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Dear Mayor and Council

VIA EMAIL

On March 3, 2005, a motorcycle accident occurred that would forever change the life of Ms. Denise Lodge. Her 21-year old son Corey bought his first motorcycle, a high speed 1000cc racing sport bike. He wrote his learners license on the same day. In less than 24 hours he was involved in a fatal accident on the Malahat Highway. Unable to navigate the turn, the worst possible outcome was realized.

From this fateful event grew a movement affectionately known as The Coalition of Riders Educating Youth (C.O.R.E.Y). This alliance was organized by a mother who vowed to change an outdated system of motorcycle laws in an effort to advance motorcycle safety initiatives. Over the past 14 years C.O.R.E.Y has been working with the Government asking for them to give New Riders the Skills to have a safe ride.

In 2016, C.O.R.E.Y started working with the RCMP and RoadSafetyBC, presenting to over 7,900 Grade 9 – 12 high school students in Northern and Central BC. The interactive discussion brings full awareness of motorcycles to the new drivers as half of the deaths occur because the driver of the other vehicle does not see the motorcyclist. To further highlight the need of this program a recent statistic from the coroner indicates that there were thirty (30) motorcyclist deaths from January to July 2018. This is a 114% increase over the number of motorcyclist deaths occurring from January to July 2017.

At the 2016 UBCM Conference the following resolution was submitted by the District, and adopted by the North Central Local Government Association at the conference in Dawson Creek. Due to time constraints the resolution was not considered by the UBCM membership; however, it was endorsed post-conference by the UBCM Community Safety Committee:

Graduated Licensing for Motorcycles

DISTRICT OF KITIMAT

**WHEREAS** many changes and improvements have occurred regarding the operation of motorcycles including: increased fines for dangerous behavior while riding, mandatory approved helmet laws, and new seating regulations which require that the passenger's feet must remain on the foot pegs to prevent children who are too small from riding as passengers;

**AND WHEREAS** motorcycles make up three per cent of BC's insured vehicles, yet they are involved in approximately eleven per cent of all road fatalities:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Provincial Government implement the final phase of the graduated licensing program for motorcycles including power restrictions and mandatory training.

As the program has not yet been implemented, The District of Kitimat Mayor and Council are requesting letters of support be written to the Province to finalize and implement the Graduated Licensing Program for Motorcycles (GLP-M), including Power Restrictions and Mandatory Training.

We ask that letters of support be forwarded to:

Honourable Mike Farnworth, MLA  
[pssg.minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:pssg.minister@gov.bc.ca)

CoreySafe Society  
[coreysafe@outlook.com](mailto:coreysafe@outlook.com)

Sincerely,



Mayor Phillip Germuth  
District of Kitimat





