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Tues. July 5, 2016.

Dear Nancy Cooper,

I live on 40th street N.E. and have 5 acres with a couple of horses. I ride and it is increasingly more dangerous to do so.

Our street doesn't have a speed sign. People travel all speeds down it. They also forget the right of way of horses. I have noticed the paper has had an announcement in it. Thanks to them, good publicity.

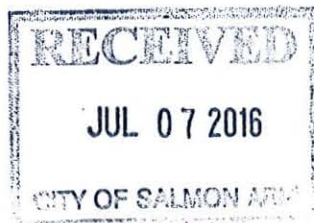
So what I am requesting is for you to consider a speed sign or horse back riding warning posted here. There are many who ride on our street and area. I have spoken to a few who support this request.

A couple of years ago a friend of mine had an accident here on our street. It was reported to the police (#2014-3250) and she suffered for a long time after - horse ok. Would hate to see another incident of any kind.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Concerned,

Cathy Paulette
3548-40th St. N.E.



* Boy F haven't written a letter for a long time, please excuse spelling & penmanship! (1)

Betty Turko

From: Nancy Cooper
Sent: July-14-16 11:21 AM
To: Betty Turko; Carl Bannister
Subject: FW: walkway behind Prestige Hotel

Council info

From: Rich & Janet Thorne [<mailto:rjthorne@telus.net>]
Sent: July-14-16 9:40 AM
To: Jason Chernoff
Cc: Nancy Cooper
Subject: walkway behind Prestige Hotel

Hi Jason: I spoke with you on Monday about the need for the willows to be trimmed along the walkway between the Prestige Hotel and the Shuswap Lake. You said you would get on it and you did! The neatly trimmed walk looks great and will be a much more welcoming area for locals and visitors to enjoy views of the lake, make their way to and from the concerts at the park and generally demonstrate a well maintained park area.

Thanks to you and your crew for a quick and thorough response to my request.

Cheers, Rich Thorne



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Betty Turko

From: Lori Talerico [talericofineartgallery@gmail.com]
Sent: July-14-16 6:58 PM
To: Roger Parenteau; Betty Turko
Subject: Cross Walk on Marine Park Drive Idea!

Perhaps a creative crosswalk on Marine Park Drive???

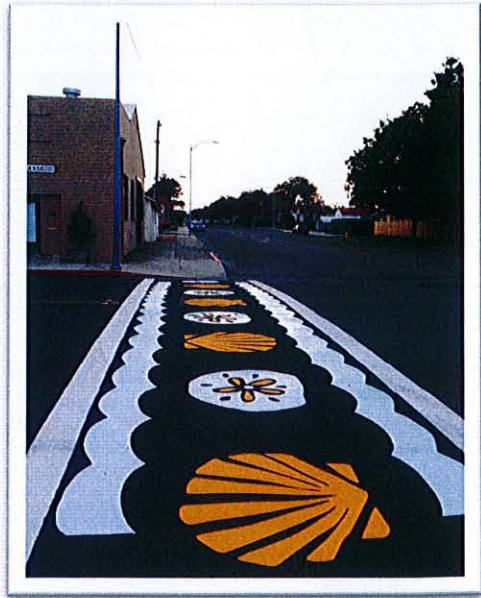
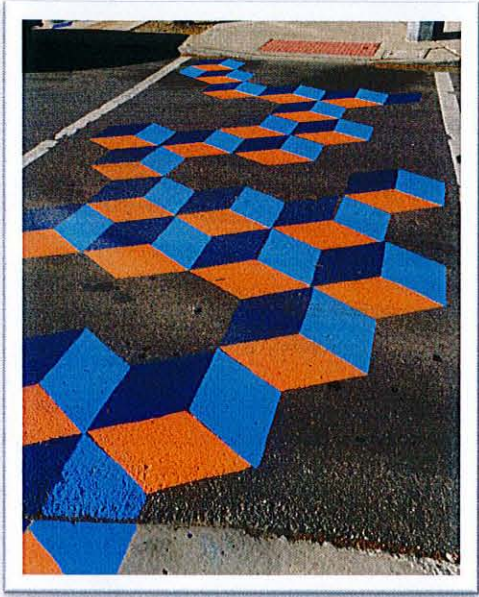
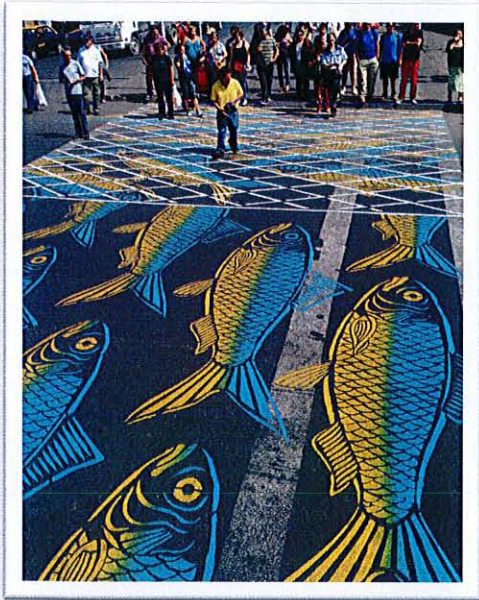
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I would love to be part of creating it!

Warm regards
Lori Talerico (artist)

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**Talerico Art Gallery
& Artists' Studio
#3-680 Marine Park Drive NE
Salmon Arm
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SALMON ARM CITY COUNCIL
July 2016

We commend council for its planning and progressive insight into our recreational needs. We understand that the plans for Klahani and the monies for three additional courts to mirror the current ones are already completed. This is terrific recognition of the growing need in our community for baby boomers to find fun activities in which they can maintain their health, vitality and fitness.

Pickleball is an easy and fun activity that people of all ages are coming out to experience. In fact, Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in North America.

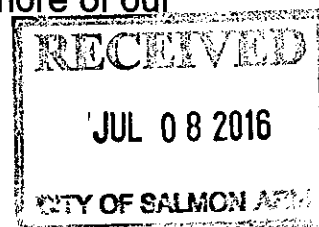
This point brings us to the reason for this letter. Even early this May we have been having full turnouts for the current three courts, with 6 to 12 participants waiting to play. We regularly have more than enough eager participants to fill six courts.

With that in mind Salmon Arm supporters and we Pickleball enthusiasts would like to offer to help with financial contribution for additional two courts at Klahani. This means 8 courts, for this fun sport to continue to grow as more experience it. 8 courts would also facilitate holding tournaments to bring Pickleball to experience Salmon Arm and all that it has to offer. Tournaments bring business and tourism to Salmon Arm.

We understand that there is efficiency in building the courts when our neighbor's in Vernon and Kelowna are doing the same. When plans for the current 6 courts goes ahead with fencing and partitions, it could be very difficult to add 2 more courts at a future date. It is timely to consider this suggestion now.

Knowing that Salmon Arm is very progressive and insightful with future needs, we felt it appropriate to offer our input at this time, when some alterations to the approved plans could be accomplished.

We enjoy Salmon Arm as a terrific place to live. This suggested change would make these facilities accessible to more of our citizens.



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Thank you for considering our suggestion and our offer to help make it happen. Attached is a list of regular players who are willing to support the expansion.

SIGNED:

Pickleball Enthusiasts of Salmon Arm

Contacts:

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Charlie Leachman gcleachman@gmail.com

June / 2016

SALMON ARM PICKLEBALL

I AM WILLING TO DONATE TO EXTRA COURTS AT KLAHANI PARK

NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE	SIGNATURE
heanna Kerr			
Darcy Kerr			
LUCO Brian			
COLE Doug			
RAY MARKS			
PAT MARKS			
MICHAEL WAGNER			
JUDITH HEUNIS			
LEW HERON			
MARC HERON			
ANDREW JACKSON			
BRUCE JACKSON			
Scott McLean			
BARBARA BAIRD			
Lynn Ritchie			
Bob RITCHIE			
KEITH BROWN			
LYDIA KOOP			
Russ Scott			
BEN HARRISON			
Deb McDonald			
JEFF GERARD			
Doug Wood			
Jackie Morlock			
Edith Turner			
McCorkRADA			
T. McVerty			
BEV MINAKER			
ROD DAND			
GRAHAM DUFFIELD			
RAN STEVENS			
KATHY NEEDHAM			
Margaret Cooper			
MARILYN			
Laura Smith			
Rachel Richardson			
P. Weston			
Annette Cozens			
JERRY THOMPSON			

Rob Niewenhuizen

From: philmcintyre paul@gmail.com on behalf of Phil McIntyre-Paul [phil@shuswaptrails.com]
Sent: July 12, 2016 10:30 AM
To: Rob Hein
Cc: Jason Chernoff; Rob Niewenhuizen
Subject: request for permission to lead walks on Salmon Arm trails this summer

Dear Rob, Rob, and Jason,

Yikes! This one complete snuck up on me with all the project work on the go.

I have been asked again by Sorrento Centre (the retreat and conference centre in the South Shuswap run by the Anglican Church), to lead two weeks of walks here in the Shuswap this summer. Realized I need to get my permissions in place with you.

The first week is next week, July 18 - 22, and the second week is August 8 - 12.

Our trail itinerary needs to remain flexible to account for weather and the abilities of the group we have each day. But I hope to visit the following trails within your jurisdiction and would request your permission:

- Salmon Arm Foreshore Raven Trail

I appreciate your consideration of this request. Please call with any questions.

With regards,

Phil

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Phil McIntyre-Paul
The Shuswap Trail Alliance
c/o 250-804-1964
phil@shuswaptrails.com
www.shuswaptrailalliance.com

Betty Turko

From: Erin Jackson
Sent: July-13-16 7:52 AM
To: Betty Turko
Subject: FW: request for permission to lead walks on Salmon Arm trails this summer

Next Council Correspondence please.

From: Rob Niewenhuizen
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 4:11 PM
To: Phil McIntyre-Paul
Cc: Erin Jackson; Rob Hein
Subject: RE: request for permission to lead walks on Salmon Arm trails this summer

sounds good Phil

The next Council meeting is on July 25th and I have asked that this be added to the council correspondence for their consideration so you would be able to do the August 8-12 time line.

Robert Niewenhuizen | Director of Engineering & Public Works | City of Salmon Arm
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From: philmcintyrepaul@gmail.com [<mailto:philmcintyrepaul@gmail.com>] **On Behalf Of** Phil McIntyre-Paul
Sent: July 12, 2016 4:07 PM
To: Rob Niewenhuizen
Cc: Jason Chernoff; Rob Hein
Subject: Re: request for permission to lead walks on Salmon Arm trails this summer

Thanks Rob,

They provide an honorarium for my time.

And understand about the short timing on this - it had completely dropped off my radar until this week. But not to worry if its not doable - I have lots of options to work with outside the City boundary.

Thanks for considering it, though.

Phil

P.S. - I will get a statement of co-insurance to you. We should have this on file with you, regardless. Stay tuned. Just getting a copy from Barton's.

On 12 July 2016 at 12:50, Rob Niewenhuizen <rniewenhuizen@salmonarm.ca> wrote:

Hi Phil

Typically a request like this would require City Council approval as it deals with City property; unfortunately we just had a council meeting on Monday.

I will see what I can do, Is the Trail Alliance receiving compensation for these tours?

We will require a copy of the Trail Alliance comprehensive liability insurance naming the City of Salmon Arm as an "additional insured".

Robert Niewenhuizen | Director of Engineering & Public Works | City of Salmon Arm

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To: The City council of Salmon Arm

From: The Shuswap Rotary club

The Shuswap Rotary club would like to partner with the city to apply for a \$50,000 grant to retrofit the gazebo on the waterfront of Salmon Arm. Specifically, we see a need for extending the roof to allow for better protection from rain, to close the dome inside to reduce bug problems, to close the back side to provide for better sound projection to the audience, and to address some of the electrical issues for bands and performing groups

The Ministry of Community, Sports and Cultural Development has a grant program which is specifically designed for just such a project and our Rotary club would take the initiative to complete the applications and work with the city facilities department to provide any data required as it relates to the actual project costs

The grants are up to \$50,000 and we would suggest that the retrofit would be designed to match the funds available

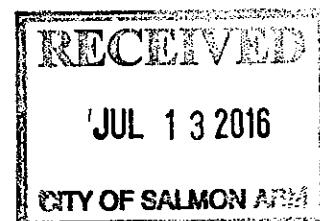
I have already spoken to Rob Niewenhuizen and he is supportive of looking at this as a spring project, subject to the details being approved by council and the city works department

Initially, we would need a letter of support in principal for the application. Secondly, we would require part of the application to be completed by the city as a bone fide partner

I look forward to your support and remain

Yours truly

Doug Leatherdale
Shuswap Rotary Club



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Salmon Arm Ecumenical KAIROS Committee

c/o Box 940, Salmon Arm, V1E 4P1

July 14, 2016

Mayor Nancy Cooper
City of Salmon Arm

Your Worship:

I am writing on behalf of the Salmon Arm Ecumenical KAIROS Committee to update you on the work to promote the start of negotiations on an international treaty to prohibit and eliminate nuclear weapons, and to ask for your cooperation in this effort as a member of the World Conference of Mayors for Peace.

As you may know, there are still more than 15,000 nuclear weapons in the world, with some 1,800 of these on high alert, ready to be launched within minutes.

There are currently nine nuclear weapons states. The U.S., Russia, and China are aggressively developing a new generation of nuclear weapons, threatening to revive a Cold War-era arms race. William Perry, former U.S. secretary of defence stated recently, "The danger of a nuclear catastrophe today is greater than during the Cold War".

Global annual spending on nuclear weapons is estimated at US\$105 billion, or \$12 million *every hour*. The U.S. Conference of Mayors recently voted unanimously in support of a resolution calling on the next U.S. President and Congress to reduce the one trillion dollars in planned spending for the modernization of U.S. nuclear bombs, warheads, production facilities, delivery systems, etc, because "federal funds are desperately needed in our communities to build affordable housing, create jobs with livable wages, improve public transit, and develop sustainable energy sources".

Work is currently ongoing to promote negotiations on an international treaty to ban (i.e., **de-legitimize**) nuclear weapons, just as chemical and biological weapons are banned under existing treaties. A new humanitarian movement of countries deeply concerned about the catastrophic effects of the use of nuclear weapons is growing. The stickler is NATO, which maintains in its Strategic Concept that nuclear weapons are the "supreme guarantee" of security.

In June, five former Canadian Ambassadors for Disarmament, who served under four prime ministers, called attention to the United Nations process now underway in Geneva to lay the groundwork for a new international treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons. They encouraged Canada to extend this diplomatic work by hosting a high-level meeting of countries that want negotiations to start immediately on an international convention to prohibit and eliminate nuclear weapons (*The Ottawa Citizen*, June 21, 2016). United Nations High Representative for Disarmament, Kim Won-soo, has said that Canada is uniquely placed to play a bridging role between the nuclear weapons states and the non-nuclear states in advancing nuclear disarmament.

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CNANW ‘Call to Action’ by the Government of Canada on Nuclear Disarmament

Deeply concerned that 15,350 nuclear weapons remain in the arsenals of nine States, approximately 1,800 of which are on “high alert” status and can be launched within minutes;

Apprised by the *Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs* and the *International Committee of the Red Cross/Red Crescent* (2011) that even a limited nuclear exchange could result in great loss of human life, global famine and further climate change;

Recalling the legally binding obligation adopted by 190 states, contained in Article VI of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) that entered into force in 1970, to “*undertake to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament, and on a Treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control*”;

Noting the reaffirmation of this legally binding obligation by the International Court of Justice in 1996 and the 2010 “reaffirmation by the nuclear-weapon States of their unequivocal undertaking to accomplish, in accordance with the principle of irreversibility, the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals”;

In light of the unanimous motion adopted by Canadian Members of Parliament and Senators in 2010 that “encourages the Government of Canada to engage in negotiations for a nuclear weapons convention as proposed by the United Nations Secretary General” and “to deploy a major world-wide Canadian diplomatic initiative in support of preventing nuclear proliferation and increasing the rate of nuclear disarmament”;

Noting Canada’s support for the 2014 Inter-Parliamentary Union’s resolution entitled “Toward a Nuclear Weapons-Free World”, which “Recommends that parliaments urge their governments to start negotiations on a nuclear weapons convention or on a package of agreements to help achieve a nuclear weapon free world...”;

While commending Canada’s ongoing support of nuclear disarmament verification measures and efforts to launch negotiation of a treaty to control fissile materials;

Given the limited membership (65 states) and abject failure of the Conference on Disarmament (CD) to effectively address these and all other aspects of nuclear disarmament:

OPINION NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Feds stand pat despite UN disarmament chief's call to think big

Will Trudeau emulate his father's drive for nuclear disarmament?



DOUGLAS ROCHE

United Nations High Representative for Disarmament Kim Won-soo put a spotlight on the global nuclear disarmament crisis when he held meetings with Foreign Minister Stéphane Dion and other senior governmental officials in Ottawa last week. But is the government really seized of the issue?

Mr. Kim, a veteran South Korean diplomat widely considered UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon's right-hand man, said: "The world has become an increasingly turbulent place. If nuclear or radiological weapons entered into one of the world's many bloody regional conflicts,

or if a non-state actor were to use cyber vulnerabilities to cause a nuclear incident, the likely result would be unimaginable humanitarian consequences."

Canada, he said repeatedly, is uniquely placed to play a catalytic role between the nuclear weapons states and the non-nuclear states in promoting nuclear disarmament.

Addressing a parliamentary forum organized by Canadians for a Nuclear Weapons Convention, Mr. Kim said Canada, with a strong record in nuclear disarmament work over several decades, could play a "bridging role" bringing the nuclear and non-nuclear states closer together on forming common policies.

A strong challenge indeed. But the very day he left town, the government went back to business as usual. Asked by NDP MP Linda Duncan in Question Period what the government would do to "kick-start" negotiations for a global convention banning nuclear weapons, Mr. Dion replied that Canada would "focus on the Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty. This is the best way for Canada to... make progress with our allies."

For two decades, Canada has advocated for a binding

international treaty banning the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons. The plan has gone nowhere because many states hold that it would do nothing to reduce the heavy stocks of nuclear materials already held by the nuclear states. In other words, critics maintain that the world cannot effectively stop the spread of nuclear weapons materials if the states that possess nuclear weapons won't give them up.

Dion's answer slid by the real issue. *The New York Times* recently reported on its front page that the United States, Russia, and China are now "aggressively pursuing" a new generation of nuclear weapons. The *Times* stated that "The buildups threaten to revive a Cold War-era arms race and unsettle the balance of destructive force among nations that has kept the nuclear peace for more than a half-century."

In all, nine states possess more than 15,000 nuclear weapons, the smallest of which would do more damage than the Hiroshima bomb.

A diplomatic process established by the UN is under way in Geneva to find a way to start negotiations leading to elimination of nuclear

weapons. But the nuclear weapons states, rigidly opposed to the idea of a legal prohibition of the weapons that give them so much power, are boycotting these talks.

Nonetheless, many states that are part of the humanitarian movement against nuclear weapons are valiantly trying to move forward. Nine countries from Nuclear Weapons Free Zones—Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, and Zambia—submitted to the Geneva meeting a proposal to hold a negotiating conference in 2017 for a legally binding instrument to ban nuclear weapons.

One would think that this is exactly the kind of proposal that the new Canadian government, anxious to burnish its credentials in dealing with the UN's human security agenda, would back. However, new or old, the Canadian government is sticking with the same old discredited step-by-step approach it has held for years.

Most countries want comprehensive negotiations to produce a treaty that will rid the world of nuclear weapons in the same way global treaties have banned biological and chemical weapons. But NATO is adamantly opposed and clings to a doctrine that says nuclear weapons are the "supreme guarantee" of security.

In 2008, Secretary General Ban issued a Five-Point Plan for Nuclear Disarmament, which included a Nuclear Weapons Convention. High Representative Kim came to Ottawa to talk about it and found open doors.

But the government's insistence that NATO doctrine prevails over its obligations to the Non-Proliferation Treaty, which does demand a

negotiated end to nuclear weapons, prevents it from giving full-throated endorsement to the Secretary-General's plan. Not even a motion passed unanimously by Parliament in 2010, calling on the government to engage in nuclear negotiations and launch a worldwide diplomatic initiative, could budge the cabinet.

At least until now.

It's clear Prime Minister Justin Trudeau wants to put Canada's mark on international affairs. He's identified the UN as the vehicle to enlarge Canada's influence and wants Canada to be elected to the Security Council. He should note that nuclear disarmament, and saving the Non-Proliferation Treaty at its next review conference in 2020, is a very big item at the UN.

Will Justin Trudeau be seized of the issue? Pierre Trudeau, his father, grabbed the NATO bull by the horns three decades ago and launched a peace mission around the world. Washington and Moscow listened to his call to end the nuclear arms race, and signed a treaty to end intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

I think Pierre's son is showing early signs of global leadership. But I do not see signs that his advisers have yet grasped the seriousness of the nuclear weapons issue and how Canada, as a respected middle power, can play an effective role in working actively with like-minded states to get negotiations started. UN High Representative Kim tried, diplomatically, to show the way forward.

Former senator Douglas Roche is a former Canadian ambassador for disarmament. He was one of the organizers of the high representative's visit. His latest book is *The United Nations in the 21st Century*.

The Hill Times

Disarmament ambassadors: Here's how Canada can help eliminate nuclear weapons
Douglas Roche (*The Ottawa Citizen*: June 21, 2016)

<http://ottawacitizen.com/opinion/columnists/disarmament-ambassadors-heres-how-canada-can-help-eliminate-nuclear-weapons> (emphasis added by Anne Morris)

PHOTO- In this Dec. 8, 1987, file photo, U.S. President Ronald Reagan, right, shakes hands with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev after the two leaders signed the Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces Treaty to eliminate intermediate-range missiles during a ceremony in the White House East Room in Washington. In an escalation of tensions, the Obama administration accused Russia on July 28, 2014, of conducting tests in violation of a 1987 nuclear missile treaty, calling the breach "a very serious matter" and going public with allegations that have simmered for some time. The treaty confrontation comes at a highly strained time between President Barack Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin over Russia's intervention in Ukraine and Russia's grant of asylum to National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden. (AP Photo/Bob Daugherty)

Authors Marius Grinius, Peggy Mason, Paul Meyer, Douglas Roche and Christopher Westdal have each held the post of Canadian Ambassador for Disarmament, under four prime ministers.

Thirty years ago in Reykjavik, Iceland, U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachev – almost – made a deal that would have led to the elimination of all nuclear weapons. The **discussions foundered on Reagan's insistence that the U.S. be allowed to develop a ballistic missile defence system.**

Despite the 1986 failure, Reykjavik was one of the most important summits in history. A year later, the U.S. and Soviet Union signed the Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF), for the first time eliminating an entire class of nuclear weapons. The Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) was signed a few years later.

Reykjavik projected the vision of a world without nuclear weapons. It showed how leaders could look beyond hostilities to build greater security for people around the world. The end of the Cold War quickly followed and hopes for global stability, if not peace, were raised.

Fast forward 30 years. On April 17, *The New York Times* reported on its front page that the U.S., Russia and China are now "aggressively pursuing" a new generation of nuclear weapons. "The buildups threaten to revive a Cold War-era arms race and unsettle the balance of destructive force among nations that has kept the nuclear peace for more than a half-century," the paper reported. William Perry, former U.S. secretary of defense, stated, "The danger of a nuclear catastrophe today is greater than during the Cold War." Gorbachev, long retired, issued a statement lamenting "new types of nuclear weapons."

How did this happen? How did the world move from the "downward" trend of nuclear weapons to an "upward" shift? There's plenty of blame to go around. **The question that preoccupies us, as former Canadian ambassadors for disarmament, is what can be done to get nuclear disarmament back on track and, particularly, what can the new Canadian government do to move the process forward?**

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Mayors for Peace

1. Mayors for Peace

Mayors for Peace was established in 1982 by Hiroshima and Nagasaki with the goal of realizing lasting world peace through inter-city solidarity around the globe promoting the efforts to raise a public consciousness of the need to abolish nuclear weapons. We were registered as a NGO in Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council in May 1991.

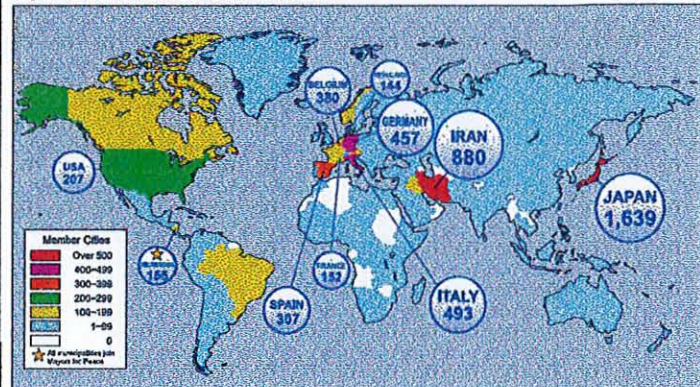
Currently, the membership has expanded to 7,095 cities in 161 countries and regions. The total population of all member cities is approximately 1 billion, which accounts for one seventh of the world population.

2. Member Cities (July 1, 2016)

Area	Member
Asia	30 countries & regions 2,963 Cities
Oceania	9 countries & regions 128 Cities
Africa	47 countries & regions 367 Cities
Europe (CIS)	47 countries 2,644 Cities
North America	3 countries & regions 313 Cities
Latin America and the Caribbean	25 countries & regions 680 Cities
Total	161 countries & regions 7,095 Cities

[Membership by Country]

(Top 10 countries in terms of number of member cities)



3. Major Activities

Working in close cooperation with cities, citizens, and NGOs around the world, Mayors for Peace pursues our “2020 Vision”, the total abolition of nuclear weapons by 2020. Since 2010, the primary focus of the 2020 Vision Campaign has been a nuclear weapons convention (NWC), a treaty comprehensively prohibiting the development, production, testing, stockpiling, or use of nuclear weapons and providing for their elimination. We are working now in the following ways to generate a global movement demanding that such a treaty be concluded without delay.

- 1) Calling on non-member cities to join Mayors for Peace.
- 2) Communicating and transmitting Hiroshima and Nagasaki’s messages, through such projects as holding A-bomb poster and material exhibitions, A-bomb survivor testimony through Skype, cultivation of seeds and seedlings of A-bombed trees and preservation of the Flame of Peace to raise international public awareness for the abolition of nuclear weapons.
- 3) Calling on the United Nations and governments around the world to take action in good faith toward the conclusion of a nuclear weapons convention.
- 4) Conducting a global signature drive calling for an immediate start to nuclear weapons convention negotiations.

[Objectives of 2020 Vision]

1) Immediately de-alert all nuclear weapons

Even today, thousands of nuclear weapons around the world stand ready to launch on warning. This level of alert is madness, and stepping down is the quickest, easiest way to prevent an accidental nuclear holocaust.

2) Immediately start substantive negotiations toward a universal nuclear weapons convention

After repeated promises at NPT Review Conferences and other occasions by the nuclear-weapon states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals, we call on national governments to start substantive negotiations now to achieve a nuclear weapons convention.

3) Conclusion of a nuclear weapons convention

We call on national governments and other institutions to work toward the conclusion of a nuclear weapons convention that comprehensively prohibits the development, production, testing, stockpiling, or use of nuclear weapons and provides for their elimination.

4) Physical destruction of all nuclear weapons by 2020

The weapons can be destroyed. Fissile materials can be rendered unusable. Strict international control is technically feasible. A nuclear-weapon-free world is possible.

Suggested Draft letter to the Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister:

I write as a member of the World Conference of Mayors for Peace to express concern about the ongoing risk of a nuclear weapons catastrophe and to urge the Canadian government to take leadership toward an international convention to prohibit and eliminate nuclear weapons.

I am deeply concerned that there are more than 15,000 nuclear weapons in possession of nine states, with 1,800 of them on high alert, ready to be launched in minutes. The USA, Russia, and China are developing a new generation of nuclear weapons, which threatens a new Cold War-era nuclear arms race. The risk of a nuclear catastrophe by accident, miscalculation, or madness is no less a threat today than it was during the Cold War; some say it is even greater.

The International Committee of the Red Cross states that even a limited nuclear exchange could result in great loss of human life, global famine, and further climate change. Deeply cognizant of this risk, the 7,095 member cities of Mayors for Peace are calling for negotiations to begin on an international treaty to eliminate nuclear weapons.

I am encouraged that there is ongoing diplomatic effort at the United Nations in Geneva to lay the groundwork for a new international treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons, as chemical and biological weapons are prohibited under existing treaties. Five former Canadian Ambassadors for Disarmament are encouraging Canada to extend this diplomatic work by hosting a high-level meeting of countries that want negotiations to start immediately on an international convention to prohibit and eliminate nuclear weapons.

The United Nations High Representative for Disarmament, Kim Won-soo, has said that Canada is uniquely placed to play a bridging role between the nuclear weapons states and the non-nuclear states in advancing nuclear disarmament. I urge the Canadian government to take up this important role and host a high-level meeting of countries that want negotiations to start now on an international convention to prohibit and eliminate nuclear weapons.



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July 19, 2016

Mayor and Councilors
City of Salmon Arm
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Dear Mayor and Councilors,

I am pleased to note that the “Kids Don’t Float” kiosk at Canoe Beach was installed last Saturday. It is now fully operational.

In addition, we have received news of further funding to implement two more kiosks on Shuswap Lake. We would like the City to consider the placement of our next kiosk at the downtown boat launch near the Wharf. This installation would take place sometime in August.

Thank you for your anticipated support of this valuable community project.

Yours truly,

Bruce Weicker, President
Shuswap Lifeboat Society



July 7, 2016

Carl Bannister
Chief Administrative Officer
City of Salmon Arm
500 2 Avenue NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 1H1

Dear Mr. Bannister,

On behalf of Glen Brown and the Union of BC Municipalities, I would like to thank Monica and yourself for taking the time to meet with our organization. Given your busy schedule, the chance to meet face-to-face is sincerely appreciated, as is the opportunity to cultivate a relationship, discuss UBCM's priorities, and most importantly hear about the issues affecting your region.

The feedback received from City of Salmon Arm staff is of value to UBCM as we continue to advocate on behalf of the City and all local governments in British Columbia.

If you have any questions, concerns or would like to follow-up on any of the topics discussed during our meeting, please do not hesitate to email bsihota@ubcm.ca or phone (604) 270-8226 Ext. 114.

Sincerely,



Bhar Sihota
Policy Analyst
Union of BC Municipalities

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Population Health Healthy Communities Update

July 2016

Community Recognition

The Nelson Committee on Homelessness released its 8th Annual Report Card on Homelessness in Nelson and results from Nelson's first homeless Point-in-Time (PIT) Count and Survey conducted in April 2016. This Report Card will bring about a better understanding of those who are homeless and at risk of homelessness in the community, what contributes to homelessness and what the community can do about it. [Read the report here](#)



Castlegar is the 68th community in BC to pass stronger protections than BC's Tobacco Control Act. The Kootenay Smoke Free Coalition representing the Canadian Cancer Society, Interior Health, BC Cancer Agency Prevention Programs, BC Lung Association, and Heart & Stroke Foundation, commends the **City of Castlegar** for adopting the city's first outdoor smoking and vaping bylaw in June.

Kamloops City Council passed a bylaw in June to allow between 2-5 urban hens on a 4,000 square foot property, the size of a typical single-family home. This bylaw supports the direction and implementation of the Kamloops Food and Urban Agricultural Plan that was passed in Council in 2015. To learn more about the bylaw, [click here](#)

Events and Learning Opportunities

- The [Rural Resource Portal](#) is a PlanH library of resources for responding to the unique opportunities, challenges, and approaches of fostering health and well-being in small, rural and remote communities. The rural portal covers a range of action areas including policy development, citizen engagement and the built environment.
- Call for submissions: The Kelowna Community Resources and Interior Health **Breastfeeding Art Expo Call for Independent Artworks** is now open and has been posted at www.breastfeedingartexpo.ca The **deadline for submissions is September 15, 2016**. The Breastfeeding Art Expo is a three-year arts-and-health project that will celebrate and support breastfeeding by advocating for policies and improving cultural acceptance. The project will involve artists and community members from across the Interior Health region who will work to explore the topic of breastfeeding, through art.

Healthy Public Policy Resources

- **Let's Talk Housing: Help shape the National Housing Strategy by making your voice heard.** Take this [brief survey](#) or [submit your views in writing](#) before **October 21, 2016**. Your ideas will help shape the future of housing in Canada.
- **The Connection Between Green Space & Better Behaved Teens** by Tom Jacobs, Pacific Standard magazine. In a first-of-its-kind [longitudinal study](#), researchers from the University of Southern California report urban adolescents who grow up in neighborhoods with more greenery are less likely to engage in aggressive behavior. [Read it here](#)
- **How Communities Support Early Childhood Development** The Sustaining the Village project is comparing communities in the Interior Health region to inform ways to improve early childhood development. [Read more here](#) about preliminary findings from evidence gathered in the communities of Armstrong, Enderby, Golden and Revelstoke.

Funding News

- Arts and culture organizations including band councils, Aboriginal friendship centres and non-profit organizations with an arts and culture mandate are eligible to apply for the Provincial [Cultural Infrastructure Grants](#) of up to \$50,000 for small capital projects. **Deadline: September 1, 2016.**
- The [Enabling Accessibility Fund](#) is a Federal Grants and Contributions program that supports capital costs of construction and renovations related to improving physical accessibility and safety for people with disabilities in Canadian communities and workplaces. **Deadline: July 26, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. PT**
- The [New Horizons for Seniors Grant Program](#) is a Federal Grants and Contributions program that supports projects led or inspired by seniors who make a difference in the lives of others and in their communities. **Deadline: July 29, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. PST**

Sincerely,

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The Honourable Mary Polak
Minister of Environment
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VIA EMAIL: env.minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Polak:

Re: Mattress and Bulky Furniture Extended Producer Responsibility

At its June 24, 2016 regular meeting, the Board of Directors of the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District ('Metro Vancouver') considered a report on issues related to mattress recycling and disposal in the Metro Vancouver region and adopted the following resolution:

That the GVS&DD Board:

- a) *write a letter to the Minister of Environment requesting an amendment to the B.C. Recycling Regulation to require the implementation of an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program for mattresses and other bulky furniture by 2017; and*
- b) *copy all municipalities and regional districts in the Province on the letter.*

The Province of B.C. has been a leader in implementing extended producer responsibility (EPR) programs for a broad range of products, including most recently packaging and printed paper, has improved the management of many products in British Columbia. Responsibility for recycling these products has been shifted from municipalities to producers, convenient systems have been put in place for recycling of materials that may create negative environmental impact, and producers are now considering the full-life cycle impacts of their products by implementing design changes.

Building upon the success of current EPR programs, Metro Vancouver believes that it is important to move forward with the implementation of EPR programs for mattresses and bulky furniture. Mattresses and other furniture are specifically identified in the Canadian Council for Ministers of the Environment Canada-Wide Action Plan for EPR as targets for new EPR programs by 2017. The Ministry of Environment has previously communicated its intent to implement EPR programs for mattresses and bulky furniture by 2017.

An estimated 165,000 mattresses are recycled each year in the Metro Vancouver region, of which approximately 60,000 are handled at Metro Vancouver transfer stations. An additional 32,000 mattresses and 59,000 bulky furniture items are picked up by municipalities, either through illegal dumping clean-up programs or large item pick-up programs. Recycling generates significant energy

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savings and greenhouse gas benefits, but at significant cost to taxpayers. Metro Vancouver estimates the cost to regional taxpayers of illegal dumping clean-up and bulky items pick-up programs for mattresses and bulky furniture to be as high as \$5,000,000 per year.

Establishing an EPR program for mattresses and bulky furniture would result in a number of benefits:

1. The cost for collection and recycling of mattresses and bulky furniture would be incorporated into the price of the items rather than being funded by municipal taxpayers.
2. Variability in commodity markets would not impact the potential for recycling mattresses.
3. Mattress production could be changed or alternatively innovative recycling systems could be implemented to manage hard-to-recycle products such as pocket-coil mattresses
4. Mattresses could be recycled by businesses and residents free of charge, reducing the potential for illegal dumping

Within the last year or so, new mattress EPR programs have launched in California, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Given a common pool of mattress and bulky furniture brand owners operating in the United States and Canada, this is a key time to begin moving forward to include these product categories in the *B.C. Recycling Regulation*.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. We would be pleased to discuss how we can work together as partners to facilitate the implementation of this and other EPR programs. Please feel free to contact me to discuss further, or have your staff contact Andrew Doi of the Solid Waste Services Department.

Yours truly,



Greg Moore
Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

GM/PH/sw

cc: All Municipalities and Regional Districts in the Province of BC

Encl: "Mattress Recycling Update" Report to GVS&DD Board dated June 24, 2016 (Doc# 17939528)



To: Zero Waste Committee

From: Sarah Wellman, Senior Engineer, Solid Waste Services

Date: May 26, 2016 Meeting Date: June 9, 2016

Subject: **Mattress Recycling Update**

RECOMMENDATION

That the GVS&DD Board:

- a) write a letter to the Minister of Environment requesting an amendment to the B.C. Recycling Regulation to require the implementation of an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program for mattresses and other bulky furniture by 2017; and
- b) copy all municipalities and regional districts in the Province on the letter.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District ('Metro Vancouver') Board on issues related to mattress recycling in the region and seek direction to write the Minister of the Environment to request that the Province implement an EPR program for mattresses and other bulky furniture.

BACKGROUND

At its April 27, 2012 meeting, the GVS&DD Board adopted the following resolution:

That the Board request the Chair to send a letter to the Provincial Government highlighting the importance of implementing an Extended Producer Responsibility program for mattresses and other large furniture items.

The Board Chair's letter is attached (Attachment 1) along with the response from the Ministry of Environment (Attachment 2).

In 2014, Maple Ridge submitted the following UBCM resolution requesting an EPR program for mattresses:

2014 B97: Maple Ridge

WHEREAS the Province is transitioning responsibility for end-of-life management of goods to industry through the use of product stewardship program as governed by the BC Ministry of Environment Recycling Regulation;

AND WHEREAS there is currently no product stewardship program for used mattresses and improperly discarded mattresses have to be disposed of by local government at taxpayers expense:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the provincial government to require industry to develop a product stewardship program to adequately address end-of-life management of waste mattresses.

This resolution was endorsed by UBCM, and received the following response from the Ministry of Environment:

The Ministry of Environment supports UBCM's request to include waste mattresses under future product stewardship programs to ensure the costs associated with managing these commonly discarded products are transferred to the producers responsible. In fact, the Ministry has committed to meeting the targets set out in the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment's (CCME) Canada-wide Action Plan for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs – including those for construction and demolition materials, furniture (including mattresses, hide-a-beds, etc.), textiles, carpets and appliances by 2017. BC continues to lead all jurisdictions in this regard. Continued efforts in the Lower Mainland to collect and recycle these items are encouraged as they will not only support waste diversion, but will help establish this industry as a proven entity and inform future consultations regarding the upcoming EPR program for mattresses.

An estimated 160,000 to 170,000 mattresses are recycled each year in the Metro Vancouver region, of which approximately 60,000 are handled at Metro Vancouver transfer stations with the remainder delivered directly to the mattress recyclers either by private industry, private pick up services, or by municipalities that offer collection services and/or pick up illegally dumped mattresses.

In 2011, the *Tipping Fee and Solid Waste Disposal Regulation Bylaw* (Tipping Fee Bylaw) was changed to ban mattresses from disposal due to operational impacts and to encourage mattress recycling. Mattresses are received at Metro Vancouver transfer stations for \$15 per unit to pay for the cost of recycling the mattresses.

Due to challenges recycling pocket coil mattress springs, in 2015, the Tipping Fee Bylaw was amended to provide a \$25 discount per tonne at the Waste-to-Energy Facility for loads containing more than 85% metal in recognition of the value of the metal in loads, and also to help reduce costs for mattress recyclers with no recycling alternative for these pocket coil springs.

At the September 10, 2015 Zero Waste Committee directed staff to report back to the Committee on:

the effectiveness of the mattress surcharge

MATTRESS AND OTHER BULKY FURNITURE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING

The past practice of disposing of mattresses commingled in the waste stream was operationally challenging due to the bulkiness of mattresses, which makes them difficult to handle during waste pickup and transport. Their low density makes them undesirable landfill material, and the springs have a tendency to impact landfill and transfer station equipment (e.g. puncture hydraulic systems). Removal of mattresses from the waste stream has helped reduce maintenance on transfer station and landfill equipment.

The majority of the mattresses collected at transfer stations are recycled. In mattress recycling there are secondary markets for the steel of the innerspring unit, the polyurethane foam, the cover (toppers), the cotton, and the wood. According to the May 2012 CalRecycle Study “Mattress and Box Spring Case Study: The Potential Impacts of Extended Producer Responsibility in California on Global Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions”, mattress and box spring recycling and component reuse generates significant energy and greenhouse gas benefits.

Pocket coils are difficult to recycle, as it is challenging to separate the metal from the fabric. Metro Vancouver is currently accepting pocket coil mattresses at the Waste-to-Energy Facility, and recovers the metal for recycling.

Up until recently, there were three private companies in the region recycling over 160,000 mattresses. Metro Vancouver’s disposal ban on mattresses has been key in the development of this industry. With declining metal prices mattress recycling companies have faced economic challenges because historically metal was the primary revenue source from recycling mattresses.

As of May 2016, one of the recycling companies, Recyc-Mattress, stopped accepting mattresses. Without an EPR program in place for mattresses, the net costs for mattress recycling must be charged to residents, businesses and the public sector dropping off mattresses for recycling. Over the last two years, Metro Vancouver’s drop-off costs at the private recycling facilities have increased from \$9 to \$13 per unit. Metro Vancouver has maintained drop-off fees at \$15 at transfer stations despite the increased recycling costs to reduce the potential for illegal dumping.

With the temporary closure of Recyc-Mattress, there have been more discarded mattresses than the local capacity for recycling. As a result, Metro Vancouver is temporarily stock-piling some mattresses, and may need to send some mattresses to landfill. This issue highlights the need for an EPR program for mattresses to stabilize the recycling capacity in the region regardless of commodity prices.

Other bulky furniture such as couches are recyclable in the same manner as mattresses, and these products are also a challenge from a disposal perspective due to their bulk and the presence of springs. The cost of recycling couches is approximately \$30 – \$45 per unit. If an EPR program for mattresses and bulky furniture was put in place, couches and other bulky furniture could be banned from disposal, dramatically increasing recycling of these products and reducing impacts on the disposal system.

Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is an ongoing concern in the region. It causes environmental, health and social impacts, and is a considerable resource and financial burden on governments, businesses and residents. In particular, municipalities often bear the majority of costs associated with reactively cleaning up and disposing of abandoned waste.

Despite the availability of recycling programs provided by Metro Vancouver and the private sector, illegal dumping of mattresses is common in the region.

The resident’s principal barriers to mattress recycling in the region include:

- difficulty and cost of transporting mattresses to transfer stations or appropriate recyclers,
- recycling fee charged when a customer drops off a mattress, and

These barriers contribute to continued incidents of illegal dumping in many member municipalities.

An estimated 10,000 mattresses and 16,000 other pieces of large furniture are abandoned each year in the region with an average municipal unit cost for collection of \$50 per unit (includes labour, and transportation), which leads to a cost of approximately \$1,300,000 per year for member municipalities.

Anecdotally, the highest portion of abandoned mattresses occur in urbanized areas with a transient population near apartment complexes or multi-family dwellings. In these areas, many residents do not own vehicles, rely solely on public transportation, or own small vehicles not suitable for transporting large and bulky mattresses.

It is uncertain as to the relative impact of recycling fees compared to transportation barriers in determining the number of illegally dumped mattresses. Drop-off revenues for mattresses at Metro Vancouver and City of Vancouver transfer stations equal approximately \$900,000 per year, and cover most of the cost of recycling these mattresses. Reduction or elimination of these fees is unlikely to eliminate illegal dumping and as such reduction or elimination of fees would result in a net cost. Drop-off fees could be eliminated if an EPR program for mattresses is put in place.

Large Item Pick-Up Programs in the Region

Many municipalities have implemented large item pick-up programs as a way to reduce incidents of illegal dumping. These programs are generally available only to residences served by municipal garbage collection. There are a combination of various features in member municipalities' programs, including the types of materials collected, pick-up limits, housing types serviced, collection frequency, collection fee, etc. Approximately 22,000 mattresses and 43,000 pieces of furniture are picked up through large item pick-up programs each year.

EPR Program for Mattresses

There is urgent need for an EPR program for mattresses and other bulky furniture in the region. Lack of an EPR program increases the potential for illegal dumping of these items and transfers costs to municipalities that must pick-up illegally dumped items. In many cases municipalities incur additional costs by offering large item pick-up programs at no cost to residents to reduce the potential for illegal dumping. Recent changes to commodity markets have reduced the economic viability of local mattress recycling businesses and may result in the requirement to landfill recyclable mattresses. The Ministry of Environment has previously communicated that they targeted implementing an EPR program for mattresses and bulky furniture by 2017. The typical timeframe for EPR programs to be implemented following a change to the Recycling Regulation is approximately 18 months, and as such, even if a change to the Recycling Regulation is made in 2016, it could be 2018 before a program is in place. It is important to highlight to the Ministry of Environment the urgent need to proceed with an EPR program for mattresses and other bulky furniture.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That the GVS&DD Board:
 - a) write a letter to the Minister of Environment requesting an amendment to the B.C. Recycling Regulation to require the implementation of an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program for mattresses and other bulky furniture by 2017; and
 - b) copy all municipalities and regional districts in the Province on the letter.

2. That the Zero Waste Committee receive the report titled "Mattress Recycling Update", dated May 26, 2016 for information and provide alternate direction to staff.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If the Board approves Alternative 1, correspondence will be sent to the Minister of Environment to advocate for an EPR program for mattresses and other bulky furniture.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSION

An estimated 160,000 to 170,000 mattresses are recycled each year in the Metro Vancouver region, of which approximately 60,000 are handled at Metro Vancouver transfer stations. Mattress recycling generates significant energy and greenhouse gas benefits, and reduces Metro Vancouver's operational and maintenance costs when compared to disposal. A mattress recycling fee is collected by Metro Vancouver at the transfer stations, and paid to mattress recyclers to help cover the cost of dismantling and recycling mattress components.

Many municipalities have developed large item pick-up programs to reduce the incidences and costs associated with illegal dumping.

An EPR program for mattresses and bulky furniture is urgently needed, as changes to commodity markets have reduced the economic viability of local recycling businesses and may result in the requirement to landfill potentially recyclable mattresses. Lack of an EPR program increases the potential for illegal dumping of these products and transfers costs to municipalities. There is a need to continue to urge the Minister of Environment to address this ongoing issue and to introduce an EPR program for mattresses and other bulky furniture and therefore staff recommend Alternative 1.

Attachments and References:

Attachment 1: Letter from Chair Moore to Minister Terry Lake, dated June 19, 2012

Attachment 2: Letter from Minister Terry Lake to Chair Moore, dated December 11, 2012



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The Honourable Terry Lake
Minister of Environment
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Dear Minister ~~Lake~~: **TERRY**

Re: Acceleration of an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Program for Mattresses and Large Upholstered Furniture

As part of the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) Canada-wide Action Plan for EPR, all provinces committed to implementing a program for furniture, including mattresses, by the Phase II target of 2017.

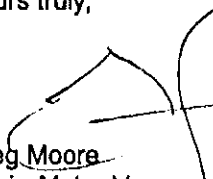
The leadership demonstrated by the Province, Metro Vancouver and others, has created a robust recycling industry for mattresses and large upholstered furniture, with three processors located in the Lower Mainland. With the recent emergence of this local recycling industry, Metro Vancouver implemented a ban on the disposal of mattresses at regional disposal facilities in January 2011. A \$20 per mattress fee was charged to cover the costs of collection, transportation and processing. In 2011, over 125,000 mattresses were recycled into their wood, metal, foam, and fibre components, leading to over 70 green jobs added in this recycling sector. These valuable natural resources were reused and/or recycled thereby avoiding the disposal of these materials in landfills and the extraction of new natural resources.

While this initiative has been an overwhelming success from an environmental perspective, the combination of the ban and the \$20 per unit fee has resulted in the unintended consequence of illegal dumping by a minority of individuals unwilling to pay a fee for responsible management of products at the end of their useful life. As a result, municipalities incur significant costs to responsibly manage these products, as opposed to the manufacturers, producers, distributors and retailers who do not currently bear the full environmental cost to manage their products.

We ask that the Ministry of Environment amend the Recycling Regulation to include mattresses and large upholstered furniture and accelerate the implementation of this EPR program to 2015. This request to accelerate EPR implementation is explicitly stated in action 1.1.10 of our Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan which was approved last year. The infrastructure and regulatory structure already exists in Metro Vancouver and could be easily extended throughout the Province.

We thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this request. We would be pleased to discuss how we can work together as partners to facilitate the acceleration of this and other EPR programs. Please feel free to contact me to discuss this matter further, or have your staff contact Andrew Doi, Environmental Planner, at 604-436-6825.

Yours truly,



Greg Moore
Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

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Greg Moore, Chair
and Directors
Metro Vancouver Board
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Dear Chair Moore and Directors:

Thank you for your letter of June 19, 2012, regarding the acceleration of an extended producer responsibility (EPR) program for mattresses and large upholstered furniture in British Columbia (BC). I apologize for the delay in responding.

As you may know, BC has recently been recognized for its leadership position on EPR. BC has more EPR programs than any jurisdiction in Canada and is further advanced towards fulfilling its Canadian Council of Ministers of Environment Canada-wide Action Plan (CAP) for EPR.

A date for the addition of mattresses and large upholstered furniture to the Recycling Regulation has not been set at this point in time. Ministry of Environment staff are currently actively engaged on the implementation of the packaging and printed paper product category under the Recycling Regulation. Further product additions to the Regulation will be addressed in priority sequence.

The Ministry's 2011/12 – 2013/14 Service Plan highlights our commitment to the CAP for EPR. The CAP recommends that EPR programs be implemented by 2017 for construction and demolition materials, furniture, textiles, carpets and appliances, including ozone-depleting substances. We are making every effort to meet these 2017 targets, and I would like to assure you that mattresses and large upholstered furniture will be included in future discussions.

I would like to acknowledge and commend Metro Vancouver for extending, as documented in action 1.1.3 under Goal 1 of the Metro Vancouver Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan, the offer to provide staffing support and partner with the Ministry to help advance EPR in the province. This offer of support has the potential to assist in steering waste diversion activities in a manner that will ultimately eliminate waste or effectively manage it as a resource.

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I see the recent Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on EPR between Metro Vancouver and the Ministry as a promising start to Metro Vancouver's commitment to advance EPR in collaboration with the Province and I encourage the use of the MOU as the mechanism to capture opportunities where Metro Vancouver and the Province can work together to develop new EPR programs.

If you have any further suggestions for the development of EPR programs, or any questions about the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Meegan Armstrong, Head of Industry Product Stewardship in the Ministry of Environment, at 250 387-9944 or by email at Meegan.Armstrong@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Lake', written in a cursive style.

Terry Lake
Minister of Environment



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SENIORS ADVOCATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA

July 15, 2016

Ref: 302679
Sent by email only

To All Mayors and Councils in BC

Dear Mayor and Council,

As British Columbia's Seniors Advocate, I am writing to all municipal governments in BC asking for consideration of increased safety initiatives targeted at senior pedestrians, including the lowering of speed limits in appropriate areas.

My colleague Dr. Perry Kendall, Provincial Health Officer highlighted the vulnerability of senior pedestrians in his report, *Where Rubber Meets the Road: Reducing the Impact of Motor Vehicle Crashes on Health and Well-being in BC*. This report points out that there were 2,200 motor vehicle accidents involving at least one pedestrian in BC in 2013. These resulted in 2,300 injured pedestrians and 52 pedestrian fatalities.

Dr. Kendall's report further highlights the fatality rate for pedestrians aged 76 and up is more than twice the MVC fatality rate for pedestrians 66-75 and that overall, those over 76 had the highest rate of fatalities per 100,000 population. Dr. Kendall found that there were a number of contributing factors that cause these accidents, including pedestrian error or confusion (31%), distraction on the part of the driver or pedestrian (29.3%), alcohol (19%), driver failing to yield the right of way (9.5%), and speed (8.8%). The impact of these pedestrian accidents to the individual, their families and the system at large is obviously significant. In the case of seniors, injury is much more likely to lead to a permanent decrease in overall function.

As the Office of the Seniors Advocate continues to monitor transportation issues relating to seniors, I would like to personally encourage you to consider pedestrian-focused enhancements in your communities that help ensure the safety of older citizens is a priority and these enhancements include: mechanisms to decrease crossing distances, increasing crossing times, improving pedestrian lighting, and modifying roadways, especially intersections, where most pedestrian accidents occur.

Appropriate speed limits must also be a priority, particularly in areas that have a high number of pedestrians. Research shows that pedestrians have a 10% risk of dying when hit at 30 kilometres per hour, but an 80% risk of dying when hit at 50 kilometres per hour.

The continued education of both drivers and pedestrians is something I will continue to encourage. Age-friendly initiatives should continue to focus on as much safe pedestrian access as possible, ultimately improving the overall health and well-being of our elderly population.

I look forward to your continued collaboration on this most important issue.

Sincerely,

Isobel Mackenzie
Seniors Advocate

pc: Dr Perry Kendall
Honourable Terry Lake
Stephen Brown



SMART FUELLING

Wednesday, July 06, 2016

Mayor Nancy Cooper
City of **Salmon Arm**
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Dear Mayor **Cooper**,

As representatives from three of Canada's leading industry associations, we wanted to take this opportunity to inform you of Smart Fuelling – a new program that would be of great benefit to your constituents and to your municipality as we all work together towards a cleaner and more sustainable tomorrow.

Smart Fuelling was formed by a national coalition of three industry associations to encourage Canadians to reduce their Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHGs) and improve their fuel efficiency. The program uses positive and upbeat messaging to inform consumers about practical ways they can effectively reduce their emissions while also saving money.

To date, we have entered an active collaboration with North and West Vancouver to implement Smart Fuelling. We are also discussing Smart Fuelling with other interested municipalities. Should your municipality be interested in learning more about our initiative, we would be happy to meet with you and your colleagues to further discuss how we can educate consumers at retail gasoline sites about how they can reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and save money by doing so.

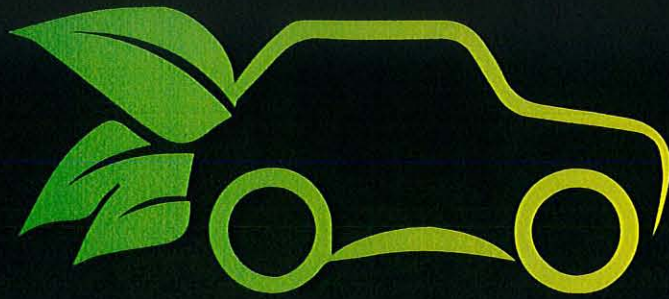
We look forward to speaking with you personally about this campaign and working together to create a better future for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Tricia Anderson
President & CEO
Canadian Independent Petroleum Marketers Association

Alex Scholten
President
Canadian Convenience Stores Association

Peter Boag
President & CEO
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AVOID IDLING




10 minutes of idling burns more than 1 cup of wasted fuel. Unless you're stuck in traffic, it's more efficient to turn off your engine when your car is stopped for over a minute.

MAINTAIN TIRE PRESSURE




Check your vehicle's tire pressure monthly for optimal fuel efficiency. Underinflated tires decrease fuel efficiency by 4%.

SHED UNNECESSARY CARGO




Each 25 kg of added cargo increases fuel consumption by 1% in a mid-size car.

REMOVE UNUSED RACKS




Roof and bicycle racks create wind resistance and drag, which can reduce your fuel efficiency by up to 30%.

USE AIR CONDITIONING SPARINGLY




When possible, open windows or use your car's flow-through ventilation system. Increases fuel consumption by 20%.

PLAN ERRANDS STRATEGICALLY




ANTICIPATE TRAFFIC




Vehicles are least efficient when accelerating or idling. Maximize your vehicle's fuel economy by accelerating gradually and try to keep a consistent speed, using cruise control functions when applicable.

SLOW DOWN



Speeding burns 20% more fuel than traveling at 100km/h.

USE FUEL CONSUMPTION DISPLAY ECO



By implementing the suggested driving techniques and monitoring your usage, you can increase your fuel efficiency by 15%.

The above information has been adapted from information provided by Natural Resources Canada and CAA Canada.

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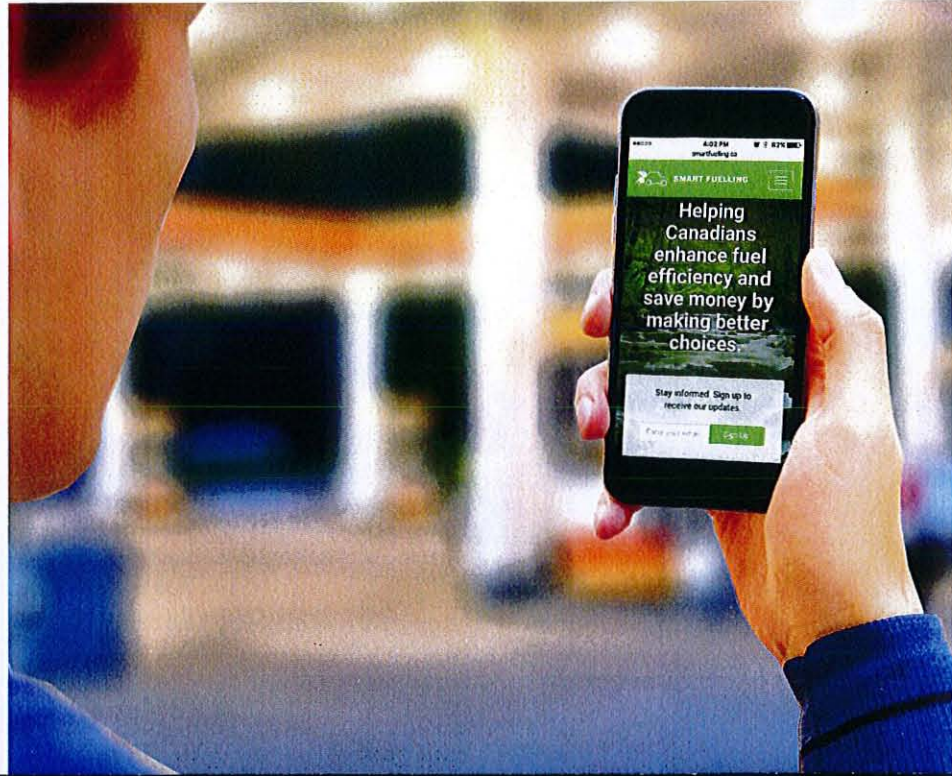
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ABOUT US

We are a group of leading industry associations working together to provide Canadians with constructive ways to improve their fuel efficiency which will help them save money and support a sustainable environment through awareness and positive action.

We came together to help inform Canadians on the efficient use of fuels, and we are committed to engaging and educating Canadians on Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and reduction efforts.

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