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File: 1300-50

August 15, 2019

Arjun Singh, President
Union of BC Municipalities
Suite 60 10551 Shellbridge Way
Richmond BC V6X 2W9

Dear Mr. Singh:

Re: CLEAN UP OF NEEDLES AND OTHER HARM REDUCTION PARAPHERNALIA

This letter will confirm that Saanich Council, at their meeting on August 12, 2019, made the following resolution:

"That:

WHEREAS the low barrier distribution of harm reduction supplies including syringes and other safe injection supplies in communities across BC poses a significant safety and cleanliness concern;

AND WHEREAS local governments businesses and residents are bearing the escalating costs of cleaning up the needles and drug paraphernalia in public spaces;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request ongoing Provincial funding to local governments to cover the costs of cleaning up needles and drug paraphernalia in their communities."

An excerpt of the minutes is attached for your reference.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Angila Bains, written in a cursive style.

Angila Bains, B.A., CMC
Manager, Legislative Services

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Attach.

cc: Mayor and Council
All Municipalities

1300-50

Clean up of
Needles and Harm
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**CLEAN UP OF NEEDLES AND OTHER HARM REDUCTION
PARAPHERNALIA**

Notice of Motion from Mayor Haynes from the July 15, 2019 Council meeting that:

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AND WHEREAS local governments businesses and residents are bearing the escalating costs of cleaning up the needles and drug paraphernalia in public spaces;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request ongoing Provincial funding to local governments to cover the costs of cleaning up needles and drug paraphernalia it their communities.

MOVED by Councillor Harper and Seconded by Councillor Plant: "That:

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AND WHEREAS local governments businesses and residents are bearing the escalating costs of cleaning up the needles and drug paraphernalia in public spaces;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request ongoing Provincial funding to local governments to cover the costs of cleaning up needles and drug paraphernalia it their communities."

Council discussion ensued with the following comments:

- The clean-up of harm reduction supplies affects municipal budgets therefore it is appropriate to request that the Province provides ongoing funding.

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED