

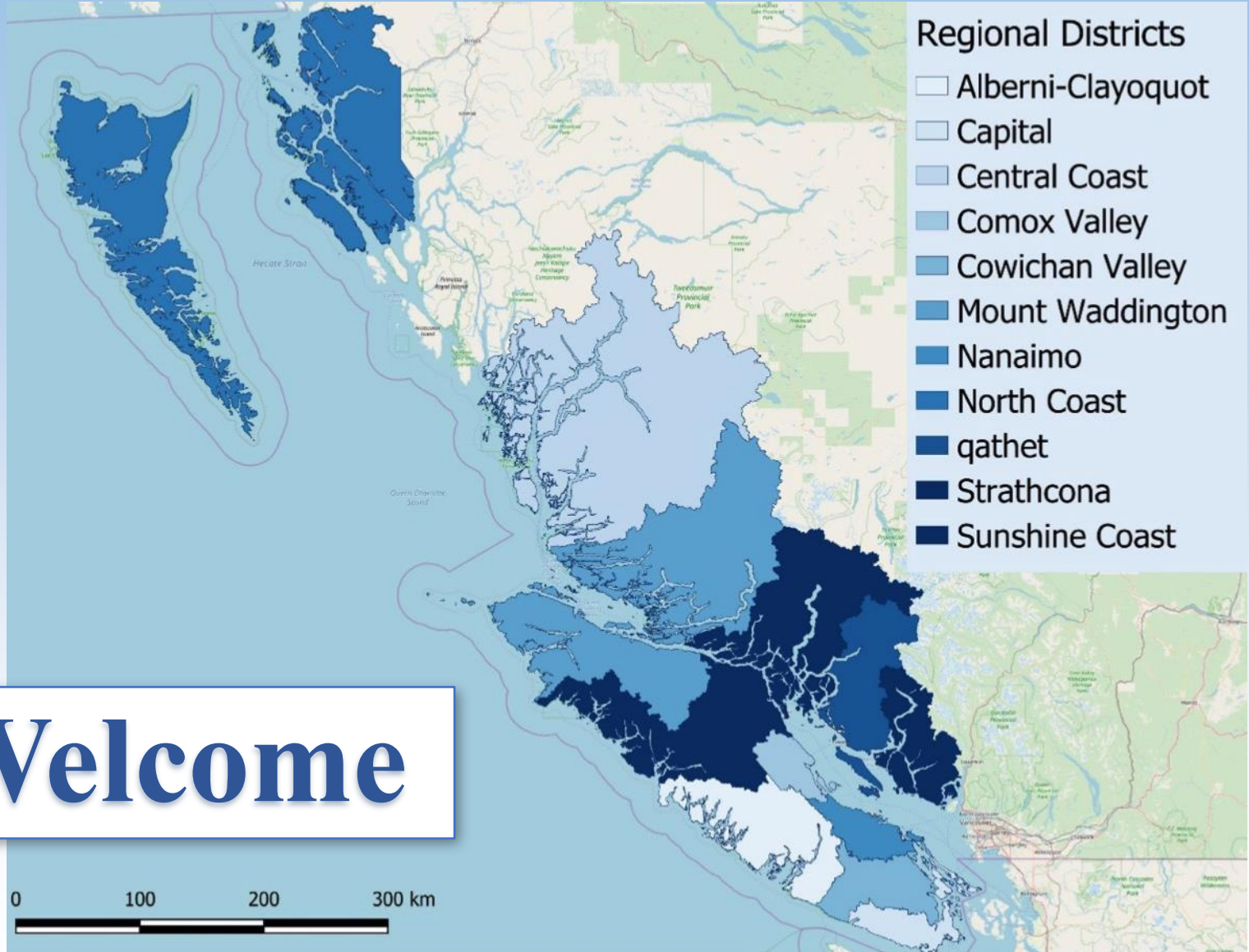
YEAR 4

***Been there,
done that,
got the t-shirt***



I'm sorry, we don't do that. Try:

- MoTT
- RCMP
- RAPP
- WLRS
- DFO
- Your MLA/MP
- A lawyer
- Prayer



Welcome



Today's Agenda

- 11:30 EA Director Lunch
- 12:00 Welcome and Introductions
- 12:10 Updates on Advocacy Issues
- 12:25 Famous Last Words: Douglas Holmes
- 12:45 Breakout Groups
- 1:15 Reporting out



UBCM EA Update

- Upcoming Zoom for EA Directors with Jerrilyn Kirk, UBCM
Tues. April 28, 9 am via Zoom with FCM
- Advocacy Days
 - Infrastructure, esp. small water systems
 - Regional Hospital Districts

This time last year: Hwy 101

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Gibsons girl killed crossing highway

The Sunshine Coast is mourning the loss of yet another promising youngster. Twelve-year-old Brynn Proctor Suddes died of her injuries after she was struck by a pick-up truck on Highway 101 Tuesday afternoon.

Ian Jacques/Editor
Jan 5, 2007 1:00 AM

The Sunshine Coast is mourning the loss of yet another promising youngster.

Twelve-year-old Brynn Proctor Suddes died of her injuries after she was struck by a pick-up truck on Highway 101 Tuesday afternoon.

Brynn and an 11-year-old friend had just got off the local transit bus at the bus stop in front of the Poplars Trailer Park in Gibsons.

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Elderly woman killed on highway near Gibsons

RCMP

Sean Eckford
Mar 22, 2016 5:02 PM

Sunshine Coast RCMP are hoping to move forward, as police continue investigation in a March 21 accident.

RCMP said in a release the woman died on Highway 101 near Oceanview Drive, just west of Gibsons, on Friday evening.

Investigators believe the woman had been crossing the highway, when she was hit. Several people were in the car at the time, but the woman was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of the car has been cooperating with police and rainy conditions may have been a factor at this time.

The woman has been identified as Jaime Wilson and dedicated much of her time to volunteer work at the school.

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Following pedestrian's death, community calls for highway safety measures

A pedestrian has died after being struck by a vehicle on Highway 101 west of Gibsons late Friday evening.

Bronwyn Beairsto, Editor
Dec 10, 2024 7:03 PM



Bouquets of flowers have been placed on a stretch of Highway 101 where a pedestrian was struck the evening of Dec. 6. | Bronwyn Beairsto photo

Teen killed in highway accident

Elphinstone Secondary School is holding an assembly this morning (March 7) to mourn the death of a Grade 9 student Friday.

Gibsons detachment RCMP and other emergency personnel were called to the scene of a fatal vehicle-pedestrian accident at 6:40 p.m., March 4, on Highway 101 near the turn-off to Lower Road.

"From our investigation at this time it has been learned that a 1989 Ford Bronco, driven by Sheri Dileva of Wilson Creek, was travelling westbound in ferry traffic when a pedestrian, attempting to flag down the local transit bus, crossed the highway and was struck," RCMP reported.

Attempts to resuscitate the victim by the responding ambulance crew and a local doctor were unsuccessful and Jaime Maureen Dew, 14, of Gibsons was pronounced dead at the scene.

Elphinstone principal Martyn Wilson said an assembly will be held first thing Monday morning and a grief centre will be set up at the school.

"We're really going to miss her. She was a delightful young lady to have around the school," he said.

RCMP are continuing their investigation in conjunction with the coroner's office.

It's a Crosswalk!



Small Water Systems in Crisis

And the saga continues with no solutions in sight.

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Class action proposed as South Okanagan residents prepare to vote on \$33M water cost

Suit alleges province, water system owner responsible for unsafe drinking water in rural area near Penticton

Tiffany Goodwein · CBC News · Posted: Apr 11, 2026 4:00 AM PDT | Last Updated: April 11

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The Sage Mesa water system pumps water from Okanagan Lake and treats it with chlorine before delivering it to rural residents living near Penticton, B.C. (Tiffany Goodwein/CBC)

Lund Waterworks District

- Established 1973, currently in receivership
- Serves 145 connections
- 2 dams, 3 reservoirs, 3 pumping stations
- Estimated to need \$12 to \$30 million in upgrades



Photo 1: Thulin Lake Dam

Questions?
Other burning
issues?

Famous Last Words

Douglas Holmes

CAO, Regional District of Nanaimo

Previous Regional Districts:

- North Okanagan
- Sunshine Coast
- Alberni Clayoquot



Breakout Groups

Answer these two questions about this last term in office:

1. Looking back, what lessons have you learned (for better or worse)?
2. Looking forward, what do you think are biggest issue(s) facing your electoral area?

AVICC 2026 EA Forum
Feedback from breakout groups

Answer these two questions about this last term in office:

- 1. Looking back, what lessons have you learned (good & bad)?*
- 2. Looking forward, what do you think are biggest issue(s) facing your electoral area?*

LESSONS LEARNED

Table 2

- Subdivision approval process should be the responsibility of RDs, not MoTT

Table 4

- It's more complicated than you think
- How to listen
- Vocal minority has a lot of influence
- Pressure to urbanize with limited resources
- Compliment partners and engage with them
- Work in collaboratives, multi-jurisdiction
- Go for the easy wins

Table 5

- People love zoning regulations until they read how it impacts them
- What is understandable is more likely to succeed than what is the best solution
- Don't push staff too hard or everything will stop (slow walk)
- Simple does not exist
- Use more long term thinking
- Volunteers just need an invitation
- "The master has failed more times than the apprentice has even tried." - Obiwan
Gisborne

Table 6

- Social media has (or can have) negative impacts
- Long time to learn the job
- Moves very slowly - need to include everyone
- Not flexible financially
- Taxpayers want services but no increase in taxes

BIGGEST ISSUES

Table 3

- Staffing
- MoTT

Table 4

- Water services, no money! Standards are too high for small water systems
- Provincial downloads — need more uploads
- BC Building Code could be more regionalized — different issues
- Uncertain relationships with province (MIRR) and First Nations communities
- Travis: "End of reconciliation era?"

Table 5

- Senior government cooperation: Not seeing themselves as part of local community and contributing to the community
- Asset management plan - convincing public it pays, not costs, in the long term
- Fighting apathy (you only get out what you put in)
- Affordability
- Incremental increases
- Liability and insurance
- Compounding excessive regulations (one in a hundred thousand mitigation)
- Cost of shared services with municipalities - equitable model
- Loss of industrial tax base (mill closes)

Table 6

- Development (yes and no)
- Taxes
- Sports fishing restrictions
- Reconciliation
- Different government systems - hard to work together, communications
- Capacity - people and \$
- Downloading