INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - September 24, 2018

- 1. Building Department Building Statistics August 2018
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- 3. J. Funfer email dated April 4, 2018 Roaming Cat Concerns
- 4. S. Baker email dated August 26, 2018 Lack of Public Transportation in Rural Canada
- 5. C. El Gazzar email dated August 29, 2018 Update on Fundraising for Playground Communication Board at Blackburn Park
- 6. D. Hewer letter received September 6, 2018 Request to use Canoe Beach and Gazebo for Celebration of Life for Dustin Hewer on November 2, 2018
- 7. D. Rolin letter dated September 6, 2018 Smart Cities and 5G Technologies
- 8. L. Onsorge letter received September 6, 2018 Smart Cities and 5G Technologies
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- D. Patterson, President, The Adams River Salmon Society letter dated August 29, 2018
 Invitation to the Salute to Sockeye Salmon Festival Friday, September 28, 2018 to Sunday, October 21, 2018
- 11. D. St-Pierre, Poppy Chairman, Royal Canadian Legion #62 letter dated September 1, 2018 Annual Remembrance Day Service and Parade
- 12. T. Kutschker, Director/Curator, Shuswap District Arts Council letter dated September 1, 2018 – Marine Park Gazebo
- 13. L. Wong, Manager, Downtown Salmon Arm letter dated September 4, 2018 Request for Funding for Downtown Community Clean-Up
- 14. L. Wong, Manager, Downtown Salmon Arm letter dated September 5, 2018 Winter Solstice Bonfire Night
- 15. J. Aitken, SABNES/Shuswap Naturalist Club letter dated September 6, 2018 Invasive Plant "Woody Nightshade" Cleanup
- B. Bajo, Chair, Council and Owners of Sherwood Village to J. Ragsdale, Dean, Okanagan College, Shuswap and Revelstoke – letter dated September 7, 2018 – Student Housing at Okanagan College in Salmon Arm
- 17. J. Biron, Planning Committee Chair, Adams Lake Health Centre letter dated September 12, 2018 – Community Conversation on Harm Reduction
- 18. S. Mackie, General Manager, R. J. Haney Heritage Village and Museum email dated September 14, 2018 - What are you doing October 20 and 21? If you are looking for a truly screaming good time, Halloween fun awaits you at R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum
- R. Boeur and S. Corbin, Shuswap Food Action Co-Op email dated September 15, 2018
 Shuswap Food Conversations
- 20. M. Kriese, Sullivan Wellness Centre Coordinator letter dated September 17, 2018 Postponing the PRIDE Crosswalk Celebration
- 21. Interior Health News Release dated September 6, 2018 Seniors to benefit from new health and wellness centre
- 22. Interior Health News Release dated September 17, 2018 Community Update: Supervised Consumption Services helping people avoid overdose and receive health services
- 23. Health Canada News Release dated September 2018 The governments of Canada and British Columbia are providing more than \$71.7 million in innovative treatment options for people with substance use disorders
- 24. Organics Infrastructure Program email dated September 7, 2018 Organics Infrastructure Program Expression of Interest now open

- 25. G. Lohbrunner for C. Jenkins, Director, Clean Technologies Section email dated September 7, 2018 – Intentions Paper Posted: Proposed Changes to the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation
- 26. BC Health Communities September eNews Letter
- 27. Interior Health, Healthy Communities September 2018
- 28. Achieve Anything Foundation Newsletter dated September 6, 2018 Applications Open for Fall Operation: This IS You!
- 29. K. Christian, Mayor, City of Kamloops letter dated August 22, 2018 Roots and Blues Festival
- D. St. Jacques, Mayor, District of Ucluelet to the Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – letter dated August 27, 2018 – Modernization of Utility Taxation
- L. Jones, Executive Vice-President and S. Howard, Director, British Columbia, Yukon and NWT. Canadian Federation of Independent Business letter dated August 31, 2018
 Municipal Red Tape Challenge
- 32. K. Daniels, aKd Resource letter dated August 29, 2018 Review of the Auditor General for Local Government Act and Office
- 33. M. Robach, Communications & Engagement Coordinator, PHA Canada letter received September 2018 – Request for month of November 2018 to be proclaimed as Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month



CITY OF SALMON ARM BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT AUGUST 2018

LAST YEAR (2017) CURRENT MONTH YEAR-TO-DATE CURRENT YEAR (2018) CURRENT MONTH YEAR-TO-DATE

		NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE
1	New Single Family Dwellings	16	4,661,000	89	26,877,895	6	1,870,000	85	27,216,999
2	Misc. Additions etc. to SFD's	11	434,048	89	3,664,673	7	216,625	74	2,736,709
3	New Modulars/MH's (Factory Built)	2	170,000	16	2,595,000		-	6	1,270,000
4	Misc. Additions etc. to Modulars/MH's	1	. 7,200	12	149,535	1	60,000	6	75,155
5	MFD's (# Units)			1 (4)	1,049,000		· · · ·	8 (27)	4,700,000
6	Misc. Additions etc. to MFD's			1	2,000			1	1,500
7	New Commercial			5	540,000	1	600,000	1	600,000
8	Misc. Additions etc. to Commercial	-	-	15	857,900	2	47,423	11	879,223
9	New Industrial			_2	150,433		-	5	545,000
10	Misc. Additions etc. to Industrial	<u> </u>		2	14,500			4	2,067,000
11	New Institutional		<u> </u>					1	100,000
12	Misc. Additions etc. to Institutional		-	3	22,000	1	40,000	4	89,000
13	Signs	1	1,400	26	58,955	2	6,600	25	100,474
14	Swimming Pools, Pool Buildings	-	<u> </u>	2	85,000	1	40,000	1	40,000
15	Demolitions	1	<u> </u>	12				5	-
16	Temporary Trailers, A & B Permits			2	<u> </u>	-		5	_
17	Misc. Special Inspections, etc.	-		16		3		11	-
	TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	32	5,273,648	293	36,066,891	24	2,880,648	253	40,421,060

MFD's - Apartment, Row, Duplex, Strata (# of dwelling units created) Farm building values not included

1	BUILDING PERMITS - YEARLY											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
2001	585,500	11,938,550	12,265,250	12,842,790	13,534,790	14,712,550	16,330,650	17,717,625	19,031,075	19,895,255	21,318,855	21,458,195
2002	585,500	1,952,500	3,340,850	3,821,240	5,455,840	6,411,690	8,844,690	10,932,510	15,780,890	16,705,600	17,738,200	17,923,700
2003	130,110	920,780	2,974,020	4,486,120	5,993,320	13,294,120	15,555,250	17,937,005	20,318,920	22,000,340	24,005,740	24,782,360
2004	430,700	1,506,500	5,903,780	8,379,104	10,122,768	12,086,319	14,779,343	21,598,763	30,371,023	33,614,173	34,957,458	35,881,343
2005	1,072,000	2,269,650	4,344,750	6,806,152	12,110,482	28,031,457	29,985,585	34,743,645	37,600,445	42,915,856	45,525,611	47,576,746
2006	815,550	3,224,468	8,012,449	11,501,929	16,084,809	20,066,533	23,714,194	26,370,890	36,479,806	37,278,358	42,332,995	43,077,170
2007	1,531,087	3,901,669	16,148,674	22,413,118	27,232,134	32,401,472	35,657,297	42,829,750	51,945,799	55,703,387	65,885,802	66,289,555
2008	1,797,604	4,203,429	12,947,058	27,647,379	33,857,533	36,582,025	39,759,375	42,395,454	45,412,474	50,699,301	53,383,541	53,522,880
2009	409,369	864,839	2,039,460	5,207,311	6,763,615	7,800,085	9,677,455	11,579,746	18,882,737	20,713,554	23,523,664	24,337,664
2010	1,518,563	2,708,062	5,931,546	10,081,816	12,260,236	13,526,546	16,597,121	18,790,511	19,848,804	21,174,632	22,953,692	27,249,702
2011	568,645	2,003,976	5,063,837	7,449,773	9,471,416	11,761,850	12,794,028	14,222,970	18,194,801	19,682,061	30,563,013	31,934,415
2012	2,189,660	3,128,562	4,794,040	6,337,260	10,000,544	12,120,246	17,883,185	24,375,078	26,118,787	26,493,820	28,130,500	28,666,430
2013	881,740	1,440,110	13,907,060	15,814,195	17,433,454	20,194,778	23,204,628	24,180,485	26,567,302	29,195,224	30,890,086	31,231,349
2014	665,304	2,806,404	8,075,941	20,789,869	27,574,834	29,877,686	33,456,523	41,971,923	42,784,769	44,804,191	46,460,471	47,707,993
2015	1,172,285	1,853,539	3,894,754	6,750,389	8,575,425	18,388,180	20,475,407	26,442,225	29,143,303	31,248,595	35,417,465	37,368,595
2016	1,268,865	2,298,280	4,987,625	8,904,610	12,253,660	16,279,464	19,265,124	23,811,029	29,823,014	36,084,949	40,154,959	41,418,659
2017	1,183,280	2,841,725	7,219,495	11,761,657	18,136,656	23,823,576	30,793,243	36,066,891	52,130,226	59,858,542	63,366,686	64,675,041
2018	1,970,104	3,943,104	10,028,787	14,363,122	20,252,322	30,488,747	37,540,412	40,421,060				

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------ Original message ------From: Julie Funfer <<u>jfunfer@hotmail.com</u>> Date: 04-04-2018 2:41 PM (GMT-08:00) To: Nancy Cooper <<u>ncooper@salmonarm.ca</u>> Subject: Enquiry

Hello madam mayor,

I'm hoping to take a few minutes of your time to discuss a matter that bothers MANY citizens..... the issue of cat feces in our yards. I have 2 cats, but are strictly indoors. My neighbour on the other hand has EIGHT. Their cats roam. Each day, I am finding cat feces in my flower beds. Now, I cannot prove WHOS cat it is, but if it looks like a duck and quacks like a duck......

I'm wanting to put in a vegetable garden this spring and I can't help but worry about the cats using that as a litter box..... making the produce contaminated.

I can't help but wonder why dogs are not allowed to roam, but cats can. Cats poop the same size as small dogs. We as dog owners are required to clean up after our dogs (as well as license them).

I do not have children, but those that do, often complain about their young children finding cat feces in the yard. It is quite concerning.

I KNOW the BCSPCA recommends cats be kept indoors, as do most vets.

I am suggesting that maybe it's time all cats in residential areas (not farm land) be required to stay indoors or have access to an outdoor enclosure. That way, cats can still be outdoors (safely), and more importantly, tax payers like myself are not dealing with an ongoing fecal matter.... which is actually a health & safety concern for those with kids.

Thank you for your time; I sincerely hope some thought would be given to my idea. I hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely, Julie Funfer.

Sent from my iPhone

------ Original message ------From: Sandra Baker <<u>slbknits@gmail.com</u>> Date: 08-26-2018 2:35 PM (GMT-08:00) To: premier@gov.bc.ca, Mel.Arnold.c1@parl.gc.ca, greg.kyllo.mla@leg.bc.ca, Nancy Cooper <<u>ncooper@salmonarm.ca</u>> Subject: LACK OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN RURAL CANADA

I'm writing to express dismay and shock regarding the impending closure of Greyhound Bus lines in Western Canada. This represents a serious transportation issue for Rural Canada! I realize Greyhound is a public company and thus, Government cannot do much about its decision however, this poses a serious concern regarding the lack of "public transportation" in and between communities in rural Canada.

With no future bus service, how are Students, Seniors, and people on low income expected to get around!? There is no affordable train service, which doesn't go to most communities anyway, so these groups are going to be further isolated or unable to travel, period. When it was announced that some of the Northern routes were being cancelled, a red flag went up in my mind. Wasn't there already a problem of people going missing in the north due to a lack of transportation alternatives?

This is an appalling situation which will necessitate more vehicles on the roads, for those who can afford them and are able to drive. With all the angst about the environment and pollution, does this make any sense? We are already seeing more vehicles on our highways and more serious accidents, especially in the mountain passes of BC. It is ludicrous to talk about reducing developments in the petroleum industry, when we don't have much choice but to get in our vehicles and drive. In concert with the dialogue on pipelines, it is past time that Governments look at getting some form of public transportation in rural areas which would go a long way to reducing our "carbon footprint".

Our family can afford to drive but don't always want to, especially when going to the coast which is seriously congested. We always went by Greyhound. Now what? Years ago, there was at least train service. Now the tracks are getting ripped up.

This is a serious public policy issue. Get us out of our cars by looking at alternatives. Seems to me, our society is going backwards.

Respectfully, Sandra Baker Salmon Arm, BC

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-----Original Message-----From: El Gazzar, Christina [mailto:Christina.ElGazzar@interiorhealth.ca] Sent: August-29-18 9:57 AM To: Nancy Cooper Subject: Update on fundraising for Playground Communication Board at Blackburn Park

City of Salmon Arm Mayor and Council,

Fundraising efforts for the Playground Communication Board have been ongoing since the spring and are summarized below:

* Approximately \$500 was raised by Nancy Cooper and Christina El Gazzar from the Hit 2 Fit Boxing Challenge in May. Funds have been deposited into SASCU's account # 1695378

* Salmon Arm Rotary has pledged \$500 to be paid once all of the funding has been secured

* Grants applications have been submitted to:

- Royal Purple
- Salmar Theatre Association
- Shuswap Community Foundation
- Ian Gray Salmon Arm GM

My hope is to raise the remaining \$1000 as soon as possible so that we may move forward with the purchase and installation of the Playground Communication Board.

Thank you, once again, for supporting this project. Please let me know if there is anything more I can do in this regard.

Christina

Christina El Gazzar, MA, RSLP, SLP (C) ~ Professional Practice Leader ~ Speech & Language Services Registered Speech-Language Pathologist Salmon Arm Health Centre ~ PO Box 627, 851 - 16th St NE, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N7 Tel: 250-833-4129 Cell: 250-517-0363 Fax: 250-833-4117 <u>christina.elgazzar@interiorhealth.ca</u>

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----Original Message-----From: El Gazzar, Christina Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 2:13 PM To: 'Nancy Cooper' Subject: Request to install Playground Communication Board at Blackburn Park

City of Salmon Arm Mayor and Council,

My name is Christina El Gazzar and I am a Registered Speech Language Pathologist working with children aged birth-to-school-entry and their caregivers. This year I decided to participate in Salmon Arm Bulldogs Boxing's Hit to Fit challenge. This challenge consists of 3 parts: 1) Fitness challenge; 2) Local charity fundraising; and 3) Fight for a cause in the ring on May 5th. I have been meeting all of the goals of the fitness challenge; wanted to share my idea for the local fundraising piece with you; and as for the 3rd challenge, well the jury is still out on that one!! May is Speech & Hearing Month, so I am very motivated to raise awareness around Speech Language Pathology and may very well get in the ring!!

My idea for the local charity piece is to raise money to purchase and have installed a communication board at Blackburn Park (children's universally accessible playground). I've attached a photo to give you an idea of what the final product could look like. I have been in touch with Jason Chernoff, who kindly connected me with vendors in order to have an estimate of how much money I would need to raise. I believe that the cost would likely be under \$2000. Nancy Cooper has connected me with the CEO of SASCU, who informed me that I would be able to open an account at SASCU to hold all donations.

Young children with communication challenges need support in order to express the most basic of human needs, such as making requests, conveying emotions, & socially connecting with others. Communication happens everywhere. Having a communication board at Blackburn Park will provide these children with the supports they need to be successful in this setting.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future. Once I receive a positive response I will open an account at SASCU and begin fundraising.

Kind regards,

Christina

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SALMON ARM BULLDOGS BOXING - HIT TO FIT FUNDRAISER

May is Speech & Hearing Month

HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR A COMMUNICATION BOARD AT BLACKBURN PARK HELP CHILDREN WITH COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES CONNECT WITH THEIR FRIENDS

Donations can be made at any SASCU branch:

"Playground Communication Board – Account # 1695378"



COMMUNICATION BOARD MAY NOT BE EXACTLY AS DEPICTED IN THE PHOTO

Friday November 2-2018.

Canoe Beach and Gazebo Celebration of Life 4pm-10:30 pm.

To Whom I+ May Concern:

I Darrel Hewer am requesting to hold a Celebration of Lipe For my younger brother Dustin Newer he was brutely taken from his family and friends in Medicine HAT Alb. On November 5-2016 he would be 26 yrsen now. Dustin was from falkland and has many friends in all surrounding areas of BC. Who were unable to attend a very closed funeral. At the gazebo friends and family will be providing a non-alcoholic. dinner, music, lights, BB.

AT dusk. I am wanting to Set offa box of fireworks from the Canoe Village Store. which was purchased thru a Go Fund me page. in Honor of My brother Dustin.

email Shadow, bushman at gmail.co

A List of materials we will be using is enclosed on next page:

Bincerely × Darrel Hewer

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Canoe Beach. 2 round Picnic tables 4 chairs each table '8 total 1 rectangle table. 4 tv table table. 4 garbage cans / recyle bins 2 electric Heaters. string of lights generator. if bathrooms are unavaliable. 6 tarps 2 extra heaters if using bath rooms. hand sanifizer BBQ Log tote (dishes ext) bathroom paper paper towel Dincerely X Datted Hun Darrel How RECEIVED ISEP 0 6 2018 CITY OF SALAN

Attention Mayors, Councillors, Directors, Administrators and Staff, Sept.6, 2018 Re: UBCM 2018 Whistler, BC.

Dear Mayor Cooper and Council Members,

I am a resident of Salmon Arm. Many council members and regional district directors will be attending the UBCM Conference in Whistler September 10 - 14th, 2018. This conference addresses aspects of 'Smart' Cities. These 'Smart' Cities being promoted require the 5G technologies which are extremely dangerous to health, safety, security and privacy. I am asking you to investigate, oppose and prohibit the expansion of harmful wireless microwave radiation and 5G millimeter wave technology whenever and wherever you have the opportunity.

Thousands of peer reviewed studies (see <u>Electromagnetic Radiation: Adverse Biological</u> <u>Effects – 1,600 Accredited Scientific Studies</u>) have documented the harmful impacts of wireless radiation on public health and nature. Some health effects include neurological and cognitive impairment, asthma, heart problems, sleep problems, learning and memory disorders, ringing in ears, headaches, fatigue, increased cancer risk and more.

Since wireless microwave radiation is known to be a carcinogen, now is the time to reduce public exposure by phasing out wireless and progressing to the future of broadband: hard-wired fiber optic cable internet connections are faster, more reliable, secure and safe for people and nature.

Current infrastructure emissions of wireless microwave radiation are subjecting the public, wildlife, and the environment to 24 / 7 / 365 immediate and long- term involuntary exposure to harmful microwave radiation, that is a threat to all biological life and structures.

Current federal guidelines don't protect health because they are not safety standards, they are commercial guidelines. The most recent science has determined that microwave radiation injury occurs at exposure levels that are thousands of times lower than the industry-driven commercial guidelines.

Looking forward to your response and strong support for wired internet connections a safe technology for everyone. Thank you,

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Dorothy Rolin 750 Foothill Rd. SW. Salmon Arm, BC V1E 1T6

dkrolin@shaw.ca





Attention Mayors, Councillors, Directors, Administrators and Staff, Re: UBCM 2018 Whistler, BC.

Dear fellow citizen,

I am a resident of White Lake. Many council members and regional district directors will be attending the UBCM Conference in Whistler September 1014, 2018. This conference addresses aspects of 'Smart' Cities. These 'Smart' Cities being promoted require the 5G technologies which are extremely dangerous to health, safety, security and privacy. I am asking you to investigate, oppose and prohibit the expansion of harmful wireless microwave radiation and 5G millimeter wave technology whenever and wherever you have the opportunity.

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Looking forward to your response and strong support for wired internet connections and safe technology for everyone.

Thank you,

Lori Onsorge

250-803-4689



From: Sent: To: Subject: Shirley Cumberland [shirleyon11th@hotmail.com] Thursday, September 13, 2018 2:14 PM Caylee Simmons community bussing

To Salmon Arm mayor and council;

Sent from <u>Mail</u> for Windows 10

With the cessation of Greyhound bus service happening less than seven weeks away, I have heard nothing from any level of government as to what could or should be done. The bus route Vancouver -Calgary, and Calgary - Vancouver has served innumerable Salmon Arm customers for many years. Surely a community of this size is entitled to some sort of a transportation system.

I personally use Greyhound and have put future plans on hold.. I urge you to send the communities concerns to Greyhound bus, and to both the provincial and federal levels of government.

Thanks Shirley Cumberland, Salmon Arm. 250-832-6793



The Adams River Salmon Society PO Box 24034 Scotch Creek, BC, VOE 3L0

August 29, 2018

Box 40 500 2 Ave. NE Salmon Arm, BC, V1E 4N2

<u>Invitation to the Salute to Sockeye Salmon Festival – Friday, September 28, 2018 to Sunday</u> <u>October 21, 2018</u>

Dear Mayor Cooper,

On behalf of The Adams River Salmon Society (TARSS), we invite you and your council to join us for the opening events of the three-week *Salute to the Sockeye 2018*.

Every four years we are witness to a marvelous display of nature, as a dominant cycle of sockeye salmon return to the Adams River to spawn and die. This is one of the most significant global salmon spawning events with millions of fish returning to the small 12-kilometer river system. The spawning grounds of the Adams River have been protected by the BC Provincial Government as a provincial park; it has been the site of a festival celebrating this salmon migration for the past quarter century. The Adams River is also a gathering place for Interior Salish First Nations to gather food and celebrate bounty since time immemorial, and the Secwepemc people have been embracing this Salute to the Sockeye festival as a time to share their culture and traditions with people from around the world.

During the Salute to the Sockeye Opening Ceremonies, there are three key events on September 30 and October 1, 2018 that we would like to extend an invite to you. These events will include representation from the Secwepemc Nation, Province of British Columbia, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Pacific Salmon Foundation and several provincial and federal organizations and agencies, to celebrate the return of the Sockeye. The events are as follows:

- On September 30 at 1:00 pm, a public ceremony led by the Little Shuswap Indian Band marking the renaming of Roderick Haig-Brown Provincial Park to Tsútswecw Provincial Park. We would like to invite you to this renaming ceremony recognizing Canada's commitment to reconciliation with the Indigenous peoples knowing that the giving back of place names is part of the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions Calls to Action.
- 2. Immediately following the renaming ceremony of Tsútswecw Provincial Park on September 30, TARSS will officially open the Salute to the Sockeye with the opening

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The Adams River Salmon Society PO Box 24034 Scotch Creek, BC, VOE 3L0

festival ceremony. This ceremony will focus on the cultural, geographical, and historical significance of the wild salmon.

3. On September 30 & October 1, 2018 the Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band and TARSS will be co-hosting the Shuswap Salmon Symposium 2018 at Quaaout Resort and Conference Centre. This event will bring together 150 Indigenous knowledge keepers, policy makers, and stewards of salmon conservation. The goals of this event are to create meaningful action plans toward salmon species and habitat conservation. The Symposium will also provide the opportunity to interact with local communities and stakeholders involved in salmon conservation from an interior perspective.

We welcome you to the Salute to the Sockeye.

Yours sincerely,

Don Patterson President The Adams River Salmon Society

To RSVP or for more information please contact:

Natalya Melnychuk Salute Event Manager 778 929-5396 eventmanager@salmonsociety.com Carmen Massey 250 804-3466 Symposium Manager shuswapsalmonsymposium@gmail.com



September 30 - October 1, 2018 QUAAOUT LODGE AND TSÚTSWECW PROVINCIAL PARK 1663 Little Shuswap Lake Rd, Chase, BC Secweperncúl'ecw

A gathering of knowledge keepers around salmon conservation.

Join a conversation to create action plans with Indigenous and scientific communities around the urgency of protection, conservation and restoration of wild Pacific salmon and their habitat.

EXPERIENCE. LEARN. COLLABORATE. ACT.

Visit the website for updates on speakers and workshops. Limited seats. Reserve yours early!

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For registration & information: WWW.salmonsymposium.com



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September 10, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to join us for our first Shuswap Salmon Symposium on September 30 and October 1, 2018 co-hosted by the Adams River Salmon Society and the Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band. This significant event will bring together Indigenous knowledge keepers, policy makers, and stewards of salmon conservation as well as 150 attendees. The outcome of this event is to share various ways of knowing related to salmon, and to create meaningful action plans toward strengthening salmon species and habitat conservation.

The **outcomes** of the overall symposium are to share information and to create action plans toward protection, conservation and restoration of wild pacific salmon, incorporating Indigenous and non-Indigenous knowledge and perspectives.

A 2018 Salmon Symposium Action Plan and report will be shared with participants, followed up with an annual report on benchmarks. Potential subsequent Symposium gatherings may result through the action planning process.

Symposium Overview:

- Day one: field trip/stories & legends/feast/banquet
- Day two: workshops focused on issues and ideas
- Indigenous experiences will be hosted and led by Secwepemc community members and Quaaout Lodge Cultural program
- Speaker topics to include but not limited to: Indigenous relationships to salmon, salmon habitat, salmon sustainability issues, bio-diversity, decision making models being used and proposed, shifting from "conservation movement" to "conservation action"

We would be honoured if you would join us for this event. If you would like to, please contact Carmen Massey, Event Manager at shuswapsalmonsymposium@gmail.com and let her know if you can attend. If you require further information, please visit our website at www.salmonsymposium.com for full event agenda.

In friendship,

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Kukpi7 Oliver Arnouse Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band



Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018

Indigenous history and scientific research come together at inaugural Shuswap Salmon Symposium

SQUILAX, BC—The dominant Adams River salmon run is the setting for the first symposium of Indigenous and scientific communities to discuss the past, present and future of wild Pacific salmon from an interior BC perspective, on Sunday, Sept. 30, and Monday, Oct. 1.

Tickets are still available for conservationists, Indigenous community members, scientists, academics or general public interested in attending the two-day event at Quaaout Lodge on Little Shuswap Lake, near Tsútswecw Provincial Park (being renamed from Roderick Haig-Brown).

The symposium is being organized by The Adams River Salmon Society and Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band and includes a special one-time, single screen public presentation of edited sequences from Nettie Wild's UNINTERRUPTED.

While people and communities have benefitted and relied on salmon historically, there are questions arising about its sustainability. The Shuswap Salmon Symposium is designed to bring people together who have an interest in these questions to share knowledge about how we benefit from the salmon, changes we may be witnessing in our communities, and whether we are acting effectively to manage and co-exist with wild Pacific salmon. Indigenous knowledge will be shared alongside scientific knowledge about how the salmon are being managed today.

The Shuswap Salmon Symposium is designed to respect various perspectives toward creating a dialogue moving forward. Symposium delegates will be exposed to a range and diversity of knowledge to inform how to sustain the salmon population, for its own survival and for the ongoing benefit to our people and communities.

Sunday's events include participation in the renaming ceremony of Tsútswecw Provincial Park, opening ceremony for the Salute to the Sockeye festival, trail-based activities in the spawning area of the Adams River and an Indigenous feast, featuring the Indigenous relationship with salmon.

Monday's schedule includes a panel discussion on salmon conservation and management with the academic director for UBC's Centre for Sustainable Food Systems Dr. Hannah Wittman moderating. Panelists include Dr. John Reynolds, the Tom Buell BC Leadership Chair in Salmon Conservation and Management at SFU; Sunny Lebourdais, director of governance for the Secwepemc Nation Building Initiative with the Shuswap Nation Tribal Council; Sarah Murdoch, Pacific Region director for policy and economic analysis with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada; and David Nordquist, lands and title, Adams Lake Indian Band. Other symposium speakers include Dr. Brian Riddell, president and CEO of the Pacific Salmon Foundation and co-author of the Wild Salmon Policy; Dawn Morrison, Neskonlith community member and food sovereignty specialist; Herb Hammond, forest ecologist, Silva Forest Foundation; Dr. Courtney Mason, Canada Research Chair in Rural Livelihoods and Sustainable Communities at Thompson Rivers University; and, Tina Donald, Simpcw community member and vice chair of the Fraser Salmon Management Council. Indigenous elders and community members will share traditional knowledge and perspective related to salmon throughout the symposium.

If people would like to support the event but are unable to attend, there is also opportunity to sponsor a Secwepemc elder or youth. Contact event organizers for more information at <u>shuswapsalmonsymposium@gmail.com</u>.

Registration and the full agenda and speaker profiles are available at <u>www.salmonsymposium.com</u>. Seating is limited, so sign up soon.

For more information, contact Carmen Massey, Adams River Salmon Society, at 250-804-3466 or <u>shuswapsalmonsymposium@gmail.com</u>.

See attached Symposium Agenda and promotional poster for sharing.

Media: Please publicize our event in advance of it happening on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

Also, Media is invited to attend the Monday morning sessions of the Symposium. Please RSVP to <u>shuswapsalmonsymposium@gmail.com</u> if you are intending to be present.

Shuswap Salmon Symposium (Draft) Updated: Friday, September 10, 2018

Sunday, September 30, 2018

Time:	Activity:	Location:
11:30 am	Meet at Quaaout and Departure to Tsu'tswecw - Optional: Transportation on own. Meet Symposium group at Tsútswecw for afternoon activities	From Quaaout Lodge to Tsútswecw (Roderick Haig-Brown Provincial Park)
12:00 pm	Lunch on own at Salute to Sockeye festival vendors	Tsútswecw
1:00 pm	Tsútswecw (Roderick Haig-Brown) Naming Ceremony Symposium attendees have been invited to this significant cultural event. Followed by:	Tsútswecw
	Salute to the Sockeye festival opening ceremony	
2:30 pm	 Indigenous On the Land Experiences (Choose One) 1. Canoe Journey (Space limited to 40, book with online registration) 2. Walk along the trails of Tsútswecw with Secwepemc elders, storytellers and knowledge keepers 	Tsútswecw
4:30 pm	Return to Quaaout Lodge,	Quaaout Resort
	Room Check In and Event Registration	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
5:30 pm	Feast:	Quaaout – Chiefs Room
	 Bringing "Uninterrupted" Back to the Adams, Nettie Wild, Canada Wild Productions Welcome to Secwepemcúlecw (Shuswap Nation) and Prayer by Kukpi7 (Chief) Oliver Arnouse, Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band Salmon Song & Dance by Chief Atahm School Indigenous Art Silent Auction (open until noon Monday) 	
7:30 pm	Dawn Morrison, Secwepemc Nation, Indigenous Food Sovereignty Specialist	Chiefs Room
7:50 pm	Herb Hammond Ecosystem-based Conservation Planning, Silva Forest Foundation	Chiefs Room
8:10 pm	 Kenthen Thomas, Secwepemc Performance Chief Robert Gladstone, Shxwa:y, Sto:lo Nation (unconfirmed) 	Chief's Room

Monday, October 1, 2018

Time:	Activity:	Location:
7:30 am	Breakfast	Chief's Room
8:30 am	 Welcome to Secwepemcúlecw (Shuswap Nation) and Prayer by Kukpi7 (Chief) Oliver Arnouse, Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band Recap of previous day, Carmen Massey, The Adams River Salmon Society and Julie John, Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band. 	Chief's Room

	Tina Donald, Simpcw Nation, History and context of the	Chief's Room
	salmon in the Fraser, The Indigenous Lived Experience.	
9:30 am	Brian Riddell, Pacific Salmon Foundation, Salmon, Science and Society	Chief's Room
10:30 am	 Panel Discussion: Salmon Conservation & Management: Necessary changes for a better future Panellists (to be confirmed - see website for updates) Moderator: Dr. Hannah Wittman, Academic Director, Centre for Sustainable Food Systems, UBC 	Chief's Room
Panellists	Dr. John Reynolds, Tom Buell BC Leadership Chair in Salmon Conservation and Management at Simon Fraser University	
	Sunny Lebourdais, Director of Governance for the Secwepemc Nation Building Initiative, Shuswap Nation Tribal Council SNTC	
	Dave Nordquist, Lands and Title, Adams Lake Indian Band	
	Sarah Murdoch, Regional Director, Policy and Economic Analysis, Pacific Region at Fisheries and Oceans Canada	
12:00 pm	Lunch Program: Dr. Courtney Mason, Canada Research Chair, Rural Livelihoods and Sustainable Communities at Thompson Rivers University	Chief's Room
1.00	Doug Herbert, CBC Live interview with Secwepemc elder	Chief's Room
1:00 pm		
	Small Group Working Sessions: Salmon Conservation in the Shuswap Lake Watershed - Facilitated by Mike Simpson, Fraser Basin Council	Chief's Room
1:00 pm 1:30 pm 3:00 pm		Chief's Room Chief's Room
1:30 pm	Salmon Conservation in the Shuswap Lake Watershed - Facilitated by Mike Simpson, Fraser Basin Council	

About Our Speakers:







Herb Hammond is a forest ecologist and forester with Silva Ecosystem Consultants Ltd. in Slocan Park, BC. He is a registered professional forester and forest ecologist with over 30 years of experience in research, industry, teaching and consulting. Together with his wife Susan, he founded the Silva Forest Foundation, a charitable society dedicated to research and education in ecosystem-based conservation planning. Herb has worked cooperatively with aboriginal nations and rural communities to develop more than 20 ecosystem-based plans across Canada, Russia, the United States and Indonesia. Herb received the Gold Award for Sustainable Living at the Canadian Environmental Awards. His award-winning books, Maintaining Whole Systems on Earth's Crown: Ecosystembased Conservation Planning for the Boreal Forest and Seeing the Forest Among the Trees: The Case for Wholistic Forest Use continue to be used by a wide audience in planning forest protection and use. He has a B.S. in Forest Management from Oregon State University and a Masters of Forestry from the University of Washington.

Nettie Wild, Canada Wild Productions, "Uninterrupted"

UNINTERRUPTED would not have been made without the support of the Little Shuswap Indian Band on whose land we filmed a great deal of our production, and the continued advice and boots-on-the-ground expertise from the Adams River Salmon Society. During the four years of filming, myself and my crew learned a lot about this magnificent river, its fish and its people. UNINTERRUPTED premiered in 2017 on the Cambie Street bridge in Vancouver, playing five nights a week, for three months and to over 30,000 people. During our last month of screenings we were acutely aware of the migration of salmon swimming in our waters, heading up the Fraser in their last push to return home to spawn in the Adams River. This story of migration unites us all. I look forward to sharing UNINTERRUPTED's story and learning more....

Kenthen Thomas, Secwepemc, Neskonlith Indian Band

As a First Nations performer, Kenthen captivates audiences with his fascinating retellings of legends of the Secwepemc, his family land for more than 10,000 years. This is where his late grandmother, respected and even legendary Secwepemc elder, the late Dr. Mary Thomas, taught him the traditional art of storytelling. Storytelling for the Shuswap people brought entertainment to the families during long winter nights. It was also a way to keep the history alive, tell important lessons, and share amusing anecdotes about all the creatures found on this land.

Tina Donald, Secwepemc, Simpcw First Nation Fisheries and Wildlife Coordinator

Carmen Massey, The Adams River Salmon Society, Event Coordinator Carmen is currently a Masters of Science, Environmental Science candidate at Thompson Rivers University. She owns Reach Marketing, a tourism consulting business, and has worked extensively in the Shuswap region with various community partners and stakeholders. Carmen has a deep passion for salmon conservation and community sustainability.
Julie John, Secwepemc, Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band, Event Coordinator Julie is currently attending Simon Fraser University (SFU) doing her EMBA in Indigenous Business & Leadership. As a Secwepemc (Shuswap) Nation member, she has dedicated and invested much of her time and work efforts into the Aboriginal tourism field and it has become one of her greatest ambitions to develop and grow Aboriginal entrepreneurship in our region. Julie owns Be Inspired! Events & Event Planning. She has created a brand called L.I.F.E, Leading Indigenous Female Entrepreneurs and is currently developing an Indigenous Entrepreneur Research project.
Dr. Brian Riddell, Pacific Salmon FoundationPresident & CEO, Pacific Salmon Foundation, Vancouver, BC.1974 BSc. University of Guelph, 1979 PhD. Zoology, McGillUniversityPrior to joining the Pacific Salmon Foundation, Brian workedfor 30 years in research and management positions in ScienceBranch, Department of Fisheries and Oceans; where hecoauthored Canada's Policy for Conservation of Wild PacificSalmon (2005), and provided science advice to the PacificSalmon Treaty. Since joining the Pacific Salmon Foundation(2009), he established the Salish Sea Marine Survival Projectand the research network necessary to undertake thisinternational project. Brian has dedicated this career to theconservation and management of Pacific salmon in Canada andthe North Pacific.



 Sarah Murdoch, Fisheries and Oceans Canada Regional Director, Policy and Economic Analysis, Pacific Region at Fisheries and Oceans Canada Dave Nordquist, Secwepemc, Adams Lake Indian Band Lands and Title, Adams Lake Indian Band Dave is the Title and Rights, TUS and Special Projects Coordinator for the Adams Lake Indian Band. Previously to that he was employed by the BC Ministry of Forests in the Salmon Arm Forest District. Dave is the past President for NAFA, and also sat on the FN Council of Advisors for the Faculty of Forestry at The University of British Columbia. Dave provides Title and Rights advice to the Adams Lake Band Chief and Council. He is also involved in developing and maintaining the band's referral system and he developed a comprehensive Cultural Heritage Program for the Band to see that all Elders are interviewed, and their knowledge recorded as well as providing the material to Chief Atahm for curriculum development.
Dr. Courtney Mason:Associate ProfessorCanada Research Chair in Rural Livelihoods and SustainableCommunities (SSHRC)Thompson Rivers UniversityCourtney Mason is an Associate Professor and CanadaResearch Chair in Rural Livelihoods and SustainableCommunities at Thompson Rivers University, British Columbia.His work examines how Indigenous communities negotiatepressing health and education issues in the context of enduringcolonial legacies. His collaborative research identifies thebarriers to and facilitators of local subsistence practices andsupports community-driven initiatives that enhance regionalfood security and tourism development while protecting localecosystems.
Doug Herbert, CBC Live Interview with Secwepemc Elder After graduating from the broadcast journalism program at BCIT, Doug began his journalism career in Vancouver. He anchored radio newscasts and reported from the field, covering a wide range of stories. Doug moved to Kamloops in 2011, immersing himself in the community, and breaking stories as a TV reporter with CJFC. In 2012 he joined CBC Kamloops as its inaugural News Anchor and has enjoyed exploring the area and reporting on stories throughout the Thompson Okanagan since then.

	Mike Simpson, Fraser Basin Council Mike Simpson facilitates multi-stakeholder initiatives addressing complex environmental and natural resource management issues involving all orders of government (local/municipal, provincial, Aboriginal, federal), the private sector and civil society. Experienced in dealing with various issues including forestry, interface fire, agriculture, mining, trails, recreation, watersheds, water quality, wildlife, Aboriginal title and rights, economic development, fisheries, invasive species, air quality, sustainable development, flood and debris flow. He also provides governance and strategic planning support to small organizations and collaborative initiatives.
Weytk Adams River Salmon Sock	Dr. Don Paterson, President, The Adams River Salmon Society Dr. Don Paterson is a retired family physician who worked in the Interior of BC from 1969 to 2012. He witnessed his first sockeye salmon run in 1970 and has enjoyed 11 more of the quadrennial events. In 2010, he helped with the Salute to the Sockeye Festival and thereafter joined the Board of The Adams River Salmon Society. He is the current President of the Society.

Dawn Morrison's presentation outline

Indigenous Food Sovereignty and Wild Salmon Conservation

As the Founder/Chair of the Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty (WGIFS) and a member of the Secwepemc nation, Dawn will begin by highlighting Indigenous food and eco-social and spiritual values associated with wild salmon. Dawn will share insights gained in her studies of eco-cultural restoration, as well as over 11 years of mobilizing Indigenous food sovereignty knowledge and networks, will propose a conceptual framework designed to honour wild salmon and the complex system of Indigenous bio-diversity and cultural heritage in the watershed. In the spirit of deep and meaningful truth and reconciliation, the presentation will provide an overview of the deep systems change needed to address the ecological and social crises impacting wild salmon and water. Title: Salmon, Science, and Society ...

Presentation by: Brian E. Riddell, PhD., Pacific Salmon Foundation.

Abstract:

Sounds like the title for a book, but after a few discussions with the conference organizers, I will braid a story from these very broad themes. The state of salmon is an increasingly difficult to summarize as trends differ significantly depending on geography, time period, influence of enhancement projects, and local perspectives. Western science has progressed in leaps recently but many of our salmon issues require more local and holistic knowledge that we continue to struggle to integrate. But under climate change, I expect local and traditional knowledge to become more informative than western-based predictions since that knowledge base will be more informative at the scales, over space and time, important to local salmon populations and their habitats. It will be this convergence of knowledge that may finally create an effective salmon society necessary to protect and restore Pacific salmon for future generations. Ironically, the social network that we need to create today reflects the network of salmon populations that evolved over thousands of years ... unfortunately, it has taken a long time to realize this!

End.

Parks and Protected Areas: What is being Conserved and for Whom?

This talk will focus on a brief history of park development in Canada which will overview the impacts on ecosystems and local peoples. For Indigenous communities, the histories of parks and protected areas have often facilitated displacement, cultural loss and food insecurity. In the 21st century, many Indigenous peoples are using new park designations and related legal frameworks to protect their traditional lands, their key ecosystems, and the food sources that they support. Conflict over who makes land use decisions is common between multiple stakeholders, such as natural resource extraction and tourism industries, Indigenous communities, as well as numerous levels of government. To demonstrate the complexity of these issues and possible ways forward to protect fish and critical watersheds, examples will be drawn from Western Canada and Māori land-use management in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Courtney Mason. Associate Professor, Canada Research Chair, Rural Livelihoods and Sustainable Communities, Thompson Rivers University



September 1, 2018

City of Salmon Arm, Box 40, Salmon Arm, B.C. V1E 4N2

Dear Council Members,

The Royal Canadian Legion #62 requests permission to conduct our ANNUAL POPPY CAMPAIGN and public canvassing for funds October 26, 2018 to November 10, 2018.

We also request permission to hold ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY Services on November 11th, at the Cenotaph, with Parade of Veterans along the usual route from the Legion premises, via Lakeshore Dr. and Alexander St. crossing the Trans-Canada Highway to the Cenotaph and return. (Attached route map)

Would you please forward a copy of this letter to the Public Works Foremen so that the borrowing of barricades and "No Parking" signs can be arranged for day of Services.

A letter of liability insurance with City of Salmon Arm will be forwarded by our insurance agent.

We would like to invite you to attend our Annual Remembrance Day Celebrations on November 11th, 2018.

Our Parade will form up at the Legion at 10:30 a.m. We will march off at 10:45 a.m. Following the return of the Parade, we invite you to join us for an afternoon of entertainment and comradeship.

We look forward to your participation, confirmation and approval.

Fraternally,

Dan St-Pierre Poppy Chairman

Royal Canadian Legion #62 Salmon Arm, BC legion62sa@gmail.com

Cc: Fire Department RCMP Detachment Ministry of Transportation Ambulance Services





September 1, 2018

Mayor Nancy Cooper and City Council Box 40 Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

Dear Friends,

RE: Marine Park Gazebo

We write to continue our campaign to have the gazebo at Marine Park outfitted with rain gutters. In 2001, 2006, 2010, 2013 and 2016, we have written letters to the City of Salmon Arm (and have met with CSA Parks staff) requesting renovations to the gazebo to help protect against the elements. These requests have included rain gutters, GFI electrical outlets, wind protection, better lighting, and regular cleaning of the insect and spider accommodations around the light.

At the August 1st Wednesday On the Wharf concert, the Arts Council's WOW crew was fully set up with a band that was here all the way from Australia. A 10-minute rain storm came upon us at around 6:15pm. As is often the case in the Shuswap, the sun then came out and it was a beautiful evening. The crowd was up to about 200 when we were evaluating the water that had pooled on the stage and the fact that the electrical outlets (where all the sound equipment was plugged in) were wet due to being directly under the drip-line of the roof. The sound technicians and the band members were not comfortable going forward for fear of damaging their equipment at best, electrocution at worse. We cancelled the concert. It was a situation that could have been avoided if there were rain gutters.

Wednesday On the Wharf's annual budget is about \$25,000. Donations collected during the concert make up 40% of the revenue. When a cancellation like this occurs, we take a huge hit. Therefore, we once again ask that the City of Salmon Arm prioritize upgrades to this important venue in our community, and help us provide the cultural services that we so passionately wish to offer.

Sincerely,

Tracey Kutschker Director/Curator Shuswap District Arts Council

Box 1181 Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4P3 salmonarmartscentre.ca 250.832.1170



downtown SALMON ARM

Mayor and Council City of Salmon Arm PO Box 40 Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

September 4, 2018

Dear Mayor and Council

Re: <u>Request for Funding for Downtown Community Clean-Up</u>

Salmon Arm Downtown Improvement Association is hosting the Askew's Community Clean Up Day, Saturday April 13, 2019.

This is the fourth year of the event and last year saw many participants come out and week, sweep, pick up garbage, clean garbage cans, remove debris and then enjoy a BBQ lunch sponsored by Askews.

An event such as this will involve people from different sectors of the community –businesses, community leaders, youth and individuals will work together to tidy the downtown core and demonstrate civic pride.

We would like to continue this event in the Spring 2019 with the support of the City of Salmon Arm. We are requesting \$500.00 be allocated for this event from the City's annual operating budget.

Thank you for your continued support of downtown initiatives and community events.

Regards. Lindsay Wong Manager



downtown SALMON ARM

Mayor and Council City of Salmon Arm PO Box 40 Salmon Arm BC V1E 4N2

September 5, 2018

Dear Mayor Cooper and Council,

RE: Winter Solstice Bonfire Night

Downtown Salmon Arm's 2018 Christmas festivities include the 3rd Annual Winter Solstice Bonfire Night, Thursday December 20, 5-7pm, along with Late Night Shopping.

We are requesting a street closure to vehicle traffic between Hudson Avenue and Lakeshore Drive. The closure would be in effect from 4-8pm.

We are adding more activities to the event this year by having another burn barrel (total 3), a photo booth, bar lounge at the Salmar Classic, the Shukeles band, in addition to the already established activities! Of course, Santa and the Winter Queen will make special appearances.

Our members affected by the street closure request are encouraged to host their own activity to further increase the lively atmosphere.

We are seeking Council's approval for the event and for the street closure to vehicle traffic on Thursday December 20th, from 4-8pm.

Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support of Downtown Salmon Arm.

Kind regards Lindsay Wong Manager

DOWNTOWN SALMON ARM 250 SHUSWAP STREET NE, PO BOX 1928 SALMON ARM, BRITISH COLUMBIA V1E 4P9 SABNES Box 27, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

City of Salmon Arm Box 40 500 2 Ave. NE Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2



September 6, 2018

Dear Mayor Nancy Cooper and City Council,

We are inviting the City of Salmon Arm and other community organizations to participate with us this fall in an urgent project to help the habitat of Salmon Arm Bay. "Woody Nightshade" is an invasive plant species that has flourished and multiplied along the foreshore this past summer. It is currently choking out the Cattails that are essential to the health of the marsh along the foreshore. Cattails filter the water and provide important habitat for wildlife, including the Western Grebe.

SABNES in conjunction with the Shuswap Naturalist Club, Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society, and the Shuswap Trail Alliance are organizing a 'Community Weed Pull' on Saturday, October 27th to pull Woody Nightshade along the Raven/SABNES trail on the foreshore of Salmon Arm Bay.

We would also like to continue the work by hiring a few 'strong' individuals for a week of weed pulling. We are looking at an extra \$1000. per day for five days. Our goal is to diminish the patch of Wood NightShade significantly.

The Shuswap Naturalist Club and SABNES volunteers have pulled a total of 220 garbage bags full of Wood Nightshade along the foreshore over the past few years. However, this past spring the extended wet weather, followed by summer heat, has produced even more Woody Nightshade.

Cattail plays important role on the foreshore. It serves as source of food and shelter for various birds and mammals. Underwater, they provide a



safe haven for tiny fish and attract many of the smaller aquatic creatures that birds and other wildlife feed on. The rhizomes and lower leaf portions of cattails are consumed by muskrats, ducks, and geese. They create a shelter from winter cold and wind for mammals and birds and a source of nesting material with their leaves and seeds. The Cattails provide important nesting material for grebes.
The population of Western Grebe in British Columbia is found on the Red List of species 'at risk,' due to insufficient nesting conditions and low breeding numbers. According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), "loss of habitat is the most critical threat to grebe species. Because the grebes tend to return to the same nesting sites year after year, they are particularly vulnerable to any changes in those environments, and may not seek out alternatives breeding sites." Thus, it is very important that we protect their habitat in Salmon Arm Bay.

The Columbia Shuswap Regional Invasive Species will be providing two staff to help train and lead the volunteers and the workers. Two of their days will be covered. SABNES and the Shuswap Naturalist Club will do their part by volunteering once again for the Community Weed Pull. The Trail Alliance has offered to use some of their allocated days. (details to follow). We are hoping to hire two or three individuals for 5 days for a total of approximately, \$5000.

We are wondering if the City of Salmon Arm has funds and /or manpower to support part of this project. It would be helpful to have a truck or dumpster for the week or at the end of the week to aid in the disposal of the Invasive weeds.

Thank you in advance, Janet Aitken, SABNES / Shuswap Naturalist Club

Cc. Rob Niewenhuizen , Rob Hein, Darin Gerow, Chad Eliason, Kevin Flynn, Alan Harrison, Ken Jamieson, Tim Lavery, Louise Wallace Richmond, Kevin Pearson, Robyn Hooper, Ed MacDonald, Phil MacIntyre Paul

Sherwood Village, 5th Avenue N.E., Salmon Arm, BC V1E 1Y9, C/O Bernadette Bajo, Chair bernadette.bajo@gmail.com Tel: 250-803-5644

September 7, 2018 By Post and Email: J. Ragsdale@okanagan.bc.ca

Joan Ragsdale Okanagan College Regional Dean, Shuswap and Revelstoke Okanagan College 2552 10th Avenue NE Salmon Arm, BC V1E 2S4

SEP 1 2 2018

Dear Ms. Ragsdale:

I write regarding the college's intention to apply to the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills & Training to construct student housing at Okanagan College in Salmon Arm. As per the Salmon Arm Observer this would be a 60 unit building with kitchens and other common areas.

Our strata complex backs directly onto college property. Ms. Ragsdale, while we applaud your initiative to improve access to education we do have some early concerns that we hope you will address, as follows:

- A. Where on college property would the structure be located?
- B. How far away from adjacent properties would that be?
- C. How many stories would the structure consist of?
- D. What impact would an additional building have on Turner Creek, the bird ponds, the trail, and the mature trees that we all share and enjoy?

We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Bajo Chair on Behalf of Council and Owners of Sherwood Village

- CC: Rhona Martin, Chair, Columbia Shuswap Regional District Board by post and email rmartin@csrd.bc.ca
- Chad Eliason, Councillor, City of Salmon Arm by post and email celiason@salmonarm.ca





September 12th, 2018

Planning Committee Chair Jeromy Biron Adams Lake Health Centre 2471 - 50th Ave. NW Salmon Arm BC V1E 3A1

Dear Mayor Nancy Cooper and Council members,

You are cordially invited to attend a "Community Conversation on Harm Reduction" to learn more about the Opiate Crisis and available resources. The discussion will include where things are at with the crisis, as well as the community resources that are available in the Salmon Arm area to help manage this health challenge.

Interior Health Authority (IHA), along with the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) will be presenting the current landscape of this crisis. The communities of Adams Lake, Little Shuswap, and Neskonlith Indian bands will be present, along with various other community agencies to highlight the various resources that they have available (such as Mental Health and Addictions). Dinner will be provided before the presentation. There will also be display and resource tables.

The details are as follows:

Event:	Community Conversation on Harm Reduction	
When:	Wednesday September 19, 2018	
Where:	Salmon Arm School District Office 341 Shuswap Street SW Salmon Arm BC	
TIME:	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm (dinner at 5 pm)	
Questions:	Please contact Jeromy Biron – Adams Lake Health Center at 250-679-7726	

We hope you are able to join us!

Regards,

Jeromy, for the Planning Committee

From: Susan Mackie [mailto:info@salmonarmmuseum.org]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 6:47 PM
To: Susan Mackie
Subject: What are you doing October 20 and 21? If you are looking for a truly screaming good time, Halloween fun awaits you at R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum

What are you doing October 20 and 21? If you are looking for a truly screaming good time, Halloween fun awaits you at R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum located at 751 Highway 97 B Salmon Arm for the 23rd Annual "Spooktacular". Gate admissions are \$8.00 per person and the 4 years and under ghouls and ghosts are free. Gates open at 5:00pm for this family fun haunting event. Scary & not so scary amusements are open until 8:30 pm.

As dusk falls on the Village, strange shadows and ghostly figures appear as the Spooktacular magic commences. Little ghouls can brave the not-so-scary "Pumpkin Patch Path" full of rhymes, games and treats or visit Mt Ida Church and enjoy just the right amount of fright with not so scary stories from "Spooky Tales of Halloween"

Visit the Mystical Fortune Teller, beware she may know all your secrets, predict your future or call the spirits to revel what your future holds. If you are feeling a bit under the weather, an appointment with the Menacing Mad Scientist and a diagnosis in his electric chair is sure to make you scream. If amusements are what you seek, test your skills at games of chance at the "Hocus Pocus Midway".

Don't let your guard down! If you venture to far and cross the bridge of "Last Hope" you will find yourself on "Shady Lane". Chills, thrills and villains await you as you prowl the boardwalk of the Montebello Building. Shops have transformed into blood curtailing, bone chilling shops of horror. Mayhem awaits you; this is only for the brave of heart.

Keep up your pace on a hair-raising adventure through the Haunted House. Do you think you are fearless enough to venture to the Spook Trail? There are haunts around every corner stalking you in the forest where zombies and phantoms are waiting - you never know what unearthly magic beckons your fate and where the howling may lead you. You have been warned!

When you're ready for a break from all the horrifying thrills, enjoy hot dogs, hot chocolate and popcorn by the fire or rest your brooms and visit the "RIP Coloring Room" where you can have your face painted, make a fun "Haney" craft or colour a picture to take home. You never know what you might unearth at Spooktacular.

Mark the 23rd Annual Spooktacular on your calendar - this is one after-dark Halloween event that you do not want to miss! For more information call 250-832-5243, visit our website www.salmonarmmuseum.org or find us on facebook.com/Haneyheritage. Ghouls and Ghosts under 12 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

<u>Volunteers Wanted</u> As a registered charity, R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum is thankful to have a devoted group of volunteers who help at events. Consider joining our team of volunteers. If you would like to be a volunteer at Spooktacular please contact <u>volunteer@salmonarmmuseum.org</u>

Susan Mackie General Manager Come and Explore!

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Cc: canerserena@gmail.com; Justin Wetherill; Melanie Puder
Subject: SHUSWAP FOOD CONVERSATIONS

Hello Mayor Cooper and councillors,

Once again, The Shuswap Food Action Co-op (soon to be society) is hosting 6 free and drop-in evenings at the college.

This will be our 6th set of 6 evenings over the past 2 1/2 years, and we hope that some of you will drop in to see what we are doing, and how it is meant to boost the health of the citizens of Salmon Arm, and the economy of the Shuswap.

I have included a poster showing all six dates, the topics, and the speakers we have lined up; quite an impressive list!

Our attendance has been quite consistent at about 35 per night, and we are, with this series, hoping to attract more young families. At one session on the link between food and good health, we had to expand the room to accommodate 81 people.

We are all about good (healthy) food, grow-your-own, buy local, and support your local farmer.

Please consider this your personal invitation to attend. We welcome you and appreciate any advertising you can give as it all helps Salmon Arm prosper.

Thanks, and call if you have any questions Ronn Boeur and Shelley Corbin (250) 832-1956



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Learn how these topics interconnect. Bring your ideas, questions & curiosity. Part of each evening will be devoted to discussion, related videos or pertinent articles.

Sept 19	Five Tips for Making Healthy Food Choices A discussion about food additives, product labeling, "clean/dirty" fruits and vegetables, addictive foods, and various common diets: raw, vegan, gluten-free, vegetarian, organic, other	Afke Zonderland : Raw food chef Founder of Okanagan Rawsome Living Whole Foods Regularly hosts workshops promoting a plant- passionate foodie lifestyle
Sept 26	Good Food Fixes (Everything) Let food be our medicine to prevent disease, control weight gain, and aid in recovery from major illness	Serena Caner : Registered Dietitian Advocate for children's healthy eating habits Regular columnist with the Salmon Arm Observer
Oct 3	Childhood Disorders: Rates on the Rise A talk on childhood autism (ASD), attention-deficit disorder (ADD), attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), anxiety, stress, and more	Lesley Gurney: Speech Language Pathologist specializing in Autism Spectrum Disorder Registered Autism Service Provider Leanne Godwin: BSc (Occupational Therapy) ECD (Early Childhood Development) Specialist in young special-needs children
Oct 10	"To Meat or Not to Meat?" The question is: What is driving the trend towards plant-based diets?	Shauna Lewis: Owner of Smudge Noshery Catering to vegan, vegetarian, paleo, keto, and all food restrictions Creator of locally sourced, organic where possible, wholesome fast food
Oct 17	Eating "Outside the Box": An insider's look at what else is in your cereal A look at the pesticides, preservatives, chemicals, additives, and Roundup residues found in our foods Discussion on vital nutrients found <u>only</u> in organics	Dr. Warren Bell: BA MDCM CCFP FCFP (LM) Past Founding President of Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) Founding President of WA:TER (Wetland Alliance: The Ecological Response) Rural Preceptor – UBC
Oct 24	Today's Steps Towards Food for Tomorrow A viewing of Chapter 1 of the film <i>Tomorrow</i> : creative ideas for tackling looming agriculture problems (loss of arable land, jobs, biodiversity, mega-farms, etc).	Jerre Paquette: PhD, Director of South Shuswap Health Services Society (SSHSS) Author of Eat To Save Your Life Speaker on "What does good health look like? Moderator of discussion following film segment
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Hosted by Shuswap Food Action www.shuswapfood.ca in partnership with Okanagan College



Mayor and Council City of Salmon Arm

September 17, 2018

Your Worship and City Councillors,

On behalf of the the planning organizations; SAS Sullivan Wellness Centre, CMHA – Shuswap Revelstoke and PRIDE Salmon Arm we would like to advise you that we are postponing the PRIDE Crosswalk Celebration until sometime next year, possibly around the one year anniversary date of the installation.

Our community members and partners are intent on developing more partnerships, especially with the City and Council that demonstrate support and protection of the LGBTQ2s community and truly reflect their commitment to diversity and inclusion.

We will keep you advised of developments and look forward to growing our relationship with the City of Salmon Arm.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Shannon Hecker

Sincerely,

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Cc: Erin Jackson, Corporate Officer







For Immediate Release | Sept. 6, 2018

Seniors to benefit from new health and wellness centre

SALMON ARM - A new Seniors Health and Wellness Centre opened this week in Salmon Arm. Interior Health and local physicians through the Shuswap North Okanagan Division of Family Practice have worked together to establish the centre which aims to support the health of seniors living with complex health needs.

"Our focus is on the whole person and their care goals," explains Dr. Kate McCarroll, a family physician with expertise in caring for the elderly who spearheaded the project with the local Division of Family Practice. The division supports the centre by providing physical space, physician education, and coordination of the physician roster.

The care team at the centre includes a physician, registered nurses, dietitians, social workers, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, rehabilitation therapist, pharmacist and other health-care practitioners as needed.

"I'm excited to be part of a high-functioning team that is committed to helping seniors remain independent and live well. Connecting clients with appropriate support and information early on is an important part of this approach," adds Dr. McCarroll.

In addition to comprehensive assessment and care planning, the health-care team will provide education and connection to community-based services, with the goal of helping seniors live independently for as long as possible.

Vivian Asham was the centre's first client after being referred to the centre by her doctor. She was seen by several members of the team.

"It has been a very positive experience. It is nice that everyone is all in one place, I know the location well and I don't have to leave town. After my appointment, the physiotherapist came right to my home and provided strengthening exercises. We feel like we are getting to know the team and everyone is friendly and helpful," said Vivian.

Her daughter-in law Dawn Asham agrees. "It has been great to have access to a whole team that communicates well with each other," she said.

"The new Seniors Health and Wellness Centre is a great example of team-based care helping seniors access specialized services in the Salmon Arm area. It is about better health - living better, not just longer - a key aspect of our seniors' strategy. This wrap-around service will be a great benefit to seniors, their families and the community," said Health Minister Adrian Dix.

The Seniors Health and Wellness Centre is currently located at Marine Plaza at 781 Marine Park Dr. NE Salmon Arm and is open one day per week. Referrals to the centre are accepted from family doctors and nurse practitioners for residents of the Shuswap and Enderby areas.

"Surrounding a patient with a team of experts improves access and health outcomes and provides a better care experience, not only for the patient but for the care-providers as well," said Interior Health

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Board Chair Dr. Douglas Cochrane. "This is key to our primary care strategy and we appreciate the ongoing collaboration with local physicians and the Division of Family Practice."

The Salmon Arm Seniors Health and Wellness Centre supports the Government of B.C.'s primary health-care strategy, which is focused on delivering faster, team-based care to British Columbians in all parts of the province. As part of this, government is implementing primary care networks, including urgent primary care centres and community health centres to help coordinate care and improve access to services. Government is also addressing the shortage of primary care providers in the province by providing funding for up to 200 new general practitioners and 200 nurse practitioners to work in a renewed primary care system.

For information about seniors care within Interior Health, visit Adult and Seniors Health under Your Health at <u>www.interiorhealth.ca</u>. For information about the Divisions of Family Practice visit <u>www.divisionsbc.ca</u>.

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For Immediate Release | Sept. 17, 2018

Community Update: Supervised Consumption Services helping people avoid overdose and receive health services

KELOWNA - With its first year of operations complete, there have been no overdose deaths at the Mobile Supervised Consumption Service (MSCS) in Kelowna, and hundreds of clients have been connected successfully to addiction treatment and harm reduction services.

"Lives are being saved every day thanks to the innovative Mobile Supervised Consumption Services offered in Kelowna," said Mental Health and Addictions Minister Judy Darcy. "Every visit and every overdose reversed is an opportunity to connect people to services and treatments that can help stabilize their lives and help them find their pathway to hope and healing."

The mobile service operates seven days a week in downtown Kelowna (afternoon) and Rutland (evening) and offers a place where people who use drugs can be safely monitored and treated if they overdose.

"The Mobile Supervised Consumption Services are an integral part of Interior Health's response to the opioid overdose emergency, to which unfortunately no end is in sight," said Interior Health Board Chair Doug Cochrane. "We know we need to keep working to enhance substance use services, address stigma, and engage with our community partners. Every person matters and one death is too many."

The service saw 26,445 visits between June 2017 and July 2018. A total of 47 overdoses were reversed at the MSCS in Kelowna during this time, and there have been no overdose deaths on the unit.

A total of 394 referrals were initiated for clients in Kelowna seeking help with housing, mental health and addiction services, and other supports.

"We are really pleased to see clients accessing service through the mobile unit who may not otherwise seek out health services. These clients are now receiving medical care, accessing harm reduction services, and initiating referrals to important social supports," said Danielle Cameron, Interior Health IH Central Health Service Administrator for Mental Health and Substance Use.

An evaluation of the service found that, overall, the MSCS is meeting objectives; clients find staff welcoming and knowledgeable, and many clients have accessed nursing services and been connected to community supports.

"I feel more positive and have access to other services," said one client who participated in the evaluation. Another said "Staff are kind and understanding of addictions."

The evaluation also identified areas for improvement, particularly the constraints associated with the use of a retrofitted Recreational Vehicle, such as space limitations, privacy concerns and mechanical issues.

An action plan has now been developed to build upon some of the evaluation's findings, with an emphasis on further enhancing service.

"We are looking forward to working with our community partners to continue to build on the success achieved to date," Cameron said.

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The Mobile Supervised Consumption Services are one piece of Interior Health's broader response to the opioid overdose emergency. Other priority areas include: enhanced surveillance to better track overdoses; participation in the BC Take Home Naloxone program; and expanded Mental Health and Substance Use treatment programs, including increased outreach and follow-up efforts.

To learn more about Interior Health's response to the ongoing opioid overdose crisis, visit the Public Health Overdose Emergency page at <u>www.interiorhealth.ca</u>.

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KELOWNA

Mobile Supervised Consumption Services Community Update

The Mobile Supervised Consumption Services (MSCS) are an integral piece of Interior Health's response to the ongoing opioid overdose emergency. The following is a community update regarding this service from June 2017 – July 2018. Note: service expanded from 5 to 7 days per week in January 2018.



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I feel more positive and have access to other services. ~ Clients community services: financial support, specialized medical care, food and referrals to other community services.

*While staff provide referrals it is not known whether clients follow-up/access additional services.

**Opioid Agonist Treatment is an evidence-based treatment that uses prescribed medications to treat people who have opioid use disorder (opioid addiction).





News Release

The governments of Canada and British Columbia are providing more than \$71.7 million in innovative treatment options for people with substance use disorders

We hope this information and related link will be useful to you.

If you do not wish to receive these health-related messages, please let us know in your reply to this e-mail.

Thank you.

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From: Health Canada

News release

September 6, 2018 - Ottawa, ON - Government of Canada

The opioid crisis is a national public health crisis that is devastating individuals, families and communities across the country. Tragically, nearly 4,000 Canadians lost their lives in 2017 as a result of apparent opioid-related overdoses. Without increased access to effective, evidence-based treatment options, people with substance use disorder will continue to be at risk for overdose. We must continue to work in a collaborative and comprehensive manner to address this crisis.

On September 6, 2018, the Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Health, and the Honourable Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions in British Columbia, announced a <u>bilateral agreement</u> signed under the Government of Canada's new Emergency Treatment Fund.

This agreement recognizes the investment of more than \$71.7 million— \$33.98 million from the Government of Canada, in addition to the province of British Columbia's contribution of \$37.76 million. The funding has been designated to enhance or increase access to quality treatment services for substance use disorder. This includes investments in:

- youth services provided by <u>Foundry</u>, which offers young people ages 12-24 health and wellness resources, services and supports;
- expanding injectable opioid agonist treatment, a treatment for people with severe opioid use disorder;
- supporting treatment beds;
- investing in 'hope' initiatives, designed to improve local-level capacity to connect individuals with the treatment options appropriate to their unique needs;
- · developing strategies to enhance and improve treatment services;
- enhancing the treatment services provided by all health authorities; and
- investing in supportive recovery.

With this agreement, the governments of Canada and British Columbia are working to increase treatment services for people who are seeking help for substance use disorders.

Quotes

"The opioid crisis continues to have a profound impact on thousands of people and their families across the country. I am pleased that we have signed this agreement with the Government of British Columbia to help accelerate access to treatment services. With the Emergency Treatment Fund, our Government is helping to ensure that innovative and comprehensive treatment options are available for Canadians who want and need them. I look forward to signing the remaining bilateral agreements in the coming months."

The Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor Minister of Health

"Today's agreement with the federal government will help to save lives as we continue to work together to combat the overdose crisis. In British Columbia, we are escalating our response to this crisis every single day. Lives are being saved every day at overdose prevention sites; by connecting people to treatment; by expanding the available treatment options; and by training more prescribers. We will continue to build a system where people who need help can receive it quickly and where addiction is no longer treated as a moral failure tainted by shame, but as the health issue that it is."

Judy Darcy

Minister of Mental Health and Addictions in British Columbia

Quick facts

- In Budget 2018, the Government of Canada committed more than \$230 million over five years to address the opioid crisis. This funding includes \$150 million for a cost-shared Emergency Treatment Fund. Related investments made by provinces and territories since January 2016 can also count towards the matching of federal funds.
- The latest national data for 2017 estimate that nearly 4,000 Canadians died of apparent opioid-related overdoses. That is up from an estimated 3,000 apparent opioid-related deaths in 2016.
- In September 2017, the Government of British Columbia allocated \$322 million over three years (2017/18 – 2019/20) to address the overdose crisis; \$170.6 million of that funding is dedicated to enhancing treatment services, provider

training and outreach, and increasing the range of available opioid agonist treatments.

- The Government of British Columbia's contribution of \$37.76 million is included in the \$322 million multi-year investment and will be used to improve treatment and care, and contribute to improved health and social outcomes for people living with opioid use disorders.
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From: Organics Infrastructure Program ENV:EX [mailto:OrganicsFund@gov.bc.ca] **Sent:** Friday, September 07, 2018 3:24 PM **To:** Organics Infrastructure Program ENV:EX **Subject:** Organics Infrastructure Program - Expression of Interest now open

Good Afternoon,

The Organics Infrastructure Program is now open with an Expression of Interest (EOI) application period. EOI applications can be submitted starting September 7, 2018, and up to and including November 7, 2018. The Organics Infrastructure Program combines \$10 million of federal funding from the Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund, \$10 million of provincial funding, and a \$10 million contribution from applicants and/or their partners. The Organics Infrastructure Program will fund infrastructure projects that process municipal organic waste, and/or agricultural organic waste for beneficial reuse. Local governments, including regional districts, municipalities and self-governing First Nations with modern treaty agreements, are the eligible applicants.

For information on how to submit an EOI application, please visit our website at <u>https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/waste-management/food-and-organic-waste-organic-waste-diversion/organics-infrastructure-program</u>. The website contains an EOI application form and a guide for how to complete the application. Formal applications will be accepted in the spring of 2019, and an EOI must be submitted to be eligible to apply at that time.

To support applicants with their EOI applications, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy will be hosting a webinar to review the EOI form and guidance, and to respond to questions. This webinar will be offered on the following dates:

- Tuesday, September 25, 2018: 1:30 2:30 pm PDT
- Wednesday, September 26, 2018: 9:30 10:30 am PD

If interested in attending either of these webinars, please RSVP to <u>OrganicsFund@gov.bc.ca</u> and specify your preferred date.

We thank you for your interest in the Organics Infrastructure Program.

For more information on the management of organic waste, please visit our website at: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/waste-management/food-and-organic-waste.

Caylee Simmons

From:OMRR Reg Review ENV:EX [env.omrr.reg.reviews@gov.bc.ca]Sent:Friday, September 07, 2018 4:24 PMTo:OMRR Reg Review ENV:EXSubject:Intentions Paper Posted: Proposed Changes to the Organic Matter Recycling Re	gulation
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The ministry is inviting you to review and comment on the intentions paper for the proposed amendments to the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation (OMRR) under the *Environmental Management Act* (EMA).

Enacted in 2002, the OMRR governs the construction and operation of composting facilities and the production, distribution, sale, storage, use, and land application of biosolids and compost. The OMRR was developed to facilitate the recycling of organic material while protecting human health and the environment.

The intentions paper for this regulation describes the ministry's objectives, the proposed changes to the current regulation, aspects concerning the protection of human health and the environment and other relevant information. Detailed information, as well as a PDF version of the intentions paper and a PDF version of the response form are available on the ministry's web site: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/waste-management/food-and-organic-waste/regulations-guidelines

If you are an "association", please forward this correspondence and website address to your members. You are also encouraged to forward this information to others who you feel may wish to comment on the proposed changes. The ministry welcomes all suggestions. Comments regarding the proposed intentions of the ministry in regulating these activities will be carefully considered in the development of these amendments. The intentions paper will be posted on our website for a 60-day consultation period, closing November 7, 2018.

Please note that any comments you provide and information that identifies you as the source of those comments may be publicly available if a Freedom of Information request is made under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

If you have any questions regarding the consultation process, please visit the ministry website at www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/waste-management/food-and-organic-waste/regulations-guidelines or send an email to: env.omrr.reg.reviews@gov.bc.ca

Please note that we are in the process of scheduling information webinars on the intentions paper and will send out more information on dates, times and how to register shortly.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to receiving your comments.

Sincerely,

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Chris Jenkins, Director Clean Technologies Section

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BC Healthy Communities: September eNews



It's difficult to send out a casual update when so many communities in our province are facing devastating losses. Even those not directly under threat are impacted by the **mental** and **physical** impacts of extremely smoky conditions. For many, all this is accompanied by a sense of frustration and powerlessness as we witness the **direct impacts of climate change on our communities and our health**.

As an organization dedicated to healthier communities for all, we're feeling a sense of loss like everyone else, while at the same time, seeing in even more clear focus than ever before the **interconnected nature of health, equity and sustainability in communities**. And we take what small comfort we can in seeing how community members have banded together to help one another in this terrible time. Witnessing the strength and courage across BC is proof to us that our belief in communities as the core unit of change is well-founded. We are honoured to highlight the accomplishments of our province in so many different contexts.

Photo: Firefighters on the Shovel Lake Fire: Nadleh Crew, Salish Crew: Lil'Wat Nation, Mexican Crew and the RCMP at the Nadleh Whuten Yah. Credit: Terry Teegee, via **BC Wildfire and Flood Support Group Facebook Page**.

The Team

To **Diana Gresku**, health is a cornerstone of life. Originally from Hungary, Diana immigrated to Canada at a young age and distinctly remembers features of her neighbourhood that contributed to her and her family's well-being, autonomy and sense of belonging.

Now, Diana contributes to community well-being through her role as **BC Healthy Communities' Research and Impact Specialist**. Diana ensures that equitable evaluation practices are the foundation for Healthy Communities work, both internally and externally. Learn more about Diana's passion



for evaluation and inclusive communities, as well as her affinity for Hungarian poetry and dance.

The News



Call for proposals: Cities Fit For Children Summit

Local governments: looking for a way to demonstrate your community's commitment to children and youth? Be the next municipality to host **Cities Fit for Children**, a biennial summit that connects leaders in child and youth-friendly planning, policies, and partnerships across the province. Applications now open—**find out more**.

Evaluation: the link between process and progress

This past year, throughout our programs, we've heard from a lot of communities looking for evaluative support—ways to understand the impacts and outcomes of their work, to analyze what's working and why, and to see where some changes and pivots could make their efforts more effective. **We've designed a tool that helps us measure our impact**, and in turn, can help communities do the same. **Learn more about this new tool**, as BC Healthy Communities readies to present it at the **2018 International Healthy Cities Conference in Belfast** this coming October.



New job opportunity: Community Well-being Specialist

we're hiring.

Are you an experienced facilitator who loves tackling complex community challenges, synthesizing data and adapting processes to design solutions? BC Healthy Communities is looking for a Community Well-being Specialist to join our innovative, interdisciplinary team in Victoria. The application deadline is September 16, so don't delay! **Check out the full posting here.**

Creating inclusive, healthy places in our communities

In 2016 the Gehl Institute, with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, began developing the **Inclusive Healthy Places Framework** to provide new evidence-based resources on public space projects that link to community health and wellbeing. This framework outlines four distinct but interrelated areas in which public space intersects with health equity and inclusivity, and highlights the importance of acknowledging cultural context and lived experience. **Explore the Framework**.

Inclusive Healthy Places



2020 Vision Project.

Stream of Consciousness takes community virtual

We all know that even the best ideas can get lost in the noise if they don't have enough amplification behind them. BC-based company **Stream of Consciousness** offers livestreaming services to help ideas get heard on a global scale. Now, through a series of events gifted to community-based organizations, they're helping several organizations to be heard—including BC Healthy Communities! Stay tuned for the **BC Healthy Communities event happening in November**, and until then, learn more about what Stream of Consciousness is calling **the**

The A to Z of Healthy Communities

Together with **Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition**, we bring you the A to Z of Healthy Communities—a collection of terms you'd find in the Healthy Cities movement. Read the whole alphabet **here**!

G is for Grants

Grant writing is often a necessary part of fundraising for social benefit organizations. By aligning your proposals with your organization's values, goals and mission, identifying a strong knowledge of the funding area and needs therein, and demonstrating collaboration and partnerships, you can greatly improve your chances of success.



The Read



Every Blog Has Its Day

We've rounded up our favourite online reads for this month:

- The role of public space in civic life (SFU Public Square)
- <u>Tools for systems thinkers: The 6 fundamental concepts of systems thinking</u> (Disruptive Design)
- The case for building \$1,500 parks (Fast Company)
- Community plumbing: A history of the hardware store (Places Journal)
- Making homes truly healthy (Times Colonist)

Thank you for doing your part to create healthy communities! Follow us on Facebook and Twitter @BC_HC Connect with community using #BCHealthyCommunities. BC Healthy Communities c/o theDock 300-722 Cormorant St. Victoria, BC, V8W 1P8

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September 2018

Community Recognition

***Retraction: The District of Sparwood has not yet formalized their smoke free bylaw. Our mistake. We apologize for the incorrect information we published last month.

Vernon Endorses Climate Action Revolving Fund Policy & Projects

The City of Vernon has created a Climate Action Revolving Fund Policy to determine how to best use the City's carbon tax reserve funds. The fund will provide support to projects that would continue to enhance climate action initiatives in the community. Keep up the great work City of Vernon in showing leadership with sustainable development and lowering greenhouse gas emissions! To find out more information, visit this link!



CSRD Recognized for Carbon Neutrality Initiatives

The Columbia Shuswap Regional District has been awarded a Level 4 Award for Carbon Neutrality from the UBCM Green Communities Committee. Click <u>here</u> to read more! This award was achieved because the CSRD met their goal of carbon neutrality for the 2017 reporting year. This award highlights some of the great work the CSRD has done in taking action to decrease corporate emissions.

Nelson's Community Solar Garden - A Year in Review

Solar electricity generation has been implemented in Nelson to offer renewable energy options for the community and alignment with Nelson's Path to 2040 Sustainability goals, as well as the City's recent commitment to the West Kootenay EcoSociety's 100% Renewable Kootenays by 2050 initiative. Nelson Community Solar Garden also won an <u>Honourable</u> <u>Mention in the Climate and Energy Action Awards</u> this week at UBCM!

Solar projects are neither rare nor unique. However, what makes this project a first for Canada is that members of the community have voluntarily invested in the panels. Read more about it <u>here</u>.



Events & Learning Opportunities

CALL FOR PROPOSALS -Cities Fit for Children Summit- Applications Open for 2019

Cities Fit for Children is a biennial conference that brings together municipal leaders with child development professionals, and parents and community champions to promote and increase collaboration towards creating local environments where children, youth and their families thrive.



The mission of Cities Fit for Children is to provide a forum for the coming together of local governments, service providers and committed citizens to improve environments for children, youth and families. **BC Healthy Communities Society is now accepting applications from BC municipalities to host the 6th Cities Fit for Children conference, to be held in fall 2019**. More information and applications can be found <u>here</u>. **Applications close October 31, 2018**.

Making the Links 2018: Climate Change, Community Health, & Resilience



Join community leaders this fall for two days of learning and creating strategies for collaborative action on some of the most pressing issues of our time: climate change, health, and resilience. Not your average conference, this symposium promises to deliver inspiring workshops, cross-sector dialogue, speakers, and community stories that together will

help us uncover shared approaches to tackling climate change right here in Canada...approaches that will not only protect, but improve, our community health and well-being! <u>Register here</u> for the conference on **November 5 & 6 2018 in Kelowna**.

Webinar: Creating Abundant Community in Neighbourhoods

Tune into this webinar hosted by the Tamarack Community Institute to learn about building 'Abundant Community' in neighbourhoods, as a viable alternative to the consumer-driven economic system that

currently exists, as we strive to attain positive health outcomes, better distributed wealth, and engage children, seniors and neighbours in creating an educating neighbourhood. <u>Register here</u> for the webinar on **September 25th**, **9:00-10:00am PST**.

Webinar: Municipal Housing Policy & Program Ideas from New Westminster

The City of New Westminster works to try to improve housing affordability and stability through a range of award-winning initiatives that support secure access to housing, while trying to reduce the incidence of homelessness. On this webinar, Tristan Johnson, Planning Analyst will speak to the City's approach to overcoming local housing affordability challenges with a focus on three innovative initiatives - Renovations Action Plan, Small Sites Affordable Housing Project, and the New Westminster Rent Bank. <u>Register here</u> for the webinar on **September 26th, at 10:00- 11:00 am PST.** Read this <u>case study</u> for more details about New Westminster's housing successes.



Healthy Public Policy Resources

Addressing the New Normal: 21st Century Disaster Management in B.C.

If you haven't read <u>this report</u> that was released in the spring, you may want to check it out now after yet more floods & fires have been experienced across the province. You may also be interested in the new <u>B.C. Air Quality Website</u>. This report from 18 months ago is still useful: <u>BC Health Wildfire Smoke Response Coordination Guideline</u> And this one is a brand new detailed and scientific analysis called <u>Public Health Responses to</u> <u>Wildfire Smoke Events</u>. The public health response to wildfire smoke events is complex, involving inter-sectoral collaboration, community engagement and the use of many sources of information in decision-making.



Four Ways Local Governments Can Support Mental Health Through Community Design

Community connectivity, green space, housing, placemaking, public art, and heritage conservation efforts can go a long way toward contributing to mental health and emotional wellness for residents. Read this piece for lots of examples!



Working with Local Government on Food Policy: a toolkit for civil society

This toolkit is a guide for those who wish to work with local government on food policy. It describes how to navigate the complexities of food policy and local government; focusing on how best to do this work – exploring what to do rather than why. The intent is to enhance the effectiveness of civil society engaged in food systems change. <u>Read the toolkit here</u>

IH Smoke Free Bylaws - Updated Fact Sheet for Local Governments Please take a look at the fact sheet attached to this email, updated last month by the IH Integrated Tobacco Program especially for those in local governments.

Funding News



Age Friendly Funding

The Age-friendly Communities program assists communities in BC to support aging populations by developing and implementing policies and plans, undertaking projects that enable seniors to age in place, and facilitating the creation of age-friendly communities. Applications are currently being accepted for this program, with the application

deadline: November 2, 2018. Find the application here.

Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) Program

The new Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) program will expand opportunities for local governments and First Nations to reduce the risk and impact of wildfires by applying FireSmart principles. In addition to wildfire prevention planning and fuel management projects, the scope has

been expanded to include demonstration projects, training, public education and community engagement, interagency cooperation and development considerations.

Funding is scaled to offer eligible applicants with lower risk of wildfire to apply for up to \$25,000 and applicants with a demonstrated higher risk of wildfire to apply for up to \$100,000 per year. The application deadline is **December 7, 2018**. Find the application <u>here</u>.

Indigenous Homes Innovation Challenge

The Indigenous Homes Innovation Challenge is a national competition that will be launched by the Government of Canada in fall 2018. It is designed to feed into broader efforts underway to close the housing gap for Indigenous peoples.

Goal is to fund new approaches for the design and construction of Indigenous-led home and community innovation projects for First Nation, Inuit and Métis peoples living in rural and urban communities. The application process will launch in the fall, stay tuned in <u>here</u>.



Sincerely,

Your Healthy Communities Team

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Smoke Free Bylaws – Factsheet for Local Governments

Benefits of Smoke Free Bylaws:

- Supports smoke and vape free living where your residents live, work and play
- Makes it less likely that youth will start smoking or vaping, and supports current smokers who are trying to quit.
- Reduces the risk of wildfire and toxic litter in the environment.
- Is an effective means of reducing tobacco and vapour use and second hand smoke in your community
- Is supported by both smokers and non-smokers

What to Consider:

- · Tobacco smoke is the leading cause of preventable death in Canada
- There is no safe level of exposure even in outdoor settings: Second hand smoke is a "class A" carcinogen
- In the absence of a provincial ban on smoking in outdoor public places, we encourage local governments to protect their residents and take a leadership role by adopting a comprehensive smoke free bylaw
- More than 70 communities in BC have smoking restrictions above and beyond provincial regulation
- · Communities have found that compliance has not been burdensome for bylaw enforcement

Areas in communities where smoking has been prohibited:

- Municipal areas: playgrounds, parks, beaches, city squares, sports and entertainment venues, playing fields, trails, outdoor markets and outdoor special events
- Customer service areas (outdoor patios) at restaurants and bars
- Airports and hospital properties

** Tobacco use for traditional ceremonial purposes should be exempt from smoking restrictions

What has been done in other communities?

 Visit the Non-Smokers Rights Association Data Base to view smoke-free bylaws in communities throughout the Interior, BC and Canada (search by province and select "municipal") <u>https://database.nonsmokersrights.ca/</u>

Partner with Interior Health and other Health Organizations

Work with your Health Authority, the Canadian Cancer Society, BC Cancer Agency and other health
organizations to improve the health of your citizens. We assist local governments to develop smoke
free bylaws, and can share what has worked in other communities.

Leading edge smoke-free bylaws:

- Prohibit smoking and vaping on bar/restaurant patios and all city managed properties including parks, trails, playgrounds, beaches and recreation venues.
- Increase buffer zones to 7.5 meters around doors, windows and air intakes of public buildings.
- Include a definition of smoking that encompasses burning cigarettes, cigars, cannabis and any other substance using a pipe, lighted smoking device or electronic smoking device.

Beyond Bylaws - Helping People Quit:

QuitNow services at <u>www.quitnow.ca</u> – support to quit by phone, online, live chat, video or text.

Free nicotine replacement products – access through local pharmacies or visit the BC Smoking Cessation Program website: <u>http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/pharmacare-for-bc-residents/what-we-cover/drug-coverage/bc-smoking-cessation-program.</u>

B.C. Tobacco Legislation – Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act (2016)

Smoking and vaping are prohibited in workplaces, indoor public spaces and common areas of multi-unit dwellings.

Includes a buffer zone of 6 m from any doorway, open window or air intake of a public place or workplace.

Smoking and vaping are prohibited on school grounds, in transit shelters and on Health Authority property.

Smoking and vaping are prohibited in vehicles with children under the age of 16 (Motor Vehicle Act), and in foster care homes and cars (Smoke-Free Environment Policy, Ministry of Children & Family Development, 2008).

For more information contact the Integrated Tobacco Program tobacco@interiorhealth.ca



Achieve Anything Foundation The Sky's No Limit - Girls Fly Tool Kirsten Brazier, President & Founder Suite 47-20821 Fraser Highway Langley, BC V3A 0B6 (604) 210-4033 ext. 102 <u>media@achieveanything.ca</u>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Operation: This IS You! FREE Fall Events for Girls & Women

Canadian Coast Guard, YVR and Royal Canadian Navy partner with Achieve Anything Foundation to offer a hands-on taste of *'life on the job'* in high tech fields

Vancouver, BC – September 6, 2018 – The Achieve Anything Foundation announces that applications are open for fall Operation: This IS You! hands-on experience events <u>www.achieveanything.ca</u>.

Richmond, BC – Saturday September 15: Search & Rescue with Canadian Coast Guard Activities include tours of base duty stations, an interactive simulated search and rescue exercise, dive demonstration, educational games, firehose challenge, pilot the zodiac rescue craft and go for a ride to sea in the hovercraft. Bring your own lunch. *Minimum age – 14 years*





Richmond, BC – Saturday September 29: Behind the Scenes – YVR Airport Operations Activities will explore Aircraft Rescue/Firefighting, Airfield Maintenance, Wildlife Control (Eagle/Hawk demo), K9 Explosive Detection, Operations and Emergency Operations Centres, Air Traffic Control Tower tour, Commercial Airline Cockpit tour. Lunch will be provided. *Minimum age* – 16 years

Esquimalt, BC – Saturday October 20: Day Sail on a Royal Canadian Navy Warship

Activities include tours of ship duty stations, crew quarters, war room and operational equipment; Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) joint search and rescue demonstration, ship firefighting simulation, simulated attack scenarios that demonstrate the warship's impressive manoeuvring capabilities. Lunch will be provided. *Minimum age – 12 years*



Achieve Anything Foundation - Operation: This IS You! Fall Events 2018

The Achieve Anything Foundation is a federally incorporated not-for-profit organization with a mission to inspire female future leaders in STEM (science, technology, engineering & math), and STEM-based fields such as Aviation, Aerospace, Marine & Defence. With the mantra *"From shop floor to top floor"* the Foundation employs a unique hands-on approach towards changing perceptions and improving gender diversity in high tech fields.

"Since the number of women in high tech industries remains low, the result is that few girls and women have women in their network to share their experience and passion for these fields. In day to day life, women generally don't "see" themselves reflected in these areas, and this is continually reinforced in media and social media". Says Achieve Anything president and founder Kirsten Brazier. "Therefore, if women are not aware of these opportunities, it is unreasonable to expect them to be interested in pursuing STEM-based fields. We've implemented Operation: This IS You! to develop this network of experience by providing year-round hands-on events for girls and women in the native environments of our agency and industry partners."

This hands-on approach has proven very successful for the Foundation's signature event **The Sky's No Limit – Girls Fly Too!**, held annually during the week of International Women's Day. Since 2012 the family-friendly, free event has been enjoyed by over 67,300 participants and 9,172 free flights provided to female first-time fliers. Over the past 4 years the events have been supported by two female NASA astronauts: Wendy Lawrence and Heide Stefanyshyn-Piper. Visit <u>www.girlsfly2.ca</u> for more information.

Brazier is a professional pilot from the Lower Mainland, BC and she holds Airline Transport Ratings for both aeroplanes and helicopters. With over 25 years of flying experience, Brazier has enjoyed a diverse career flying across Canada, US and the Caribbean on wheels, floats, skis and skids as well as two-crew operations in both aeroplanes and helicopters. In 2017, the University of the Fraser Valley recognized Brazier's achievements with an Honorary Doctorate of Technology.



Achieve Anything Foundation - Operation: This IS You! Fall Events 2018

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August 22, 2018

Her Worship Mayor Nancy Cooper City of Salmon Arm Box 40 500 2 Avenue NE Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

Dear Mayor Cooper:

On behalf of myself and my wife Brenda, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to attend our first Roots and Blues Festival. We will be back.

I was particularly impressed by two things. First was the very high calibre of talent you had assembled. It is obvious that the jury selection process used is very effective. Secondly, we were amazed by the friendly and knowledgeable volunteers that you had. They were, to a person, tremendous Ambassadors for Salmon Arm.

Well done.

Yours truly,

Ken Christian, Mayor

Ken Christian, Mayor City of Kamloops

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27 August 2018

The Honourable Selina Robinson Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Room 310, Parliament Buildings Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Robinson,

RE: **Modernization of Utility Taxation**

At the August 7, 2018 Regular Meeting, District of Ucluelet Council passed the following motion:

THAT Council approve recommendation 1, 2 and 3 of report item, "Modernization of Utility Taxation" which states:

1. THAT Council submit the following late resolution for consideration at the 2018 UBCM Convention:

WHEREAS Section 644(2) of the Local Government Act is intended to define the requirements of a 1% annual tax on utilities carrying on business in a municipality;

AND WHEREAS utility company services have expanded beyond electrical light, electric power, telephone, water, gas or television services to include internet and cellular services:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province initiates the modernization of Section 644(2) of the Local Government Act to include internet and cellular services;

- 2. THAT Council send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing; and
- 3. THAT Council send a letter to all UBCM member municipalities encouraging them to write to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing.

This motion has been submitted as a late resolution to the 2018 UBCM Convention and we look forward to discussing with you then.

Sincerely,

Dianne St. Jacques Mayor, District of Ucluelet

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COUNCILLOR REPORT TO COUNCIL



Council Meeting: AUGUST 7, 2018 500 Matterson Drive, Ucluelet, BC VOR 3A0

FROM: COUNCILLOR MAYCO NOEL

SUBJECT: MODERNIZATION OF UTILITY TAXATION

FILE No: 0410-20

REPORT No: 18-80

ATTACHMENT(S): SECTION 644 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

MOTION:

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- 2. THAT Council send a letter to the Minister of Municipl Affairs & Housing; and
- **3.** THAT Council send a letter to all UBCM member municipalities encouraging them to write to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's support in the District of Ucluelet advocating for the modernization of the 1% utility tax rate in the *Local Government Act* (LGA) to include internet and cellular services.

BACKGROUND:

Section 644 of the LGA provides for the taxation of utility companies (attached as Appendix A). Subsection 2 requires municipalities to tax utility companies at a rate of 1% on telephone or television services.

Staff have confirmed with a Telus representative that the 1% utility tax applies only to telephone land lines. Many households have replaced their land line telephone with a cellular phone, so while the utility company continues to offer a calling service it is not required to forward 1% of their revenue to municipalities.

Like the telephone, television subscriptions have also decreased due to the internet and online tv streaming services. Internet services are delivered to households using cable and wire – both of which are included in the LGA's definition of a utility company's "specified improvements". However, the legislation is completely silent on the revenue from internet services which are still largely provided by "traditional" telephone and television service providers.

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The updating of the LGA to reflect advancements in technology and changes to utility companies' revenue streams is overdue. I would like Council to support my motion to send a resolution for modernizing the 1% utility tax rate to the 2018 UBCM Convention as well as sending a letter to all BC municipalities. Local municipalities are always struggling to find new revenue streams and it appears this is one revenue stream that has been forgotten.

Respectfully submitted: Mayco Noel, Councillor

APPENDIX A - Local Government Act (Excerpt)

Taxation of utility company property

644 (1)In this section:

"specified improvement" means an improvement of a utility company that is

(a)a pole line, cable, tower, pole, wire, transformer, equipment, machinery, exchange equipment, main, pipe line or structure, other than a building,

(b)erected or placed in, on or affixed to

(i)land in a municipality, or

(ii)a building, fixture or other structure in or on land in a municipality, and

(c)used solely in the municipality or a group of adjoining municipalities by the company for local generation, transmission, distribution, manufacture or transportation of electricity, telephonic communication, water, gas or closed circuit television;

"utility company" means an electric light, electric power, telephone, water, gas or closed circuit television company.

(2)A utility company that is carrying on business in a municipality in which it has specified improvements must be taxed annually by the municipality at the rate of 1% as follows:

(a) for a telephone or closed circuit television company, on the gross rentals received in the 2nd preceding year from its subscribers for telephone or television service located in the municipality, including telephone interexchange tolls for calls between exchanges in the municipality;

(b)for any other utility company, on the amount received in the 2nd preceding year by the company for electric light, electric power, water or gas consumed in the municipality, other than amounts received for

(l)light, power or water supplied for resale,

(II)gas supplied for the operation of motor vehicles fuelled by natural gas, or

(iii)gas supplied to any gas utility company, other than a government corporation as defined in the *Financial Administration Act* or a subsidiary of a government corporation.

(3)Tax under subsection (2) is subject to the same remedies and penalties as taxes under Part 7 [Municipal Revenue] of the Community Charter.

(4)A utility company liable to tax under subsection (2) must

(a)by October 31 in each year, for the purpose of determining the tax payable in the next year, file with the collector a return of the revenue referred to in that subsection that was received in the preceding year, and (b)pay the tax imposed under subsection (2) in accordance with Division 10 [Property Tax Due Dates and Tax Notices] of Part 7 of the Community Charter.

(5)As an exception to subsections (2) and (4), in the case of a company to which this section applies for the first time in the municipality,

(a)the company must pay the tax imposed under subsection (2) in the 2nd year of its operation on the basis of revenue earned in the first year, and (b)the report of revenue earned in the first year must be filed before May 8 of the 2nd year of operation.

(6)Tax imposed on a utility company under subsection (2) is in place of tax that might otherwise be imposed on the specified improvements under section 197 (1)
(a) [municipal property taxes] of the Community Charter, and taxes may not be imposed under that provision on the specified improvements although they may be imposed on those improvements under section 197 (1) (b) [property taxes for other bodies] of the Community Charter.

(7)For certainty, all land and improvements of a utility company in a municipality, other than specified improvements, are subject to tax under section 197 [annual property tax bylaw] of the Community Charter.



625 Howe Street, Suite 1430 Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 2T6

August 31, 2018

Re: Municipal Red Tape Challenge

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the 10,000 business owners who are members of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) in British Columbia, we are writing to you today about our upcoming Red Tape Awareness Week, January 21st to 25th, 2019.

Next year marks the 10th Anniversary of CFIB's annual Red Tape Awareness Week campaign and to mark this milestone CFIB is issuing a **Municipal Red Tape Challenge**. We're asking your municipality to champion red tape reduction and service improvement by <u>committing to enact a</u> <u>red tape reduction charter</u> with a checklist to ensure new regulations are properly challenged and a one-in-one out rule to keep the regulatory burden from growing. Our other recommendations include:

- Measure municipal service standards and regulatory loads,
- Create opportunities where citizens can give feedback on ideas for red tape reduction and customer service improvement (e.g., online feedback mechanisms and "suggestion boxes"; a business advisory panel, a Business Navigator program),
- Ensure transparency through public reporting,
- Create a director of service excellence and red tape control who has responsibility for implementing the recommendations above.

Reducing "red tape" can lift constraints on private sector development and foster economic growth and these simple measures can help grow small business in your community and attract new entrepreneurs. Should your municipality accept this challenge in writing by December 14, 2018, CFIB will highlight the leadership your municipality is showing during our 2019 Red Tape Awareness Week in helping small business succeed.

The Golden Scissors Award

CFIB also wants to provide you an opportunity to highlight the red tape reduction efforts in your municipality in 2018. The Golden Scissors Award is a prestigious national CFIB award recognizing

individuals or teams who have successfully motivated others to take action or produced meaningful, positive results in cutting red tape for small business.

We are inviting you to submit a nomination for the Golden Scissors Award. Nominations are <u>open until September 28, 2018</u> at <u>cfib.ca/goldenscissors</u>. The winner and honourable mentions will be announced during Red Tape Awareness Week.

On behalf of our members, please accept our sincere thanks for your commitment to increase business owners' chances of success. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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August 29, 2018

Mayor Nancy Cooper and Members of Council City of Salmon Arm Box 40 Salmon Arm BC V1E 4N2

Dear Mayor Cooper and Council,

Review of the Auditor General for Local Government Act and Office

The legislation that created the Auditor General for Local Government (AGLG) in 2012 requires a five-year review of the *Auditor General for Local Government Act* (the "*Act*") and the functioning of the office of the Auditor General.

A Working Group has been established by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to provide oversight and input into the review. It is made up of representatives from Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and Local Government Management Association as well as Ministry staff. The terms of reference are to conduct a review of how the Office and the Act have achieved their stated objectives to date and determine options for the future.

I have been retained by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to conduct the review. I have over 25 years of experience as the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of both municipal and regional governments in Alberta and British Columbia. I was the CAO for the Regional District of Nanaimo for 13 years and, most recently, retired as the CAO of the Capital Regional District where I worked for seven years.

During the week of September 17 to 21, 2018, the following surveys will be sent out electronically:

- For those local governments that have had a performance audit completed by the AGLG prior to the 2015 UBCM survey, you will be asked for information regarding your experience implementing the recommendations from the audit.
- For those local governments that have had a performance audit completed after 2015, you will be asked for information regarding your experience implementing the recommendations from the audit. You will also receive the 2015 UBCM survey from CivicInfo BC to complete.
- For those that have not had a performance audit, the survey will seek to understand the overall impact and value of the AGLG to your organization.

I greatly appreciate your participation in this review as the more we hear from local governments the more relevant the final recommendations to the Minister can be. If you have any questions once you receive the survey, please contact me at <u>kapow2@shaw ca</u>.

Sincerely,

Kelly Daniels



To whom this may concern,

I am writing to request a proclamation from the City of Salmon Arm to declare the month of November 2018 as Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month.

Pulmonary Hypertension (PH) is a very complex and serious lung disease, which is progressive and potentially fatal. It can strike anyone regardless of age, sex, social, or ethnic background. In Pulmonary Hypertension (which means high blood pressure in the lungs), the arteries of the lungs become narrowed and scarred, which can result in the almost complete closing of the arteries.

PH shares a number of its symptoms with other conditions, resulting in many people being misdiagnosed. Without treatment, the average life expectancy of someone with PH is less than three years. Alarmingly, many patients spend two to three years seeking an accurate diagnosis. It is estimated that approximately 5,000 Canadians have been diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension, but as many as 10,000 may be affected by the condition. While there is currently no cure for PH, thanks to available treatments, many patients are living longer, healthier lives.

Celebrated annually throughout the month of November, PH Awareness Month is an international event. Our small non-profit organization works to help support those living or affected by this difficult disease in Canada through education, support, research, and better access to life-saving treatments.

By raising awareness of pulmonary hypertension throughout November, we hope to achieve two things: bring hope to all of the Canadians who suffer from this merciless and often terminal disease. And also bring attention to the need for earlier diagnosis, so that newly diagnosed patients can have a better chance of survival.

I hope you will consider my request to have Salmon Arm officially declare the month of November 2018 as PH Awareness Month. Rare diseases get very little attention and are usually very difficult to diagnose, so even a proclamation and information in media can shed some light and promote discussion among medical professionals and citizens, with the hope of earlier diagnosis for those affected by this life-threatening illness.

For more information about PH and this request, please feel free to contact me directly.

Kind Regards,



Michael Robach

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