Wednesday, May 22, 2024.

Dear Abbotsford School Board Chair Shirley Wilson, Trustees and School Superintendent Sean Nosek,

My name is Cathy Peters of the Be Amazing Campaign. I am a former inner city high school teacher and have been presenting for the past ten years to politicians, police and the public. I presented in Abbotsford at the Arts Theatre on October 18, 2023, sponsored by the Abbotsford School District, Abbotsford Police Department and BC RCMP.

ASK: Could there be a follow up presentation in Abbotsford in 2024/2025?

My recent presentations have been to the 3 day Federal Public Safety conference for BC/Yukon Indigenous frontline service providers, Coquitlam RCMP, Lions Gate Hospital staff, Williams Lake Symposium on Victims of crime and survivors, with an upcoming presentation to the Burnaby RCMP.

I have included my newest brochure that summarizes the crime of sexual exploitation, human sex trafficking and child sex trafficking.

ASK: Please share these brochures with your team and any relevant departments in your District.

ASK: Please join and sign up for the new Human Trafficking Prevention Network British Columbia, sponsored by Lieutenant Governor General Janet Austin and Shell Canada Susannah Pierce. The form is included.

Please confirm this letter has been received and considered.

Sincerely, Cathy Peters

B.C. anti human trafficking advocate, educator, speaker,

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Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal recipient for my anti human trafficking advocacy work Author: Child Sex Trafficking in Canada and How to Stop It

Statement of Support for the Human Trafficking Prevention Network British Columbia

As partners, we vehemently denounce human trafficking as a gross violation of human rights and an affront to human dignity. Human trafficking includes recruiting, transporting, transferring, receiving, holding, concealing or harbouring a person, or exercising control direction or influence over the movements of a person, to exploit them or to assist in facilitating their exploitation, according to the Canadian Criminal Code. This exploitation can be for the purpose of sexual exploitation, forced labor, and other forms of coercion, and demands our collective attention and action.

We, the undersigned, stand united in our commitment to ending human trafficking through the establishment of the Human Trafficking Prevention Network of British Columbia. Recognizing the severity of this issue, we believe that collaborative efforts are crucial to addressing the complexities of this crime.

We commit to support the Human Trafficking Prevention Network in the following ways:

- 1. Joining the Human Trafficking Prevention Network by endorsing this Statement of Support.
- 2. Raise awareness by sharing resources within our organizations to educate about human trafficking and by sharing resources targeting its prevention.
- 3. Supporting organizations that combat human trafficking, prioritizing initiatives that create pathways to empowerment for survivors in their recovery.

We acknowledge the complex nature of this issue and the need for understanding, compassion and collaboration to address its root causes and manifestations. The Human Trafficking Prevention Network will serve as a catalyst for change by fostering collaboration among various players who pledge to raise awareness through training and public communication about the issue. The network is deeply concerned by the disproportionately high rates of victimization experienced by First Nation, Metis and Inuit survivors, as well as two-spirit and gender diverse people, and seeks to support programs specific to their needs and healing.

We recognize and commend the significant work underway by non-profit organizations, people with lived experience, and law enforcement to prevent human trafficking and support survivors in their recovery and transition. The Human Trafficking Prevention Network will support and complement these efforts, facilitating greater coordination, amplification, and funding.

We invite others to join us in this crucial endeavor in a partnership committed to these actions. Through collaboration, awareness, and coordinated action we can create a safer and more resilient communities free from the harms of human trafficking.

The Honourable Janet Austin

Lieutenant Governor of
British Columbia
Honorary Patron, Human Trafficking
Prevention Network

Susannah Pierce

Shell Canada President and Country Chair on behalf of Shell Canada Limited Chair, Human Trafficking Prevention Network

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