

March 7, 2024

Via email: premier@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable David Eby, MLA
Premier of the Province of British Columbia

Delivered Via Email

Re: Support for Bill-34

Dear Premier,

The District of Hudson's Hope Council supports Bill-34 and the *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act*.

We believe that Bill-34 is a necessary step in addressing the ongoing crisis of drug addiction and overdose in our community. By restricting public consumption of illegal substances, we can create a safer and more welcoming environment for all residents, including children and families.

It is crucial that we continue to prioritize the health and safety of our community members and take action to address the harm caused by drug use in public spaces. We urge the Supreme Court to reconsider their decision and allow Bill-34 to be implemented so that we can better protect our community and prevent further harm.

The District of Hudson's Hope Council stands by its decision to support Bill-34 and will continue to advocate for the well-being of our residents. We are committed to creating a safe and thriving community for all and believe that restricting public consumption of illegal substances is an important step in achieving this goal.

Public spaces should be freely enjoyable by all community members and used for their intended purpose. While Council acknowledges that no person should feel compelled to engage in substance abuse alone and privately, but this should not come at the expense of degrading our public spaces.

Sincerely,

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE

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Travous Quibell, Mayor

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