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Dear Elected Chiefs, Mayors, Councillors, Directors, and Staff,

Good Morning,

My name is Chris Alemany. I am a former City Councillor at the City of Port Alberni (2014-2018). I respect that you are extremely busy. Please contact me if you have any questions at all.

I am here to introduce you to [SocialBC.ca](https://socialbc.ca), an alternative to the Twitter/X platform. I am a member of the Board of Directors of the Society of Open Social Servers of BC.

Many people, communities, and organizations are looking for other options to X, Meta/Facebook, and TikTok.

SocialBC (<https://socialbc.ca/about>) is a grassroots, non-profit, Society-run, Twitter/X alternative right here in British Columbia. We use the Mastodon network, accessing millions of people in BC, Canada, and around the world. While many people are jumping to Bluesky, we urge you to consider that Bluesky has the same fundamental financial and control structure that is now compromised by US and Chinese government restrictions in the traditional social media platforms. It is reminiscent of the Patriot Act after 9/11; local control of your message, and your data, is now critical and may become even more-so with the threatened trade war with the USA.

Our platform is public, it is free (though we do request donations/subscriptions), it is moderated, and it is controlled by regular people from around the province. We are not billionaires. We have no plans for world or even BC domination. We have created SocialBC.ca to make something more community-focused. There is no algorithm that we control. We just want people to have reliable access to information and interaction from and about their communities. Your "feeds" can also be embedded on your local webpages (a feature Twitter took away a few years ago) so that **anyone**, no matter if they have an account on socialbc or not, can see your information all the time as soon as you post it.

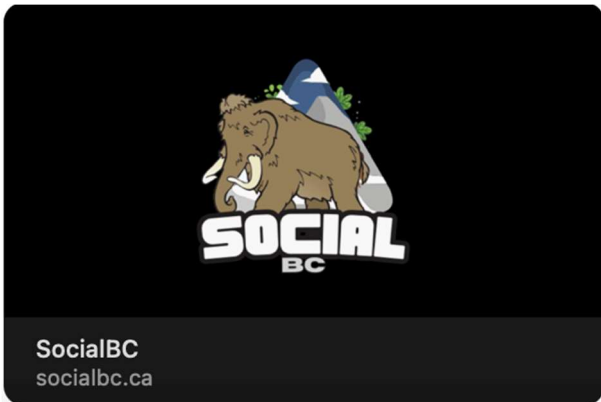
There are already some BC-related information sources using Mastodon generally, including publications like the [Tyee](#) and community related news from [CivicInfoBC](#) but they are spread out. We're trying to create a space where everyone in BC can come together and get reliable, factual, information. Perhaps in time, organizations will create their own community spaces as well. We want to encourage that network.

We, like you, believe in the strength of building local communities and we hope that in this time of upheaval and change, you will consider using this platform for part of your communications with your residents and constituents. And by the way, we even created [an emoticon for every flag of every municipality, First Nation, and regional district in BC!](#) But you can only use them on SocialBC.ca! :+)

Thank you very much for your time and commitment to serving your communities.

Cheers


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socialbc.ca is one of the many independent Mastodon servers you can use to participate in the fediverse.



This Mastodon Instance is intended to serve citizens and residents of British Columbia, Canada. We respectfully occupy this virtual space within the Traditional Territories of First Nations peoples.

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B.C. paramedics issue 'public safety alert,' say ambulance staffing 'approaching critical levels'

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"Our members are reporting dozens and dozens of ambulances across the province sitting empty when they show up to work, and it's not getting any better," said union president Jason Jackson, in the alert.

Jason placed the blame on an overtime ban implemented by BC Emergency Health Services and the Provincial Health Services Authority on Jan. 1.



CTVNews - 4d

B.C. paramedics issue 'public safety alert,' say ambulance staffing 'approaching critical levels'

Paramedics in B.C. are once again sounding the alarm about ambulances sitting em...

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Here is a post that has a whole bunch more fun hashtags to follow! (Don't worry if you don't see any posts when you tap on the hashtag, they'll fill in over time)

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Mastodon Lists (@Mastodon@toot.cat)

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Mastodon is the best way to keep up with what's happening.

Follow anyone across the fediverse and see it all in chronological order. No algorithms, ads, or clickbait in sight.

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