

CITY OF MERRITT

AGENDA FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2000, AT 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

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**UBCM CONVENTION WORKSHOPS
WEDNESDAY / THURSDAY**

	Wednesday. October 25 12 Noon	Thursday October 26 12 Noon	Thursday October 26 10:30 – 12 noon	Thursday October 26 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Councillor Cavailere	Area Association Luncheon OMMA	Delegates Lunch	Downtown Neighbourhood Revitalization	Smart Growth
Councillor Gage	As above	As above	Guide to New Local Government Act	Community & Resources
Councillor Sherwood	As above	As above	Streamside Directive	Youth in Decision Making
Councillor Barr	As above	As above	Guide to New Local Government Act	Green Economy
Councillor Kroeker	As above	As above	Downtown Neighbourhood Revitalization	Arts, Culture, Tourism & Heritage
Councillor Reimer	As above	As above	Guaranteed Assessment Roll	Smart Growth
Mayor Baird	As above	As above	Streamside Directive	Downtown Neighbourhood Revitalization

IMPORTANT NOTICE**OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE**

The Deputy Ombudsman, Mr. Brent Parfitt, invites you to meet with him during the upcoming UBCM Convention, in Victoria.

Mr. Parfitt and the Team Leader of the Local Government Team, Ms. Marisol Sepulveda, will be available for meetings on

**October 25th and 26th, 2000
at the Empress Hotel**

The exact location of the conference room will be posted at the reception areas of the Convention Centre and the Empress Hotel.

To book an appointment, please contact Ms. Sepulveda
by telephone at (604) 660-1385
by fax at (604) 660-1691
or by e-mail at Msepulveda@ombudsman.bc.ca

*October 25th @ 3 P.M.
Location: Empress Hotel
2nd Floor (Next to Lounge)
Entrée Gold Board room.*



FACSIMILE COVER SHEET

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Re: WBCM meeting request
with Attorney General

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ASSOCIATION OF TRADE DEPENDENT FOREST COMMUNITIES
58 West 16th Avenue, Vancouver BC V5Y 1Y6

September 22, 2000

**URGENT: INVITATION TO A PANEL WORKSHOP:
RESTORING UNRESTRICTED TRADE IN SOFTWOOD LUMBER**

Dear Councilor:

We are writing on behalf of a group of Mayors and organizations who have formed an informal association to work on behalf of trade dependent forest communities that are concerned about the harmful impact the Softwood Lumber Agreement (SLA) has had on B.C. communities, workers and the economy. The Association includes representatives of local governments, the Truck Loggers Association of B.C., the I.W.A. Canada and the BC members of the Free Trade Lumber Council. The present SLA expires on March 31, 2001.

As a leader in your community you are aware of the significance of trade in lumber to the economic well-being of the province and to the stability of your community through the creation of jobs and the provision of services. We believe it is important for municipal leaders to become actively involved in helping determine how to restore unrestricted access to the U.S. market for Canadian softwood lumber exports.

We are sponsoring a panel presentation in conjunction with the UBCM Convention to help raise awareness about the harmful affects of the Softwood Lumber Agreement and to promote discussion about how municipal governments can help achieve a return to unrestricted trade. You and your council are cordially invited to join us:

Tuesday, October 24, 4:30-6:30 pm
Salon B – Chateau Victoria Hotel – 740 Burdett Avenue

We would also like to draw your attention to UBCM Resolution B 103 sponsored by the Revelstoke Municipal Council which calls for: support of free trade in softwood lumber with the U.S.; opposition to the renewal or extension of the existing SLA including quotas; the Federal and Provincial Governments to include municipalities in consultations on decisions regarding the future of the SLA; and the restoration of free trade in softwood lumber with the U.S.

We hope you will join us at the Panel Workshop. We also urge you to vote in support of the UBCM resolution so that municipal governments will be a strong voice in helping determine the outcome of an issue that affects the well-being of our communities.

Yours truly



Mayor Jim Lornie, Campbell River



Mayor Gail Bernacki, Revelstoke

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October 5th, 2000

Dear Joe Barry

They say that as goes the forest industry, so goes the province of British Columbia. The forest sector remains the economic backbone of our province's economy and the lifeblood of many of your communities. Most members of my union depend on the forest sector and so do many, many voters in the cities, towns and villages you represent.

That's why the Canada-U.S. Softwood Lumber Agreement is so important to us. The agreement, after all, lays out the terms under which lumber and numerous other forest products enter the United States, our largest market. As you are likely aware, the term of the agreement ends on March 31, 2001.

I.W.A. Canada has joined many other forest sector stakeholders in urging that the agreement be allowed to lapse. In our view, the agreement and the quota system that it ushered in are broken and cannot be fixed. The distribution of quota is hopelessly skewed and there appears to be no way in which it can be reworked to allow fair and equal access for all producers. Some regions of the province, as well as some regions of Canada, are unfairly restricted from selling their products in the U.S.; others, for no reason other than historical accident, enjoyed unlimited access. The agreement, in other words, has created quota "haves" and quota "have nots"; we see no way of persuading either the Americans or the "haves" to agree to an equitable reassignment of quota.

On the other side of the coin, we believe that circumstances have sufficiently changed since the last round of negotiations and the 1991-2 controversy around a threatened countervailing duty demanded by the U.S. Fair Lumber Coalition. Stumpage rates in B.C. have increased, for instance, and forest practices have changed. I.W.A. Canada is cautiously optimistic that we would have a reasonable chance of winning a countervail case after March 31, 2001. As well, there have been some changes in the balance of political forces in the U.S. In short, we believe that it is time that we actually tried free trade in lumber.



Mayor Bob Baird
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October 10, 2000

MAYOR & COUNCILLORS

Dear Mayor Baird:

Fraser Basin Council Chair, Iona Campagnolo and Islands Trust Council Chair, David Essig cordially invite you and your Councillor to a Continental Breakfast hosted by the Fraser Basin Council and the Islands Trust in conjunction with the UBCM Annual Convention.

The breakfast will be held on Regional District Day, 7:15 a.m., Tuesday, October 24, in the Crystal Ballroom at the Empress Hotel.

The Fraser Basin Council is a not-for-profit charitable organization dedicated to the advancement of economic, social and environmental sustainability of the Fraser Basin. The Council's 36-member Board of Directors comes from federal, provincial, regional and First Nations administrations, and the private and non-government sectors.

The Islands Trust is a unique local government in BC, comprised of 26 elected Trustees who are charged with a mandate of the BC Legislature to "preserve and protect" the 5000 sq.km. Trust Area. The Trust is responsible for land use planning and environmental protection for over 470 Islands situated in the Georgia Basin.

The Islands Trust and Fraser Basin Council Chairs will report on activities throughout their respective areas, including an outline of upcoming events such as the Fraser Basin Council's State-of-the-Fraser-Basin Conference 2000: "Doing and Measuring" at the Best Western Richmond Inn, November 24 and 25.

We look forward to this opportunity to report on shared progress toward a more sustainable future, on October 24th at this year's UBCM Convention. Please reply by October 20 to Cheri Hamilton (E-Mail: info@fraserbasin.bc.ca; Tel: 604 605-3450).

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

Iona V. Campagnolo
 Chair, Fraser Basin Council

David Essig
 Chair, Islands Trust Council

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October 11, 2000

Attention UBCM Convention Delegates:

As you may be aware, the Institute for Dispute Resolution at the University of Victoria has been appointed by Fisheries and Oceans Canada to conduct an independent review of salmon consultation processes in the Pacific region. The specific areas of focus for the review are:

- Annual salmon harvest management planning;
- Implementation issues associated with the Pacific Allocation and Licensing Board; and
- The policy development process for issues related to salmon fisheries management.

These areas of focus are described in more detail in the Fisheries and Oceans Canada discussion paper *A Framework for Improved Decision-Making in the Pacific Salmon Fishery*. Copies of this Discussion Paper are available on the Fisheries and Oceans Canada website at: <http://www-comm.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/english/consult/decision.htm>. Hard copies can also be obtained by contacting Jennifer Ellis at (250) 472-0832.

We are currently in phase two of the independent review process and are concentrating on developing a detailed understanding of the range of perspectives on our specific areas of focus through meetings with a wide range of government and stakeholder groups as well as the public. At the end of phase two, a preliminary report will be prepared by the Review Team based on the information gathered. In phase three of the process, scheduled to start at the end of November, we will seek responses to the preliminary report.

As part of our approach to consulting with local governments, we have already engaged in a conference call with the UBCM Fisheries Sub-Committee and are undertaking a series of meetings in communities around the province specifically targeted at meeting with local governments and organizations. Some of you will have already received notification of these meetings. A schedule for these community meetings can be found on the Fisheries and Oceans Canada website.

In addition to this, the Review Team is holding a session at the UBCM Convention on Tuesday, October 24th from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. This session will be held in the Saanich Room (lower level) at the Victoria Conference Centre. We invite all interested UBCM delegates to attend this session to provide local government perspectives on salmon harvest management planning, implementation of the Allocation and Licensing Board and the policy development process. Members of the Review Team will be on hand to discuss issues important to your community, record your thoughts and answer your questions regarding the Review process.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Ellis at (250) 472-0832. We look forward to meeting with you.



Stephen Owen & Maureen Maloney
Co-Directors, Institute for Dispute Resolution