

January 21, 2025

Attention: Chief Administrative Officer

Re: CivicInfo BC Membership Renewal, 2025

Dear Colleagues,

Enclosed, please find your local government's CivicInfo BC membership renewal for 2025.

This year, we are celebrating a significant milestone: CivicInfo BC (www.civicinfo.bc.ca) has been proudly serving British Columbia's local government sector for 25 years. And thanks to your ongoing support, CivicInfo BC continues to be an invaluable resource for municipalities, regional districts, First Nations, improvement districts, and other public bodies, providing a wide range of data and information services used daily by thousands of employees and elected officials.

Highlights from the past year include:

NEW WEBSITE. In the fall, we completed a significant website refresh, including the addition of a new dashboard where people can access valuable services for members. Details about the dashboard and its tools can be found on the enclosed information sheet.

NEARLY 11,000 JOB POSTINGS. The BC Local Government Job Board, in partnership with the Local Government Management Association of BC, continues to be the "go to" source for local government job seekers in British Columbia. New feature: site visitors can log in and save jobs for later viewing while they continue to browse.

NEW HOME FOR OUR HEADLINE NEWS FEED. Our popular @BCHeadlines local government news clipping service, on Twitter since 2010, has found a new home on the Mastodon social network. The feed can be openly viewed on our site under the "News" or at <https://mastodon.social/@BCHeadlines>.

SIMPLIFIED SURVEY & DATA ARCHIVE. Past CivicInfo BC surveys, along with open local government datasets from the Province and elsewhere, are now housed in a simple archive on our main website. Additional high-value and sensitive datasets, like our annual salary surveys, are available to members through the new dashboard.

DIRECTORY IMPROVEMENTS. Our local government and First Nation directories look better than ever, with logos appearing in search results, and with an updated data visualization tool at the bottom of each directory page. Additional security measures have also been implemented to block the latest automatic scrapers and AI bots.

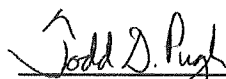
LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR UPDATES. Pulled from 42 different statutes and regulations, the deadlines for 2025 have been reviewed and uploaded. A full-text search feature, specific to the calendar, has been added. An export tool still exists for those who wish to import the calendar's data into Outlook or Google Calendar.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CANOE PROCUREMENT OF CANADA. CivicInfo BC's partnership with Canoe Procurement is now in its third year. For our local government members, this represents a significant money-saving opportunity during times when cost pressures are growing. A collaboration between municipal associations in 9 provinces and 3 territories, Canoe Procurement tenders trade-compliant, standing-offer contracts on behalf of members. With over 350 approved suppliers, chances are high that Canoe can help you find savings on items that your local government is already purchasing.

All of the services we provide – whether they're on our public website, or behind a login on our dashboard – are possible only because over 200 local governments and related organizations belong to the CivicInfo BC Society. We sincerely thank all our members for 25 years of support.

If you have any questions at all about your membership renewal, please contact our staff at 250-383-4898 or email info@civicinfo.bc.ca. We look forward to serving you again in 2025.

Sincerely,



Todd D. Pugh

Executive Director, CivicInfo BC Society

Enclosures

cc: Corporate Administrator
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Mark Boysen – Chief Administrative Officer, North Salt Spring Waterworks District

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