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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Kamloops and an Update on Human Sex Trafficking in BC and How To Stop It

Dear Mayor Jack Froese and Council,

The Kamloops Residential School tragedy is horrific.

It exemplifies the intergenerational trauma of the Indigenous peoples.

In the meantime, 54% involved in the sex industry are Indigenous women and children. Higher numbers in urban centres.

While the average age of recruitment into the sex industry is 13 years old (10-12 years old in Vancouver and Toronto), it is much younger for Indigenous girls.

Indigenous women and girls are severely over-represented in the sex industry.

This is the worst form of systemic racism in our country and history. It must stop.

The normalization, commercialization, institutionalization (similar to the Netherlands, Germany, Thailand and Nevada) of the sex industry must not happen in Canada.

First casualties would be Indigenous women and girls (followed by new migrants).

I have been raising awareness about this issue for the last 3 months to City Councils and Regional Districts in BC; to almost 100 communities in BC.

Thank you for the opportunity. I will continue with presentations in the Fall.

**FOR EDUCATION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION:**

**Conference:** The National Coalition on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE) out of Washington, DC will be running a 4 day free virtual conference on July 20-24.

CESE Summit 2021- Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation Online Global Summit.

Global experts will be presenting. It is the largest global conference of its kind. Please attend if you can.

**Prevention Education Programs:**

Children of the Street (PLEA)

Fraser Health Forensic Nursing course

SexualExploitationEducation by Tiana Sharifi

OCTIP- Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons online course

BRAVE Prevention Education by Kelly Schuler (National)

ROOTS of Character Program by Gloria Garvie (Vancouver Island)

**Books and Videos:**

Attached.

**Recent Documentaries:**

Fight for the Soul of Seattle- the impact of homelessness, drug use, prostitution, human trafficking on a city

Childhood 2.0- impact of Social Media on today's youth

**ASK:** please write the Provincial Premier and Solicitor General that this crime is a priority in BC and there needs to be considerable funding/training for Provincial law enforcement and a Provincial Awareness Campaign. BC needs an inter-agency Human Sex Trafficking Task Force similar to what is available for drugs and gangs.

Please contact me if you need more information.

Sincerely, Cathy Peters

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## Books/Videos on Human Trafficking/Sex Exploitation

1. **“Invisible Chains”** by UBC Law Professor Benjamin Perrin, publ. 2010 Viking Canada, ISBN: 978-0-670-06453-3- THE textbook on sex trafficking in Canada. MUST READ.
2. **“Half the Sky”** by Nicholas Kristof, publ. 2010 Vintage Books, ISBN: 978-0-307-38709-7 Good overview of the global sex trade. Excellent primer to the issue.
3. **“Walking Prey”** by Holly Austin Smith, publ.2014 by St. Martin’s Press, ISBN: 978-1-137-27873-9 Gives strategies to end exploitation at the back of the book.
4. **“Shadow’s Law”** by Swedish Detective Inspector Simon Haggstrom, publ.2016, Bullet Point Publishing, ISBN: 978-91-88153-20-3 True story of an officer fighting prostitution.
5. **“My Journey Through Prostitution: PAID FOR” by Rachel Moran, publ. 2013, W.W.Norton & Co., ISBN: 978-0-393-35197-2** A thorough treatise on what prostitution really looks by a survivor in Ireland.
6. **“Girls like Us”**, by Rachel Lloyd, publ.2011, Harper Perennial, ISBN: 978-0-06-158206-6 Human sex trafficking in USA.
7. **“That Lonely Section of Hell”** by Lorimer Shenher, publ.2015, Greystone Books, ISBN: 978-1-77164-257-6 The Robert Pickton investigation.
8. **“Renting Lacy- A Story of America’s Prostituted Children”** by former Washington State Congresswoman Linda Smith, publ. 2013, Shared Hope International.
9. **“Pornland”** by Dr. Gail Dines, publ. 2010, Beacon, ISBN: 978-0870-0154-7 The impact of pornography on our culture by porn research expert. (view Dr. Dines TEDtalk).
10. **“Somebody’s Daughter”** by Phonse Jessome, publ. 1996 by Nimbus Publishing, ISBN: 1-55109-174-7 Pimping in Canada and its beginnings; the Toronto/Halifax pimping ring
11. **“Made in the USA; The Sex Trafficking of America’s Children”** by Alisa Jordheim, publ.2014, HigherLife Publishing and Marketing, ISBN: 978-1-939183-40-8
12. **“Prostitution, Trafficking, and Traumatic Stress”** by Melissa Farley, publ. 2003, Routledge, ISBN: 0-7890-2378-4
13. **“Victim Law: The Law of Victims of Crime in Canada”** by Benjamin Perrin, publ.2017, Thomson Reuters, ISBN: 978-0-7798-7766-9 The new field of law addressing the rights of victims in the justice system.
14. **“The True Story of Canadian Human trafficking”** by Paul H. Boge, publ.2018, Castle Quay Books, ISBN: 978-1988-9280-98. The true story of Human Trafficking in Canada from the perspective of the Manitoba MP Joy Smith who did something to try and stop it.
15. **“Sex Industry Slavery- Protecting Canada’s Youth”** by Dr. Robert Christmas, publ. 2020, University of Toronto Press, ISBN: 978-1-4875-2485-2 Insider perspective into Canada’s sex industry.
16. **“Not a Choice, Not a Job”** by Dr. Janice G. Raymond, publ. 2019, publ. Potomac Books, ISBN: 978-1-61234-626-7 Exposing the myths about prostitution and the global sex trade.

**Videos on YouTube: Google:** “Amy’s Story; Covenant house Toronto” (homeless-youth/Sex-Trafficking link). “Kailey Heywood’s Love Story” (UK police). PSA from Joy Smith Foundation (40 seconds). Trailer from “Red Light, Green Light Documentary” by Jared and Michelle Brock (3 minute overview of global problem). DTE survivor “Trisha Baptie TEDtalk” (15 minutes). “We are the Lions” spoken word cinema by YWCA Tennessee. “Break the Silence” Canadian version music video (3 Canadian girls who were trafficked).