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May 13, 2016

File: 5460.18

Salmon Arm Children's Festival Society  
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Attention: Karen Bubola, Chair

Dear Karen:

**RE: SALMON ARM CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL SOCIETY –  
FRIDAY, JULY 1 (CANADA DAY)  
5 AVENUE SW - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**

Reference is made to your e-mail dated May 13, 2016.

I am pleased to advise that authorization is provided to close 5 Avenue SW between 3 Street SW and 5 Street SW from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to accommodate the Canada Day Children's Festival activities, **subject to** the provision of adequate supervision and Comprehensive General Liability Insurance with a limit of not less than \$2,000,000.00 inclusive per occurrence for bodily injury (including death, personal injury and property damage) with the City of Salmon Arm named as an "Additional Insured". Please forward a copy of your insurance once received.

Please advise the RCMP, Ambulance Officials and Fire Department of the event.

Barricades may be obtained from the Public Works Department. Please contact Rob Hein, Manager of Roads & Parks 250-803-4087 to make necessary arrangements.

Best wishes for a successful event.

Yours truly,

Robert Niewenhuizen  
Director of Engineering and Public Works

RN/jc

cc: RCMP / Fire / Ambulance Officials  
Rob Hein, Manager of Roads & Parks  
Cam Gerow, Operations Clerk  
Council Information Correspondence

-----Original Message-----

From: Brad Shirley

Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2016 10:57 AM

To: Erin Jackson

Subject: FW: Honour House Tour of Honour - June 15th Salmon Arm

As the Honour House tour is scheduled to be in Salmon Arm June 15th, I am working with organizers for a venue in Salmon Arm. This event is tentatively scheduled for 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm with many emergency responder organizations in attendance providing support to this cause.

It is my request we be able to use a portion of Marine Park parking lot for this event to accommodate emergency vehicles and the Honor House display.

Once confirmed the public and politicians will all be invited to attend.

Honour house letter and brochure attached.

Thank you

Fire Chief Brad Shirley, CFO

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*Re: Tour of Honour*

*Honour House has begun the "Tour of Honour" travelling throughout the Province of British Columbia, The Honour House vehicle will be stopping in cities and towns across BC to raise awareness in communities of the services it provides.*

*Honour House is a home away from home for emergency services members and military personnel (serving and retired) and their families when they are ill or injured and need a place to stay during treatment and recovery in the lower mainland. The tour will also be raising awareness of Honour Ranch, 10 minutes outside of Kamloops, nestled on the Thompson River. In the future, Honour Ranch will be focusing on assisting with mental health injuries and PTSD in a serene and welcoming environment. This will become a respite place for early intervention for mental health injuries and recovery.*

*Honour House would like to encourage all emergency services members and military personnel to join in the events in your area of the tour.*

*Thank you in advance for your support.*

*Honour House*

## "TOUR of HONOUR"

*April 28th - Victoria  
April 29th - Nanaimo  
April 30th - Comox  
May 2nd - Powell River  
May 3rd - Sechelt  
May 4th - Gibsons  
May 6th - Squamish  
May 7th - Whistler  
May 9th - Williams Lake  
May 10-11th - Quesnel  
May 13-14th - Prince George  
May 16-17th - Fort St. John's  
May 18th - Dawson Creek  
May 20th - Vanderhoof  
May 21st - Burns Lake  
May 24th - Smithers  
May 25th - Terrace  
May 27th - Prince Rupert  
May 31st - Merritt  
June 2nd - Hope  
June 3rd - Chilliwack  
June 4th - Abbotsford  
June 5th - 11 Vancouver  
June 13-14th - Kamloops  
June 15th - Salmon Arm  
June 16th - Revelstoke  
June 17th - Vernon  
June 18-19th - Kelowna  
June 20th - Penticton  
June 22nd - Cranbrook  
June 24-25th - Nelson  
June 27th - Castlegar  
June 28th - Osoyoos*

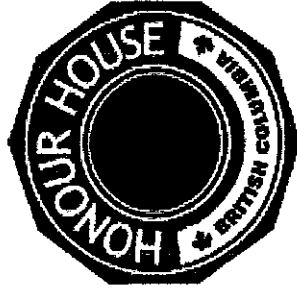
Our goal is to cover as much ground as possible and the trip will involve driving across approximately 6 to 7 thousand kilometres of our Province. We hope to rely on the kind support of emergency services and military organizations in the areas we visit. Any support that members can offer to make our arrival in their town or city a success would be very much appreciated.

We are extremely confident that, ultimately, this tour will lead to a greater awareness of what we can provide to some of our bravest Canadians and their families when they are going through the toughest times in their lives. The tour will also bring some much needed awareness to those suffering from PTSD and help them receive the support they so rightly deserve.

We hope that you'll consider supporting our tour and if you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact us.

# Honour House Provincial Tour

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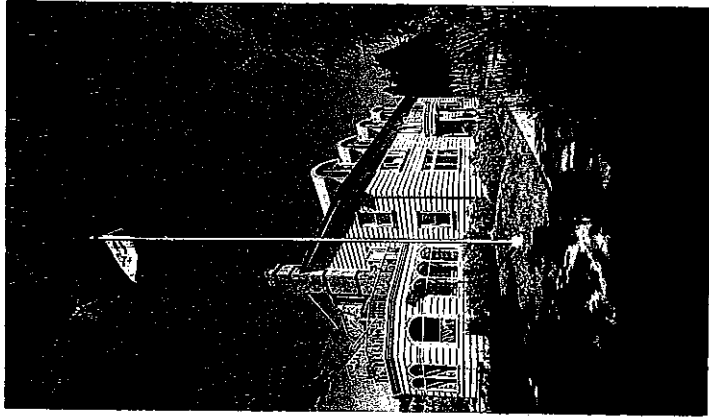
**Sometimes, even heroes need a home**

Honour House Society

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*Departing The Legislature Building  
Victoria BC  
on Thursday April 28th, 2016*



## Provincial Tour

Honour House is a "home away from home" for all members of our emergency services, military personnel (serving and retired) and their families when they are injured or ill and need a place to stay while they recover. The house provides free accommodation for guests while seeking treatment in the lower mainland. Honour House is there to give back to those who sacrifice so much to protect us and the ones we love, unconditionally, every single day.

Shortly after the ceremony our Honour House touring camper will travel around the Province of BC visiting numerous fire halls, RCMP detachments, ambulance stations, military facilities and more to bring awareness to our men and women in uniform and to promote an upcoming PTSD care program that the society is helping to put into place this year.

On April 28th, 2016 Honour House Society will join Firefighters, Police Officers, Paramedics, Members of Parliament and dignitaries at the Legislature Buildings in Victoria, BC at a dedication ceremony for the Emergency Services Garden of Honour. The garden is a memorial to all of our Province's emergency services men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service of their country.

We will be generating a large amount of media interest throughout the tour and will contact TV, radio stations and newspapers in each town in advance of our arrival. As well as emergency services, military members and veterans, we will also be meeting with MP's, MLA's, Mayors and City Councillors throughout the visit as well as local business owners and residents of each town. Events are already being planned in many areas to welcome the tour, all with military or emergency services members supporting us at each location. A small army of volunteers, many of whom have served their country themselves, will help coordinate the tour to make it an incredibly worthwhile endeavour.



## Sue Wood

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**From:** Lindsay Larson  
**Sent:** May-16-16 10:02 PM  
**To:** Sue Wood  
**Subject:** 2nd Ave NE & 6th St NE

Hello,

Thank you for the crosswalk at the intersection of 2nd Ave NE & 6th St NE. I live on 2nd Ave and often walk downtown and feel that the intersection is much safer since the crosswalk was put in. Vehicles stop and wait for pedestrians far more often now with the crosswalk than before. It's a big safety improvement and helps to encourage walking.

Thank you.

Lindsay Larson



-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Cooper  
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 6:44 PM  
To: Erik Kok  
Cc: Mayor\_and\_Council; Monica Dalziel; Erin Jackson  
Subject: RE: Fire smart - community fire preparedness

Erik

Thank you for your email and information.

We work with the fire departments and the CSRD when it comes to our Emergency Planning so I am not sure if another committee is needed. However, I have cc this email to all members of council and will ask your emails are added to council correspondence and discussed at the next regular council meeting.

I will also ask that staff let you know the date and time so you can attend if you so wish.

Sincerely

Nancy Cooper

-----Original Message-----

From: Erik Kok  
Sent: May-09-16 1:32 PM  
To: Nancy Cooper  
Subject: Fire smart - community fire preparedness

Hi Nancy,

Thanks for the information. Although those programs protecting people's properties are good. I wonder if our community should begin a multistakeholder FireSmart Committee that is tasked with creating a plan that protects our community through strategic fuel abatement strategies that would put fuel breaks between Mt. Ida and the town. If you review the website below, there is a grant that a community can apply for to help fund such a project. I believe the deadline for this is September 30th, 2016.

<http://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding/lgps/strategic-wildfire-prevention/2016-swpi-program.html>

Thanks,  
Erik Kok  
581-21st Street SE  
Salmon Arm, BC

From: Nancy Cooper [<mailto:ncooper@salmonarm.ca>]  
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2016 12:03 PM  
To: Erik Kok  
Subject: FW: Fire smart - community fire preparedness

Erik,

Thank you for your question, it is both important and timely.

We live in a very forested area that's a fact. There are good things about having all the trees and there is definitely the chance of a fire. Preventing forest fires is everyone's responsibility. I was following a truck driving down the highway two days ago and the driver tossed a still burning cigarette butt out the window. In hot dry conditions a burning cigarette butt can and does start forest fires.

A few things the City of Salmon Arm does to help prevent forest fires are:

Salmon Arm encourages residents to clear brush and remove dead trees or limbs and we provide curbside yard waste pickup service 2x a year for those who want to make use of this service.

The CSRD has free disposal days at the local dump for yard waste. Eliminating the cost to dispose of all types of yard waste. For more information see <http://www.salmonarm.ca/index.aspx?nid=301>

Salmon Arm does not allow backyard burning at anytime without a fire permit. Thankfully, we have found that residents are very good at reporting backyard burning! Click on this link for more information <http://www.salmonarm.ca/DocumentCenter/View/237>

Being Fire Smart is everyone's responsibility. The province of BC puts out an informative booklet called The Home Owners FireSmart Manual which can be accessed online at:

<http://bcwildfire.ca/prevention/docs/homeowner-firesmart.pdf> I believe you will find some very helpful information in this booklet.

After the fire 1998 fire here in Salmon Arm, cities and regional districts started making emergency plans. The City of Salmon Arm works partners with the CSRD to conduct the Shuswap Emergency Program (SEP). The latest Emergency Response & Recovery plan produced by SEP was updated in 2013 and is reviewed annually. This comprehensive plan covers all aspects of an emergency, such as roles – who does what -- and responsibilities – who does what when. Salmon Arm staff along with CSRD staff meet regularly to discuss and review the Emergency Response plan. We hold both full-scale and tabletop mock exercises for different types of possible emergency scenarios. These emergency exercises include representatives from all emergency services including, RCMP, ambulance, doctors & hospital staff and local fire departments.

There is a full-scale mock exercise coming up soon.

The CSRD maintains and staffs 2 structural protection units, which in laymen's terms is a trailer packed with the supplies, sprinkler units, etc needed to protect homes in a wildfire situation.

In addition, our Fire Chief would be contacted immediately by CP Rail anything was to happen along the railroad tracks in or near our jurisdiction.

We have an Emergency Social Services (ESS) group that meet monthly to train and are prepared to setup evacuation centres and assist evacuees in the case of an emergency. The local ESS group is so well

trained they have been called on to assist other communities when they are needed and it is the same with the structural protection units. In both cases we always respond and do whatever we can to help.

However, in the case of Fort McMurray with 80,000 – 90,000 residents to evacuate during a raging out of control wildfire it would be a tough job and I really feel for them. The videos we have all seen are frightening and for those evacuated and then evacuated again my heart goes out to them.

I hope this answers your questions and please check the links provided and be fire smart and encourage others to be fire smart.

Nancy Cooper

From: Erik Kok [<mailto:erik.kok@interfor.com>]

Sent: May-04-16 1:58 PM

To: Nancy Cooper

Cc: Chad Eliason

Subject: Fire smart - community fire preparedness

Hi Nancy,

I live near Hillcrest school and have been thinking a lot about community fire smart especially given what is happening in FT. McMurray .

What is our City's plan for "firesmart" so as to ensure that our community does not suffer the same fate as Slave Lake and Ft. McMurray?

Thank you

Erik kok

581 21st street SE

Salmon Arm

## Monica Dalziel

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**From:** Nancy Cooper  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2016 10:33 AM  
**To:** Mayor\_and\_Council  
**Cc:** Monica Dalziel  
**Subject:** FW: Canoe park

FYI

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Cindy Drew [[mailto:c\\_drew@telus.net](mailto:c_drew@telus.net)]  
**Sent:** April-18-16 9:05 AM  
**To:** Nancy Cooper  
**Subject:** Canoe park

Hi Nancy

I was wondering what I would need to do in order to use the chain linked area at the canoe park for setting up two pickle ball courts? The space is perfect to put two courts side by side.

We were very disappointed when they stopped putting the tennis nets up and we inquired repeatedly to find out why with no success. Then with the revamping of the park the chain linked area was cut down so has not been useable for tennis.

Right now this area is getting very little use soooo I thought perhaps we might be able to set it up to accommodate a couple of pickle ball courts which could be used by the community. Both younger and older people would enjoy!

Any thoughts on how I might proceed with this would be great!

Kind regards  
Cindy drew  
250-833-6701

Hope you have an amazing day!  
Sent from my iPad

William Cuthill  
3190 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.E.  
Salmon Arm, B.C.  
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Kevin Pearson  
Director of Development Services  
City of Salmon Arm  
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April 14, 2016

Dear Mr. Pearson:

Re: Animal Control Bylaw

After reading the on-line version of the above referenced bylaw and speaking with counter staff at City Hall, it is apparent that the current bylaw requires updating and by this letter I am requesting that you and your staff place the issue before Council at your earliest opportunity.

The reason for my particular interest is that the current bylaw is silent on the issue of cats. It goes to great length to describe the responsibilities of dog owners but apparently, owners of cats can be as irresponsible as they choose. Before I go further, let me assure you that I do not own any pets however, my preference runs to dogs simply because by erecting a modest fence, I can keep them out of my yard.

Now permit me to turn my attention to why I feel that the bylaw should be amended to include the control of cats. In the first instance, the current bylaw is discriminatory. Dog owners are required under the bylaw to control their animals, ensure that their animals do not excrete on property that is not their own, they must ensure that excrement on their own property is managed so as not to be offensive, they must license their animals, they must confine any bitch in heat, they must ensure that their dogs do not cause disruptive noises that neighbours may find objectionable and the animals are subject to seizure if conditions of the bylaw are not met. In my mind, these are perfectly reasonable expectations but the bylaw discriminates against people who prefer dogs over cats because there are no similar requirements on people who own cats.

If you choose to ignore the discriminatory nature of the bylaw allow me to offer some very real reasons why cats should be licensed, controlled and subject to all the restrictions currently placed on dogs. Cats are destructive – they claw, dig, defecate and urinate on property. Cats are decimating song bird populations world wide at an alarming rate. Cats breed at a phenomenal rate – up to 3 litters per year and up to 12 kittens per litter – so it doesn't take a rocket scientist to do the math and demonstrate why their populations should be rigidly controlled. Cats carry disease – *Toxoplasmosis gondii* – that is transmittable to humans through contact with infected feces and poses a risk to pregnant women and immunodeficient persons (How would that contact come about you may ask? Just try to keep neighbourhood cats from defecating in your new tilled garden beds). Rabies is thankfully rather rare these days but bats still serve as a reservoir. A dog is unlikely to catch a bat but cats can. Cats cannot be excluded from your yard. They can leap or climb over the tallest fences. One could go on about the negative aspects of cats but I hope you get the point.

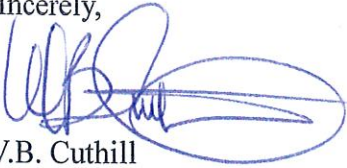
Section 1. of the City's bylaw does not even include cats in the definition of “Animal”. If it is not an

animal, please tell me what is a cat? Section 24. of the bylaw clearly states “No person shall allow any animal to run at large within the District”. So the phrase “ honey, please put out the cat (A polite expression meaning 'so it can go over to the neighbour's house defecate in her flower beds, urinate on her front door and then yowl under her window all night'”) is – or should be – contrary to the bylaw.

As you may have gathered from the foregoing, I am exasperated by the City's inaction concerning the fact that our neighbourhoods are being overrun with cats and their irresponsible owners not being held to account.

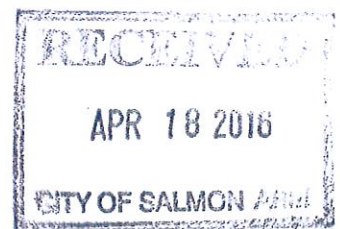
I trust this will be brought to Council's attention in the form of a revised bylaw that puts tight controls on the keeping of cats in Salmon Arm.

Sincerely,



W.B. Cuthill

c.c. Mayor and Council



## Monica Dalziel

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**From:** Nancy Cooper  
**Sent:** Monday, May 09, 2016 10:43 AM  
**To:** Mayor\_and\_Council  
**Cc:** Monica Dalziel  
**Subject:** FW: About the grebes/signage

FYI

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**From:** Sunny Day [<mailto:mycomments31@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** May-06-16 2:46 PM  
**To:** Nancy Cooper  
**Subject:** About the grebes/signage

Hello Mayor Cooper,

I recently visited Salmon Arm to try to see the Western Grebes doing their mating dance of running on water. Wow! Unforgettable! I was so happy to read in the Shuswap Market News that dogs were not allowed in the nesting areas and was relieved to see initiatives to preserve the grebes' mating and therefore continuation.

But Why are there not signs except for on the trail to Christmas Island forbidding walking dogs during the crucial mating season? Seriously why? Because I saw how dogs on the wharf and beside the wharf interfered with their completion of the ritual dances. The newspaper article asked people to report incidents and I did so; however, I've been referred to you.

I got the email address of who to contact about concerns and reports of dogs disturbing nesting in the SA Bird Sanctuary areas and contacted them. I was referred to you as signage for the areas I am recommending apparently is city responsibility, not SABNES etc. So that article looks great in the paper for bird watchers but if there isn't follow through, then nothing changes.

On Saturday, April 23rd, I saw a woman take her 4 very large dogs past the fountain at the back of the Prestige Hotel and down the path that leads to the point on the left (?west) side of the S.A. Wharf. It is probably under water now. This was to the left side of the boat launch. There were at least 5 different species of birds on that side of the wharf and the dogs scared them off including the grebes. Are the Western Grebes not endangered? Or at least prized?. We had been patiently waiting and standing still on the wharf when the Grebes began their mating rituals so as not to disturb them because we found that when we moved that they abandoned their actions. The 4 dogs scared the pairs and we had to wait again until they felt undisturbed enough to run on the water. It was a sunny hot day and part of our party is disabled. We talked to a women who drove from Kelowna to see this mating dance as it is such a privilege to see this even once. The grebes would abandon their dance it seemed if we moved, walked, talked too loudly during their head bobbing that happens pre-run. There were at least 4 pairs of grebes on the 23rd. People who knew of the ritual grebe dances were excitedly telling others walking on the wharf and in the area. How bad for the grebes and tourism for birders if the grebes didn't get to pair up!

If the grebes are going to nest successfully, and if dogs are the disruption that I personally saw, would you please look at putting up signs that alert people to the amazing beauty they might actually be privileged enough to see? Maybe a sign on all paths leading to the Salmon Arm bay whether wharf or unofficial trails? No money? Ask students to do it. They might get interested in conservation and nature and birding in the process.

We tried again on Monday the 25th and Wednesday the 27th to see the grebes run on water. Dogs were still a problem. It is quite frustrating as a bird lover and visitor to read in the local paper that the birds are precious and then find out that the group whose contact info is out there doesn't have the authority to put signs in the areas needed.

I had suggested to them that they also need signs on the wharf to keep dogs away as the birds run on the water on both sides of the wharf. I think I've seen you walking your dogs there, too. Would you be willing to preserve the grebes' future and let them nest? Would others?

Where are your signs about the Western Grebes value and uniqueness or even about Salmon Arm having a bird refuge? I will never forget their incredible mating dances.

Sunny





May 2, 2016

Robert Niewheunizen  
Director of Engineering and Public Works  
City of Salmon Arm

Good morning Robert

Shuswap Theatre is once again holding a three day fringe-like festival on July 22, 23 and 24. Last year, the first year for the festival, was a success with seven plays being put on and 800 tickets being sold. This year theatre groups from Kelowna, Vernon, Armstrong, Grinrod, Kamloops, Surrey and Salmon Arm have registered.

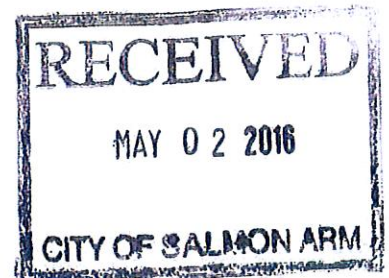
Shuswap Theatre would like permission to close the alley on the east side of the theatre for July 22, 23, and 24 as we did last year. I have contacted Peter Robertson to use the parking spaces beside his building for those three days. Last year we had a food cart, an ice cream truck and a tent with table and chairs in the alley. There is an hour or so between performances. We provide entertainment on the patio during those times and encourage people to stay for the next play. There is not adequate space on the theatre's patio, thus our request to use the alley.

We will apply for a business licence from the city to cover the food carts for the weekend.

Please contact me if you need further information.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Joyce Henderson'.

Joyce Henderson  
250 832-4137  
joiceh@shaw.ca





May 3, 2016

Mayor and Council:

On behalf of the Shuswap Association for Rowing and Paddling, I want to provide an update on activities being planned for the 2016 Dragon Boat Festival at Marine Park.

### ***13th Annual Shuswap Dragon Boat Races***

Building on last year's successful event, the *13th Annual Shuswap Dragon Boat Races* are scheduled to begin at 8 am at the wharf on Saturday June 25. The outrigger canoe racers are taking a break from hosting an annual event this year and committing their volunteer time, energy and resources to ensure the success of the dragon boat races.

Seven teams from the Fraser Valley, Kelowna and Kamloops have already confirmed their participation and we expect five of our Shuswap teams and one or two more from the Columbia Shuswap and Okanagan regions to sign up as well. With an estimated 12 to 15 teams with 25 paddlers, coach and spares per team, this event attracts approximately 300 to 400 avid paddlers plus their friends and supporters to Marine Park and the downtown core for the day.

The Carnation Ceremony will see two or three of the first original Chinese wooden dragon boats to have been restored in Salmon Arm paddled in honour of those who have battled breast cancer, the survivors and their supporters.

### ***Vendors in the Village***

Again this year, we are planning to offer something special for our community when people enter Marine Park on their way to watch the dragon boat races at the wharf. Beginning at 10 am in Marine Park, *Vendors in the Village* with working artisans making jewellery and other crafts, and information kiosks such as Shuswap Tourism, Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species, and Roots and Blues are expected be on location. Each vendor will have a 10' x 10' space for their tents to be set up and. At this time, none of the 10 x 10 tents will be pegged to the ground. As was the case last year, if any tent does require this, we will consult with Jason Chernoff or his staff to assist with locating where to place the pegs. In 2015, we developed this part of the festival in collaboration with city works department staff and were able to accommodate 15 vendors without any issues. Discussions have taken place with Jason already for 2016 and we expect another successful *Vendors in the Village* addition to this year's event.

We have also found over the years that situating food vendors along Marine Park Drive provides a welcome service to the festival goers. Last year we received a complaint from the snack bar on the wharf that one of the vendors was selling hot dogs that competed with the food being sold on the wharf. Two Directors from our paddling Board and a member met with the manager of the concession to learn more about the issue, had a good discussion and agreed that in future this would be avoided.

One of the actions to mitigate that issue will see an experienced individual involved in 2016 to review and confirm the vendors and be on site during the event. We have been successful in securing a Volunteer Vendor Coordinator, Laurisa Gallant, who also manages vendor bookings, contracts and waivers for the Canada Day festivities in Blind Bay. We are very pleased to have her experience to assist with this year's festival in Salmon Arm. With respect to the food vendors, we received a lot of inquiries over the last 3 months and have selected four Shuswap operators who we feel provide healthy and exciting choices, are a wonderful complement to the festival and do not sell products that conflict with other businesses in the area. These food operators do require water and/or electrical hookups to service their trucks or carts and we will coordinate this with city staff as we have done in previous years.

### ***Music in the Park***

For the second year in a row, *Music in the Park* is being planned at the gazebo with music playing from noon till 8 pm. This is an invitation to the community to enjoy a free concert as part of the celebration of Summer in the Shuswap. The lineup this year is shaping up to present some of the Shuswap's most popular performing artists. Sound reproduction is confirmed to be provided by B C Sound Concert and Event Systems, the same company hired for W.O.W. events. Shuswap Association for Rowing and Paddling members will be collecting donations during the concert, similar to a WOW music event. The proceeds will be used to offset operating costs for the festival. We are also speaking with EZ Rock about co-presenting, advertising the event well in advance and having one or two of their hosts emcee.

The entire site will be dismantled and cleaned up following the end of the evening concert. Expected exit from Marine Park should be no later than 10 pm.

At this time the following has been confirmed:

- Marine Park booked through Salmon Arm Recreation on Fri June 24 for set up and Sat June 25 for the event
- equipment transportation truck and drivers through Stacer Realty
- barricades for traffic control through City Works Dept
- electrical box through City Works Dept
- sprinkler system shut off during event through City Works Dept
- key to open gate to wharf for vehicle access to deliver equipment
- 2 additional porta-potties will be on location to complement the existing City of Salmon Arm facilities at Marine Park and on the wharf
- 5 of 6 musical acts
- 4 food vendors

- Race Director

Still to be confirmed:

- clarify public parking access to former Twin Anchors lot across street from former CSRD Admin building
- key from SA Recreation for gate entrance to back of gazebo
- parking coordinators for intersection of Harbourfront Dr NE and Marine Park Drive
- RCMP to be contacted about the weekend event
- Shuswap Search and Rescue to provide first aid and emergency response
- coordinated safety procedures for both on land and water rescue if required
- 2 way radio system and radios through Vella Radio
- working artisans and information kiosk participants
- closing musical act
- advertising plan for the event

Weather permitting, we are anticipating a good turnout from the community for all of the events taking place at Marine Park on Saturday June 25. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please contact me.

Sincerely,

*Ted Crouch*

Ted Crouch  
President - Paddle and Rowing Club  
2016 Festival Coordinator



April 27, 2016

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
PO BOX 40 STN MAIN  
SALMON ARM BC V1E 4N2

Dear Mayor and Council:

RE: Access Awareness Day – June 4, 2016-Building Accessibility/Creating Community

June 4, 2016 marks SPARC BC's 19th annual Access Awareness Day! Access Awareness Day gives each of us an opportunity to look at our community and to think about what we can do to make our communities more accessible and inclusive for everyone!

The theme for this year's Access Awareness Day is "Building Accessibility/Creating Community". As part of this year's planning, our goal is to draw attention to the needs of individuals with health and activity limitations living in our communities and to highlight the different ways that we can all work together to ensure that our communities are as accessible and inclusive as possible.

Each year, as part of our annual Access Awareness Day campaign, we ask local governments to show their support by passing a proclamation that recognizes the role that we all play in ensuring the rights of everyone to bring their talents, experience and abilities to engage in all aspects of community life. We hope that we can count on your support by adopting a proclamation or sending a letter of support that confirms your on-going commitment to building an accessible and inclusive community.

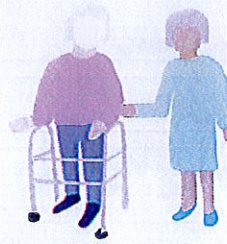
We have also included a number of different Access Awareness Day posters and materials that we have developed to help build increased public awareness and support around the importance of working to ensure that our communities are accessible and that people with disabilities are included. To request additional posters or materials or to suggest possible ways to partner please do not hesitate to reach out by calling (604) 718-7736 or by sending an email to [mycommunity@sparc.bc.ca](mailto:mycommunity@sparc.bc.ca).

We know that true accessibility and inclusion is something that is achieved by working together and that by building accessibility we are creating better communities. As part of this year's Access Awareness Day activities, our goal is to demonstrate the many different ways that communities have been successful in building accessibility. Please join us in celebrating Access Awareness Day and in helping to ensure that all communities are accessible and that everyone is included!

Thank you for your support. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Copas  
Executive Director, SPARC BC



# Access Awareness Day 2016



Show Your Support for Access Awareness Day 2016 !

- 📍 Sign a proclamation !
- 📍 Send a letter of support and acknowledgement !
- 📍 Host an Access Awareness Day event !
- 📍 Work with us to build awareness !
- 📍 Call us to partner -1-888-718-7794 !

# Access Awareness Day Proclamation

**WHEREAS** Accessibility and inclusion is essential for ensuring that all community members have equity in opportunities, and the ability to fully participate in community life; and,

**WHEREAS** Accessibility affects all aspects of community life—physical, social and economic including employment, transportation, recreation, housing, and other opportunities; and,

**WHEREAS** We all have a role to play in ensuring that our communities are as accessible and inclusive as possible.

## THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

**The citizens of this community recognize the rights of all individuals with disabilities and the importance of ensuring that they have equal access to the opportunities that are important to them and that give their lives meaning.**

## IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

I hereto set my hand to this signed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Mayor/Chairperson)

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

**Building Accessibility  
Creating Community**

celebrating  
**50**  
years

 **sparc bc**  
people. planning. positive change



**From:** Monica Dalziel  
**Sent:** Friday, May 06, 2016 8:56 AM  
**To:** Rob Niewenhuizen; Monica Dalziel  
**Subject:** FW: Government of Canada announces new rail safety measures

**From:** FCM Communiqué [mailto:communique@fcm.ca]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2016 2:01 PM  
**To:** Carl Bannister  
**Subject:** Government of Canada announces new rail safety measures

April 28, 2016

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## Government of Canada announces new rail safety measures

At today's meeting of FCM's National Municipal Rail Safety Working Group, Transport Minister Marc Garneau announced new measures to improve rail safety and the transportation of dangerous goods in Canada. Key elements of today's announcement respond directly to concerns raised by FCM related to information sharing and the transportation of dangerous goods.

Key elements of Protective Direction 36 include:

- A new requirement for railways to prepare information for the public on the types of dangerous goods crossing communities.
- A requirement that, where multiple rail lines operated by the same company cross a particular jurisdiction, local governments can request that the information they receive under the PD be disaggregated.
- A phased-in approach to reporting schedules for Class 1 railways, moving to quarterly reporting within 24 months of the PD coming into force.
- A requirement that railways work with Transport Canada to identify



mechanisms through which more detailed information on the nature and volume of DGs could be communicated to communities within six months of the PD coming into force, and that a solution be implemented within 30 months.

- A requirement for data to be transmitted in a consistent and usable format, and that it be made available in French, English or both official languages.
- Greater clarity provided on how local governments can share the data for emergency preparedness.

Municipalities are encouraged to register for information on dangerous goods. Note that if your community registered under PD32 to receive these reports, it is not necessary to re-register under PD36.

PD36 an important step forward in improving the safe transportation of dangerous goods by rail. The changes to the information sharing requirements for railways will address an important concern of municipalities and help better prepare first responders for incidents involving dangerous goods.

Minister Garneau also announced that Transport Canada will be providing municipalities with more information on the railway crossings in their communities through the government's new Open Government Portal. This commitment responds directly an FCM request and will be important as road authorities and railways determine how to prioritize upgrades to existing crossings to meet the basic standards in Transport Canada's Grade Crossings Regulations.

FCM and the National Municipal Rail Safety Working Group continue to advocate to the federal government on the municipal sector's concerns related to rail safety and the transportation of dangerous goods. We remain vigilant in our efforts to keep our railways and the communities that surround them safe.

Should you have any questions, please contact Daniel Rubinstein at 613-907-6294.

Sincerely,

Raymond Louie

## Monica Dalziel

**From:** Monica Dalziel  
**Sent:** Friday, May 06, 2016 8:54 AM  
**To:** Monica Dalziel; Rob Niewenhuizen  
**Subject:** FW: More on the new federal infrastructure plans

**From:** FCM Communiqué [mailto:communique@fcm.ca]  
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### More on the new federal infrastructure plans

Dear members,

On April 22, 2016, Minister Sohi sent letters to his provincial and territorial counterparts providing additional information on the federal infrastructure spending measures announced in the federal budget on March 22, 2016. These letters mark an important step in the implementation of the significant infrastructure commitments announced in Budget 2016.

The letters confirm key details of the program design for Phase 1 of the government's infrastructure plan including the new Clean Water and Wastewater Fund and Public Transit Infrastructure Fund, as well as modifications to the existing New Building Canada Fund. See below for key highlights.

Many of these details respond to FCM's direct engagement with Minister Sohi and the federal government on ways to improve federal funding for municipal infrastructure including: increasing federal contributions to local projects; expanding eligible costs to include planning and design work; providing more

flexibility in terms of eligible projects.

Most importantly, the letters from Minister Sohi recognize the importance of working collaboratively with local governments “who are best placed to quickly identify their priorities for funding.” This recognition is critical as the federal and provincial governments work to finalize bilateral agreements for the new funding programs announced in the federal budget.

As part of these conversations, we expect the federal and provincial governments to discuss how best to measure the incremental benefit and outcomes resulting from new federal investments including the acceleration of planned projects at the local level. The letters also emphasize the government’s intention to report back to Canadians in a timely way about the results being achieved through governments’ investments in infrastructure.

FCM continues to directly engage the federal government on the implementation of these new programs and on the design of Phase 2 of the government’s infrastructure plan to ensure that both respond to local realities. We are working closely with our provincial and territorial municipal association partners to coordinate our advocacy efforts.

FCM is also engaging the federal government to confirm implementation details for other programs announced in the federal budget, including investments in affordable housing, recreation and cultural infrastructure.

All orders of government need to work collaboratively, and we look forward to a continued dialogue. Strengthening a partnership with the municipal sector is the right move to strengthen the economic foundation of Canada.

*Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) announced in Budget 2016*

- Eligibility includes water, storm water, and wastewater related infrastructure.
- Eligible activities include rehabilitation and optimization of water, studies and pilots for better water-related asset management, and planning for future upgrades includes those required by federal wastewater regulations.
- Eligible costs for approved projects retroactive to April 1, 2016.

*Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) announced in Budget 2016*

- Funding will flow via the provinces and territories to transit systems

based on existing system-wide ridership (each system will receive a base amount of \$50,000 in addition to a ridership-based allocation).

- Eligible activities include investments in state of good repair, systems optimization and efficiency, asset management capacity, and design and planning for future expansion projects.
- Eligible costs for approved projects retroactive to April 1, 2016.

#### *Improvements to the 2014 New Building Canada Fund (NBCF)*

- Eligibility criteria expanded to include smaller scale highway and road projects – minimum traffic volume thresholds either reduced (PTIC-National Regional Projects) or eliminated (Small Communities Fund).
- Addition of new categories: tourism, culture, recreation, passenger ferries services infrastructure, and civic assets and municipal buildings.
- Removal of the mandatory P3 screen.
- Federal cost-sharing increased to up to 50 per cent for disaster mitigation projects and projects delivered as P3s (higher cost-share for P3s applies only to future projects, with federal funding capped at 50 per cent for provincially owned highways and major roads, as well as public transit, and 33 per cent for all other categories).
- Harmonizing eligible costs for P3 projects with the P3 Canada Fund to reduce administrative confusion.

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**PEOPLE, PLANTS AND PRIDE...**

# Growing Together

**BC COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER**

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## Showcasing Hometown Pride in 2016

Communities in Bloom (CiB) participants are working hard to transform their communities and increase civic pride. In mid July, participants will profile their unique geography, history and horticultural assets to a pair of BC CiB judges. Communities receive an annual evaluation score as they work up to the coveted 5-Bloom level. Good luck to all British Columbian 'in Bloom' communities as they showcase the best of our province! For a list of this year's participants please go to our website [www.bccib.ca](http://www.bccib.ca)

BC Communities in Bloom is part of the National CiB program that has helped transform communities for over 20 years. It provides a framework to improve environmental, economic, and social well being through teamwork.

<p><b>Provincial Edition</b></p> <p>Abbotsford</p> <p>Bowen Island</p> <p>Cache Creek</p> <p>Fort St. John</p> <p>Lumby</p> <p>Salmon Arm</p> <p>Sicamous</p> <p>Sooke</p> <p>Terrace</p> <p>Whitehorse, Yukon</p> <p><b>Non-Evaluated:</b></p> <p>Hope (Provincial Awards Host)</p> <p>Chetwynd</p> <p>Kelowna (Showcase)</p>	<p><b>BC CiB Membership Supporters</b></p> <p>Burnaby</p> <p>Castlegar</p> <p>Coquitlam</p> <p>Mission</p> <p><b>National &amp; International</b></p> <p>Ashcroft</p> <p>Castlegar</p> <p>Coquitlam</p> <p>Kamloops</p> <p>Trail</p> <p>Sun Rivers Resort Community</p> <p>West Kelowna/Westbank F.N.</p>
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**Check out our website for new photos and links to these communities [www.bccib.ca](http://www.bccib.ca)**

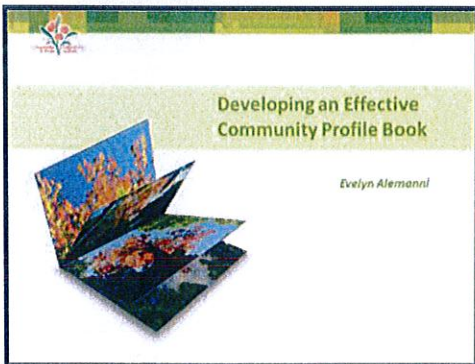
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## 2016 Board of Directors and Judges

Many thanks to our team of amazing volunteers who travel from all over the province to attend the Judge's Workshop Day.

Top row, left to right: Edward Stanford (Fort St. John), Kathy Reinheimer (Maple Ridge), Shirley Fowler (Armstrong), Peter Crawshaw (Nanoose Bay), Rea Smith (Armstrong), Heather Doheny (Kelowna), Teresa Williams (Hope), Susan Burdeyney (Cache Creek), Shirley Culver (Kamloops).

Seated: Yvette May, Vice-Chair (Clinton), Darlene Kalawsky, Chair (Castlegar), Don Alberg (Parksville), Bert Pulles (Mission). Not shown: Shirley Gratton (Prince George) and Bruce Hobin (Ontario/Victoria) are also part of the judging team this year.



At this year's Judges Training we were able to use two PowerPoints created by Evelyn Alemanni, National CiB Judge.

BC CiB's Shirley Fowler (left) with Maureen Walker of Enderby catching up on old times.

Shirley may not be judging this summer...but she sure has been working the 'neighbourhood' promoting the program to many communities in the North Okanagan & Shuswap regions.



## BC CiB Directors...Walking the Talk



**Rea Smith**

My involvement with Communities in Bloom started more than 13 years ago when our community decided to pull together to enter our little town in the program. What began as a small group of dedicated volunteers soon grew into a community wide program that involved every age group from school children right up to senior citizens. The pride of the whole town was evident when we won both the provincial and the national titles. To this day, many areas of town reflect the continued efforts to showcase residential and business areas to their best.

Once our efforts had been recognized and awarded, it seemed a natural transition to enter the provincial program as a judge. What always impresses me as I visit each new community is how the CiB program brings out the best in people. It is clear that the "philosophy of community" is uppermost in the minds of the participants, and they are all so proud of showing off their projects and achievements. Through the CiB program, many communities have worked on projects that have had a lasting impact on their towns. While each community chooses its own projects, it is evident through the profile books that the judging grid is followed very carefully.

I am always reminded that without volunteers, no community can ever achieve its best. How wonderful it is to see these volunteers celebrated by local governments and businesses. It is also impressive that so many volunteer groups have chosen to mentor neighbourhood communities to entice them to join the program. As long as this enthusiasm remains strong, the Communities in Bloom program will flourish for many years to come.

### Kelowna

This photo was taken at Guisachan Garden as part of the Dutch-Canadian Tulip Friendship Garden Blooming Celebration that took place in April.

The planting of the bulbs was a result of a Canadian Garden Council Grant received in the Fall of 2015.

Claudia Buhler

Parks Community  
Relations Coordinator  
City of Kelowna





## SAVE THE DATE

**BC Provincial Awards  
& Conference in Hope**

**September 30  
October 1**

All conference participants  
will get a chance to win this  
custom bench carved by  
Randy Swope.

## Team Work

*Due to space constraints here is the full article from the recent Spring National CiB Magazine.*

**H**ope is nestled at the far end of the Fraser Valley; the most populous valley in British Columbia. It is surrounded by the peaks of the Cascade and Coast mountains, a diverse coastal rainforest and bordered on two sides by the Fraser and Coquihalla Rivers.

The area around Hope was first settled nearly 9,000 years ago by the Sto:lo First Nation. They established the trails through the mountains and routes via the rivers that later would be co-opted by the Hudson's Bay Company (1848) and those seeking their fortune in the Fraser River Gold Rush (1858).

Hope CiB is a diverse group of people coming together to foster volunteerism throughout our community. With a population of 6,000 people we have a high percent of retirees moving to Hope from the lower Fraser Valley. Along with our local residents, CiB has a huge resource

of skilled volunteers willing to donate their time to projects for the betterment of Hope. Our "I'm a bloomin' volunteer" t-shirts are worn as a badge of honour to be part of a team giving back.

To be a successful CiB community, you need long term funding to keep the planning of projects moving forward. We have two five-year agreements with the District of Hope, plus a small amount of money put aside yearly for projects in the future.

One agreement is for the maintenance of the chainsaw carvings, which are located throughout the District of Hope. We are building a storage and maintenance department with the help of Advantage Hope. A few years ago, the carvings were showing their age and we had lost a number due to lack of maintenance. Hope CiB set about to undertake the task of sanding, gluing, wedging and refinishing the carvings to save them. This weekly work bee goes on throughout the entire year. In 2015 we hosted the World Class Chainsaw Carving Competition with 10 carvers from around the

world. Over the 4 days we had 4,200 people attend this amazing display of art. With the help of our media partners Black Press and Connect Media Team, we reached over ¾ million people for this event.

The second agreement with the District of Hope is to fund all our projects, such as Earth Day, Trash 2 Treasure, Graffiti control, plant & flower displays, organic weed control and cleanups.

Another important point to our success is having the District of Hope work crew on board with our program and helping out with many of our projects.

Hope CiB is about partnering with others in the community to leverage relationships for the greater good. We're consistently looking for new ways to make our community better. We are all about taking pride in our town's appearance.

Having a positive attitude really does make a difference!

By Victor Smith, Chair of Hope CiB



## Monica Dalziel

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**From:** Nancy Cooper  
**Sent:** Monday, May 09, 2016 1:03 PM  
**To:** Sue Wood; Monica Dalziel; Erin Jackson  
**Subject:** FW: New 2 year Program at DABC  
**Attachments:** DABC community update - new Emergency Planning Program.docx

Attachment for council info

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**From:** Jane Dyson [<mailto:feedback@disabilityalliancebc.org>]  
**Sent:** April-28-16 11:31 AM  
**To:** Nancy Cooper  
**Subject:** New 2 year Program at DABC

Dear Community Partner,

Please see the attached about an exciting new program we're starting at Disability Alliance BC (DABC).

If you would like to talk to us about this, please call Karen Martin at 604-875-0188 or email her at [karen@disabilityalliancebc.org](mailto:karen@disabilityalliancebc.org)

Best regards,

Valerie Stapleton and Jane Dyson

## APRIL 2016: COMMUNITY UPDATE

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DABC is a leader in emergency preparedness and people with disabilities and is excited to be working with local authorities in different regions of BC to increase local level capacity to respond to the needs of community members with disabilities in emergencies and disasters.

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- Review local community response plans
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