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Dear Chair Karla Kozakevich and Okanagan-Similkameen Regional District Directors,
Has Council received my package and letter regarding "**Human Sex Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation, Child Sex Trafficking in BC and How To Stop It**" sent March 1, 2021?

My ASK was to present to Council and I am available to do so until the end of May.

In the meantime, the sex industry grows undeterred in BC.

What can the Council do?

Train your business licensing managers what to look for when granting business licenses.

For example unregistered massage and body rub parlours, nail spas, holistic health centers, day spas, modelling agencies, tattoo parlours, escort services, cheap bars and hotels, men's clubs, AirBnb, VRBO, casinos, strip clubs, organized crime "club houses" and truck stops can be typical covers for sex trafficking/exploitation.

Regarding hotels and motels, Ontario, in an effort to curb trafficking is mandating registration of every guest who is **IN** and paying for a room.

This could be considered in BC.

Target ages for the sex industry are now 10-12 years of age in Surrey and Vancouver.

This is child sexual exploitation and must stop.

ASK: Please write a letter to the Premier and Solicitor General to let them know that this crime is a priority in BC so there is funding for **Provincial law enforcement** and a **Provincial awareness campaign**. BC also needs an **inter-agency Human sex Trafficking Task Force** similar to what is available for drugs and gangs.

I hope to hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely, Cathy Peters

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