

INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE – May 25, 2021

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N = No Action Required
A = Action Requested

S = Staff has Responded
R = Response Required

From: Natalie Rose
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 9:26 AM
To: CRDBOARD@crd.bc.ca
Cc: Alan Harrison; Caylee Simmons
Subject: Please protect our old growth forests!

Greetings,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the CRD's resolution calling on the provincial government to protect Fairy Creek and other at-risk old-growth forests that will be voted on this Wednesday.

I hope the board of the CRD will not only vote in favor of this resolution but specifically call for the protection of the entire 5140 acre Fairy Creek Rainforest, which includes not only the headwaters of Fairy Creek but the contiguous old-growth forests outside of the watershed currently under threat. In addition, I hope that in its resolution the CRD will call for the protection of ALL other at-risk old-growth forests in British Columbia including at-risk areas in the Bugaboo, Renfrew and Camper Creeks, along with at-risk old growth on Edinburgh Mountain and in the Caycuse, Walbran and Kauwinch Watersheds.

Thank you for taking a stand for our old-growth forests! 🌲🌲

Sincerely,

Natalie Primeau

From

Canoe, BC

From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>

Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2021 7:03 PM

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council

First Name Mel

Last Name Kaufman

Address:

Return email address:

Subject: Canoe beach

Body The boat launch is terrible. The parking was completely full this weekend. And cars parked at boat launch in the way.

Would you like a response: Yes

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From: Ken Jamieson
Sent: May 18, 2021 11:43 AM
To: Alan Harrison
Subject: Salmon Arm Flag

Hi Alan:

I read Kristine W's article on Facebook and I would like to pass my thought's on to you and Council. My feelings are that "Small City - Big Ideas" is a great slogan, one best suited for promotion, not as a community's flag.

Dear Mayor and Council:

Thank you to the City of Salmon Arm and the original branding committee for the great work as we get to this point in the discussion about "Small City - Big Ideas" I sat on City Council when the idea of branding began and when the "Small City - Big Ideas" slogan was first presented. As a branding project I thought, and still think, it suits Salmon Arm. However, never in the discussions and presentations was the slogan suggested to be the community's flag. For me, flags are symbols, and attempts to recognize and celebrate people, history, traditions and heritage. Your observation that "Small City - Big Ideas" is lacking an indigenous perspective is correct. Our current flag is not perfect but does a better job of spotlighting this "place", which has been the home to humans for thousands of years. I don't think it is necessary to commercialize those valuable attributes of Salmon Arm and the Shuswap. So to me, we should continue using the slogan within the context it was created - promotion of Salmon Arm as a great community in which to incubate, hatch and explore good ideas. "Small City - Big Ideas" is not for a flag, it is for business cards and investment promotion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Jamieson

From: Chris Carruthers
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 7:56 AM
To: Caylee Simmons
Subject: New Flag

Hello,

I'd like to let you know today about my feelings on the new city flag.

It looks as if the printing company accidently placed the city letterhead instead of a graphic on the flag.

Our city and region is about so much more than 6 words of text. Nothing about this design reflects the beauty, nature, and history of our community.

I ask council to please reconsider their choice. Allow the community full of artists and creators to truly reflect what Salmon Arm means.

Regards,

Chris Carruthers

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

May 13, 2021

To Mayor and Council

Re: Alexander Plaza Street Painting

The Salmon Arm Downtown Improvement Association, in collaboration with the Salmon Arm Economic Development Society and Meikle Studios Public Art House, is seeking to obtain permission from the City of Salmon Arm to paint Alexander Street, from Hudson Avenue to Lakeshore Drive, for the upcoming Alexander Plaza and the summer tourism season.

The purpose of the street painting is to bring increased vibrancy to our downtown core and the iconic Alexander Street. The colours and pattern will be identical to those used last season and can be referenced in the photo on page 2. The paint is to be sourced from Hardie Home Decorating with washable and biodegradable Benjamin Moore paint, as used last season and by the Cancer Society in years past.

In addition, we are seeking permission to close this portion of Alexander Street to vehicle traffic while the painting occurs. It is projected to take 4 days, at 4 hours each day, to complete the project. Painting could occur 6pm – 10pm on weekday evenings, and 5pm – 9pm on weekend evenings. If permission is granted, we would work the City to determine the best days and times for this process.

Should you require further information, please contact me.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Broadwell
Manager

DOWNTOWN
SALMON ARM



2020 Alexander Street / Alexander Plaza Street Painting

DOWNTOWN SALMON ARM
250 SHUSWAP STREET NE, PO BOX 1928
SALMON ARM, BRITISH COLUMBIA V1E 4P9

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

May 18, 2021

To Mayor and Council

Re: Downtown Parking Commission

The Salmon Arm Downtown Improvement Association, at the regular Board of Director's meeting on May 12th, passed a motion – *to nominate Morgen Mathison, of Salmon Arm Economic Development Society, to represent Downtown Salmon Arm on the Downtown Parking Commission for a two-year term.* Ms. Mathison would fill the seat that will be vacated by June Stewart upon her retirement.

Morgen's contact information is:

4120 20th Street NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 0C9
(604) 837-6065

Please accept our nomination of Morgen Mathison. Thank you for allowing June Stewart to serve and thank you for the opportunity to be an integral part of this Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Broadwell
Manager

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HEALTHY COMMUNITIES NEWSLETTER



Introducing our revamped Healthy Communities newsletter. All the content you have come to know & love with a refreshed look and platform!

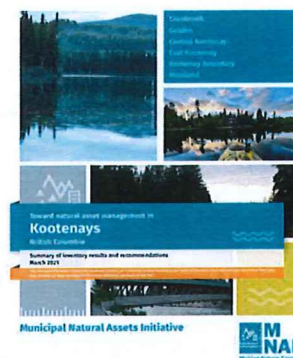
Community Recognition

District of Invermere and the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS) Complete Housing Needs Reports

Municipalities throughout the province of BC are developing Housing Needs Reports in order to meet the 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. Recently completed reports in the Interior region include [Invermere](#) and the [RDOS](#).

Natural Asset Inventories in the Kootenays

Natural assets are the natural resources and ecosystems that municipalities and RDs rely on for the provision of local services. Managing natural asset can enable local governments to provide services such as stormwater management, water filtration and protection from flooding and erosion as well as additional services such as those related to recreation, biodiversity, health and culture.



The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK), Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK), Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB), City of Cranbrook, Town of Golden, and City of Rossland have recently undertaken a municipal natural asset inventories as the first step to developing management plans. Take a look at the [Summary of Inventory Results & Recommendations](#).

Creating Age-Friendly Communities

Making communities age-friendly is one of the most effective strategies to promote healthy and active aging, and contributes to the creation of sustainable, healthy communities. Both the [City of Penticton](#) and the [West Bench Area of the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen](#) recently completed Age-Friendly Plans. Their implementations will support the health of all residents within both communities.



Advancing Healthy Public Policy

Guidance for Community Cooling Centres in the Context of COVID-19

Extreme hot weather can pose a serious and immediate health threat. Risk of illness due to hot weather is much higher than risk of illness due to COVID-19 when community transmission is low. This [guidance document](#) is intended to help municipalities establish and run emergency community cooling centres during the COVID-19 pandemic. It may also be a useful resource for other types of operators, including community-based organizations and housing.

Don't Fight the Poor, Fight Poverty

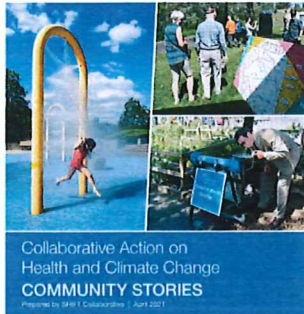
We recognize that many communities in the Interior are working towards reducing poverty. Poverty hurts not only those experiencing it, but the whole community. When we stand together to fight poverty and stigma, we also are creating healthier communities. Check out this anti-stigma video, "[Don't Fight the Poor, Fight Poverty](#)" that was put together by the Kamloops Changing the Face of Poverty.



Fit Cities Fit Towns Canada Conference Recording

The inaugural Fit Cities Fit Towns Canada Conference occurred in February and provided attendees the opportunity to learn more about planning for healthier communities and the built environment. This half day conference explored emerging innovations in the planning and design of cities, municipalities, and communities. Two keynote presentations focused on improving public space for health and wellbeing as well as improving social connections in our communities. Check out the recordings [here](#)!

Community Stories on Climate Change & Health



The BC Climate Health Network has compiled a collection of stories from a variety of communities and regions across BC that highlight collaborative action on: incorporating health equity into climate action planning, emergency response, and capacity building. Check out this [link](#) to read more about how we can build resilient communities together.



Early Years Indigenous Cultural Safety Resource Guide

We recognize that many local governments are working on child care planning in our communities and wanted to share this [guide](#) as it is one of the best compilations we've ever seen for cultural competency and cultural safety. We recommend checking this out even if you are not in early childhood education.

Events & Learning Opportunities

Diverse Voices: Community-Based Approaches to Making Evaluation Attainable & Equitable

This on-demand webinar explores how evaluation practices have the power to influence policies and mitigate systemic inequities that negatively impact our health and well-being. Watch it and access the resources [here](#).



Canada Rural and Remote Housing and Homelessness Symposium

The Canadian Rural and Remote Housing and Homelessness Symposium, hosted by the Rural Development Network (RDN) is going virtual for its second year on **June 1-3, 2021!** Learn and interact with others from the comfort of your home! Every registration ticket includes access to all conference sessions, the virtual exhibition hall, the welcoming and closing ceremonies, and networking sessions. [Registration](#) is now open.

Canada's First Active Transportation Strategy - Input Wanted!

The first National Active Transportation Strategy and funding program are currently being designed and Infrastructure Canada is looking for input from across the country. Let's share our experiences from Interior BC! Key priorities and considerations can be sent by [email](#) to the project team. For more information check out the [proposed framework](#) and background information on the [Infrastructure Canada webpage](#).



Funding Opportunities

Plan H Grants



Support is coming for Indigenous and local governments in B.C. who are striving to create equitable policies and processes. The PlanH Healthy Communities Grant Program is offering 30 grants for 2021 across two funding streams: [Community Connectedness](#) (20 grants of \$5,000) and [Healthy Public Policy](#) (10 grants of \$15,000). Both grants also include customized supports from BC Healthy Communities staff. **Applications close June 1, 2021.** Learn more and apply at planh.ca/grants.

First Nations Well Being Fund



As part of TogetherBC: B.C.'s Poverty Reduction Strategy, the First Nations Well Being Fund is now open to help promote well-being, quality of life, and reduce poverty at the community and/or Nation level. Here is the [press release](#) from the province. Stream 1 focuses on [Community Projects](#) and Stream 2 is for [Planning Projects](#). Please see this [website](#) for more information as well as some examples of topic areas. **Applications due before May 30, 2021.**

Infrastructure Planning Grant Program



The [BC Infrastructure Planning Grant Program](#) is offering grants to support local governments in planning, designing, and managing sustainable infrastructure. This grant can help local governments develop or improve long term plans which can lead to healthier communities; some examples include: asset management plans, integrated storm management plans, water master plans, and liquid waste management plans. **Applications close July 16, 2021.**

Housing Needs Report Funding- Final Intake



The final intake of the [Housing Needs Reports Program](#) is receiving applications. Local governments and Treaty First Nations in BC are eligible to apply and funding is scaled on the net population of the planning area. **Applications close June 4, 2021.**

Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund



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The [Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund \(IPRF\)](#) is an Indigenous-led effort to respond to urgent community needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic while taking a long-term view on building community resilience. Any Indigenous-led organization working to foster resilience in Inuit, Metis and First Nations communities anywhere in Canada can apply for resiliency support ranging from \$5,000 to \$30,000. The IPRF was developed by Indigenous philanthropic knowledge holders and is being incubated with support from Community Foundations of Canada. **Applications are ongoing.**

Canada Healthy Communities Initiative



Round 2 of the [Canada Healthy Communities Initiative](#) (CHCI) has just opened. The Government of Canada has invested \$31 million to support communities in transforming public spaces in response to COVID-19. The funding is for projects, programming and services that help communities:

- Create safe and vibrant public spaces,
- Improve mobility options and
- Provide innovative digital solutions to connect people and improve health.

Round 2 will close on **June 25, 2021 5:00 PM PST**.



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Dear Stakeholder:

My name is Greg Kylo, I am the MLA for Shuswap and Official Opposition Critic for Labour.

On April 1, 2021, the B.C. government announced that both full-time and part-time workers will have job-protected leave when taking time off to receive their COVID-19 vaccine. ([BC government news release, April 1, 2021](#), and [OIC 216](#))

Two weeks ago in the Legislature, the B.C. government passed [Bill 3 - Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2021](#), which allows workers up to three hours of paid leave to receive their COVID-19 vaccine.

While we support paid leave for workers to acquire their COVID-19 vaccines, there are components of the bill that fail to provide clarity for employers. As Labour Critic, I think it is important to ensure the public is aware of these issues.

1) Despite Premier John Horgan and Labour Minister Harry Bains stating that businesses and employers won't incur any additional costs, government has passed the full cost of this program onto the backs of already struggling businesses. During the debate of this bill, Minister Bains was unable to explain why government could not cover these costs through its \$3 billion COVID-19 contingency fund.

Video: [Bill 3 Committee Stage - April 21, 2021, 6:50 pm](#)

2) By the time the NDP tabled the bill, 1.5 million British Columbians had already received their first vaccine. Minister Bains was unable to answer why government did not table this legislation a year ago or at any prior opportunity when they could foresee this issue arising.

Video: [Bill 3 Committee Stage - April 21, 2021, 5:40 pm](#)

3) What happens if an employee takes time off work but does not receive their vaccine? Once again, we got no clarity from the minister.

Video: [Bill 3 Committee Stage - April 22, 2021, 5:00 pm](#)

4) Although the NDP claims they have structured the bill to be repealed through an Order-In-Council once the province declares an end to the COVID-19 health emergency, people may need to receive booster shots and subsequent vaccines. When asked to re-affirm his commitment that businesses won't be forced to cover the cost of paid leave for vaccines indefinitely, the minister was once again unable to provide an answer.

Video: [Bill 3 Committee Stage - April 21, 2021, 6:30 pm](#)

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The Official Opposition wants to ensure that employers in our province know exactly what is expected of them. While we support paid leave for workers to get their vaccination, we will continue to press the government to honour the promise it made to avoid additional costs being transferred to employers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office or to the BC Liberal caucus.

Thank you,

Greg Kylo
MLA, Shuswap
Official Opposition Critic for Labour



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

of BRITISH COLUMBIA

May 13, 2021

Dear Stakeholder,

As you may be aware, the NDP government has recently tabled [Bill 13 – Employment Standards Amendment Act \(No.2\), 2021](#). This legislation will require employers to pay workers their full wages and the government will reimburse employers up to \$200 per day for each worker who is not covered by an existing sick leave program, for up to three days.

Next to social gatherings, the workplace is the most common source of COVID-19 transmission and we believe that a government-funded temporary paid sick leave program is vital to help further prevent the spread of the virus. No worker should have to choose between a paycheck and keeping others safe.

But troublingly, and despite promises from the Premier and the Minister of Labour that B.C. businesses would not be burdened with the costs of this temporary program, this legislation will download additional costs onto businesses.

The government has not yet set up the Worksafe BC reimbursement program for employers and businesses, which means many businesses and employers will be on the hook for costs associated with this legislation — potentially for weeks if not months — before they will be reimbursed.

The other major concern is the ambiguity of the second section of the bill, which will implement a permanent paid sick leave program — the details of which have yet to be announced and will be introduced by regulation, behind closed doors, later this year.

While we are happy to see British Columbians are finally getting access to paid sick leave during this pandemic, we are concerned as to why this government feels the need to force this separate, permanent program through the Legislature now after delaying the introduction of a temporary program for more than a year.

Pursuing the second section of this bill now is unnecessary as it will not provide the opportunity for debate, nor will it allow for proper consultation on basic components of the permanent program, like whether it will be employer-funded.

The B.C. Legislature will be returning to sit again later this year in October when the government could introduce a bill for a permanent program as a separate piece of legislation, after undertaking the appropriate consultation with businesses and other employers, which our caucus has been strongly advocating for.

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British Columbians deserve sick pay during a pandemic, but they also deserve a government that is open and transparent.

With this legislation, government reserves the right to download the potentially immense cost of a permanent program onto the backs of businesses, rather than uphold their promise of a government-funded sick pay program.

We will continue to hold government to account and advocate for government to consult with businesses and employers before passing this legislation, but we need your help to circulate this letter to your colleagues in the business community.

Please write to Premier Horgan at premier@gov.bc.ca with your concerns about this current legislation and copy me on your communication to his office so I can help amplify your voice.

If you have any additional questions or concerns about the implications of this legislation, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office directly.

Thank you,

Greg Kylo

MLA, Shuswap

Official Opposition Critic for Labour

May 10, 2021

Bob Zimmer, Member of Parliament
9916 100 Avenue
Fort St. John, BC V1J 1Y5

Dear Mr. Zimmer, MP

Re: Letter of support for national three-digit suicide prevention hotline - 988

On behalf of Council, we are pleased to provide this letter of support for the creation of a national three-digit suicide and crisis hotline – 988.

The Council of the District of Mackenzie, at their Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 26, 2021 hereby resolved the following:

31933. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss
Support for WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National
988 Crisis three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;
Line

AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for
suicide prevention services by 200 per cent;

AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a
10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis
hotline;

AND WHEREAS the District of Mackenzie recognizes that it is a significant and
important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and
seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Mackenzie endorses this
988-crisis line initiative;

and that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP,
MPP, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate
our support.

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We see great value in this project and we look forward to the implementation of this initiative.

Sincerely,



Joan Atkinson

Mayor

cc: Dan Davies
Member of the Legislative Assembly
dan.davies.mia@leg.bc.ca

The Hon. Steven Guilbeault
Minister of Canadian Heritage
Minister Responsible for the CRTC
steven.guilbeault@parl.gc.ca

The Hon. Patty Hajdu
Federal Minister of Health
hcmminister.ministresc@canada.ca

Local Area Municipalities

2021/05/11

Honourable John Horgan
Premier of British Columbia
Via Email: premier@gov.bc.ca

Dear Premier Horgan:

RE: Support for Authority and Training for Hospital Security Staff

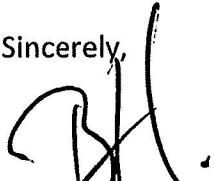
At the Special Meeting of Council on May 10th, 2021, Langford Council passed a resolution in support of the letter to you from Mayor David Screech, Town of View Royal dated April 1, 2021 requesting that hospital security staff be given the authority and necessary training to take custody of patients apprehended under the *Mental Health Act* on arrival at the hospital.

Diverting police resources from the streets to hospital waiting rooms is not a cost-effective solution to the mental health crisis we are currently experiencing across the province.

Allowing hospital security staff to assume this role from police officers would not only provide a less costly approach for taxpayers, but would also ease the burden on police resources, enabling them to provide timely services where they are needed in the community.

We fully support the request of Mayor Screech and ask that the Province provide assistance to implement a long-term solution for this situation.

Sincerely,



Braden Hutchings
Director of Corporate Services

cc. Hon. David Eby, AG.Minister@gov.bc.ca
Hon. Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca
Hon. Sheila Malcolmson, Minister Mental Health & Addictions MH.Minister@gov.bc.ca
Mayor David Screech, Town of View Royal, mayorscreech@viewroyal.ca
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Honourable Katrine Conroy
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
PO BOX 9049, Stn. Provincial Government
Victoria BC, V8W9E2

May 11, 2021
File No. COM-02 FLNRORD
FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Conroy,

Re: Support for Expedient and Resourced Implementation of the Old-Growth Strategic Review

On behalf of the District of Tofino Council, I write to you expressing support for the expedient and resourced implementation of the 14 recommendations in the report titled "A Strategic Review of How British Columbia Manages for Old Forests Within its Ancient Ecosystems" (the Strategic Review) written by Registered Professional Foresters Garry Merkel and Al Gorley.

We commend the Minister and Premier Horgan for having publicly committed to implement the Strategic Review in its totality. However, to adequately manage and protect BC's old forest biodiversity, attributes, values and benefits for future generations, we specifically request an expedient Provincial response to recommendations 6 and 7:

6. Until a new strategy is implemented, defer development in old forests where ecosystems are at very high and near-term risk of irreversible biodiversity loss.
7. Bring management of old forests into compliance with existing provincial targets and guidelines for maintaining biological diversity.

The District of Tofino also adds our voice to concerns that BC Budget 2021 shows no allocated funding toward the implementation of the recommendations, or to transitional supports for communities and Indigenous governments as they adapt to changes resulting from new forest management systems.

While BC Budget 2021 does include increased funding for land-use planning modernization, support for negotiations with Indigenous communities, and funds to enact the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, the budget is missing critical funding pieces needed to fully implement the Old Growth Strategic Review recommendations.

Situated within the Territory of the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation in the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, thirty years ago our region was also at a crossroads with respect to the ongoing harvest of timber resources. Since that time, the District of Tofino has continued to engage with the Province and other governments on issues of sustainability and equity, as noted in our most recent Strategic Plan, protocol agreements and other corporate strategies.

Office of the Mayor

Our intention in writing to you, Minister, is to not only show the District of Tofino's support for the expedient implementation of the Strategic Review's recommendations, but also to add our voice to the calls for dedicated funding to enact the recommendations in an economically just manner to build healthier ecosystems, better long-term land management and greater public support for this much needed paradigm shift.

Sincerely,

**Dan Law, Mayor
District of Tofino**

cc. MLA Josie Osborne
Local Governments of British Columbia