

Creating Healthy Public Policy: Equitable Extreme Heat Planning Webinar

On August 18, BC Healthy Communities hosted the webinar, “Creating Healthy Public Policy: Equitable Extreme Heat Planning”. If you missed the webinar, featuring our team member, Jeff Kormos ([Advisor, Healthy Settings](#) – Northern Interior), you can download the slides and listen to the recording on the PlanH [website](#). This session aimed to help communities plan for, and respond to, the next extreme heat event in northern BC.

Climate change-related extreme weather patterns are becoming less predictable throughout the changing seasons. Northern BC has experienced an increase in weather-related emergencies with the 2017 and 2018 record-breaking wildfires and emergency evacuations, and the fatal heat dome in 2021. There is a growing need for northern communities to establish emergency preparedness and response plans for extreme heat events.



For Your Information

September 9th is International FASD Awareness Day

Recognized around the world, FASD Awareness Day raises awareness and understanding of FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) to improve prevention and diagnosis supports for individuals with FASD. This year, iconic Canadian monuments and landmarks will be lighting up red in honour of FASD Awareness Day. This year's theme is *Building Strengths and Abilities*, recognizing and celebrating the strengths and talents of individuals with FASD and their communities. Let's change the conversation around FASD and overcome the negative stereotypes and stigma. Visit [CanFASD](#) for more information and resources.

Call for expressions of interest: Local Government Working Group on Decriminalization

Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) and the BC Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions (MMHA) extend a call for [expressions of interest](#) for local government staff to join a working group on the role of local governments in supporting BC's plan to decriminalize people who use drugs. Interested staff can submit their names and a biography to UBCM by September 16.

Share Your Opinion

Long COVID – share, learn, help

The Citizen Science [Long COVID Patient Experience Project](#) was developed to connect people living with long COVID and health scientists so that they can learn together about the impact of long COVID and use this information to guide research to solve the puzzle of long COVID.

Resources (toolkits, reports, websites)

Substance Use - Talking Alcohol, Vaping & Other Drugs with Your Kids

It's important to talk openly with your child about substance use from an early age, but as parents and caregivers we don't always know where to start. In this [podcast](#), you will learn the basics of substance use and staying connected with our kids, and how you can help your child develop the knowledge and skills they will need to make decisions about vaping, alcohol, and other drugs as they grow.

Events & Learning Opportunities

2022 UBC International Road Safety Symposium

Dates: October 31 & November 1, 2022

The UBC Bureau of Integrated Transportation Safety and Advanced Mobility (BITSAM) and the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) invite you to take part in the [UBC International Road Safety Symposium](#). International experts will join local government and provincial experts to discuss their experience and recent research on effective solutions in the BC and Canadian context.

Funding Opportunities

NutritionLink Services Society 2022-2023 Granting Program

Deadline: September 9, 2022

NutritionLink Services Society (NLS) is distributing grants for food literacy programming to registered charities, and First Nations and municipal governments in BC. Visit the [NutritionLink webpage](#) for more details and the application form.

Federal Local Food Infrastructure Fund
Deadline: October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023

The [FireSmart Community Funding & Supports program](#) provides funding to local governments and First Nations in BC to increase community resiliency by undertaking community based FireSmart planning and activities that reduce the community's risk from wildfire. There is a webinar scheduled on October 13 to help returning and new applicants understand the changes to the program. Please [register](#) in advance.

Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training
Deadline: November 25, 2022

[Funding](#) is available for local governments and First Nations in BC to provide emergency management personnel with cultural safety and humility training, to partner with and assist Indigenous communities during emergency mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

Northern Healthy Communities Fund
Deadline: Ongoing

Eligible local governments, First Nations and non-profit organizations that provide supports and services to people in expanding communities near the Coastal Gaslink and LNG Canada projects can apply for project funding through the [Northern Healthy Communities Fund](#). Since its beginning, 46 projects have received funding totalling more than \$5 million.

Indigenous Climate Health Action Program
Deadline: Ongoing

Indigenous Climate Health Action Program (ICHAP) funds climate action projects that are community driven and focus on health and wellness outcomes. ICHAP is now accepting [expressions of interest](#) for projects starting spring 2023 onward.

Government of Canada: Natural Infrastructure Fund
Deadline: Ongoing

The Government of Canada is accepting applications for new projects through the [Small Projects Stream of the Natural Infrastructure Fund \(NIF\)](#). The \$200 million NIF supports building community awareness of the value of natural infrastructure. It will bring noticeable benefits to communities across Canada by improving access to nature, providing cleaner air and water, protecting and preserving biodiversity and wildlife habitats and mitigating carbon emissions.

Reaching Home – BC Rural and Remote Homelessness Strategy Deadline: Ongoing

The [BC Rural and Remote Homelessness Strategy Funding](#) is available to communities who are not currently part of an existing Reaching Home funding program, to support projects that reduce and prevent homelessness. Eligible projects can run between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023.

ChildCare BC New Spaces Fund Deadline: When funding runs out

The [ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund](#) provides funding to create new licensed child care, helping families access, affordable, quality, and inclusive child care as a core service they can depend on, while strengthening communities throughout British Columbia.

Northern Health Stories

You can now register your child under five for COVID-19 vaccination

The COVID-19 vaccine for children aged six months to four years will be available at child-friendly clinics in communities. Register children in the provincial [Get Vaccinated](#) system now by going online or calling [1-833-838-2323](tel:1-833-838-2323) (7 am to 7 pm daily; translators are available)...[continue reading](#).

Riding the NH Connections bus as a senior: Affordable, fun, and COVID-safe

Did you know that if you're 60 or older, you can ride the Northern Health Connections bus at the same low price medical travellers pay – with no need to have a medical reason for your trip?...[continue reading](#).

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