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Re: Daylight Savings Time Survey

Thank you for engaging all residents on the observance of daylight savings time in British Columbia. The District of Fort St. James takes the health and wellbeing of our residents very seriously. The increases in motor vehicle accidents, medical events and coordination errors that arise from the existing Annual shift cause significant challenges in communities where the change is observed.

The District of Fort St. James' pursuit of the health and wellbeing of our residents leads us to advocate for the observance of year-round Daylight Savings Time. The District of Fort St. James recently discussed this matter at their July 16th, 2019 Council meeting, given the high public participation in the public engagement to date. It was after healthy discussion on the matter that the following resolution was passed:

"That Council direct that the District of Fort St. James make a submission in accord with the guidelines for formal submissions with the position of supporting a change to year round Daylight Savings Time."

The District of Fort St. James trusts that feedback from our community will be faithfully incorporated into decisions made, and the District of Fort St. James wishes the Province the best in making such an impactful decision.

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Bev Playfair

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