

Population and Public Health

Dr. Sue Pollock, Medical Health Officer
Melissa Cline, Community Health Facilitator

Kootenay Boundary

October 10th 2023



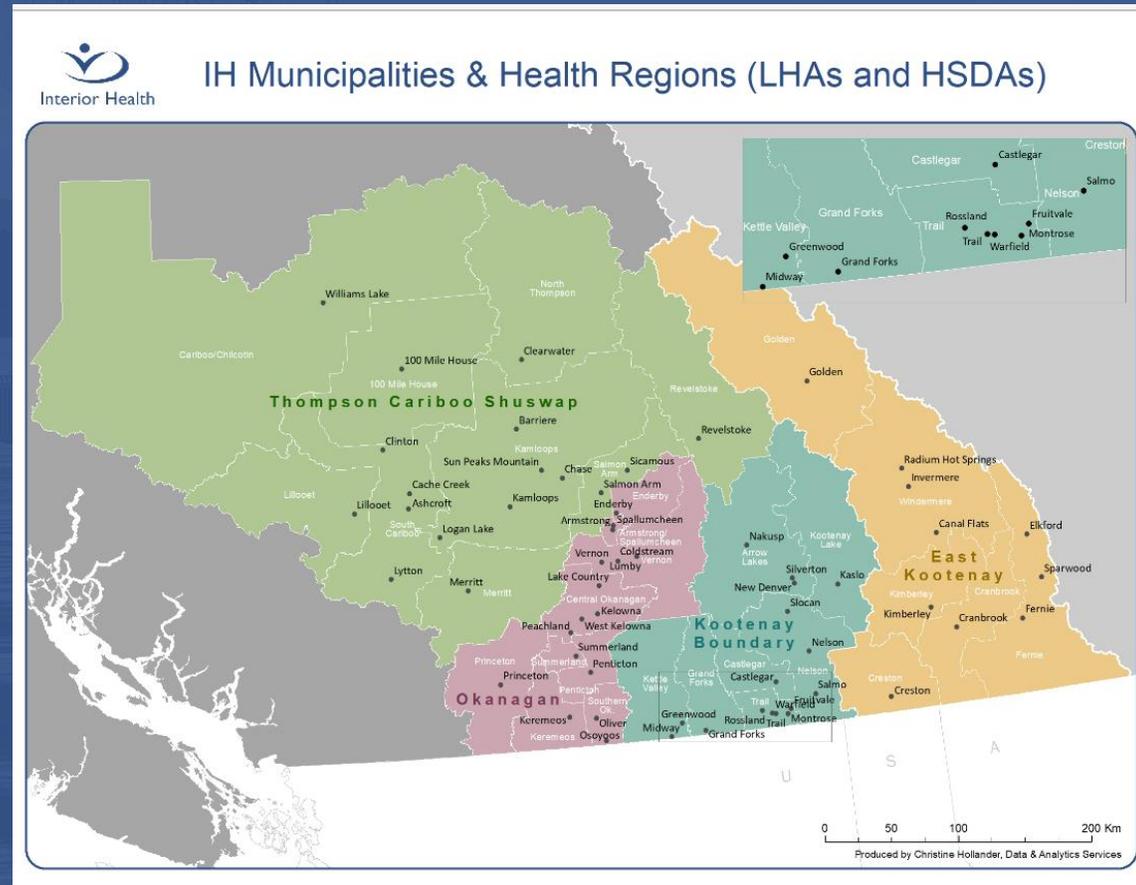
Land Acknowledgement

Interior Health would like to recognize and acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Dǎkelh Dené, Ktunaxa, Nlaka'pamux, Secwépemc, St'át'imc, Syilx, and T̓silhqot'in Nations where we live, learn, collaborate and work together.

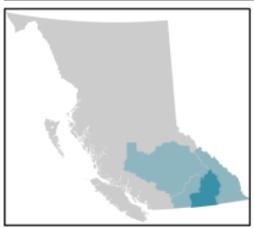


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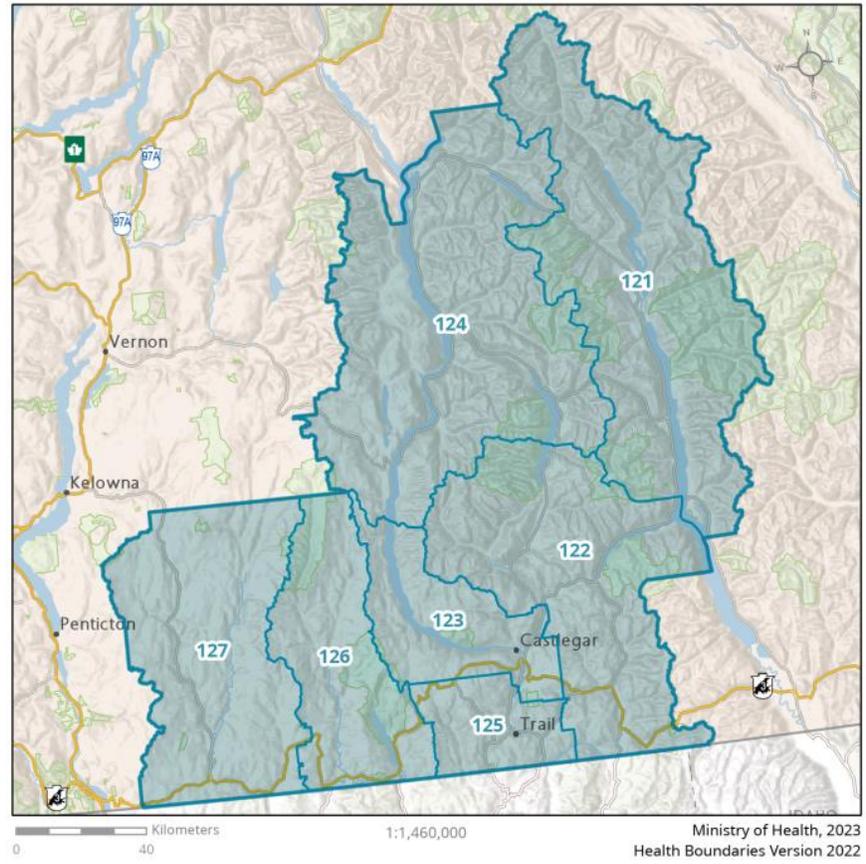


Health Service Delivery Area(HSDA) 12 Kootenay Boundary



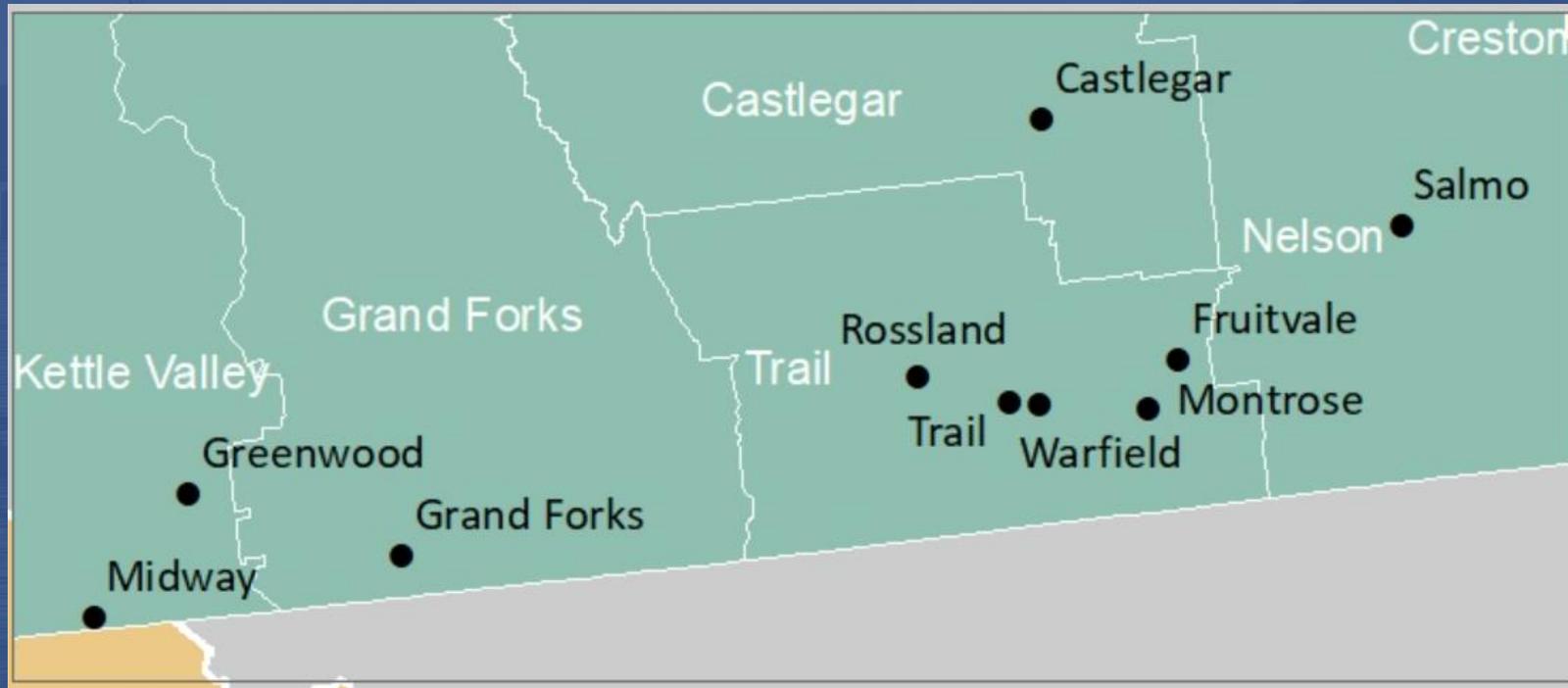
Local Health Area (LHA)

- 121 Kootenay Lake
- 122 Nelson
- 123 Castlegar
- 124 Arrow Lakes
- 125 Trail
- 126 Grand Forks
- 127 Kettle Valley



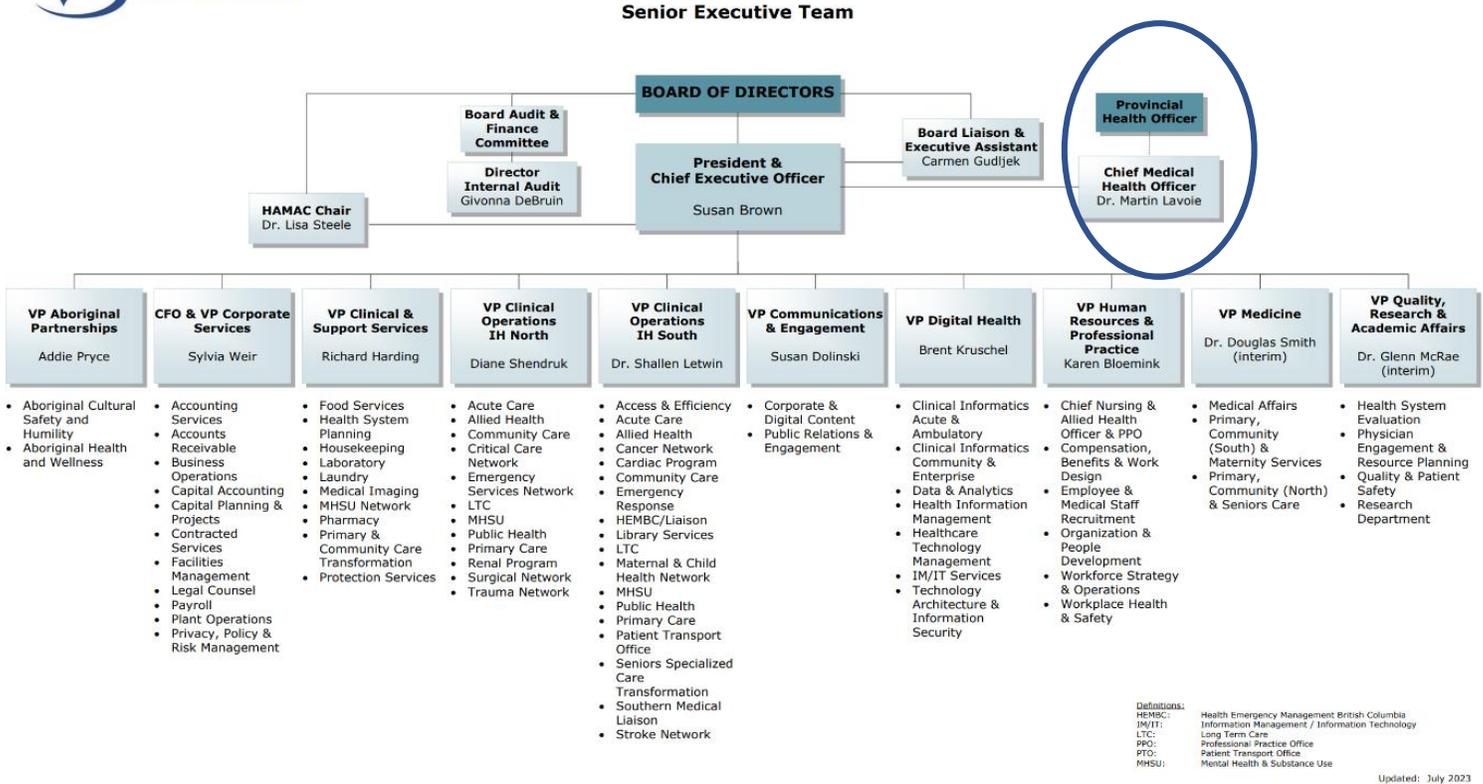
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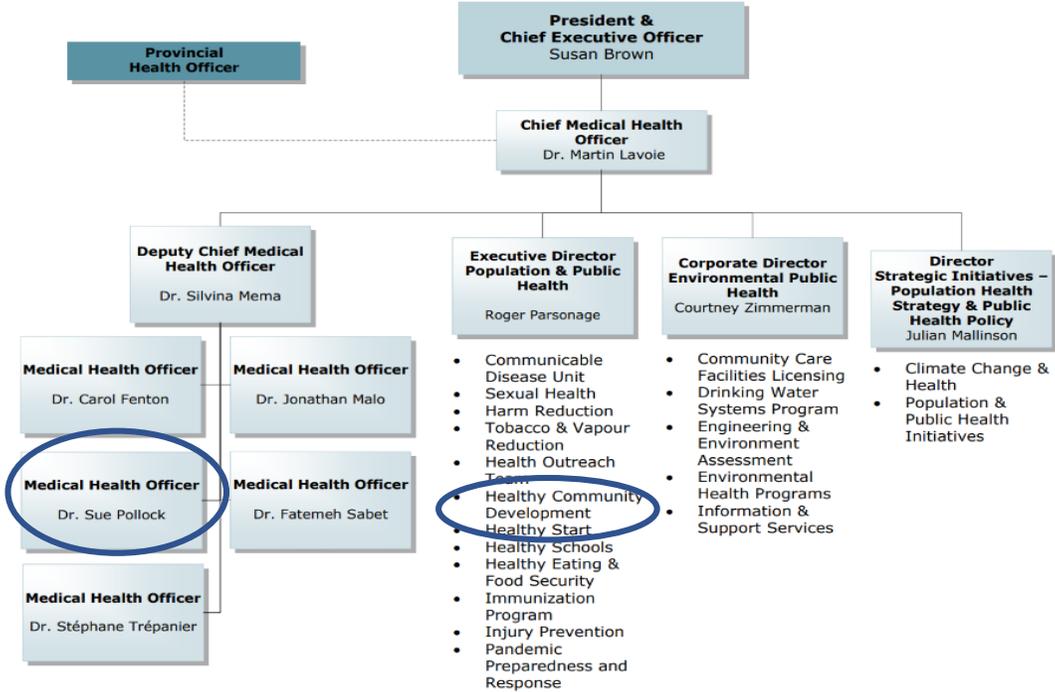
Senior Executive Team



Office of the Chief Medical Health Officer Population and Public Health Program



Office of the Chief Medical Health Officer and Population & Public Health Structure and Functional Responsibility



Updated: July 2023



Population and Public Health Program

Medical Health Officer

- We focus on disease and injury prevention and control
- We monitor and assess the health needs of a population and develop, implement and evaluate strategies for improving health and well being
- We have legislative responsibilities under the Public Health Act
- We report to the Provincial Health Officer and Health Authority



Medical Health Officer

Legislative Responsibilities

Medical Health Officers derive their powers and duties from Orders in Council made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, under section 71 of the *Public Health Act*.

Regional health authority, on Provincial Health Officer recommendation, request this designation to authorize Medical Health Officers to carry out their statutory powers and duties

- Designated to act within a described geographic area
 - usually the health authority



Medical Health Officer

Knowledge Areas

- * Environmental health protection
- * Communicable disease control
- * Health promotion
- * Disease and injury prevention
- * Public health related legislation
- * Public health program delivery
- * Administration and management



Population and Public Health Program

Population Health

The Population Health team works to improve physical and mental health outcomes across the population by promoting wellbeing and reducing health inequalities.



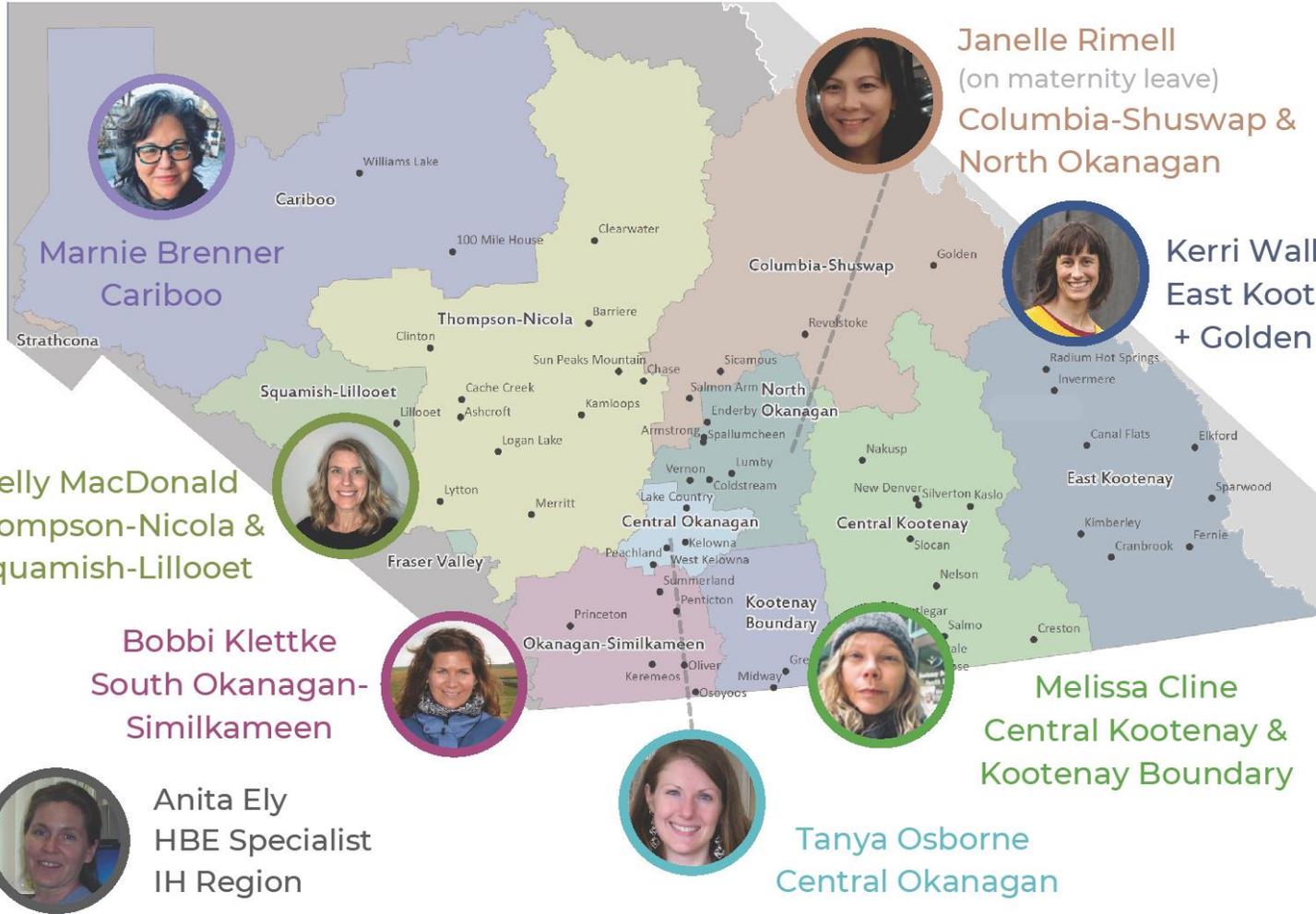


Mike Adams
Team Lead



Jenny Green
Team Lead

Healthy Community Development Team



HCD Team May 2023

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Healthy Communities Team

We support healthy community planning, policy and action by:



What Challenges are we Facing?

-  1 in 3 people have a **chronic disease**
-  1 in 5 children live in **poverty**
-  We rely **too much on cars** instead of our feet
-  **Housing** is unaffordable for many
-  We are **getting older**
-  **Mental health** and well being are main priorities for our communities
-  Many do not have access to **healthy foods**
-  **Health inequities** exist in our communities
-  **High demand, cost, and pressures** on our emergency services and health care system



Health is a Collaborative Effort

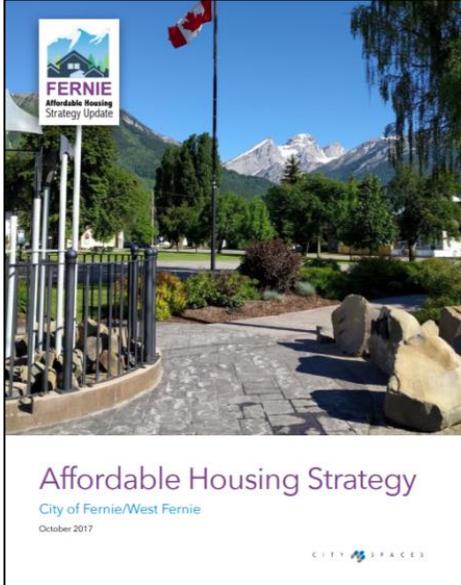
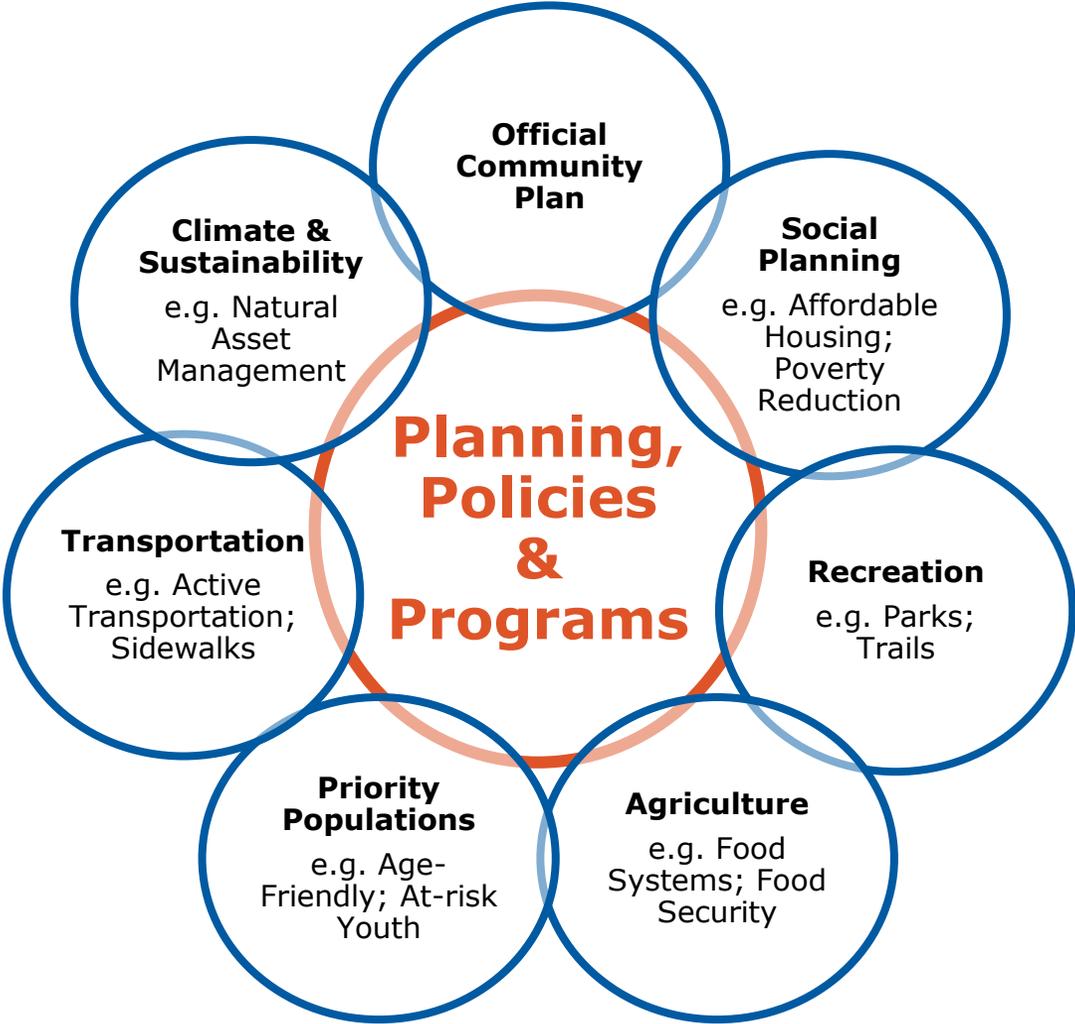
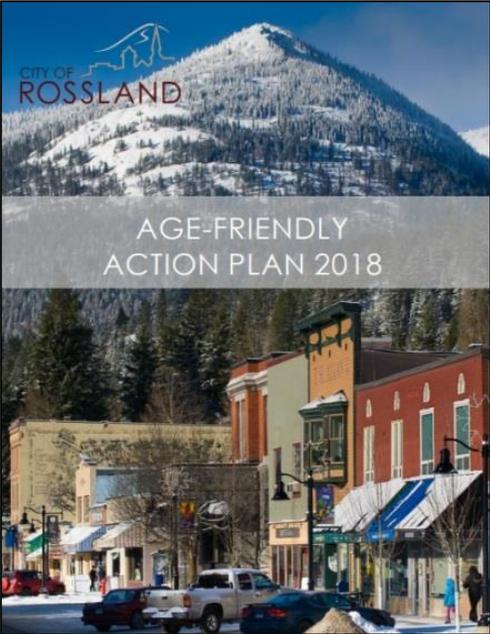


"Many would be surprised to learn that the greatest contribution to the health of the nation over the past 150 years was made not by doctors or hospitals but by local government."

"The Health of a City" by Dr. Jessie Parfitt a public health physician from Oxford, England



Community and the Building Blocks of Health

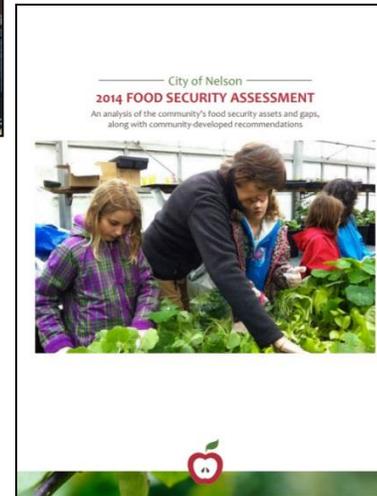
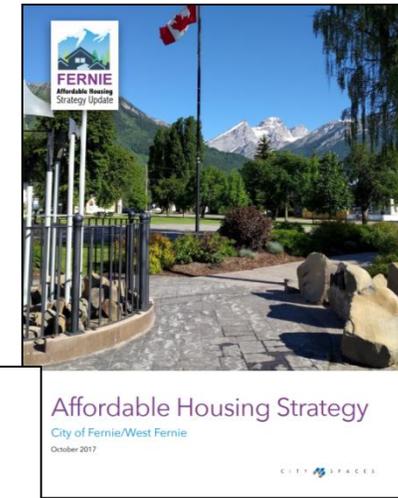
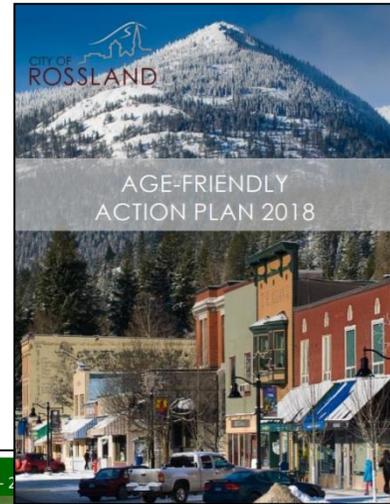
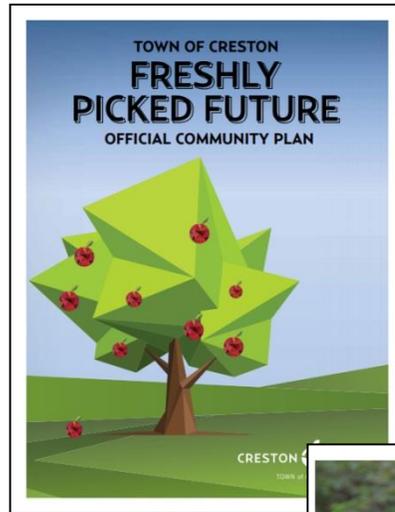


Linking Health to Community Planning



Effective planning creates supportive social and built environments that promote healthy lifestyles & social connections

What can happen when we partner?



Partnership Agreements



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August 21, 2019
 0400-80

Dr. Karin Goodison
 Medical Health Officer
 Interior Health Authority
 505 Doyle Avenue
 Kelowna BC V1Y 0C5

Dear Dr. Goodison:

Re: Healthy Community Program

Thank you for your most informative presentation to Committee of the Whole on August 6, 2019 and also for providing us with documentation afterwards regarding opioids, harm reduction, washroom policies and protocols, and a contact person for air quality related topics.

At their meeting held August 12, 2019, Coldstream Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT the District of Coldstream partner with the Interior Health Authority whenever possible to promote the health and wellness of the community and reduce the risk factors for chronic disease.

Yours truly,



Trevor Scibol, BBA, CPA, CA
 Chief Administrative Officer

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS 

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February 28th, 2014

Ms. Kerri Wall
 Interior Health Authority
 Fernie Health Unit
 Box 670,
 Fernie, BC
 V0B 1M0

[Sent via email only: kerri.wall@interiorhealth.ca](mailto:kerri.wall@interiorhealth.ca)

Dear Ms. Wall:

Thank-you for your presentation as a delegation at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 27th, 2014, with regard to your request for the City of Grand Forks to partner with Interior Health to address community health in Grand Forks using our combined resources when it makes sense to do so.

At their February 24th, 2014 Regular Meeting, Council adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND INTERIOR HEALTH CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND WELLNESS WITH AN INFORMAL PARTNERSHIP TO STRENGTHEN ACTIONS THAT WILL FURTHER IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY AND REDUCE CHRONIC DISEASE RISK FACTORS.

The City regards our citizen's health a paramount importance in our community and is proud to be an informal partner with Interior Health in this most essential aspect.

Best regards,



Diane Heinrich
 Corporate Officer

WEA, 13 – Interior Health informal partnership for community health

Website: www.grandforks.ca Email: info@grandforks.ca



October 23, 2019

Tanya Osborne
 Community Health Facilitator
 505 Doyle Avenue
 Kelowna, BC V1Y 0C5

Dear Ms. Osborne,

Re: Partnership Agreement renewal with the Town of Osyoos (COR-704)

The Town of Osyoos Council passed the following motion at the Regular Open meeting of October 21, 2019 with respect to the Partnership Agreement renewal between Interior Health and the Town of Osyoos:

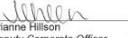
MOTION 314/19
 Moved by Councillor Bennett
 Seconded by Councillor King

That the Town of Osyoos continue to partner with Interior Health whenever possible to promote the health and wellness of the community and reduce the risk factors for chronic disease.

CARRIED

The Town of Osyoos looks forward to working with Interior Health in bringing the health perspective to community planning for the residents of Osyoos and to improve the health and wellness of our community.

Yours truly,



Brianne Hillson
 Deputy Corporate Officer

cc: Allan Chabot, CAO

2019 10 23 Ltr to Interior Health confirming Partnership Agreement
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Moving Forward together

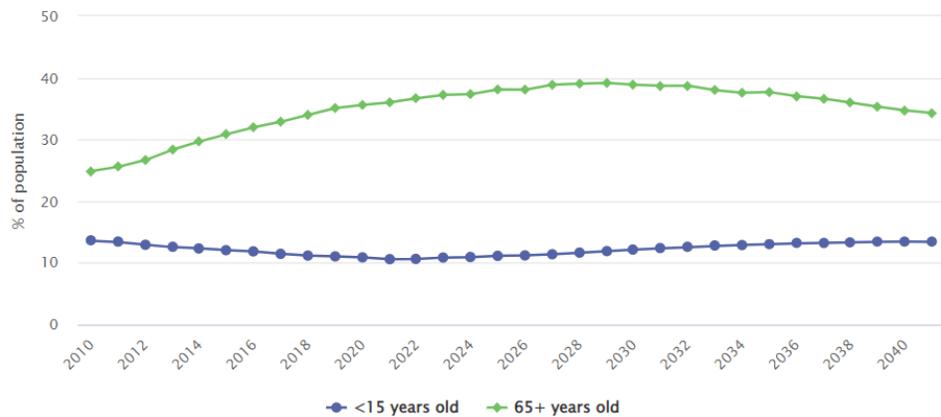
Population Health and the Healthy Communities program would like to continue to partner and collaborate with local government elected officials and staff to promote health and wellness in the community and reduce the risk factors for chronic disease.



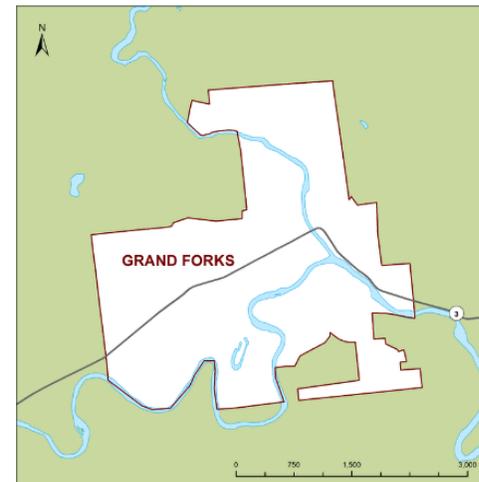
Community Health Data

Current and projected youth and seniors populations for Grand Forks LHA

P.E.O.P.L.E., BC Stats, 2010–2041



Grand Forks



Grand Forks Local Health Area



73.4%

Percentage of population who are attached to a general practitioner or group practice

Data source: B.C. Ministry of Health. (2021). Attachment to Practice by CHSA, Fiscal Year 2020/2021.



Questions & Discussion

