4  
10:30 am–12:00 pm 4/\$75

**Watercolour Beyond the Basics**  
Improve your watercolour techniques as you are led through fun and easy projects to enhance your existing skills. This work shop is designed for beginner to intermediate level, and no drawing skills are required! Must bring your own supplies.  
**Heritage House**  
Mon Mar 25–Apr 29  
6:30–8:30 pm 5/\$110

**Little Dancers 1** **Ages: 2.5-3**  
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**Sista's Love to Dance Studio**  
Sat Mar 30–Jun 1  
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**Valleyview Arena**  
Tue Apr 2–May 21  
9:00–9:30 am 8/\$88  
**Westsyde Neighbourhood Centre**  
Wed Apr 3–May 22  
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**Little Dancers 2** **Ages: 3.5-4**  
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## LOCAL NEWS

# East Kootenay snow pack rises slightly

## Snow pack is 88 per cent of normal with cold February featuring less precipitation

By CAROLYN GRANT



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The East Kootenay snow pack rose in February, although not as much snow accumulated as might in previous years.

The snow pack in the East Kootenay is at 88 per cent of normal according to the

BC River Forecast Centre, up five per cent from last month.

February was very cold through the entire province as a stable arctic airmass remained in place for most of the month, according to the lat-

est report from the River Forecast Centre. Many cities recorded the coldest or second coldest average temperature for February. Temperature anomalies along the coast were -4 to -5°C below normal; anomalies in

Basin	% of Normal	Basin	% of Normal
Upper Fraser West	108	Boundary	88
Upper Fraser East	96	Similkameen	72
Nechako	79	South Coast	89
Middle Fraser	100	Vancouver Island	85
Lower Fraser	86	Central Coast	78
North Thompson	100	Skagit	75
South Thompson	83	Pease	103
Upper Columbia	100	Skeena-Nass	82
West Kootenay	90	Stikine	58
East Kootenay	88	Liard	76
Okanagan	81	Northwest	71
Nicola	81	Fraser	91

**Snow basins across the province are below, or near, normal. BC River Forecast Centre file.**

the southern interior were -6 to -9°C below normal, and weather stations in the north were up to -12.5°C below normal. Precipitation was variable in February throughout Environment and Climate Change Canada's provincial climate stations. Some stations were dry (e.g. Terrace) and some had greater than normal precipitation (e.g. Williams Lake). However, higher elevation automated snow weather stations recorded very low precipitation relative to normal conditions.

The province ranges from well below normal snowpack to normal snowpack for March 1st, with the average of all snow measurements across the province calculated to be 89% of normal. Well below normal snowpack (<60% of normal) is present in the Stikine, while below normal snowpack (60-80% of normal) exists in the Similkameen, Skagit, Central Coast and Nechako. The rest of the province has slightly below normal to normal snowpack (80-110% of normal). There are no regions of the province with exceptionally high

snowpack. The March 1st snow basin index for the entire Fraser River is 91% of normal. So far this season, snow accumulation has been dominated by persistent weather patterns. Most of this years' snowpack built up rapidly over a five to six-week period from early December to early-January. Weather through February shifted into the dominance of Arctic air across the province, with extremely cold temperatures and limited snow accumulation. This pattern has continued into the beginning of March. Snowpack throughout the province remained relatively level through February. Most basins dropped by 5 to 15% relative to normal compared to February 1 due to the dry and cold conditions.

According to the U.S. National Weather Service there is a high likelihood of El Niño continuing through spring 2019.

Typically, El Niño is linked to warmer winters across British Columbia, with a trend towards lower than normal snowpack. Warmer temperatures were present throughout the province in

December and January. However, a strong arctic airmass significantly influenced British Columbia in February and offset these typical El Niño impacts. February temperatures through the province were much lower than normal, reaching record lows in several regions. The impact of El Niño on winter snowpack in BC is highly variable and does not always mean lower snowpack - for example, 2006-07 had significant snowpack across the province. Seasonal weather forecasts from Environment and Climate Change Canada show an increased likelihood of below normal temperatures for most of the province over March to May.

By early March, nearly 80 per cent of the annual BC snow pack has usually accumulated, with snow packs low to normal across the province, the Forecast Centre is not anticipating any flood risks at this time, however that could change as there are two more months of possible snow accumulation.



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**CITY HALL NEWS IN BRIEF**

Highlights from the city council meeting held Monday, March 11, 2019:

**Contracts**

- Council approved a \$32,675 contract to **Mazzel Electric of Nanaimo** for lighting upgrades at the curling club. The upgrades, identified during a 2015 audit, will reduce energy consumption at the club, according to a city report.

**Other business**

- Council voted to delay construction of the **festival plaza project to 2020** as it awaits approval of a key grant that could finance much of the build. Read more on A1.

- Council gave its support to **West Coast Retail Holdings**, which is seeking a cannabis retail licence from the province to operate a West Coast Cannabis branded store at PC Plaza. It's the fourth private cannabis retailer looking to enter the Fort St. John market. The provincial government also has plans for a store. Read more on A5.

- Council will write a letter of support for **School District 60**, which is trying to renew its lease with the province for its outdoor education centre at Cameron Lake. The West Moberly First Nation has included Cameron Lake, including the district's leased site, in its requested compensation as part of ongoing Treaty Land Entitlement negotiations with the federal and provincial governments.

- Council approved **bylaw**



MATT PREPOST PHOTO

Councillors pose alongside Ryan Harvey, Jessica Harrison, and Jennifer Decker with the city's Marketing Innovation Award from the BC Economic Development Association. Fort St. John was recognized for its Move Up Here program to help local businesses recruit skilled professionals to the city.

- Council approved updates to **Conference Hosting Council Policy No. 82/19, Discretionary Grant Council Policy No. 87/19, and Base Budget Grant Council Policy No. 105/19**, which outline how the city awards grants in support of non-profit operations and events. The amendments co-ordinate grant requests made to both the city and regional district to avoid duplicating funding for the same event or program. City taxpayers already pay into the PRRD's grant program through municipal levies.

- Council approved a \$4,000 discretionary grant to the **BC Peace Predators Female Hockey Society** to offset ice costs for the 2019 BC Female Midget Championship. The tournament takes place March 21 to 24 at the North Peace Arena, and will see six teams from across B.C. competing.

- Council approved planting a tree at city hall to commemorate 100 years of the **Local Government Management Association**. The tree, the type of which has yet to be determined, will be planted during Local Government Awareness Week, May 19 to 25.

- Council will write a letter of support for the **RCMP**

**Appreciation Day Committee**, a citizen's group based in Vernon, which is looking to have Feb. 1 acknowledged as Royal Canadian Mounted Police Appreciation Day. The RCMP will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Feb. 1, 2020, marking 100 years since the Canadian parliament created the force by combining the Northwest Mounted Police and the Dominion Police.

**Bylaws**

- Council adopted **Fees and Charges for Various Municipal Services Bylaw No. 2456, 2019**, which includes a number of routine changes, including a new \$5 printing fee for additional tax notices, updating the cost of liquor licence applications to the cost of advertising, among other mostly minor language changes.

— Matt Prepost

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**Site C log hauling shifted to night hours**

Contractors are shifting their work schedules to begin nightly log hauling starting Monday, March 11, BC Hydro says.

Log hauling will take place from 10 p.m. to 10 a.m. in the Cache Creek, Old Hope Road, and dam site areas as the clearing seasons winds down, BC Hydro says.

"This will help us co-ordinate with local mills' new nighttime operating hours. It also reduces the potential for heavy trucks to

damage roads during the spring thaw and warmer daytime temperatures," BC Hydro stated in a public advisory.

An average of one to two trucks per hour are expected on the roads, and hauling will end in early April, BC Hydro says.

Merchantable timber will be taken to local mills while all other wood will be chipped, mulched, or burned on site.

Motorists are asked to use caution along the road.

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**Site C burns this week**

Planned burning operations are expected to continue this week due to appropriate venting conditions, BC Hydro says.

Debris will be burned this week in the following areas:


- North bank of Peace River near Cache Creek
- Moberly River drainage area

- Transmission line corridor south of the Peace River.

Helicopters may be used for the work, BC Hydro says.

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Scott Fraser, B.C.'s Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Harold Leighton, Chief Councillor of the Metlakatla First Nation and Carolyn Bennett, federal Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations sign the transition agreement. (Contributed photo)

## Metlakatla nearing end of treaty negotiations

By Shannon Lough

**Metlakatla First Nation has signed an agreement with the federal and provincial governments that has advanced its treaty negotiations to the next transition.**

Since 1997, Metlakatla entered Stage 4 of the treaty negotiations and has remained there until this month.

"They used what we call a cookie cutter approach, and that didn't work for us," said Harold Leighton, Chief Councillor of the Metlakatla First Nation. After hitting the wall, Leighton said they realized they had to change the way they were negotiating.

"We've been here too long, on both sides, all parties, we can find a way to improve the process," he said.

On Feb. 28, the agreement to "build a collaborative government-to-government relationship" was announced stating that the parties will finalize Stage 5 within two years. Within that time, outstanding issues will be renegotiated. There are six stages in the treaty negotiation process.

"What's important about this agreement is that we start a base on recognition of Metlakatla's Aboriginal rights and title, and that hasn't happened in the past. And then the recognition of the UN Declaration and all the other agreements that have been negotiated by different parties over

the last few years that are very important," Leighton said.

In the next two years, the parties will move toward a "core" approach to the treaty. The three parties will look into self-governance, resources, land ownership, and law, all of which would go into a "constitutionally protected core treaty".

Some flexibility will be considered through supplementary agreements, according to the press release.

"Treaties are one of the key paths to comprehensive reconciliation with First Nations, so I'm glad to see this collaborative work reach such an important milestone... Like our relationships, this agreement is flexible and will grow and evolve over time, working for all parties into the future," said Scott Fraser, B.C.'s Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

Leighton, along with Fraser and Carolyn Bennett, federal Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations all signed the Metlakatla Transition to Stage Five and Treaty Revitalization Agreement.

Metlakatla are one of the seven Tsimshian First Nations on the north coast of B.C., and their community is based on the Tsimshian Peninsula near Prince Rupert.

For full text of the agreement visit [www.metlakatla.ca](http://www.metlakatla.ca)



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# Doctor recruiting drive showing results, crisis point has passed

By Rod Link

A concerted effort starting this time last year is paying off with a doubling of physicians now practising here, resulting in thousands of people being able to once more have a family doctor.

And more are on their way, says Dr. Jaco Fourie, the Northern Health Authority's northwest medical director, in describing a reversal of what he called a "dark time" in early 2018 for local medical services.

"It's as if the sun has now broken through the clouds," Fourie says last week of 20 family physicians now available to serve patients, a doubling of the 11 here back then.

A wave of retirements and doctors moving on for various reasons in late 2017 and early 2018 resulted in the doctor shortage crisis, ending years of what had been a fairly stable and tight-knit medical community, leaving as many as 10,000 people without family doctor.

That sparked the formation of a committee made up of the Northern Health Authority, local governments, First Nations and community organizations boosted by a recruitment and retention fund over and above incentives regularly provided by Northern Health and the provincial government and other measures, including a video financed by the City of Terrace.

"It was fantastic to have the community come together," says Fourie of the recruitment effort. "It was unbelievable."

"There are now patients being attached [to family physicians]. People are being attached like heck and I can say soon everyone who wants to be attached, can do so."

Although cautioning that numbers can fluctuate, there could be as many as 28 family physicians here by the middle of summer, Fourie continued.

But not every family physician will be practising family medicine full-time because many of the new arrivals are also working in the Mills Memorial Hospital's emergency department.

And that dual arrangement has helped ease a crisis that was as large as the lack of family doctors, says Fourie.

"We were within two days of closing it down last summer," says Fourie of the ER. "We were bringing in doctors from all over the province to provide a service. It was an absolute crisis."

What was then put in place were contracts for doctors to work in the emergency room part time and then work as family physicians the rest of the time.

The emergency room contracts gave doctors a solid and dependable

income from which to branch out, Fourie says

"I give credit to the province and Northern Health for stepping up here," he adds

"From being on the verge of closing the ER we now have a [staffing] schedule booked until June." Some of the new physicians here or on their way were originally foreign-trained and upon arrival in Canada, went through additional training to meet Canadian standards.

In return, they are in Terrace to work for three years as their obligation for receiving that training.

"We have physicians from all over — Nigeria, Libya, Sudan and South Africa," says Fourie of the system called "return of service".

With a sizable complement of family doctors now here and more on their way and staffing at the Mills ER stabilized, Fourie says the focus can now shift to long-term quality of care.

"We're over the crisis mode now. With our two new clinics, people can now choose the health care model they want," he says. "We can now have an after-hours component. That's huge."

Fourie says recruitment efforts are continuing in that the local goal is to have the equivalent of 24 full-time practising family physicians, a number that fits the population of the immediate and surrounding area.

He also gave credit to a local family who has provided a townhouse-style duplex in which newly-arrived physicians can stay until they settle in or who are visiting to check out the area.

"That's been an immense help, having this local philanthropic family do this. There was no way we could have afforded to do this on our own," Fourie says of the duplex accommodations. "They're fully furnished. What it shows is that we mean business."

The local recruitment and retention fund, which amounted to \$60,000 and which was provided by the North West Regional Hospital District, covered the rent and expenses.



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- Exposed to various industrial automated equipment of all types
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- Performing corrective maintenance work
- Performing troubleshooting and be involved in problem solving

#### To succeed in this role, you will have:

- High school diploma or GED
- Inter-Provincial Red Seal Millwright qualification
- Valid BC Driver's License (minimum Class 7)
- Willing to work varying shift schedules as assigned
- Experience maintaining industrial equipment

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## NEWS

## In Brief

## Charging the north

A more electric-car friendly future is on its way with the North Coast Regional District leading the charge.

Mayor Lee Brain, a member of Electric Vehicle Highway 16-97 advisory council, requested council make a resolution to participate in Charge North.

The plan is to have charging stations on major routes from Kamloops to Haida Gwaii. The 2,780 km network will involve 43 local governments and Brain wants Prince Rupert to be one of them.

Much of the funding will come from the province's CleanBC fund.

By participating in Charge North, Prince Rupert will need to purchase two Level 2 charging stations, costing \$2,500 per station. A Level 2 station is a two to four hour charge. Level 3 stations cost over \$5,000 but only have a 30-minute charge.

The North Coast Regional District, which is taking leadership to apply for funds, will be purchasing two charging stations, one in Prince Rupert and one on Haida Gwaii. Brain said we could potentially see a charging station installed as soon as next year, if all goes well.

## Public on 2019 budget

Only two member of the public came to the March 11 City of Prince Rupert council meeting to speak about the budget.

Terry Sawka suggested the city look into adding 2 cents a litre gas tax to pay for road improvements. Vancouver raised the gas tax by 1.5 cents a litre in 2018 to pay for transportation infrastructure projects.

Chief financial officer, Corinne Bomben, said she'd look into it but that it's unlikely the city has the authority to add the tax since they're under the Community Charter for BC Laws, which doesn't include Vancouver.

Resident, Nathan Randall, spoke on the suggested two per cent tax decrease. He wondered if council thought of a tax freeze instead, and use the money, for example, to finance several community projects.

## Support for Victims and Survivors Crime Week

City council supported a proclamation to support an initiative that will highlight services and initiatives for victims and survivors of crime.

RCMP victim services manager, Joyce Charlton, said that from May 28-31 there will be several projects in Prince Rupert starting with a media launch by the Violence in Relationships Education Committee.

More information on the event will be released closer to the date.



## Training Opportunity

The Coastal Training Centre is looking for anyone who is interested in taking the following:

## Marine courses:

- **Restricted Operator Certificate-Maritime (ROC-M)** – May 22 & 23, 2019 – Cost: \$412.00  
This maritime radio course teaches emergency radio procedure and everyday operating techniques and prepares you for the ROC-DSC endorsement exam.
- **Marine Emergency Duties – A3 (MED –A3)** – May 24, 2019 – Cost \$412.00  
This is a basic personal safety training certificate course mandatory for persons working as crew members of fishing vessels or small commercial vessels shorter than 12 metres in length, operating no more than 25 miles off shore.
- **Small Vessel Operator Proficiency (SVOP)** – May 27-30, 2019 – Cost \$822.00  
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To register for any or all of these courses, please come by the Coastal Training Centre (CTC) **BEFORE** May 17, 2019. If you require more information, please call the CTC at 250.627.8822 or call Steve Welsh at 250.279.1757. Payment or a Sponsorship Letter are required to secure a seat in the courses. Also, **two (2)** pieces of valid identification are required for registration. ie: a valid Driver's License, Birth Certificate, Canadian Passport, Status Card, Provincial Health Care Card.

## Trial dates edge closer for port, DP World

By Shannon Lough  
Prince Rupert Northern View

A trial date for DP World, the Prince Rupert Port Authority and its contractors facing 10 fisheries violations, is likely to be set this spring.

On March 11 at the Prince Rupert courthouse, Crown prosecutor and defence lawyers from the port, DP World, Fraser River Pile and Dredge Inc., BelPacific Excavating and Shoring Limited Partnership, and Bel Contracting discussed the upcoming trial.

At this point, they are considering 11 weeks for the trial with the first and last week to be held in Prince Rupert. The other weeks may be set in a Vancouver courthouse for logistical reasons.

"When there is harm within the community the Crown has interest in having the trial take place in that



Shannon Lough / The Northern View

**Prince Rupert Port Authority, DP World and contractors were in court on March 11 to discuss setting a trial date for charges relating to federal fisheries offences.**

community," said Crown prosecutor Adrienne Switzer.

DP World's defence, Gavin Cameron, was in the Prince Rupert courtroom, while the defence for the other parties

dialled in from Vancouver. They all agreed on giving charter notice April 26.

The defence may challenge the warrants used to gather evidence that led to the 10 Fisheries Act violations.

Cameron said they'll look at the "evidence gathered early on, and whether or not there was a crossing of the Rubicon."

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) conducted an investigation from Nov. 30, 2014 until Nov. 1, 2015 after allegations that fish were seriously harmed during the Fairview terminal expansion. Charges were laid against the port, DP World and construction companies on Nov. 2.

Counsel will meet again next Tuesday, March 19 to set an 11-week window for a trial this spring.



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