

## Tasha Buchanan

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**From:** Inquiry  
**Sent:** May 10, 2021 3:30 PM  
**To:** Tasha Buchanan  
**Subject:** Fw: Arrive Canada.

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**From:** Jill Munro. <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 3:26 PM  
**To:** Inquiry <inquiry@barriere.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Arrive Canada.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Jill Munro." <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** May 10, 2021 at 1:04:06 PM PDT

**Subject: Arrive Canada.**

Dear mayor and council members. My name is Gillian (Jill) Munro. I own Dee Jay Mobile home park. I've been living in Barriere for the past 30 years. My son Mark Munro and I went to Mazatlan Mexico in November of 2019. We planned to return home to Canada in April of 2020. In March because we became aware of the Covid virus, we attempted to get home to Canada. I became ill with Pneumonia , then two bouts of bronchial infections. Unable to travel. Then we were faced with flight cancellations, restrictions and lockdowns. Mark and I immediately went into self isolation. We tried to drive home, but American borders closed. In February of this year, my son passed away suddenly. Not Covid related. This was so very devastating to me. I am 80 years old, I depended totally on my son. I needed to be home with my family. My two different flights were cancelled. I finally managed to get a complicated one involving three flights and an overnight stay in Phoenix to get to Vancouver. Was still in a case of emotional shock and feeling very vulnerable. I got a kidney and colon infection, got that cleared up in time to take my flight home.. because the arrive Canada forms were too complicated for me, I went to the Canadian Embassy in Mazatlan to receive help. I had also discovered that an exception to the mandatory hotel stay in Vancouver appeared to apply to me. Given under, Dependant travelling alone. My Mexican doctor did not want me to be restricted in a hotel as because of diverticulitis, I was to be on a special diet. And emotionally exhausted, needed to be home close to family. I did the necessary Covid negative test. Had an o.k. Trip. Until Vancouver. Where they held me up for approximately three hours. Kept leaving me to have discussions among the border authorities. Usually taking about 20 minutes at a time. No water or anything offered. Had been travelling since five that morning. Only one airline provided coffee or cola. The authorities finally decided to refuse my reasons and drs letter for avoiding the hotel stay. Fined me \$3,450.00 by way of a ticket which is normally used for a speeding ticket in B.C. which they had attached a federal inclusion on the ticket. I have never even had a vehicle violation in sixty years. Was horrified that I would get a fine of any kind. They apparently attaché this to your drivers license as a way of collecting this fine. I have thirty

days from May the seventh to contest this claim. I am in Quarantine for two weeks. My Covid test results were back negative the following morning. I also wish to point out that the shuttle to hotels, I learned from reports on Facebook, were very crowded, the driver handled all baggage without wearing gloves, helped people into the vehicle still not wearing gloves or antibacterial solution. To my mind this is a health risk, also travelling in the shuttle with people from other parts of the world in a cramped shuttle, would have made me, still on meds, very vulnerable to contracting the virus. No one had yet received their final Covid test results at this point. The authorities determined that because I was able to dress myself, I did not qualify to avoid the hotel and shuttle. There was no health official to my knowledge, in attendance at the airport. This entire welcome home, was, in my mind, ludicrous. You can drive home through the Canadian border, they greet you by saying welcome home, ask what route you are taking, and respond with, have a good trip. That's it. If you can do anything to help me avoid having to pay this fine, I would be very grateful. Could you also contact our local M.P. I don't even know who that is. Sorry such a long winded letter. Thank you for your patience. Sincerely, Jill Murray. 250- [REDACTED] . Box [REDACTED] Barriere.

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