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**From:** Desiree Roy  
**Sent:** January 17, 2021 7:02 PM  
**To:** Rob Niewenhuizen  
**Subject:** Re: Hydro Box Art

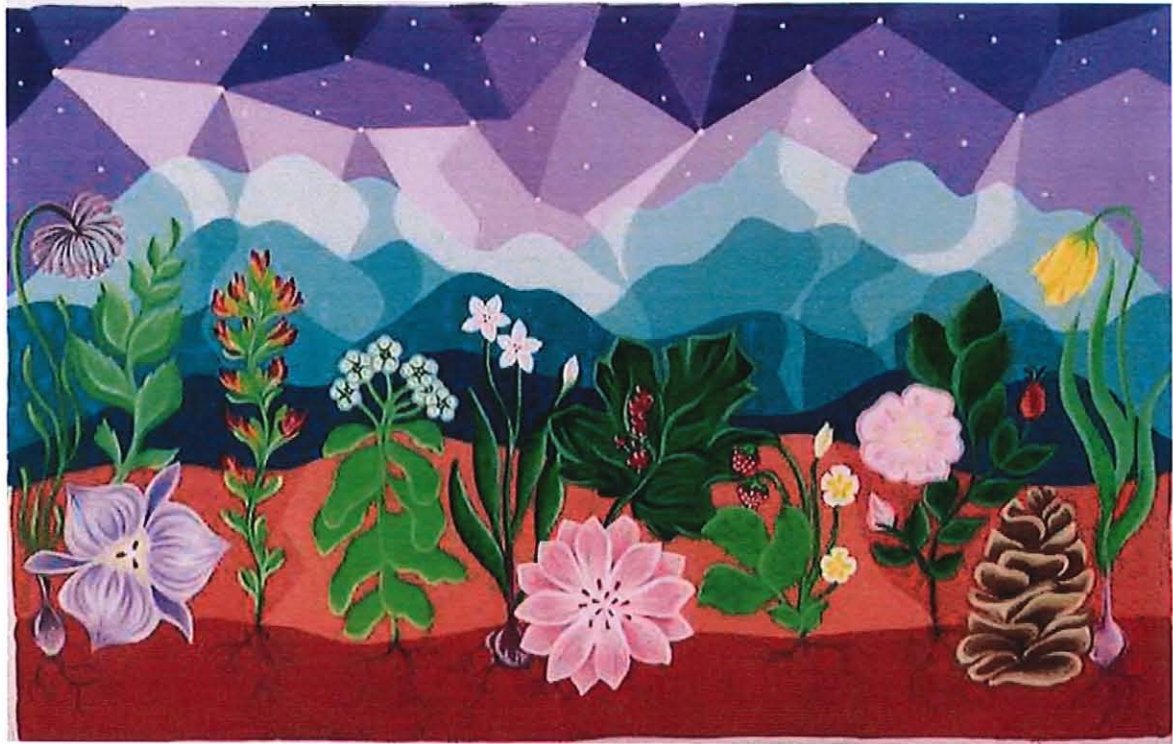
Hello Rob,

Happy and hopeful New Year. It's been a while since I last emailed you, as the project faced a little stand-still this fall. I took that time to line things up with Hydro, and to complete the final artwork/design. I wanted to reach out to you now, as the gears are once again turning on the project!

Hydro has let us know that the box we have chosen and the artwork created are suitable for wrapping, High Impact Signs have also sent them their certifications, so we are just waiting on the final Agreement to be signed.

I put together a PDF for you of all the information you require, our projected end date is late March so I am aiming to get everything lined up for that.  
Let me know if you need any more information or any other assistance for myself.

Thank you so much for your time.  
Best,  
Desiree



**Parties Involved** include project leader and artist Desiree Roy. Salmon Arm Secondary School and staff members Amanda Bailey (project co-leader) and Anne Tenning. The project has been funded by the First Peoples' Cultural Council Indigenous Arts Program. High Impact Signs will be responsible for creating the graffiti proof artistic wrap and installation of the wrap.

Metis project leaders Desiree Roy and Amanda Bailey have worked cooperatively on past projects, and are committed to creating visibility of Indigenous youth in the region through the arts.

**The purpose of the project** is to create a public artwork in the form of a BC Hydro box wrap, which acknowledges the traditional Secwepmec territory, created collaboratively with the Indigenous student body of Salmon Arm Secondary at Jackson Campus. Lead artist Desiree aims to encourage students to explore their own creativity, using her knowledge and experience to lead them towards expanding their own artistic practices and self-expression through the arts - developing a deeper sense of identity and pride. Desiree and Amanda will mentor the students and encourage them to take leadership in creating the project, by having the youth participate in brainstorm sessions which will ultimately shape the final artwork. The project would be recorded with pictures taken throughout, in an effort to share the work done with future students, and community members. The wrap will be located on the BC Hydro box located in front of Salmon Arm Secondary at Jackson Campus.

The **project started** in the spring of 2020, when three brainstorm sessions were held with the students at Jackson Campus. These sessions were luckily held before Covid-19 Pandemic, and the final artwork was able to be created from the ideas generated at these meetings. The **projected end date** is the spring of 2021 (late March), when the Hydro wrap is able to be installed, these wraps are weather sensitive so an exact end date will be set when weather permits.

**From:** Kathy Moleschi  
**Sent:** January-18-21 3:36 PM  
**To:** Caylee Simmons  
**Subject:** Salmon Arm Bay Nature Foreshore Trail

Dear Mayor and Council:

I am writing on behalf of myself and many other regular users of the Salmon Arm foreshore nature trail that runs from Raven to town.

This is a trail that Salmon arm residents should be proud of, it is beautiful scenery and very accessible.

The reason for my letter to council is to communicate what poor shape this trail is in. The boardwalk and the viewing platforms are in dangerous disrepair. This is an embarrassment to our community, never mind difficult to navigate and dangerous. Pieces of old wood and cement have been put down by walkers so we can pass as small streams are now running across the trail and no upkeep seems to happen. Many times we pass users and they comment on this. This is a heavily used trail, even more so now with covid and it deserves better maintenance!

This letter also supports the views of Vivian Morris who has sent a letter to council indicating similar views and that there may be funding to upgrade or in the least make repairs to parts of the trail!

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

Kathy Moleschi,

Resident of Salmon Arm for over 40 years, ph [REDACTED]

**From:** Paul Skinner  
**Sent:** January-19-21 1:33 PM  
**To:** Caylee Simmons  
**Subject:** Shoreline Nature Trail

To: Caylee Simmons for furtherance to the Mayor and Council for discussion at the January 25th, 2021 Council Meeting.

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Recently in the Salmon Arm Observer, I read a letter by Vivian Morris requesting that council spend some of the \$3.6 million COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant on improvements to the Shoreline Nature Trail and I wholeheartedly support this initiative and expenditure. As a frequent user of the trail for more than twenty years, I have observed the increased use of this beautiful pathway but also sadly, the deterioration of the condition of the trail, especially the section from the boardwalk to the Raven gate.

Over the years I have regularly done trail repairs from the Raven gate to the boardwalk in the form of pruning dangerous overhanging thorny hawthorn branches, large branch, log and fallen tree removal. While my efforts make small improvements there is much more work that needs to be done. For example, the bird watching platform by Raven Bay has been closed because the structure has collapsed and is unsafe and needs to be repaired. The section just north of this lookout and before the boardwalk is constantly flooded and needs proper excavation to allow water to flow under the trail, not over it!

I believe this trail can be a "showpiece" for tourists and visitors for years to come if the condition is improved to a safe and enjoyable level. I am grateful that this trail is usable for people of all ages from the town gate almost to the boardwalk but wouldn't it be amazing if the condition of the trail from the boardwalk to the Raven gate was just as good?

I thank you for your consideration of this initiative and hope there is a positive outcome.

Best regards,

Paul Skinner



P.S. On a separate topic, I always thought a terrific slogan for the town would be:

"Salmon Arm, Beautiful by Nature" because it really is!





January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Mayor and Council:

**Re: Downtown Farmer's Market**

Shuswap Food Action Society is requesting permission to host a Farmer's Market at Ross Street Plaza. This involves the Plaza, as well as a portion of the Ross Street parking lot. The Market will be open on Saturdays from 8am to 1pm starting May 8<sup>th</sup> until October 9<sup>th</sup>.

We will continue to operate the market with COVID-19 safety protocols in-place, and follow BCCDC mandates, as they emerge. We are also willing to work with the City of Salmon Arm and Downtown Salmon Arm to support the Alexander Street market, if the street closure happens again.

Shuswap Food Action appreciates the City's support of this community event. Last year, despite Covid-19, we had between 1,000-1,200 people attending the market each weekend during the summer months, and we hope it continues to grow. This year, we have started a Steering Committee to help ensure the sustainability of the market.

Shuswap Food Action would also like Mayor and Council to be aware of the "Coldest Night of the Year" event. This is a safe, family friendly walking fundraiser in support of the hungry, hurting and homeless in the Shuswap. This year, we walk virtually, or remotely, choosing any 2 or 5km loop that you wish and on any day in February 2021, allowing for plenty of physical space between all the participants registered with the walk. There will be a curated Grow Your Awareness Walk around Downtown Salmon Arm available. Map links are on our location page at [www.cnoy.org/locations/salmonarm](http://www.cnoy.org/locations/salmonarm), and our event page on Facebook <https://fb.me/e/SS5jSdbX>. I believe the City has formed a team, and it would be great if Mayor and Council could join in support of this event! The money raised will be used towards many of our food security initiatives including our subsidized food box programs, school-based food literacy and meal programs and food growing programs.

Sincerely,

Serena Caner, President  
Shuswap Food Action Society

**From:** Haili Pettifer  
**Sent:** January-08-21 9:45 AM  
**To:** Caylee Simmons  
**Subject:** COVID RELIEF FUNDING

Dear Mayor and Council,

We are writing to you to seek financial support for our male and female softball athletes who will represent British Columbia at the 2022 Canada Summer Games in Niagara, Ontario. Covid 19 has adversely effected our athletes, including some from your community.

As you know, amateur sport provides a significant financial benefit to your local economy. When softball is played on municipal diamonds local hotels, restaurants and shopping centres reap the economic benefit from visitors spending their tourism dollars. Softball is an inclusive sport that brings together people from varied demographic backgrounds and builds stronger community bonds. Finally, softball enhances community pride when a team or individual succeeds on the provincial or national stage.

The men and women who will represent British Columbia will also attend university and colleges throughout North America. When they return to your community to begin the next chapter in their lives, they will become role models for younger athletes. As future coaches, police officers or possibly council members they will continue softball involvement to promote active, healthy lifestyles.

Our goals are 1) for the teams to represent our province with the highest integrity, 2) promote the great game of softball, and 3) continue to grow the sport in the future. Our teams have been hit hard by COVID-19 restrictions. Your generous financial support will help us adapt our programs to ensure the teams are prepared to perform to the best of their abilities at the 2022 Canada Summer Games in Niagara, Ontario.

Please mail cheques to Team BC, c/o Softball BC, 201-8889 Walnut Grove Drive, Langley, BC V1M 2N7.

Thank You in advance for your generous support.

Doug Allin -- Head Coach Men's Team  
Mark Dunlop -- Head Coach Women's Team  
Rick Benson -- Executive Director



Haili Pettifer  
Member Services/Administrative Assistant

Phone: 604-371-0302 extension  
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[2019 Softball BC Handbook](#)

*We would like to acknowledge that our Softball BC office is located on the traditional and unceded territories of the [Katzie](#) and [Kwantlen First Nations](#).*

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CITY OF NELSON

January 8, 2021

Honourable Adrian Dix  
Minister of Health  
Government of British Columbia

***Delivered via email***

**Re: Vaccination Priority for Essential Critical Infrastructure Municipal Employees**

Dear Minister Dix,

In early December, the BC government announced they secured a minimal number of initial doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to distribute to those populations identified as the most vulnerable. In the following weeks, the government released a phased approach to administering the vaccine and listed the populations included in each phase. While the City of Nelson acknowledges the extraordinary amount of work the Province has put into developing the distribution process, we would like to request a review of the vaccine distribution priority lists to include essential critical infrastructure employees.

The Province's website outlines the specific groups that will be first and second priority for receiving the vaccine; the list does not include essential service providers such as water, IT, energy and utility workers. This does not appear to align with the recommendations from the *National Advisory Committee on Immunization* upon which the Province has developed its priorities for the first and second phase of vaccinations. The Committee has indicated municipal workers identified as 'essential' should be prioritized to maintain reliable operation of critical infrastructure services and functions.

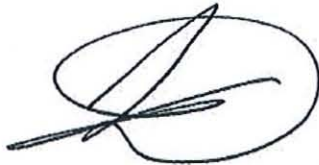
With COVID-19 cases circulating in rural communities, the risk of an outbreak causing the loss of key personnel trained to manage essential service delivery could exacerbate the current public health emergency. This would have a much larger impact in smaller communities, such as ours, as resources and appropriately trained personnel replacements are more challenging to access than in larger centers. For example, the City of Nelson has five linemen that maintain our electrical distribution & transmission system that serves over 10,000 customers.

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The City recognizes the number of vaccine doses and how they will be distributed throughout BC is a fragile and fluid process. We hope this request can be reviewed and addressed in time to include essential municipal critical infrastructure employees in the second priority group of the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out.

We appreciate your timely consideration of this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Dooley', written over a faint circular outline.

John Dooley  
Mayor, City of Nelson

Cc: Premier John Horgan, Office of the Premier  
Hon. Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
Brittney Anderson, MLA, Nelson-Creston  
Nelson City Council  
Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)  
Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG)  
British Columbia Local Governments

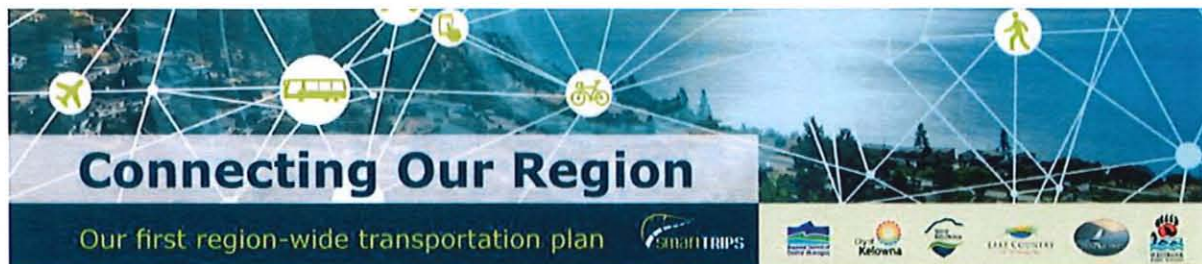
# Healthy Communities

Monthly Newsletter



January 2021

## Community Recognition



### Central Okanagan Regional Transportation Plan

After more than two years of technical studies, public consultation and region-wide collaboration, the [final Regional Transportation Plan](#) and its supporting plans, including the Regional Bicycling and Trails Master Plan and Regional Disruptive Mobility Strategy, are ready for endorsement.

The Regional Transportation Plan was developed in partnership with the City of Kelowna, City of West Kelowna, District of Lake Country, District of Peachland, Westbank First Nation and the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) and in collaboration with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) and BC Transit. Development of the Plan was supported by a grant from the Strategic Priorities Fund under the Administrative Agreement on the Federal Gas Tax Fund (GTF) in British Columbia.

The Regional Transportation Plan identifies the transportation projects and priorities that will help build and maintain a healthy, thriving and connected future for the Central Okanagan. It will also help create a region where more people can choose sustainable transportation options, which will contribute to healthy communities for a long time to come.



### Updated Zoning Bylaw Allows for Residential Chickens in the City of Rossland

The City of Rossland has always allowed chickens on residential properties, but had no official bylaw in place to monitor and control it. Following a number of amendments and a public hearing in the fall of 2020, the [updated zoning bylaw](#) finally passed on December 14. Policies that enable urban agriculture contribute to healthy communities! See the Rossland News article [here](#).



## Housing Needs Report

Housing Needs Reports are being completed throughout the province of BC in order to meet the new [2019 provincial requirements](#). These reports strengthen the ability of local governments to understand what kinds of housing are most needed in their communities, and to help inform local plans, policies, and development decisions which will lead to creating healthier communities. We wanted to recognize all the hard work completed in 2020 on these reports (although this may not be a comprehensive list):

[Town of Oliver](#): January 2020.

[Town of Princeton](#): April 2020.

[RDNO](#): June 2020.

[District of Coldstream](#): August 2020.

[City of Kamloops](#): August 2020

[RDCK](#): September 2020

[RDKB](#): November 2020.

[City of Cranbrook](#): November 2020.

[City of Enderby](#): November 2020.

## Events & Learning Opportunities

### Healthy Communities, Equity and Economic Recovery

**Tuesday, February 2nd from 10:00–11:30am PST**

Intended for community planners and decision makers, this session provides information about the value of equity in supporting healthy processes and policies, and offers guidance on the application of equity in community economic development processes. Staff from BC Healthy Communities and Simon Fraser University's Community Economic Development team will facilitate discussions on the intersections of health, well-being and economic recovery. [Register here.](#)

*Note: Registration spaces are limited to support breakout room discussions. The webinar portion will be recorded and available online afterwards.*



### Bridging Silos: Advancing Climate Adaptation & Low Carbon Resilience in Small Communities & Rural Regions

This free virtual knowledge-sharing event will be hosted **March 4-5, 2021** by the Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute at Selkirk College, ACT (the Adaptation to Climate Change Team) at Simon Fraser

University (SFU), and Planning Institute of BC's Kootenay-Rocky Mountain Chapter. *IH Healthy Communities is scheduled to present on Municipal Climate Resilience & Leveraging Co-Benefits for a Healthy Community.* For more information and to sign-up for updates visit:

<http://www.cbrdi.ca/bridgingsilos>





### High Ground 2021: Civic Governance Forum

The [Columbia Institute's annual Civic Governance Forum](#) is moving online for 2021. The conference will span 3 days, with sessions on **Wednesday, March 24 (morning), Friday, March 26 (afternoon & early evening), and Saturday, March 27 (morning)**. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details! In the meantime, if you have any ideas about speakers, topics, and/or format, or if you have some suggestions about what you would like to see at this year's High Ground, send an email to [ashirley@columbiainstitute.eco](mailto:ashirley@columbiainstitute.eco). More information and registration details will be released shortly.

### Survey: Integrating Health into Planning

Health Canada has provided funding to conduct a study to identify opportunities to improve integration between planning and public health professionals. The study as a whole aims to develop practical tools, resources, and strategies that will assist both professions moving forward. Urban Systems has been retained to conduct this survey and develop this study.

This survey is being directed to professionals involved in both public health and the design of the built environment across Canada. Completing the survey should take less than 10 minutes.

Links to the survey:

1. English version: <https://ca1se.voxco.com/SE/111/PlanningHealthSurvey/>
2. French version: <https://ca1se.voxco.com/SE/111/SantePlanificationEnquete/>

### Indigenous Communities: Intro to Physical Literacy 101



**ISPARC**

Indigenous Sport,  
Physical Activity & Recreation Council

Physical activity is a lot more fun when you are physically literate. Now more than ever, physical literacy is being recognized as an important component of best practices in the sport, recreation, health and education sectors. This free 3-hour webinar

workshop is brought to you by Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council ([ISPARC](#)) and other partners. Link to registration and more information [here](#) **Interior Region webinar is January 29 from 10:30am – 2:00pm pacific time.**

### Presentations Available from HEADS UP! Community Mental Health Summit

Participation at the HEADS UP! Community Mental Health Summit in November was strong. The experiences, insights, ideas, and passions shared by facilitators and speakers were amazing and will certainly advance dialogue around mental health challenges and opportunities. This [link](#) takes you to a page where you can



view the three recordings (one for each session), download PowerPoint presentations, and find related podcasts.

## Advancing Healthy Public Policy

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### 2021-2030 WHO Decade of Healthy Ageing

The United Nations has declared 2021-2030 their [Decade of Healthy Ageing](#). Populations around the world are ageing at a faster pace than in the past and this demographic transition will have an impact on almost all aspects of society. A decade of concerted global action on Healthy Ageing is urgently needed. Municipalities can and do have a lead role to play, as we know that healthy built and social environments can greatly contribute to healthy ageing.

### Municipal Role in Food Systems

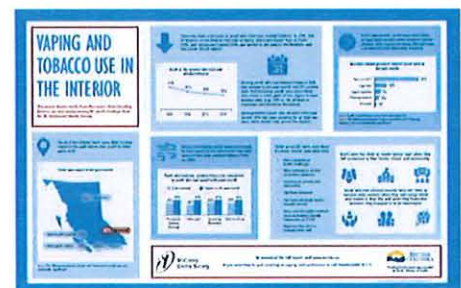
The Central Kootenay Food Policy Council created an [infographic](#) that demonstrates different measures that governments can take, within their legal purview, which can positively influence food-related activities and services within their communities. Learn more about the Council and some of their other excellent resources [here](#).

### Rapid Action Resources for Local Governments: Local Food Systems

PlanH's four-part Rapid Action series is a collection of resources focused on opportunities for Indigenous and local governments in B.C. to support food security and local food systems while providing evidence for the value of doing so during and after the pandemic. This is the link to the last installment: [Local Food Systems](#). Be sure to also check out [the whole series](#).

### Reducing Youth Access & Exposure to Vapour Products

Rates of youth vaping in B.C. are on the rise, but local governments can play a role in reducing youth access to vapour products. The new PlanH resource provides data about youth vaping in B.C., examples of how local governments in B.C. have used their regulatory authority to reduce youth access and exposure, and contains further links, reading and resources to support local governments on this topic. Find this new resource [here](#). The McCreary Centre Society has also just released an in-depth report on tobacco use and vaping among BC Youth, with [regional specific infographics](#). Locate the new report [here](#).





## Funding News

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### Investing in COVID-19 Community Resilience

A new temporary [COVID-19 Resilience stream](#), has been created to provide communities with added flexibility to fund quick-start, short-term projects that might not otherwise be eligible under the existing funding streams.

The new stream will support the following types of projects:

- Retrofits, repairs and upgrades for municipal, territorial, provincial and Indigenous buildings, health infrastructure and schools;
- COVID-19 response infrastructure, including measures to support physical distancing;
- Active transportation infrastructure, including parks, trails, foot bridges, bike lanes and multi-use paths; and
- Disaster mitigation and adaptation projects, including natural infrastructure, flood and fire mitigation, and tree planting and related infrastructure.

### Poverty Reduction Grants Support Local Governments

Local governments have the opportunity to apply for the second round of the [Province's Poverty Reduction Planning & Action Program grants](#) to help develop local strategies and solutions to address poverty. As part of TogetherBC, British Columbia's Poverty Reduction Strategy, the Province provided \$5 million to the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) for the grant program, initiated last year. In the previous intake, 63 local governments received a total of \$1.6 million for 34 poverty reduction plans and projects. Applications for the second intake will be accepted until midnight (Pacific Time), **March 5, 2021**. See the December 16<sup>th</sup> provincial news release [here](#).

**Sincerely,**

*Your Healthy Communities Team*

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