

**INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

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| 1.  | Building Department - Building Statistics - August 2020   | N |
| 2.  | Building Department - Building Permits - Yearly Statistics  | N |
| 3.  | J. Kral - email dated September 9, 2020 - Disc Golf   | A |
| 4.  | S. McCoubrey, Chairperson, Lake Country ArtWalk 2020 - email dated August 7, 2020 - Proposal Requesting the Installation of several Air Chairs in you Municipality  | A |
| 5.  | T. Kutschker, Director/Curator, Shuswap District Arts Council Board of Directors - letter dated August 19, 2020 - Salmon Arm Arts Centre Accessibility  | A |
| 6.  | C. Mossey, Manager, Government Relations, BC Transit - letter dated August 31, 2020 - 3 Year Transit Expansion Initiatives  | A |
| 7.  | H. Roberge, Administrator, Maple Tree Montessori - letter dated September 8, 2020 - Maple Tree Montessori Expansion   | A |
| 8.  | L. Halls, Deputy Minister, Emergency Management BC - email dated August 31, 2020 - Release of the What We Heard "Modernizing BC Emergency Management Legislation" Report  | N |
| 9.  | R. Parenteau, Manager, Shuswap Community Foundation - letter dated September 1, 2020 - Shuswap Community Foundation   | N |
| 10. | I. Tostenson, President and CEO, British Columbia Restaurant and Foodservices Association, J. Guignard, Executive Director, Alliance of Beverage Licensees and K. Beattie, Executive Director, BC Craft Brewers Guild - letter dated August 26, 2020 - Request for Support for Expanded Patio Permissions | A |

N = No Action Required  
A = Action Requested

S = Staff has Responded  
R = Response Required



**CITY OF SALMON ARM  
BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT  
AUGUST 2020**

LAST YEAR (2019)                      CURRENT YEAR (2020)  
 CURRENT MONTH    YEAR-TO-DATE                      CURRENT MONTH    YEAR-TO-DATE

		NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE
1	New Single Family Dwellings	2	900,000	30	10,640,000	4	1,523,000	32	11,663,785
2	Misc. Additions etc. to SFD's	9	286,400	62	2,609,438	6	841,585	67	3,843,194
3	New Single Family Dwellings with suites	1	350,000	12	4,368,000	2	1,050,000	7	2,830,000
4	New Secondary/Detached Suites	-	-	9	569,600	1	30,000	11	426,200
5	New Modulars/MH's (Factory Built)	2	290,000	7	1,450,000	1	205,000	14	2,676,633
6	Misc. Additions etc. to Modulars/MH's	2	4,000	12	70,770	1	4,200	11	335,815
7	MFD's (# Units)	2 (67)	12,000,000	3 (69)	12,500,000	-	-	2 (41)	6,750,000
8	Misc. Additions etc. to MFD's	1	3,000	8	233,600	-	-	7	101,309
9	New Commercial	1	750,000	3	7,210,000	1	2,000,000	2	2,120,960
10	Misc. Additions etc. to Commercial	1	215,196	14	588,049	-	-	7	277,000
11	New Industrial	-	-	3	3,343,998	-	-	1	100,000
12	Misc. Additions etc. to Industrial	-	-	3	1,285,000	-	-	4	1,023,200
13	New Institutional	-	-	2	586,033	-	-	-	-
14	Misc. Additions etc. to Institutional	1	20,000	6	156,000	-	-	1	5,000
15	Signs	-	-	27	241,389	2	8,484	11	36,864
16	Swimming Pools, Pool Buildings	1	50,000	2	120,000	2	97,000	5	327,000
17	Demolitions	1	-	15	-	1	-	10	-
18	Temporary Trailers, A & B Permits	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
19	Misc. Special Inspections, etc.	-	-	26	-	-	-	12	-
	<b>TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>14,868,596</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>45,971,877</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5,759,269</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>32,516,960</b>

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

**BUILDING PERMITS - YEARLY**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
001	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
002	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
003	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
004	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
005	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
006	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
007	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
008	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
009	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
010	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
011	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
012	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
013	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
014	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
015	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
016	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
017	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
018	1,970,104	3,943,104	10,028,787	14,363,122	20,252,322	30,488,747	37,540,412	40,421,060	55,689,215	59,634,580	64,988,531	66,797,572
019	6,060,645	6,835,345	10,699,845	18,074,843	22,220,523	26,015,593	31,103,281	45,971,877	48,902,359	52,267,409	56,765,409	58,511,534
020	2,218,950	4,293,250	6,900,060	9,289,060	12,891,318	23,340,638	26,757,691	32,516,960				

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2020 3:34 PM

**To:** Erin Jackson

**Subject:** Letter to Council for Monday Sept 14 2020

Dear Council Members,

I am writing with regards to the ongoing challenges regarding the disc golf park on the city property on 10th Ave SE.

Players unknowingly continue to trespass onto my property, on a regular basis to retrieve their discs. There are no defining lines as to where the property line is, nor are there any nets to stop the discs from crossing onto my property.

Disc baskets and launching pads are intrusively close to the property line.

Last month I was struck in the back of the head by a disc while in my vegetable garden. I am fortunate that it was the back of my head and did not sustain any significant injury.

On two separate occasions I witness players dogs run onto my property and through my vegetable garden.

Last summer Duncan told me he would have Private Property signs made up and placed all along the property line. To date one small sign (approx 5x7") has been posted. He also said they would plant trees for more privacy. I also discussed with him the essential need for fencing and more signage.

I presume the City knows where the property line is to guide them when cutting down trees and topping them for air traffic clearance. Therefore, it should not be necessary to have it surveyed again.

There continues to be a significant amount of alcohol consumption. Players, more often than not, have a drink in hand and back packs to carry the alcohol. Naturally the noise level increases which is ongoing as early as 6am until dark.

The profanity and drunkenness has been frequently witnessed by my house guests and sadly my young grandchildren while playing in the front yard.

With no barriers in place, and the increase of public usage, I expect these challenges will continue and potentially escalate.

The daily challenges I face with the disc golf course is affecting the quality of life I once enjoyed prior to it opening.

I have been told by some of the parties playing disc golf that eventually there will be tournaments held which will attract hundreds of people. I pray not.

I feel that the cart has been put before the horse as there are details, and consequences that have been overlooked. The course most certainly should be fenced and nets put up to prevent injuries.

I would like to suggest that there be future consideration for trash cans, recycling bins, pets leashed or not permitted, washrooms or outhouses, no smoking signs, regular monitoring of the course, and designated times and days that the course be open and closed.

Respectfully,

Jacqueline Kral

**From:** "Mccoubrey, Sharon"  
**Date:** Friday, August 7, 2020 at 11:30 AM  
**Subject:** Lake Country ArtWalk - Art Chairs Project



2020

## **Proposal Requesting the Installation of several Art Chairs in your Municipality**

### **Background:**

As you might know, the major arts festival, Lake Country ArtWalk had to be canceled this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Initially, we considered producing a modified version of ArtWalk through various digital strategies. However, it would not be possible to capture the experience of ArtWalk, the magic mix of artworks, music, people, the energy of mingling creativity and fun experiences. So, we had to make the difficult and sad decision to cancel this year's ArtWalk festival.

However, we did want to mark ArtWalk 2020 in some way, so we have planned a one-time, special Community Project. Our hope with this project is that we will meet our two-fold mandate, to support artists, and to provide high quality artworks and art experiences for the general public in the Okanagan.

### **Description of the Project:**

There will be about 45 wooden chairs in a Muskoka/Adirondack style painted by Okanagan artists. They will turn each chair into a work of art. In addition to the image that will be painted, a short, positive message will be incorporated into the painting in some way. Several examples of these positive messages are: Kindness Matters, Be Creative, Smile, etc. The intent is to offer a positive artwork during a difficult time.

The art chairs will then be installed in most of the municipalities throughout the Okanagan Valley. The chairs will be assembled in groups of 2 - 4, and will be placed 6' apart, which invites a coming together, but still staying safe. We are inviting you to participate in this project by consenting to have art chairs installed in your community.

### **Location of the Art Chairs**

We are requesting that you select a location within your municipality that would be suitable for this project. We think of parks, beaches, courtyards, plazas; whichever space is your preference. We anticipate that this cluster of art chairs will be well received by the public, and therefore, will enhance the appeal and engagement of the space in which they are located.

### **Duration of the Art Chairs Project**

This public art project is intended to be a temporary installation. We anticipate that a two-year term is quite appropriate, however, the actual decision about how long the chairs remain in place is your decision. At the end of the term that you determine for your municipality, the chairs can continue to be yours to keep, to relocate, to be given a different use, to be repainted, or to be removed.

### **Costs**

There is no cost to your municipality for this project. ArtWalk will cover all costs for the chairs, the commission to the artists for painting the chairs, and the installation in your municipality.

### **Installation Details**

This is a straightforward installation, with several chairs being installed in your chosen location. The chairs would be secured against theft by being secured into the surface. Several different installation options may be appropriate, dependent on the type of surface. Installation of the chairs will occur only after your approval of the installation technique. By their very nature and purpose, the chairs will not pose any safety issues.

### **Maintenance of the Arts Chairs**

If there is any damage or graffiti to the art chairs, we would take care of the repair, cleaning, or replacement, whichever would be the necessary resolution.

### **Timelines**

The timelines have some flexibility, but generally, the chairs will be painted in the month of August, and installations will take place in September. We are hoping that most of the chairs will be installed during the first two weeks of September, with a promotion of the project taking place on September 12, or 13, the dates when ArtWalk would have taken place. It is possible that some installations will take place later than these dates, depending on approvals and other details.

**Your Decision**

This is a general description of this project, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Would you please contact me through email with a response to this proposal, giving us your decision.

We hope you will decide to include your municipality in this special community project. Given the timelines of this project, we would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible

Thank you.

Dr. Sharon McCoubrey  
Chairperson  
Lake Country ArtWalk Planning Committee

**Dr. Sharon McCoubrey, *Chairperson***  
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August 19, 2020

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

RE: Salmon Arm Arts Centre Accessibility

Dear Friends,

Thanks to the City of Salmon Arm and its continued support of this organization, the Arts Centre has weathered the pandemic storm thus far, and has pivoted many of its programs to engage a wide audience in a safe manner. It's been our challenge, and indeed our pleasure, to innovate our way forward. At our annual report to Council, we will be sure to tell you of all our activities, but for now it is the historic Arts Centre that we wish to focus on.

We recognize that accessibility is a challenge for historic structures, therefore long term planning and consultation is important. For example, the side ramp on the Arts Centre building, currently considered the accessible entrance, has been recognized as a barrier to accessibility; the ramp is crumbling at the edges, has been deemed too narrow, and does not provide a large enough landing for turnaround. The Arts Council has recently registered with the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification program, and will request an audit of the building in 2021. In the meantime, one project that is very manageable in the short term is an accessibility door button.

The door button can already be found at most public buildings, grocery stores and businesses. It will allow for a touchless entry into the Arts Centre for people with disabilities, seniors and other vulnerable populations who are immune-compromised who wish to visit their cultural institutions.

Please consider this request for permission to install an accessibility door button at the side of the Arts Centre, allowing for automatic door opening. The cost for installation is \$3175, quote attached, and we are currently seeking two electrician's quotes to get power to the location. BC Arts Council recently announced an infrastructure grant for creative spaces that will cover up to 75% of the costs of a capital improvement such as this. All of these elements will need to come together before the deadline of October 19, 2020, therefore we ask the City of Salmon Arm to provide permission to alter the exterior of the building for the accessibility door button, and provide any associated permits. A contribution, either in-kind or in cash, by the municipality and/or owners of the building will increase the possibility of a successful application.

The Arts Council is honoured to be housed in the wonderful property owned by Salmon Arm and its citizens, and want to ensure continued access is safe, easy and enjoyable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracey Kutschker".

Tracey Kutschker, Director/Curator  
on behalf of the Board of Directors  
Shuswap District Arts Council

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Item 12.1.5





August 31, 2020

Attn: Robert Niewenhuizen  
Director of Engineering and Public Works  
City of Salmon Arm  
500-2nd Avenue NE  
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

**Re: 3 Year Transit Expansion Initiatives**

Dear Robert,

As we continue to respond to the impact of COVID-19 and focus our efforts on recovery, the health and safety of our operators and customers remains paramount. As restrictions begin to lift across the province and customers are returning to their normal travel routines, there is also work underway to reinstate many of our key processes in collaboration with local governments. As much as the future remains uncertain, we must also begin to plan appropriately for the future growth of our transit systems.

Each year, BC Transit confirms service expansion plans for the coming year with local government partners, and also confirms service expansion priorities for the subsequent two years. This process ensures that 3-year expansion initiatives are consistent with the expectations of local governments, and allows BC Transit to proceed with securing the funding and resources to implement service expansions.

In late April, we communicated the decision to defer all planned 2020/21 expansion initiatives until 2021/22 in order to focus our efforts on service and ridership recovery across the province. As our society and the economy have begun to open back up, we have made every effort to ensure that transit service could accommodate increased travel while maintaining the safety of employees and customers. At the same time, we have begun to reinstate some of the initiatives that were put on hold, including our expansion planning. The purpose of this letter is to re-confirm the desire to proceed with the deferred expansion initiative(s) in 2021/22, as well as identify your expansion priorities for both 2022/23 and 2023/24.

We ask that a signed copy of this letter be returned to BC Transit by October 30, 2020. If you are unable to meet this deadline, please contact me at your earliest convenience to discuss further. Following confirmation of the provincial budget in February, we will confirm with you that supporting provincial funding has been secured and initiate a transit service implementation plan. I look forward to working with you on the continued improvement of your transit service and encourage you to contact me if you have any questions regarding these proposed initiatives.

Item 12.1.6

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mossey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

Chelsea Mossey  
Manager, Government Relations  
BC Transit

## Three-Year Transit Expansion Plan

### Proposed Transit Service Expansion Initiatives

The table below outlines expansion initiatives previously identified for implementation in 2020/21, which are now deferred to 2021/22. The estimated costing remains unchanged from the Expansion Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) previously approved by your local government, and we anticipate that these estimates will be subject to further inflationary increases. Please ensure that these initiatives are consistent with your local government expectations.

PROPOSED EXPANSION INITIATIVES – YEAR 1 (2021-22)						
AOA Period	In Service Date	Annual Hours	Vehicle Requirements	Estimated Annual Revenue	Estimated Annual Total Costs	Estimated Annual Net Municipal Share
2021/22	Sep-21	500	0	\$4,292	\$56,929	\$22,072
		Description	Sunday service fixed routes 1 & 2 only			
2021/22	Sep-21	200	0	\$1,776	\$22,772	\$8,769
		Description	Later evening service only on Friday and Saturday until 10 PM			
2021/22	Sep-21	500	0	\$4,292	\$56,929	\$22,072
		Description	Later evening service until 8 PM on all weekdays			

The table below outlines expansion initiatives for year two and three of the three-year transit service expansion initiatives. Please note that we are unable to provide estimated costing for these initiatives as part of this year's revised process, but that cost estimates will be provided as part of next year's annual process for all three years. In the meantime, please ensure that these initiatives are consistent with the expectations of your local government.

PROPOSED EXPANSION INITIATIVES – YEARS 2 & 3 (2022/23 and 2023/24)			
AOA Period	In Service Date	Annual Hours	Description
2022/23	Sep-22		No planned expansion
2022/23	Sep-23		No planned expansion

### Approval

On behalf of the City of Salmon Arm, I am confirming to BC Transit our interest in proceeding with the deferred expansion initiative in 2021/22. Furthermore, I confirm that the expansion priorities identified for 2022/23 and 2023/34 align with our expectations, and that we will review and confirm these initiatives on an annual basis and with the knowledge that associated cost estimates will be once again be provided as part of this process in future years.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of BC Transit

Signature: 

Date: August 31, 2020

Name: Chelsea Mossey

Position: Senior Manager, Government Relations



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City of Salmon Arm Business licence # MAP02  
IHA Community Child Care Facility Licence # 14-364-00022

September 8, 2020

To: Salmon Arm Mayor and Council

I, Harmony Roberge, am the owner and operator of Maple Tree Montessori, Salmon Arm's first Montessori preschool, kindergarten & daycare facility. While providing high quality, holistic education and care to children aged three to six years, we have experienced long waitlists for placement in our program. Additionally, many of our families have expressed great, unmet need for childcare spaces for their younger children aged newborn to three years.

Further highlighting this need in our community is the recent [Salmon Arm Child Care Needs Assessment & Action Plan](#)

<http://www.salmonarm.ca/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/91?fileID=431>

Given the well-documented shortage of childcare spaces in our community, I write to request the City's endorsement in our ambition to create new, licensed childcare spaces in our community.

As a hopeful recipient of the Childcare BC New Spaces Fund, we plan to bridge our community's evident childcare gap by opening seventeen new spaces at our existing facility. We propose to expand our current Group Care Program (ages three to five) to offer five more spaces. Furthermore, we plan to open a new Infant & Toddler Care Program (ages newborn to three years), providing twelve new spaces.

These seventeen new spaces would be an addition to our established Montessori Preschool/Kindergarten & Childcare Programs. Entering our eighth year of operation, Maple Tree Montessori is in good standing with the Interior Health's Licensing Authority. Our commercial daycare facility falls within the permitted uses in our R-4 Zoning. Additionally, we have plans to fully meet the parking requirements for our projected expansion size.

To gain a greater understanding of what Maple Tree Montessori is currently offering to our local families, please visit our website at [SalmonArmMontessori.com](http://SalmonArmMontessori.com). Also, if your time permits, I would be pleased to provide a tour of our Montessori preschool and childcare centre. If you would like more information or answers to any questions, please call or email.

Your letter of support will significantly strengthen our application for the Childcare BC New Spaces Fund. Access to this funding will make possible the establishment of seventeen new quality, licensed childcare spaces in Salmon Arm, adding to the foundation for our community's health, success, and well-being.

With the Childcare BC New Spaces Fund applications' upcoming deadline quickly approaching (November 1st), this matter is time-sensitive. I look forward to hearing back from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Harmony Roberge E.C.E., A.A.  
Administrator  
250-804-9008



September 8, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to show my support for Harmony Roberge, the owner and operator of Maple Tree Montessori's expansion project for additional 17 child care spaces in our community. I highly recommend Childcare BC New Spaces Fund approve this application.

Harmony has been offering high quality child care for families in Salmon Arm since 2013. I believe Harmony's proposed project will benefit our community greatly and am writing to express the full support of Shuswap Child Care Resource and Referral Program. I would also like to point out the dire need for more childcare spaces in our community. The recent Salmon Arm Child Care Needs Assessment & Action Plan clearly identified the lack of child care spaces in the community, especially for children under three years old. This expansion project will bridge our community's childcare gap by opening seventeen new spaces at their existing facility (five extra spaces to the exiting group care program and twelve new infant and toddler care program).

Approval for this application will enable Maple Tree Montessori to expand and create much needed child care spaces in Salmon Arm. Please consider her application favorably.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Christine Ondang  
Shuswap Child Care Resource and Referral Program Coordinator

**From:** Emergency Management, Deputy Minister EMBC:EX

**Sent:** August-31-20 12:53 PM

**Subject:** Release of the What We Heard “Modernizing BC Emergency Management Legislation” Report

Good afternoon,

I am pleased to announce that Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General Mike Farnworth has now released the report - *“What We Heard - Modernizing BC’s Emergency Management Legislation”* available online at [www.gov.bc.ca/ChangestoEmergencyProgramAct](http://www.gov.bc.ca/ChangestoEmergencyProgramAct). A summary of the report is also available on our website and has been attached to this email.

*“What We Heard - Modernizing BC’s Emergency Management Legislation”* acknowledges the input received on the Discussion Paper on Modernizing BC’s Emergency Management Legislation during the online comment period extending from October 28, 2019 to January 31, 2020.

As the Minister’s Message in the “What We Heard” report notes, the Discussion Paper and the submission of responses predated the COVID-19 pandemic. This report and your responses were informed more by other types of events – fires, floods, and earthquakes. For those of you that made submissions, I extend my sincere appreciation.

Local authorities are on the front line for natural disasters – and they have been on the front line concerning the Covid-19 pandemic as well. With this in mind, you are being invited to provide any new or updated recommendations that you have on BC’s new emergency management legislation. A 30 day period (August 31 – September 30) is available for you to provide this information to EMBC through [emergencyprogramact@gov.bc.ca](mailto:emergencyprogramact@gov.bc.ca).

I thank you for your time and look forward to further working with you as a critical partner in this key endeavour - making certain BC is resilient to emergencies for the safety and wellbeing of your communities.

Lori Halls  
Deputy Minister  
Emergency Management BC



# Modernizing BC's Emergency Management Legislation

Summary of What We Heard in Response to the Discussion Paper Issued on October 28, 2019

August 31, 2020

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## The Discussion Paper and Engagement Process

On October 28, 2019, Emergency Management BC (EMBC) released a Discussion Paper on Modernizing BC's Emergency Management Legislation, which outlined a series of policy proposals for consideration in new emergency management legislation, replacing the existing Emergency Program Act (EPA).

During the engagement period, which ran until January 31, 2020, EMBC conducted some 172 meetings, webinars and teleconferences with partners and stakeholders, and received 239 written submissions.

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## Overarching Themes

The engagement sessions and written responses to the Discussion Paper showed broad consensus on the need to modernize BC's emergency management legislation and widespread support for almost all of the specific proposals in the Discussion Paper. Key themes were:

- The need to demonstrate stronger connections to climate change, the Sendai Framework, disaster risk management and disaster risk reduction, including the issues and challenges faced by vulnerable populations.
- The need for additional resources and capacity to deliver on the new requirements.
- First Nations' expectation that the proposed legislation will adhere to the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (Declaration Act) and reflect First Nations' right to self-determination.

## The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Discussion Paper and the responses pre-dated the pandemic and were informed more by other types of events such as floods, wildfires, and earthquakes. However, the lessons learned from managing the COVID-19 emergency will be considered and incorporated in the new legislative framework.

The pandemic delayed the release of the What We Heard Report, which was originally intended to be published in Spring 2020. More fundamentally, delivery of a complete, brand-new emergency management Act has been pushed from Fall 2020 to Spring 2021.

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- The need for more detail and clarity on specific proposals and how the new legislation will be implemented.
- Critical infrastructure operators, provincial ministries, Crown corporations and public sector agencies called for avoiding regulatory duplication and requested a system of equivalencies recognizing that legislative requirements may also be met through existing regulatory frameworks and requirements.
- A number of animal welfare organizations and members of the public stated that the legislation should specifically address animals, including domestic pets, animals in captivity, livestock and wildlife.

These themes will be reflected in the new emergency management legislation, which will position BC as a leader in disaster risk reduction. More detail is available in the full What We Heard Report:

[www2.gov.bc.ca/ChangesToEmergencyProgramAct](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/ChangesToEmergencyProgramAct)

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## Staying the Course, for the Most Part

Based on the generally positive feedback, most of the proposals in the Discussion Paper will proceed. However, a small number of proposals were not supported and will not proceed or will be modified:

- The proposal to require greater consideration of current and future risk when making building and development decisions is being fleshed out and will likely be implemented through planning and building legislation rather than emergency management legislation.
- Rather than creating a new mechanism to enable Local Authorities and First Nations to form collaborative emergency management organizations, existing mechanisms will be continued and strengthened.
- Urgent recovery funding will be available prior to preparation of a post-disaster needs assessment and post-disaster recovery plan, as is the case now. Needs assessments and recovery plans based on the nature of the disaster will be required to inform longer-term funding decisions.
- While the concept of a transition period to bridge from response to recovery received strong support, the term “transition period” did not resonate with respondents. More work is being done to build out the concept, including incorporating learnings from the COVID-19 pandemic and considering whether the concept should apply on a provincial scale as well as on a local scale.
- The proposal for EMBC to audit emergency management plans will not proceed; this aspect of quality assurance will focus instead on a review function that relies more on support and collaboration.
- Proposals related to First Nations emergency management are being revisited through collaboration and engagement with Indigenous organizations and communities.
- Proposals related to critical infrastructure will be built out through consultation with critical infrastructure operators. This includes recognition of existing equivalences, so as not to create duplicative requirements.
- A comprehensive compliance and enforcement scheme is being developed which reflects learnings from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## Next Steps

The feedback received in response to the Discussion Paper will inform BC’s modernized emergency management legislation, which is now targeted for the Spring 2021 legislative session. EMBC will continue to engage with local authorities, First Nations, Indigenous organizations and other partners and stakeholders as legislation is drafted, and during subsequent development of regulations, policies and processes.

The new legislation will be implemented in a phased fashion, recognizing that emergency management partners will need time and support to build capacity to meet the new requirements.



September 1, 2020

Dear friends,

We wanted to provide an update to our funders and community partners on the happenings at the Foundation office over the past few months.

Since our last letter in April, Board and Staff have been remarkably busy. In May, SCF was able to participate in the Community Foundations of Canada and Federal Government's Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF) program and distribute \$75,000 in COVID relief funding to community groups operating in the Shuswap. We also secured funding in the amount of \$30,000 through the Vancouver Foundation, to support groups in the Shuswap that have been impacted by the pandemic.

Taken together, these programs and initiatives have also allowed us to better prepare for the continuing impact of the pandemic. By obtaining funding from outside the SCF Endowment, we have been able to allocate more of our resources to our Spring 2021 cycle, and better position our organization for the ongoing funding needs that this global crisis is sure to create.

In addition to all of this, our own Fall Grant cycle is almost complete, and we are happy to report that our board of directors has chosen to increase our 2020-21 distribution from 4% to 5%, to better support community organizations in the Shuswap.

As always, we are happy for you to come in and see us in person, however, we also ask that you continue to adhere to all public health directives – wear a mask, wash your hands and use sanitizer – in order to protect all of us and those we love. We also ask that if you would like to visit our office, that you call and make an appointment time so we may ensure we have a safe space for you to access.

We at the Community Foundation hope you are all well and adapting to our new way of life. We look forward to continuing to serve you and our community, connecting people who care, with causes that matter.

Sincerely,

Roger Parenteau, Manager  
Shuswap Community Foundation



ALLIANCE OF BEVERAGE LICENSEES  
FOR A RESPONSIBLE LIQUOR INDUSTRY

August 26, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Your Worship and Council:

***REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR EXPANDED PATIO PERMISSIONS***

On behalf of the BC Restaurant and Foodservices Association, the Alliance of Beverage Licensees, and the BC Craft Brewers Guild, we are writing to thank you for expanding outdoor dining in your municipality and to request that you consider:

1. Expediting applications for businesses to winterize patios in public and private spaces to provide operators with the opportunity to capitalize on the confidence of outdoor space
2. Approving temporary patios for Summer 2021 now so operators are able to plan ahead; and
3. Creating a program for designated pick up zones so that businesses can enhance contactless curbside pick up in the fall and winter months.

Outside dining has been a significant benefit to operators and customers. It has helped build confidence in dining out and activated streets in new ways that have helped keep patrons and employees safe amid this global pandemic. We hope that we can work with you to build on this positive messaging going forward.

**The financial pressures felt by British Columbia's hospitality industry as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to be substantial.**

British Columbia's 14,000 restaurants and pubs employ over 190,000 people and contribute \$13 billion dollars to the economy annually. Our craft beer and wine industries also play significant roles in the vibrancy, innovation, and economic impact of our industry and the province. At this point in the crisis, 15% of hospitality businesses have already closed. With the end of summer approaching combined with the end of temporary layoff and CERB as well as the extended closure of the border, the potential for additional businesses closing is significant.

The COVID-19 crisis has driven devastating declines in both sales and guest-count in the hospitality industry.

- 51% of British Columbians surveyed by Leger Marketing at the end of July felt that just leaving the house was stressful. 64% remain afraid of contacting the virus.

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- Datassential survey of August 7 reports that the number of people concerned about eating out is rising: 47% are definitely avoiding eating out and 34% are nervous but will still eat out.

**In face of real threats of business closures across the province**, we ask you to consider extending your permissive licensing for restaurant, pub, bar, and brewery businesses around outdoor spaces. Extensions of the incredible support and creativity you have already offered would make a significant difference to the hospitality businesses that operate and employ people in your community:

- Extend approvals for short-term patios in public and private spaces to provide operators with the opportunity to capitalize on the confidence of outdoor space and expand the businesses ability to create physical distancing between tables.
- Support expedited applications for businesses to winterize temporary spaces, including by preapproving styles of canopies and heater units that meet your jurisdictions needs.
- Renew the extended patio program for 2021 now. This will ensure that operators plan to keep materials and generates cost savings.
- Create a program for businesses to apply for curbside pick up zones. We suggest that these include standardized signage that lists the businesses using the pick up stop and phone number for curbside pick up.
- Ensure coordinated communication and reduced red tape to make these changes possible.
- Support expanded permissions in discussions with the Provincial Government.
- Practice Sympathetic Administration and set new ways of doing streamlined business.

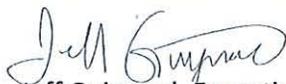
Our industry has never faced a crisis of this magnitude. It is our sincere hope that we can work with your council to find material and hard-hitting measures to ensure this industry survives. It will require bold and quick moves to help industry restore itself. We are working with the LCLB to extend their liquor service regulations in conjunction with this request.

Thank you in advance. We remain at your disposal to offer advice and perspective on these issues. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at any time.

Sincerely,



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