



# CITY OF WILLIAMS LAKE

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July 17, 2018

The Honourable Carole James  
Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier  
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Dear Minister / Deputy Premier James:

**Re: Employer Health Tax Impact on Local Government**

This is to advise that the City of Williams Lake Council passed the following resolution at its regular meeting held Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018:

*"That pursuant to the report of the Chief Financial Officer dated May 17, 2018, Council support the resolution of the Council for the City of Langley and request the Province of BC to exempt local governments, regional districts and school boards from the imposition of the EHT to lessen the financial burden on local taxpayers, especially those that are on fixed incomes and further that correspondence to that effect be sent to the Province of BC."*

The City of Williams Lake, like many local governments have a limited revenue base that relies heavily on property taxation. The new Employer Health Tax will put additional cost pressure on the City of Williams Lake (and other BC local governments) that would have to be passed to municipal taxpayers, placing an undue share on lower and middle income British Columbians.

If you have any questions in this regard, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

  
Mayor Walt Cobb

cc: UBCM Member Municipalities



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