



# *AGENDA*

## Public Budget Component Special Council Meeting

Monday, September 20, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

*Council Chambers of City Hall  
500 – 2 Avenue NE and by Electronic means  
as authorized by Ministerial Order M192*

  
 Erin Jackson, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

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	1.	CALL TO ORDER
	2.	IN CAMERA
	3.	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY <i>We acknowledge that we are gathering here on the traditional territory of the Secwepemc people, with whom we share these lands and where we live and work together.</i>
	4.	ADOPTION OF AGENDA
	5.	DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST
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Item 6.1

# CITY OF SALMON ARM

Date: September 20, 2021

**2022 Budget**  
**We want to hear from you!**  
**#SalmonArm this is your opportunity to provide input into the 2022 Budget**

<b>September 20, 2021</b>	<b>Public Input Opportunity @ 7:00 p.m.</b> The public has the opportunity to present or provide written input for the 2022 Budget
<b>November 29 – 30, 2021</b>	<b>Special Council Meeting(s)</b> Council will consider the draft budget. Documents will be available for review at <a href="http://www.salmonarm.ca">www.salmonarm.ca</a>
<b>December 13, 2021 (tentative)</b>	<b>Regular Council Meeting</b> The 2022 Budget will be adopted by Council

**Provide your input for the Public Input Session by Friday September 17, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.**  
 Email: [cityhall@salmonarm.ca](mailto:cityhall@salmonarm.ca)  
 Mail: Box 40, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2  
 Drop Off: 500 2 Avenue NE, Salmon Arm, BC

**CITY OF SALMON ARM**

### Vote Record

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Opposed:

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## CITY OF SALMON ARM

Date: September 20, 2021

**NAME:** Frederik Vroom and Carolyn Rennie

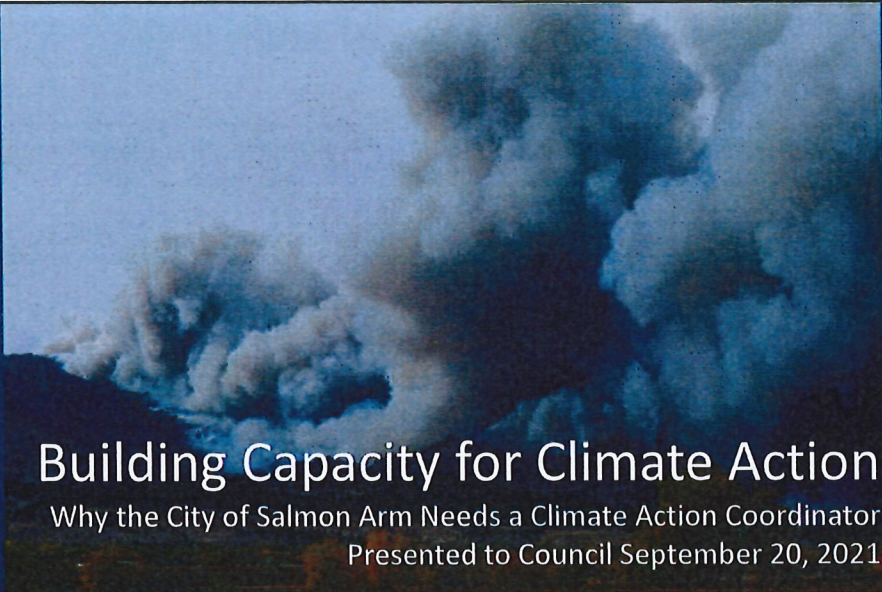
**TOPIC:** Shuswap Climate Action - Building Capacity for Climate Action

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# Building Capacity for Climate Action

Why the City of Salmon Arm Needs a Climate Action Coordinator  
Presented to Council September 20, 2021



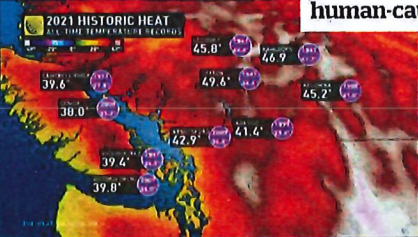
Shuswap Climate Action

## The Rapidly Changing Climate

- Heat dome, wildfires, flooding, tourism disrupted, properties destroyed
- Climate change is more dramatic than predicted
- Health impacts, economic & property losses, strain on emergency resources


British Columbia

**Wildfire that decimated B.C. town was likely human-caused, says official**

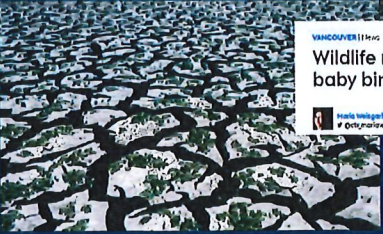



**Four-fold increase in sudden deaths reported during B.C. heat wave: preliminary data**

Fraser Health saw sudden deaths spike to nearly seven times the previous five-year average



**Wildlife rehab centres in B.C. and beyond saw influx of baby birds during scorching heat wave**

Shuswap Climate Action



## How is this Affecting the Community?

### Shuswap Climate Action's Survey

- Half respondents < 40 years old
- 80% think about climate change every day
- 95% are worried (62.5%) or feeling hopeless (32.5%)
- 82.5% want the City to take more action

"Not wanting my newly married daughter to have kids and worry about how to reduce my footprint"

"Wildfires, drought, heat dome - all worrisome and uncomfortable"

" I feel hopeless and scared for my daughter's future "

" I am saddened by the suffering of wildlife and people and the damage to ecosystems"

"Killed all my trees, dried up our water, polluting the planet, what is wrong with us?"

"The extreme weather conditions each new season are getting to be very stressful"

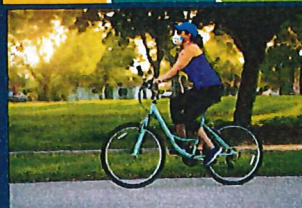
"My husband and I have discussed not having children due to the uncertainty surrounding climate change"

"I worry about the future for my children and grandchildren. I am not optimistic about the speed of government response"

"I'm tired of seeing these situations take a back burner in the government's schedule"

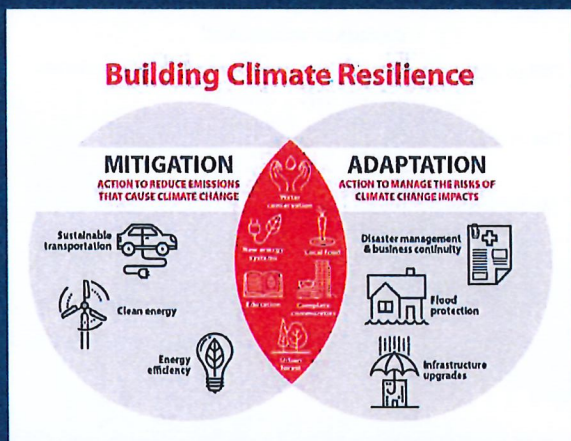
## What Should We Do?

- Local government must take ambitious action to meet August 2021 IPCC emission targets
- "Fair share" emissions reduction target now 60% below 2005 levels by 2030
- Adopt a "whole-of-government" approach
- Comprehensive plan that intersects all departments





## Why is the Role of the City So Important?



- Municipalities on the front line of climate impacts
- 50% of Canadian GHG emissions under local government jurisdiction
- Cities are key implementers of policy to meet climate challenge & exhibit political leadership
- Urban systems can amplify or reduce the impacts of a warming climate



Shuswap Climate Action

## Salmon Arm's Climate Efforts

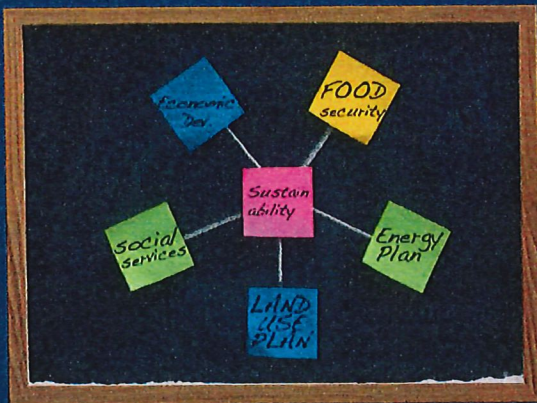
- Good record of climate action over the past 10 years
- But times are changing, the climate crisis is worsening
- Even with these successes Salmon Arm's GHG emissions are projected to increase annually to 2029
- Much more needs to be done!



Shuswap Climate Action



## Benefits of a Climate Action Plan



- Provides detailed, strategic framework to measure, plan and reduce GHG emissions
- Roadmap to inform decisions on where and how to achieve most cost-effective emissions targets
- Lays out priorities for preparedness, infrastructure upgrades, health and safety of community



Shuswap Climate Action

## Dedicated Staff to Guide Climate Efforts

- Staff currently over capacity
- Climate work is piece-meal, off side of desk, uncoordinated across departments
- Need comprehensive, coordinated approach, increase staff capacity and complement other initiatives
- Barrier to new hire is funding so requires a creative approach



Shuswap Climate Action



## Benefits of a Climate Action Coordinator

- Better informed, coordinated policies and decisions, save money
- Able to secure grant money for position and initiatives
- Value-added to city – e.g., Vernon secured 2 grants worth \$1.3 million last yr
- City of Peachland climate position paid for itself in savings, more in grants



Shuswap Climate Action

## Solutions to Staffing a Position



- Priority for future community resilience and preparedness
- Seek grants
  - BC Hydro Community Sustainability's Program
  - Fortis BC
  - BC Government
  - McConnell Foundation
  - Community Energy Association (CEA)
  - Real Estate Foundation of BC
  - Federation of Canadian Municipalities Partners in Climate Protection
- CARIP funds, tax base, or some combination of grants and other funding
- Partnerships – CSR, SD83, local businesses



Shuswap Climate Action

## Our Message to You



Community and economic resiliency  
through sustainable development!

### A Climate Action Coordinator will:

1. Keep staff and council informed of ongoing climate policy and funding
2. Be part of and strengthen the planning and development team. Climate lens to development.
3. Help leadership move the City to FCM Milestone 2 (targets) and FCM Milestone 3 (action plan) as immediate achievable goals
4. Encourage citizen participation and support partnerships
5. Plan ahead - Adapt to save money, property and improve health and wellbeing

**Thank you!**



**Shuswap Climate Action**





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**SHUSWAP CLIMATE ACTION**  
**POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES**

**BC Hydro Sustainable Communities Program**

BC Hydro provides up to 50% of the salary of a full-time senior staff member (to a maximum of \$50,000 per year) for two years (funding reviewed and renewed annually) for local government to hire a Community Energy Manager (CEM). This position would be a dedicated staff person who would drive sustainable policies and projects that reduce electricity consumption and greenhouse gas emissions in the community by developing and implementing energy efficiency plans, policies and programs.

This program funding is for communities with populations over 75,000, OR for “Champion Communities” having a population over 20,000 with a council-approved CEEP (or equivalent) and demonstrated leadership in electricity demand-side management.

If Salmon Arm does not qualify as a “Champion Community” as defined by BC Hydro, perhaps the CEEP could be reworked with the CEA to qualify as the necessary document to continue with the FCM Milestone Program. Salmon Arm has a record as a strong CARIP municipality so this should assist in meeting the program criteria. This could lead to completion of Milestones 2 and 3 of the FCM PCP program.

Contact information: Power Smart Sustainable Communities Senior Relationship Manager 604-522-4718/1-866-522-4713.

**Fortis BC**

Robert Stupka with FortisBC is a program manager in the Climate Action Partners program, which subsidizes salaries for 'community energy specialists' in participating communities and works with them to develop work plans re: energy/emissions reduction initiatives. It is possible that this opportunity may require a regional partner, perhaps CSRD or SD 83.

Contact information: Robert Stupka, email address [robert.stupka@fortisbc.com](mailto:robert.stupka@fortisbc.com)

**Partnership with CSRD and/or SD 83**

As the City of Salmon Arm has representation on the CSRD Board of Directors liaison and discussions with CSRD could be part of an upcoming agenda to discuss possible interest in a funding partnership to support a shared designated climate action coordinator position. This discussion would likely have broad community support throughout the region. As well, City could open discussions with the new superintendent of School District 83.



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### **Federation of Canadian Municipalities Partners in Climate Protection program [FCM/PCP]**

The City is already a member of this organization and has successfully completed Milestone 1, an Inventory of GHG emissions. Unofficial information is that the FCM may be anticipating future funding for local climate positions. The FCM/PCP program provides their member communities with access to monthly online meetings, events, and “drop in” sessions with a range of Canadian municipalities some of whom may have knowledge of funding opportunities which the City of Salmon Arm could access.

### **Community Energy Association [CEA]**

The City has an existing relationship with the CEA. The CEA has previously published a list of possible sources of grant funding. Additionally, there is new local leadership in this organization which may offer opportunities to access funding sources or other creative ideas to support the Climate Action Coordinator position such as the following:

*“Quest, Eco-West Canada and CEA are seeking small to mid-sized communities interested in accelerating projects and plans to save energy and emissions to participate in a two-year Net-Zero Communities Accelerator Program. The program will establish a community energy and emission accelerator to equip a group of communities in Western Canada with the tools to develop high impact initiatives.”* Expressions of interest for this program is requested by September 26, 2021. This is the type of initiative that a Climate Action Coordinator could access. As well, a program such as this could be advantageous to the City as it moves to become a “Champion” climate city of almost 20,000 and assist in applying to BC Hydro for their funding.

### **McConnell Foundation <https://mcconnellfoundation.ca/funding/>**

This Montreal based organization funds projects across Canada. They have three focus areas they fund: Climate, Communities and Reconciliation projects. They state in their FAQ that they do fund municipalities: *Under the Income Tax Act, we can provide funding to “[qualified Canadian donees](#)” only. Generally, this means federally registered charities\* and municipalities.*

The following explanation from their website states:

*“We aim, through our theory of change, to support Canada’s efforts of transitioning to a net-zero carbon economy in a way that ensures productive, equitable outcomes for all. We shall contribute to this by applying a social justice framework to our funding and investments, and by advancing systemic change. This also includes global equity, meaning that Canada will take on its fair share of the global efforts required to keep the global temperature rise below 1.5C. The Government of Canada has committed itself, in the spring of 2021, to a new target to reduce greenhouse emissions by 40 to 45% below 2005 levels by 2030. Canada can and needs to do a lot more.”*



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### **Real Estate Foundation of BC**

The Real Estate Foundation of BC has funding opportunities for projects that “strengthen communities” under five envelopes: land use, built environments (buildings), fresh water, food lands and real estate professionals. A city may qualify for the first four funding envelopes but would not qualify under the last one. Their link is:

[REFBC Grants | Real Estate Foundation](#) Examples of their funded projects are available on their website at: [Funded Projects | Real Estate Foundation \(refbc.com\)](#)



Dear Mayor Harrison and Council members,

First, let me offer my gratitude for the work you all do to make our city a wonderful place to live, for all its citizens. The past year and a half have added extra pressure to be creative, innovative, and respond to issues that were unforeseen two years ago.

I recall being at a city council meeting in 2019 where serious talks began about addressing our growing climate emergency. Please don't let this important issue drop.

I understand that the City of Salmon Arm has joined the Canadian Municipalities Partners in Climate Protection Program (FCMPCP) and in February 2021, completed Milestone 1 of the 5 Milestones in the program. Milestone 1 created an inventory of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to date and a forecast of future emissions which shows an increasing trend from 2019 to 2029.

To move to Milestone 2, the FCMPCP program requires the city to develop detailed, short-term GHG emission targets that are achievable and which inspire ambitious action. This sets the stage for Milestone 3, a climate action plan that formalizes specific achievable and measurable climate goals with timelines, strategies, funding if necessary, staffing, annual assessment, reporting and accountability. PCP Milestone 4 implements a climate action plan while Milestone 5 monitors progress and reports results. The City is two years into a 10-year cycle for completing successfully all 5 Milestones.

It is imperative that the City of Salmon Arm carry on with this vital work and I ask you to find the means to hire a dedicated climate coordinator to institute a "whole of government" approach in fighting climate change. This will allow the City to move forward with setting specific measurable and achievable emission targets, as well as developing and implementing a timely comprehensive climate action plan which will put the City on the path to a truly sustainable community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Rev. Juanita Austin



Co-Chair of the Salmon Arm Ecumenical KAIROS Committee

Item 6.3

## CITY OF SALMON ARM

Date: September 20, 2021

**NAME:** Jayme Franklin

**TOPIC:** Shuswap Youth Soccer Association

### **Vote Record**

- Carried Unanimously
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- Opposed:

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**CITY OF SALMON ARM**

Date: September 20, 2021

**NAME:** Kristal Burgess

**TOPIC:** Salmon Arm Minor Baseball Association

**Vote Record**

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Salmon Arm Minor Baseball Association  
 PO Box 396  
 Salmon Arm BC V1E4N5

Sept 17, 2021

Good afternoon your Worship, and Salmon Arm City Council

Salmon Arm Minor Baseball Association (SAMBA) would first off like to express our sincere thanks for the support we have received from the city, staff, and Shuswap Recreation Society over the past year in building the beautiful new SASCU Batting Cage. Our organization raised over \$50,000 worth of cash and material donations, and our volunteer base donated all of the hours and manpower for construction. It was a huge feat, and it couldn't have been without everyone working together.

As you are likely aware, SAMBA is a growing organization, and as we expand so do the needs of our players. Below is a comprehensive list of the needs of Salmon Arm Minor Baseball so that we can not only have facilities that work for our sport, but also that provide a safe playing experience for our players, and show pride in our facilities.

Of course, we know that Council faces many requests for funds each year. We do hope that you see the dedication SAMBA has to providing an amazing baseball experience to Salmon Arm families. With your support, we can work together to safely continue the baseball program. We hope that as you set the budget for the upcoming years, you can place priority on the ever expanding baseball community!

## **Safety Issues**

There are a number of issues that present an immediate danger or safety threat to players that we feel need to be addressed now.

### *Replacement of the fencing at Blackburn Fields*

The backstop and perimeter fencing is currently in disrepair, and have proven to be a safety concern. In a previous year, a male player cut himself on the fence requiring 40 stitches. The fence has still not been repaired and it is a danger every time the field is used. The backstop boards are loose, fencing is not properly supported, and it's producing bad bounces, and is very unsafe for catchers who are attempting to catch foul balls. While we do understand that there may be

changes to the Blackburn fields in the near future, these safety issues are of great concern.

### Protective barrier on the top of all fences

All diamonds used by SAMBA should have a protective barrier at the top of the fence to prevent injury.

### Infield Maintenance

Currently the fields are being dragged by the city, which is fantastic. Unfortunately the fill material contains large rocks which are a huge safety issue, as they make the infield unsuitable for sliding, as well as make for bad hops from the ball. An ideal repair would be a grass infields on all diamonds. Alternatively, infields could have the shale replaced, or at minimum have a deep rake and remove all of the larger material. As well, the outfield at Blackburn has holes so large a baseball can fit in them.

### Safe bullpens

The addition of bullpens at Klahani 1 & 2, Blackburn 1, and any new fields where 9U and 11U players end up practising is needed. Having a safe area for pitching warm up is essential to the safety of those at practice, and also allows pitchers to warm up in a controlled environment which helps prevent injury.

### Warning Track

Warning tracks should be installed for the safety of players on all fields played by 13U and up divisions.

### Netting at Blackburn 1

Netting should be installed on Blackburn 1 to prevent balls from entering the roadway.

## **Usage & Maintenance Issues**

### Lack of Fields

For the 2021 season, there were not enough usable baseball fields in Salmon Arm for the 300+ registered athlete. With losing the use of the diamonds at Elk's Park, multiple divisions had to play on slo-pitch or school fields, neither of which are not ideal. SAMBA needs 3 more dedicated fields just to field the current number of players in daylight hours. If more fields are not created, the installation of proper backstops at school fields would also be needed.

### Field Lights

To accommodate growing numbers of players, the addition of field lights would greatly increase the amount of time existing fields could be used. Blackburn 1 and Klahani 1 would see the most



value in having field lights installed, although all 4 fields would be ideal.

### *Batting Cage Roof*

The addition of a roof over the new SASCU batting cage would allow for it to be used throughout 3 complete seasons of baseball. We would also request that in the winter months, the cage netting be installed at the SASCU Memorial Sports Complex.

### *Irrigation*

All fields need to have proper irrigation, with the ability to control infield irrigation on demand, and separately from the outfield.

### *Benches and Dugouts*

Benches are needed for the Klahani 2 dugouts. We are currently having to bring folding chairs out of storage each night the field is used. Dugouts at Blackburn also need to have benches repaired, and need to be cleaned as they do get utilized but some as a washroom. Dugouts at Blackburn 1 are also far too small for a standard team (even before social distancing was the norm.) If new dugouts are created, they need to fit a team.

### *Increased Field Maintenance*

Raking, weeding, and mowing of the fields needs to be done more regularly. There are often unsightly weeds growing at Blackburn 1 which impede the view for score keepers and pitch counters, as well as fans.

### *Removal of Excess Dirt*

Getting rid of the sand and dirt around the outside of the dugouts and the benches at Klahani 2 and Blackburn 2 is needed. It is VERY dirty and dusty all around the spectator area of all our fields, making it unpleasant to be at when it's dry (dust pit) and when it is raining (mud pit).

### *Equipment Storage*

Additional stage containers or facilities are needed at Blackburn 2 and Klahani 2

### *Electronic Scoreboards*

Electronic scoreboards for all fields would be a great addition. Salmon Arm is well known for the great atmosphere they provide when hosting games and tournaments, but it is often questioned by visitors why we don't have electronic scoreboards – or any scoreboards at all.

### *Pride of Facilities*

Much to SAMBA's dismay, it is often noted by visiting teams that they are shocked by the lack of

general upkeep and the unsafe facilities. Our organization, run completely by volunteers, puts in hours every week doing tasks like removing rocks, weed eating, etc. SAMBA is very proud of the baseball program we are continuing to develop, and we would love to see the city support our organization by providing safe, clean, and maintained facilities.

Salmon Arm Minor Baseball values our relationship with the city and the Shuswap Recreation Society, and we hope that as plans move forward with any upgrades to the baseball facilities, we are consulted before construction. SAMBA knows the requirements and rules for safe play, as well as the needs to address provincial standards. We hope that by working together in the planning, oversights can be eliminated.

Thank you for all you do for the city, and for the approach council takes on healthy active lifestyles in our community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Chad Giesbretch  
President, SAMBA

Kristen Steward  
Vice President, SAMBA

Kristal Burgess  
Sponsorship, SAMBA

And the entire board of directors and baseball community.

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Item 8.

## CITY OF SALMON ARM

Date: September 20, 2021

Moved: Councillor Eliason

Seconded: Councillor Lindgren

THAT: the Special Council Meeting of September 20, 2021, be adjourned.

### Vote Record

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