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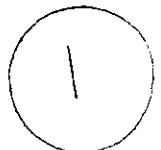
**CITY OF SALMON ARM
BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2014**

LAST YEAR (2013)
CURRENT MONTH YEAR-TO-DATE

CURRENT YEAR (2014)
CURRENT MONTH YEAR-TO-DATE

		NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE
1	New Single Family Dwellings	3	935,000	30	7,598,042	3	496,000	32	9,438,087
2	Misc. Additions etc. to SFD's	12	399,620	72	1,886,488	9	229,071	58	1,727,632
3	New Modulars/MH's (Factory Built)	1	175,000	8	1,018,222	-	-	13	1,367,187
4	Misc. Additions etc. to Modulars/MH's	2	63,700	4	102,700	2	8,325	11	62,135
5	MFD's (# Units)	-	-	4 (9)	1,555,000	-	-	4 (35)	3,270,000
6	Misc. Additions etc. to MFD's	-	-	1	1,000	-	-	2	17,000
7	New Commercial	1	250,000	3	10,278,000	-	-	3	6,350,000
8	Misc. Additions etc. to Commercial	2	145,000	30	2,632,457	-	-	26	1,324,100
9	New Industrial	1	50,000	2	92,000	-	-	4	3,924,900
10	Misc. Additions etc. to Industrial	-	-	3	21,400	-	-	1	650,000
11	New Institutional	7	325,332	8	1,075,332	1	25,000	4	13,998,000
12	Misc. Additions etc. to Institutional	-	-	5	77,700	2	54,000	8	419,899
13	Signs	7	43,165	34	228,961	1	450	42	195,829
14	Swimming Pools, Pool Buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	40,000
15	Demolitions	6	-	14	-	3	-	18	-
16	Temporary Trailers, A & B Permits	1	-	5	-	1	-	6	-
17	Misc. Special Inspections, etc.	-	-	13	-	1	-	19	-
	TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	43	2,386,817	236	26,567,302	23	812,846	252	42,784,769

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
2001	585,500	11,938,550	12,265,250	12,842,790	13,534,790	14,712,550	16,330,650	17,717,625	19,031,075	19,895,255	21,318,855	21,458,195
2002	585,500	1,952,500	3,340,850	3,321,240	5,455,840	6,411,690	8,844,690	10,932,510	15,780,890	16,705,600	17,738,200	17,923,700
2003	130,110	920,780	2,974,020	4,486,120	5,993,320	13,294,120	15,555,250	17,937,005	20,318,920	22,000,340	24,005,740	24,782,360
2004	430,700	1,506,500	5,903,780	8,379,104	10,122,768	12,086,319	14,779,343	21,598,763	30,371,023	33,614,173	34,957,458	35,881,343
2005	1,072,000	2,269,650	4,344,750	3,806,152	12,110,482	28,031,457	29,985,585	34,743,645	37,600,445	42,915,856	45,525,611	47,576,746
2006	815,550	3,224,468	8,012,449	11,501,929	16,084,809	20,066,533	23,714,194	26,370,890	36,479,806	37,278,358	42,332,995	43,077,170
2007	1,531,087	3,901,669	16,148,674	22,413,118	27,232,134	32,401,472	35,657,297	42,829,750	51,945,799	55,703,387	65,885,802	66,289,555
2008	1,797,604	4,203,429	12,947,058	27,647,379	33,857,533	36,582,025	39,759,375	42,395,454	45,412,474	50,699,301	53,383,541	53,522,880
2009	409,369	864,839	2,039,460	5,207,311	6,763,615	7,800,085	9,677,455	11,579,746	18,882,737	20,713,554	23,523,664	24,337,664
2010	1,518,563	2,708,062	5,931,546	10,081,816	12,260,236	13,526,546	16,597,121	18,790,511	19,848,804	21,174,632	22,953,692	27,249,702
2011	568,645	2,003,976	5,063,837	7,449,773	9,471,416	11,761,850	12,794,028	14,222,970	18,194,801	19,682,061	30,563,013	31,934,415
2012	2,189,660	3,128,562	4,794,040	3,337,260	10,000,544	12,120,246	17,883,185	24,375,078	26,118,787	26,493,820	28,130,500	28,666,430
2013	881,740	1,440,110	13,907,060	15,814,195	17,433,454	20,194,778	23,204,628	24,180,485	26,567,302	29,195,224	30,890,086	31,231,349
2014	665,304	2,806,404	8,075,941	20,789,869	27,574,834	29,877,686	33,456,523	41,971,923	42,784,769			

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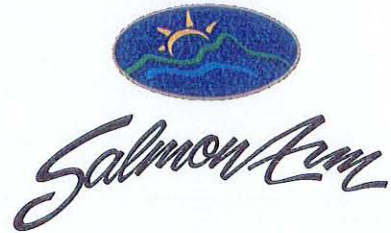
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September 17, 2014

The Honourable Norm Letnick, Minister of Agriculture
PO Box 9043
Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister,

Re: Genetically Modified Organisms

At the September 8, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council, members of the City of Salmon Arm Environmental Advisory Committee gave a presentation regarding the human health and environmental implications of Genetically Modified crops and foods. Council subsequently passed a resolution to support labeling of Genetically Modified foods and encourage the City of Salmon Arm land base to become Genetically Modified Organism free and to urge the Federal and Provincial Governments to do the same.

The City of Salmon Arm joins many other municipalities who are concerned with the uncertainties surrounding the safety and efficacy of GMOs and would like to thank you for your urgent consideration of these important initiatives.

Yours truly,

Nancy Cooper

Mayor

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1341 Baseline Road
Ottawa, ON K1A 0C5

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September 4, 2013

File: 5460.08

Try-a-Tri, Salmon Arm Kids' Triathlon
1860 - 22 Street NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 3M9

Ph: (250)832-0998 Email:tslombaert@hotmail.com

Attention: Tiffany Lombaert, Race Director

Dear Tiffany:

RE: TRY-A-TRI KIDS TRIATHLON - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

Reference is made to your letter dated August 11, 2014.

I am pleased to advise that authorization is granted to use the roadways, as per previous maps and to the temporary closure of 24 Street between 5 Avenue and the Salmon Arm Savings and Credit Union Community Centre (do not block the east-west access at the north end) for the above-noted event, on Sunday, September 21, 2014 between 6:00 am. and 1:00 pm. Permission is granted subject to the provision of adequate supervision and liability insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 with the City of Salmon Arm named as an additional Insured. **Please forward a copy of your insurance coverage prior to the event.**

Any route markings placed on paved roads must be of "chalk-based" aerosol type paint. Ample signage is to be erected to notify motorists of the triathlon. **Please have participants travel in the easterly portion of the northbound lane on 20 Street NE. It is understood that Traffic Marshals will be in place at all intersections and that special attention must be paid to traffic control at all intersections to ensure the safety of participants.**

Please advise the RCMP, Ambulance Officials and Fire Department of the triathlon; arrange for the facility use with the Salmon Arm Savings & Credit Union Recreation Centre (250-832-4044), and contact the following affected single family residential property owners to advise of the intended event:

- 5 Avenue NE
- 22/23 Streets NE
- 1 Avenue/4 Avenue NE
- 25 to 28 Street NE

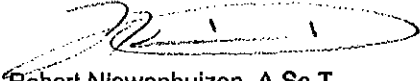
Please ensure permission has been granted by Okanagan University College to access and use their property.

You may obtain barricades, signs and safety vests from the Public Works Department. Please contact Rob Hein, Manager of Roads and Parks (803-4087) to make necessary arrangements.

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Best Wishes for a successful event.

Yours truly,



Robert Niewenhuizen, A.Sc.T
Director of Engineering and Public Works

cc. Council Information Correspondence
Rob Hein, Manager of Roads and Parks
Cam Gerow, Operations Clerk
Mike Stremel, Warehouseman
Dale Berger, Manager SASCU Recreation Centre
RCMP / Ambulance Officials / Fire Department
Okanagan University College

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September 10, 2014

File: 5460.08

Okanagan College
Salmon Arm Campus
2552 Trans Canada Hwy. N.E.
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 2S4

Attention: Patty Bruce, Program Administrator

Dear Madam:

RE: TRAFFIC CONTROL PROGRAM - Sept 30 & Oct 1 , Oct 22 & 23, 2014

Reference is made to your email dated September 4, 2014.

I am pleased to advise that authorization is granted to close the southbound lane of 20/21 Street NE (between Okanagan Avenue and 6 Avenue NE only) to set up a "work zone" for the instruction/training of students in Traffic Safety Control for the following dates: **Wednesday, October 1, 2014 and Thursday October 23, 2014 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)**. This closure is subject to the provision of adequate supervision and Comprehensive General Liability Insurance with a limit of not less than \$2,000,000.00 inclusive per occurrence for bodily injury (including death, personal injury and property damage) with the City of Salmon Arm named as an "Additional Insured".

Yours truly,

Robert Niewenhuizen, A.Sc.T.
Director of Engineering and Public Works

cc. RCMP/Ambulance Officials/Fire Department
Rob Hein, Manager of Roads & Parks
Marcel Bedard, Bylaw Enforcement Officer
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September 10, 2014

File: 5460.08

Salmar Community Association
PO Box 338
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N5

Attention: Daila Duford, General Manager

Dear Ms. Duford:

RE: Community Celebration – Sunday September 21, 2014

Reference is made to your email dated August 21, 2014

I am pleased to advise that Council for the City of Salmon Arm has passed a resolution to approve the use of the Hudson Street lot for the Community Celebration on Sunday, September 21, 2014. This event is subject to the provision of adequate supervision and liability insurance coverage with the City of Salmon Arm named as an "Additional Insured" in the amount of \$2,000,000.00. **Please forward a copy of your insurance prior to the event.**

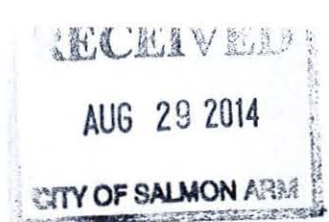
We would like to offer our congratulations and heartfelt thanks for the many contributions of the Salmar Community Association to the residents of Salmon Arm during the past 65 years.

If you wish to borrow barricades and/or signs to close off the parking lot, please contact Rob Hein, Manager of Roads and Parks at 250-803-4087 to make necessary arrangements.

Yours truly,

Robert Niewenhuizen, A.Sc.T
Director of Engineering and Public Works

cc: Council Information Correspondence
RCMP / Fire Department / Ambulance Service
Rob Hein, Manager of Roads and Parks
Cam Gerow, Operations Clerk



August 29, 2014

Attention:
Mayor and Council
City of Salmon Arm
500 - 2nd Avenue NE

I have been in conversation with Fire Chief Brad Shirley and Kevin Pearson (Director of Development Services) regarding my situation and they have suggested I write you a letter.

I live at 9050 70 Ave SW. It is at the very end of 70 Ave SW (which is a city road) but my property is CSRD (my fence is the city limits).

My property is not currently connected to the Silver Creek coverage area (the two properties to the south - which also border the city limits - are currently non supportive in having fire protection). I have talked with Fire Chief Ken Mount from the CSRD and the main issue is that the Silver Creek fire hall would have to leave their coverage area and go a significant distance through the city to get to my house. It would make much more sense to be under a city fire hall protection.

I was hoping to be able to come up with an arrangement to pay for fire protection from the city. I know that it isn't a separate tax line in property taxes, but it could work something like the Kault hill agreement? If it were possible to be in the Silver Creek protection area the cost would be around \$800 (based on a mill rate multiplied by assessed value). But without protection my insurance is about \$2000 higher. However, more importantly, fire protection offers the medical intervention if something was to happen.

Would it be possible, for a fee, to add my property to the city fire protection that the rest of the homes on 70 Ave SW currently have?

Thank you for taking the time to consider this and I hope there are some options we can pursue,

Noah Ralston
noahralston@gmail.com
250-833-0224

September 3, 2014

Salmon Arm City Council:

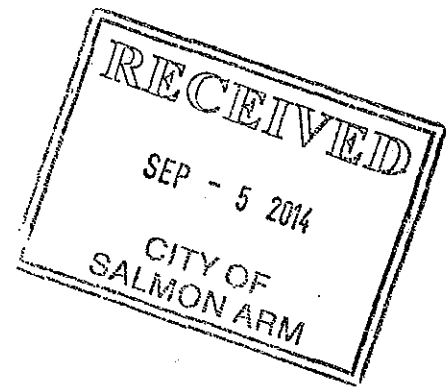
Thank you very much for your encouragement and verbal support for the Bike For Your Life Century Ride (BFYLCR) as presented at the City Council meeting of June 16, 2014. We appreciated the opportunity to share our plans. The schedule for this year's ride, which takes place on Saturday, Sept. 13 is to have the pre-ride safety presentation at 8:50 and the Start at 9:00 a.m.

One of the areas of support requested was to have the Mayor start the event (not a race) and ideally, to have the Mayor and Councilors with their families or friends, cycle one of the 4 distances (10, 35, 75 or 100 km). At your earliest convenience, can you please confirm whether we can include the Mayor in our "race start" plan. There is no closure on registration for the 10 km route and we would make every effort to place Councilors in the distance of their choosing.

Sincere thanks for you consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Pat Danforth

CJ Mitchell
PO Box 597
Canoe, BC, V0E 1K0
CJMitchell@Okanagan.BC.Ca



September 5, 2014

Mayor Cooper and Council
City of Salmon Arm

RE: Canoe Beach Lease Lot 23

Dear Mayor Cooper and Council:

I am the leaseholder of Canoe Beach Cabin #23 (4257 78 Ave NE) and would like to improve my 57 year old rustic cabin in accordance with the lease and OCP. It appears the first step in this process is a Riparian study conducted by a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP). I've had informal consultation with a local QEP who indicates that what I would propose is likely to be approved from an environmental perspective given the current state and history of the property. However the formal documentation of such an opinion is a significant cost; thus before funding such an outlay I am seeking Council's attitude on cabin replacement.

Given the current use has been in place since at least 1946, and

Given the OCP supports the current use until at least 2021, at which time the Council of the day will decide on future use, and

Given that the current lease allows for a modular building with a 500 sq-ft footprint.

It is my desire to replace the existent 384 sq-ft cabin with a two story 500 sq ft cabin utilizing the existent foundation – the footprint would grow by placing a 10x12 room on the back (away from the lake) of the current 24x16 post foundation. As the lot is sloped it is not possible, nor is the footprint available, to use a 'mobile' building; as it's too far from the road for a crane and mobiles, even custom made, can't be found in that dimension. In order to comply with the 'modular' design requirement of the lease I propose a prefab bolt together structure, pre-engineered and CSA approved such as those available through Econospan Structures of Chase BC.

Should Council discuss this matter at a Council or Development Committee meeting I would appreciate opportunity to be present. Moving forward would of course follow the normal City development process.

Sincerely,

CJ Mitchell

-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Cooper
Sent: September 28, 2014 1:21 PM
To: Anne Jiggins
Cc: Mayor_and_Council
Subject: RE: Graffiti

Dear Ms Jiggins

Your last email was forwarded to council for discussion. As I recall the council discussion was very respectful of your concerns and they also discussed the safety of children participating in events and the need for clear markings.

However, I will have staff put your current email in council correspondence for discussion at the next council meeting to be held on October 14th. The meeting begins at 2:30pm. The public is encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely
Nancy Cooper
Mayor
City of Salmon Arm

-----Original Message-----

From: Anne Jiggins [<mailto:amjiggins@gmail.com>]
Sent: September-24-14 7:02 PM
To: Nancy Cooper
Subject: Graffiti

A couple of months ago I wrote to you indicating my concern about the spray painting on our sidewalks and roads for the Kids Try-a-Tri Triathlon. You replied indicating that you would pass this information along to someone who would look into the matter.

My concerns were obviously not of very great importance. Once again, this event took place in our neighbourhood this past Saturday. A race that last three hours, and the graffiti markings on the sidewalk and roads will now last 364 days until they mark the sidewalks and roads up again.

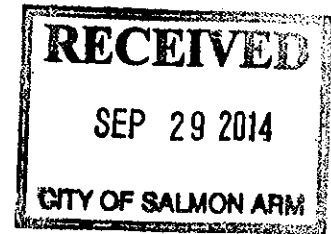
I would like to invite you to come and walk our streets and see what a mess has been once again created. If they had used chalk to mark the sidewalks and roads, it would have been all washed away with the wonderful rains we have had this past week.

Your web site says, we listen. I wonder if you really do.

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Sept. 26, 2014

781-16 St. SE
Salmon Arm, B.C. V1E1P7



Salmon Arm City Council:

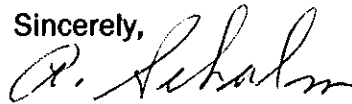
I notice in the 2013 annual report that you donated \$20,000.00 to the local chapter of the SPCA. This particular organization has departed from their original objectives of preventing animal cruelty into an "animal pro-life" movement. I would venture to guess that 10 % of their expense is to cruelty prevention and 90 % goes to feeding and keeping alive every unwanted and stray cat and dog in the city and environs. Why does the city support an animal pro-life movement but donate nothing to a human pro-life movement?

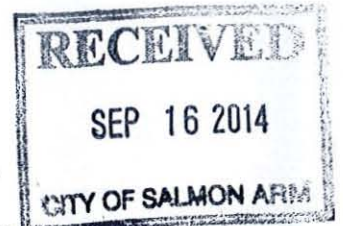
Why are my tax dollars going to support an organization that acts as an adoption agency for unwanted cats and dogs? Why am I paying to have some irresponsible resident adopt a cat that will then come and crap in my vegetable garden and dig up my flower beds? That leads to another question. Why are dog owners required to license their dog while cat owners get off scott free?

There are some responsible cat owners who keep their cats in their own home/yard. But many allow them to roam freely to the annoyance of neighbours. I have already spoken to some council members about this annoyance. I also pointed out that the city of Lacombe, AB has a cat bylaw so that is not an insurmountable object.

I realize that having a law on the books does not necessarily solve the problem. Also there appears to be no end to the making of new laws to regulate society. But, if having a cat bylaw will serve no useful purpose, why not eliminate the dog bylaw, which also serves no useful purpose? As it is now dog owners are being discriminated against. Currently the only purpose of a dog bylaw is to enrich the city coffers. So, why not institute a cat bylaw and bring in even more tax dollars to the city?

At a time when we are seriously talking about human euthanasia it is high time the SPCA became aware that euthanizing unwanted pets is not being cruel. In fact that may be much more humane than some of the adoptions. May I suggest that city council advise the SPCA that, unless they begin to eliminate these unwanted cats and dogs, they will receive no monies from this city. Failing that I want to see a credit on my tax bill for any amount paid to the SPCA equivalent to my share of the city budget.

Sincerely,

Alfred Schalm



F.Aitken,
Box 65,
Canoe, BC
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Sept. 12/14

Honourable Mayor and Councillors,
City of Salmon Arm,
500 2nd Ave.,
Box 40, Salmon Arm, BC
V12E 4N2

Dear Madam Mayor and Councillors,

May I make a suggestion that you all take a walk outside and enjoy the ambiance of the lovely Fletchers Park with all it's colourful and interesting options for children to enjoy, then take a trip to Canoe and visit the playground that has just been installed with thousands of the taxpayer's dollars..

It really is an abomination, consisting of a pile of dun coloured pretend rocks, one dun coloured stationary canoe made of similar material, two black seated baby swings hanging from black iron tubular poles and one black tire hanging from similar black painted supports. The rest of the playground is turf with nary a object to slide on, swing from, hang from, rock on or spin on. Not a scrap of colour anywhere to make it at least visually attractive. In fact it gives the impression with it's chain linked fence surround, of little more than a children's prison yard.

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING WHEN THIS MONSTROSITY WAS DESIGNED?

I hope some sensible heads will prevail soon and remedy the situation and turn this playground into something children of all ages can enjoy, with some sensible colourful current equipment. Canoe children and visitors alike, deserve at least this much.

Sincerely,

F. Aitken
250-832-7644
efaitken@shaw.ca

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From: Gerald Christie [<mailto:gchristie@csrd.bc.ca>]

Sent: September 23, 2014 9:26 AM

To: Kevin Pearson; Mike Thomas; John Wilsgard (jon.wilsgard@golden.ca); Mike Marrs (mmarrs@sicamous.ca); Tim Palmer (tpalmer@revelstoke.ca); Carl Bannister

Cc: Charles Hamilton; Sharen Berger

Subject: FW: Discussion Paper on Medical Marihuana Production in the Agricultural Land Reserve in BC _ RD

Importance: High

Good morning everyone. Please find attached recently received correspondence from the Ministry of Agriculture and a copy of their Medical Marihuana Discussion Paper for your information. The Ministry is looking for feedback from Regional Districts and municipalities on the discussion paper before October 26th, 2014. If you have any questions in regard to the paper you can contact Bert van Daltsen directly at the Ministry of Agriculture; Bert's contact information is noted on his email below.

Thanks.

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Hi all and happy Friday,

The Ministry of Ag wanted this information fanned out so I'm passing it along to all of you ARDPM types. They are seeking input on a discussion paper regarding Med Marijuana bylaws. Please pass along to your municipal counterparts as well.

thanks

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Hello Rob,

Attached is a letter introducing a discussion paper soliciting feedback on a proposed Minister's Bylaw Standard (also attached). Would it be possible for you to forward the Discussion Paper to the BC Association of Regional District Planning Managers (with a cc to myself)? Also please request that the Planning Managers forward the information to their municipal counterparts within their Regional District.

Please note that the consultation period closes on October 26, 2014.

Thank you.

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DISCUSSION PAPER AND PROPOSED MINISTER'S BYLAW STANDARDS

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Executive Summary

Canadian courts have determined that individuals who have demonstrated a medical need for marihuana must have reasonable access to a legal source of marihuana for medical purposes. In-line with this, the Federal Government has introduced the “Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations” (MMPR) in June 2013, to update the system in which patients access medical marihuana and how medical marihuana is produced to address issues with the previous system.

The province has considered medical marihuana and decided that it is a farm use and should not be prohibited by local governments in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). This discussion paper was prepared by the BC Ministry of Agriculture (AGRI) to seek input on the establishment of a Minister’s Bylaw Standard to guide local government bylaw development regarding medical marihuana production facilities in the ALR.

The discussion paper describes the process to develop the bylaw criteria, background information, current policies and regulation, and proposed set of criteria. The draft criteria are in Part 4.3. The consultation period closes on October 26, 2014. The feedback will be compiled and analyzed and the discussion paper and criteria will be updated. The Minister of Agriculture may consider establishing the updated criteria as a Bylaw Standard and incorporating the criteria into the Ministry’s “Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas”.

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Introduction

This discussion paper outlines a set of criteria for regulating Medical Marijuana Production Facilities (MMPFs) in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and serves as a basis for further discussion with local governments and the agricultural industry to ensure the criteria effectively deal with the issue of MMPFs from a land use regulation perspective. The criteria that have been developed reflect analysis undertaken by Ministry of Agriculture (AGRI) staff as well as current approaches being used by local governments to accommodate MMPFs. The criteria can also be modified by local governments to be made less restrictive to meet local agricultural needs.

1.0 Part one – The Criteria Development Process

The intent of this process is to develop criteria that can be used by local governments to establish land use policy or regulations to address MMPFs in the ALR. Following consultation with stakeholders, these criteria, if approved by the Minister of Agriculture, may become standards and be incorporated into the “Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas” (Bylaw Guide).¹

Purpose and Goals

The purpose of establishing the criteria is to address local government concerns regarding MMPFs while recognizing that MMPFs are considered a permitted use within the ALR. These criteria will:

1. Meet the needs of the agriculture industry;
2. Minimize the impact of MMPFs in the agricultural area; and
3. Minimize the risk of MMPFs being used for non-farm purposes

Scope

The land use regulation criteria considered in this Discussion Paper were developed by considering MMPFs as being similar to other types of agricultural buildings in the ALR and by identifying other potential issues pertaining to MMPFs that should also be addressed. While consideration of the health, safety and welfare of the general public are acknowledged, the proposed set of criteria is not intended to replicate Health Canada regulations, policing authority, and the BC Building Code.

Stakeholders

It is anticipated that the medical marihuana stakeholders involved in developing these bylaw standards will include:

- a) Local governments and their Agricultural Advisory Committees;
- b) The BC Agriculture Council;
- c) Agricultural Land Commission staff;
- d) The Canadian National Medical Marijuana Association;
- e) The Canadian Medical Cannabis Industry Association;
- f) Health Canada;
- g) Community, Sport and Cultural Development Ministry staff; and
- h) Ministry of Health

Objectives of the Process

The objectives of the development process are to:

1. Create a set of criteria for review by stakeholders;
2. Consult with stakeholders; and
3. Develop standards that local governments can adapt and apply as policy or regulation.

¹ Under the *Local Government Act* (Part 26, Division 8, Section 916), the Minister responsible for the *Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act* can develop bylaw standards to guide the development of zoning and farm bylaws. Development of provincial standards is intended to promote consistency in the regulation of, and planning for, farming. However, provision has been made under Section 916(3) to allow the standards to differ, if necessary, to respond to BC’s diverse farming industry and land base.

Key Steps

There are five key steps in creating the Minister's bylaw standards. AGRI staff will:

1. develop draft criteria;
2. consult with internal and external stakeholders and receive feedback on the draft criteria;
3. revise criteria for consideration by the Minister;
4. seek Minister's approval ; and
5. encourage local governments to adopt and apply criteria.

Process to Date

AGRI staff reviewed the Health Canada regulations, BC policy and regulations applying to the ALR and BC local government land use bylaws relating to MMPFs. The literature was also reviewed on the regulation of medical marihuana production in other Canadian jurisdictions and the American States of Colorado and Washington. The existing criteria in the Bylaw Guide were assessed as to how they could apply to MMPFs. A committee of AGRI staff prepared a draft set of criteria for review by AGRI, Agricultural Land Commission and BC Farm Industry Review Board staff.

The Discussion Paper is now ready for public consultation.

Context

AGRI has taken the initiative to establish bylaw standards for two significant agricultural topics in recent years. Both have been approved by the Minister and staff encourage local governments to adopt them. The two subjects are "Combined Heat and Power Generation at Greenhouses in the ALR" (2013) and "Residential Uses in the ALR" (2011). Both can be found in the Ministry's Bylaw Guide with additional information at <http://www.al.gov.bc.ca/resmgmt/sf/index.htm>

2.0 Part two – Background information

Context

Canadian courts have determined that individuals who have demonstrated a medical need for marihuana must have reasonable access to a legal source of marihuana for medical purposes. In-line with this, the Federal Government in 2001 introduced the “Marihuana Medical Access Regulations” (MMAR), authorized under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, establishing a framework to implement access to this product. Due to subsequent court challenges and a number of other concerns, a second set of regulations, “Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations” (MMPR), were created which came into force on June 7, 2013 and ran concurrently with the MMAR until it was repealed on March 31, 2014. These new regulations changed the manner in which patients could access medical marihuana and how medical marihuana can be produced.

As a result of ongoing litigation and uncertainty arising from court decisions, Health Canada will treat the Authorizations to Possess, Personal-Use Production Licences, and Designated-Person Production Licences issued under MMAR as extending beyond March 31, 2014 until a decision is made. There are certain criteria to be met for these extensions.

“Dried marijuana is not an approved drug or medicine in Canada. The Government of Canada does not endorse the use of marijuana, but the courts have required reasonable access to a legal source of marijuana when authorized by a physician.” – Health Canada

Medical Marihuana Production Regulations

The MMPR change the parameters for medical marihuana production in Canada from a system of home-based or other location production licenses for personal use, which have been associated with various law enforcement and public safety concerns, to a system of more tightly regulated, commercial scale production licenses supplying authorized medical marihuana patients. MMPR require applicants for a commercial license to notify the local government, fire and police officials of the location of their facilities, and to comply with all federal, provincial and local government laws and bylaws, including zoning bylaws. As of April 22, 2014, five licenses have been issued in BC; in Saanich, Maple Ridge, Whistler, Nanaimo, and the Okanagan. Thirteen licenses have been issued in Canada. As of September 1, 2014 there have been no revisions since April.

The MMPR define a site as follows:

“Site” means (a) a building or a place in a building used by a licensed producer; or (b) an area occupied exclusively by buildings used by a licensed producer. - MMPR

For clarity and ease of use, this Discussion Paper will also refer to “Medical Marihuana Production Facilities” (MMPF) as the de facto meaning of “site”.

The MMPR construction requirements for MMPFs focus almost exclusively on security for both production and storage. The technical details on how to comply are outlined in Health Canada’s “Guidance Document: Building and Production Security Requirements for Marihuana for Medical

Purposes". This document provides assistance to producers but is not a one-size fits all prescription. Producers submit a security proposal to Health Canada as part of their licensing application.

- The production, packaging, labeling and storage of the product can only occur indoors at the site with restricted access to areas within the site. MMPFs must provide both site perimeter security and security for areas where marihuana is present. A physical barrier, like a fence, is expected to be part of the site security. The site perimeter must also be visually monitored by recording devices at all times. The Guidance Document also provides guidance on specific wall, roof, and glass construction details, back-up mechanisms and power supply.
- Areas where marihuana is present also require a system that filters the air to prevent the escape of odours and pollen. The Guidance Document cites a high efficiency particle air filter such as a H13 HEPA filter as an example.
- MMPFs appear to fall into a range of different licensee categories depending on their production level. Associated with this are related security levels for product storage, with specific minimum electrical detection requirements, safe requirements, ventilation security, secure environs construction specifications, and door specifications.

Security requirements for the storage of dried marihuana are established in Health Canada's "Directive on Physical Security Requirements for Controlled Substances". Minimum security standards for the storage of a variety of controlled substances, including marihuana, are included. These standards are intended to allow for flexibility as technology and materials change over time.

Other elements of MMPPR that may be of note include provisions to import and export medical marihuana with other countries where appropriate agreements are in place. Sales of medical marihuana must be handled through bonded couriers and not directly to the consumers at the production facility. The MMPPR also requires testing of the product to verify that it meets the specifications of the product and product quality. These requirements may distinguish medical marihuana from some other agricultural crops.

Medical Marihuana Production

Scientific information on medical marihuana production is limited. Indoor marihuana production can be assumed to use energy, water and nutrients intensively. According to one research paper, energy use includes lighting, dehumidification, ventilation, air conditioning, heating, irrigation and generation of CO₂. From another, nearly one-third of medical marihuana production costs can be energy costs. This crop, just like any other commercially produced indoor crop, is susceptible to plant pests such as insects or diseases.

Indoor production of medical marihuana is generally similar to greenhouse production of plants. In both cases the growing environment can be highly controlled. Production concerns regarding irrigation water, waste water and pesticide use for medical marihuana will also be similar to greenhouse production of other plants. Water and nutrients are generally conserved through recirculation. Also, there are very few pesticides registered for use with medical marihuana in Canada. Pesticides are considered registered for use on medical marihuana when medical marihuana is clearly listed on each pesticide label which always has a registration number on the main panel as well as pests controlled and how to use the product. Pesticide labels are considered legal documents.

From a production area perspective, the production of medical marihuana takes place on a relatively small acreage when compared to other agricultural crops produced indoors (e.g. greenhouse vegetables, nursery stock, landscaping plants) in Canada or in British Columbia. Currently a very small portion of the Canadian population (0.166%) consumes medical marihuana. The average consumption is estimated at 2 grams per day. Assuming that 75 grams of marihuana is produced per square foot of building space (excluding storage and distribution), then the combined production area required for medical marihuana in British Columbia is estimated at 0.7 ha (1.7 acres) and for Canada is 5.2 ha (12.9 acres). Even if the consumption of medical marihuana were to increase ten-fold, the production area requirements are small for this very high value crop relative to greenhouse agricultural crops.

The Regulations in BC

Many local and regional governments in BC are responding to Canada's MMPR by introducing bylaw amendments to regulate medical marihuana production in their communities. Many local governments sought direction from the province regarding whether medical marihuana production would receive "farm class" status under the *Assessment Act* and whether it could be prohibited in the ALR.

On June 24 2014, the Provincial Government issued a media release² providing further clarity on its position with regards to federally licensed medical marihuana production. The statement supports the ALC's position that medical marihuana production that is in compliance with Health Canada's MMPR is an allowable farm use within the ALR. In addition, the Province states that this production "...should not be prohibited by local government bylaws".

Local governments looking to propose a bylaw prohibiting medical marijuana [sic] may wish to seek legal counsel as enacting such a bylaw may give rise to a constitutional challenge as frustrating a lawful initiative of the federal government. – BC Government

The BC Government's June 24, 2014 statement also clarifies that amendments to the *BC Assessment Act*³ which regulates which farm uses qualify for farm classification, will exclude medical marihuana production as a farm use for property tax purposes. These changes are expected to be in effect for 2015 property taxes.

² <http://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/2014/06/bc-preserves-local-governments-tax-revenues-from-medical-marijuana-growers.html>

³ The BC Assessment Authority has a factsheet webpage with more information on medical marihuana production and farm class here: <http://www.bcassessment.ca/public/Fact%20Sheets/Medical%20Marihuana%20Property%20Class.aspx>

3.0 Part three – Current policies and regulations

This section reviews current medical marihuana production policies and regulations and how they relate specifically to agricultural land. This review includes: Health Canada’s MMPR; local and regional government bylaws from across the Province; and relevant Ministry of Agriculture’s local government Bylaw Standards already approved from its Bylaw Guide. Policies and regulations from other jurisdictions are included to provide further context for discussion.

3.1 Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations

Health Canada’s MMPR are the primary source for current Canadian policy on medical marihuana. The most recent amendments to the regulations came into force on June 7, 2013 and ran concurrently with the MMAR until March 31, 2014 when the MMAR were rescinded. Court challenges have resulted in an extension of some of the licenses under MMAR.

The MMPR are intended to address the entire process for commercial production of medical marihuana. This discussion paper focuses on how these provisions could affect local government land use authority as provided in the *Local Government Act*, how they will interrelate with provisions found in the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and provisions in the *Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act*. Specific MMPR requirements of interest include:

- Medical marihuana can only be produced indoors in commercial facilities by licensed operators with no residential accommodation;
- Facilities will mail the product, not dispense it from the site; and
- Notification by the licensed operator to local governments, fire and police authorities before submitting an application to Health Canada is required.

Applicable provisions in the MMPR

Provision	Local Government Bylaw significance
Interpretation	
"site" means (a) a building or place in a building used by a licensed producer; or (b) an area occupied exclusively by buildings used by a licensed producer.	This allows for more than one building on the property. Some local governments restrict the number of buildings allowed to one (1).
PART 1.Division 1	
12. (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (7) and to the other provisions of these Regulations, a licensed producer may <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • possess, produce, sell, provide, ship, deliver, transport and destroy marihuana; • (b) possess and produce cannabis, other than marihuana, solely for the purpose of conducting in vitro testing that is necessary to determine the percentages of cannabinoids in dried marihuana; and • (c) sell, provide, ship, deliver, transport and destroy cannabis, other than marihuana, that was obtained or produced solely for the purpose of conducting the in vitro testing referred to in paragraph (b). (p.9-10) 	This requires in vitro testing as part of the production process. The producer must be growing the plant in order for the in vitro testing to be an accessory farm use. If it is strictly a lab, it is a non-farm use and can take place outside the ALR or apply to the ALC for non-farm use in the ALR.
12. (6) A licensed producer may import marihuana if they do so in accordance with an import permit issued under section 75. (p.11)	This provides for importing of marihuana into Canada by licensed producers. The ALC USP Regulations limits the amount of selling non-farm products to 50%.
13. A licensed producer must not conduct any activity referred to in section 12 at a dwelling place. (p.11)	MMPFs are not allowed in a dwelling place.
14. A licensed producer must produce, package or label marihuana only indoors and	MMPFs must be indoors. Can they

at the producer's site. (p.11)	process crop from another producer? The ALC USP Regulations have a provision that limits the percentage of selling non-farm products to 50%.
PART 1. Division 2	
23 (4) An application for a producer's license must be accompanied by... (h) a document signed a dated by the a quality assurance person referred to in section 60 that includes (ii) a report establishing that the buildings, equipment and a sanitation program to be used in conducting the proposed activities referred to in Division 4 comply with the requirement of that Division; and (f) floor plans for the proposed site.	MMPF floor plans are required.
PART 1. Division 3	
43(1). The perimeter of the licensed producer's site must be visually monitored at all times by visual recording devices to detect any attempted or actual unauthorized access. (p.33-34)	This might affect local government provisions on vegetative buffering.
44. The perimeter of the licensed producers' site must be secured by an intrusion detection system that operates at all times and that allows for the detection of any attempted or actual unauthorized access to or movement in the site or tampering with the system. (p.34)	
50. Those areas [where cannabis is present] must be equipped with a system that filters air to prevent the escape of odours and, if present, pollen. (p.35)	MMPFs are required to have odour control.
PART 1. Division 4	
54. Marihuana must not be treated — before, during or after the drying process — with a pest control product unless the product is registered for use on marihuana under the Pest Control Products Act or is otherwise authorized for use under that Act. (p. 35)	

3.2 BC Agricultural Land Commission Act (ALCA)

Legislation guiding the activities that can take place on agricultural land in BC includes the *Agricultural Land Commission Act (ALC Act)* and the *Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation*. The Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and its associated Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) are established by this legislative authority with regulations defining the types of uses and activities allowed within the Reserve. The mandate of the Commission is to preserve BC's limited agricultural land resource and encourage farm use on those lands.

In January 2014, the ALC provided a bulletin in response to questions concerning medical marihuana production in the ALR. The ALC notes that while the regulation is silent on this land use, the production of licensed medical marihuana is consistent with the definition of "farm use" in the ALCA. Uses that do not involve the growing of the plant however, may require an application to the ALC for non-farm use.

"farm use " means an occupation or use of land for farm purposes, including farming of land, plants and animals and any other similar activity designated as farm use by regulations, and includes a farm operation as defined in the Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act – ALC Act

3.3 BC Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act

Under *BC's Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act (FPPA)*, farmers are provided certain legal protections related to nuisance providing they meet the following criteria:

- engaging in a farm operation conducted as part of a farm business as defined by the *FPPA*, AND

- using a “normal farm practice” as defined by the *FPPA*, AND
- operating on protected land (Agricultural Land Reserve, or land on which the local government allows farm use, or Crown land designated as a farming area), AND
- the farm practice is not in contravention of the *Health Act*, *Integrated Pest Management Act*, or *Environmental Management Act* or their regulations, AND
- is not in contravention of any land use regulation.

Under the *FPPA*, the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) hears nuisance complaints to determine “normal farm practice”. The complaint must relate to a farm operation conducted as part of a farm business that is in the ALR or on land on which farm use is allowed by a local government. The growing of marihuana could be considered a farm operation (growing of plants) and in some situations under the new federal regulations could be considered a farm business. BCFIRB has not received a farm practice complaint related to a medical marihuana production facility to date. Whether a complaint falls under the *FPPA* is situation dependent and would be determined by BCFIRB when a complaint is received. Even if BCFIRB determined a complaint related to a particular marihuana business did fall under the *FPPA* and subsequently determined that the farm business’s operations were following “normal farm practice”, the business must still meet all the *FPPA* criteria to be protected.

3.4 BC Ministry of Agriculture (AGRI)

While the AGRI is currently soliciting input for specific standards on medical marihuana production through this Discussion Paper, the Bylaw Guide addresses the following elements that are relevant to medical marihuana production in BC. Part 2 of the Bylaw Guide presents Minister’s Bylaw Standards that are already approved and which local governments are encouraged to adopt. Part 3 of the Bylaw Guide presents existing ‘Farm Bylaw’ standards for local governments that have had the ‘Right to Farm Regulation’ under the *Local Government Act* applied (they are ‘regulated’).

Many of the standards that already exist in the Bylaw Guide can be applied to MMPFs. The following table presents a list of bylaw standards and addresses their relevance to MMPFs.

Applicable provisions in the Ministry’s “Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Area”

Section	Comment
Part 2 – Minister’s Bylaw Standards	
2.4.2 Permitted Uses	The Province’s policy is that medical marihuana production should not be prohibited in the ALR.
2.4.3 Off-Street Loading and Parking	MMPR requires that medical marihuana be distributed to patients only by mail. Section 2.4.3 applies for direct farm marketing sales only.
2.4.4.2 Minimum Lot Size for Specific Commodity Use	Minimum lot size requirements for specific commodities (such as medical marihuana) are discouraged. Nuisance concerns can be addressed through minimum lot line setbacks, maximum lot coverage, and normal farm practices.
2.4.5 Lot Coverage	The Bylaw Guide states that ‘Bylaws should not restrict the area of a lot which may be covered by <i>buildings</i> and <i>structures</i> for farm use, to an area less than 35% or less than 75% for greenhouses.
2.4.5.2 Stormwater and Agricultural Liquid Waste management Plans	A plan is required if the total impervious area of farm buildings and structures exceed 3700 m ² or covers more than 10% of lot a required plan.
2.4.7 Height Limitations	A 15 metre maximum building height for most agricultural buildings.
2.4.8 Setbacks	“Appropriate setback distances can help prevent nuisance conflicts, protect natural resources, and safeguard human health. On the other hand, excessive setbacks can present serious challenges to farming operations.” (p. 18) The Bylaw Guide restricts minimum lot line setbacks to a maximum of 15 to 30 metres for buildings with significant

	nuisance potential such as livestock barns.
2.4.8.4 Setbacks from Watercourses	The Bylaw Guide provides for setbacks from watercourses that vary depending on the type of building. The maximum setback requirement is 30 m for Category 1 type buildings or facilities.
Part 3 – Farm Bylaw Standards and Bylaw Approval for Regulated Local Governments	
'Right to Farm' regulated Local Governments	Part 3 of the Bylaw Guide is available only to local governments where the "Right to Farm Regulation" under the Local Government Act has been applied.
3.5.2 Mushroom Farms and On-Farm Composting	Odour is addressed in the MMPR. This Farm Bylaw Standard addresses odour from on-farm mushroom composting. A similar standard could be developed for medical marihuana if required.
3.5.3 Farm-side Edge Planning	This Farm Bylaw Standard provides for setbacks to urban/ALR boundaries of up to 100m when urban-side edge planning is also employed.

3.5 BC's Local Governments

In an effort to provide bylaw requirements by April 1, 2014 when the MMPR came into effect, many local governments began drafting or adopted, zoning bylaw amendments to direct land use decisions concerning MMPFs in their communities. A wide range of provisions have now been enacted across the province, many of which are inconsistent with the Province's position. The following table summarizes existing local governments' regulations.

Existing MMPF provisions in Local Government bylaws

Provision	Example (either adopted or in draft)
Minimum parcel size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A range including 2 to 40 hectare (ha) minimum parcel sizes 1ha minimum parcel size in a smallholding zone in the ALR and 2ha minimum parcel size in a country residential zone in the ALR 259ha (640 acres) minimum parcel size for a MMPF in the ALR
Minimum MMPF building setbacks from property lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A range including 40, 50, or 100 metre (m) setbacks to any lot line 60m setback to exterior lot line 90m setback to front lot line, 30 m to other lot lines
Minimum MMPF building setbacks from other land uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60m setback from residential zones 300m setback from residential or mixed use zones 100, 200m setback from schools 150m setback from a residential zone, daycare, playground, or school
Minimum MMPF building setbacks from other MMPF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1000m setback from nearest medical marihuana facility
Minimum MMPF building setbacks from watercourses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50m setback from all watercourses
Maximum building heights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10m maximum building height
Maximum building size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2000m² in industrial and resource management zones & 1000m² in agricultural zones
Number of buildings per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some local governments have provisions limiting the production facility to one (1) building
Odour control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A ventilation plan must be filed with the City and must include how the system prevents any offensive odour from leaving the building;
Vegetative buffers for screening	Development Permit Area: Medical Marihuana Operation. "Landscaping and Buffering: a) Buffering of medical marihuana operations is important in order to ensure that these uses are not at odds with adjacent uses. b) Any federally required metal fencing shall be buffered with native planting. c) Top soil deep enough to allow for well-rooted planting and reduce irrigation requirements should be utilized. d) Use native species of trees or shrubs and utilize the planting of conifers to block winter winds and deciduous trees to create shade in the summer. e) Utilize cisterns to store water and provide irrigation."
Form and character guidelines for buildings	Development Permit Area: Medical Marihuana Operation. "This Development Permit Area controls the construction on all property in the Upper Bridge River Valley for the purposes of ensuring that medical marihuana operations are developed in a way that is in keeping with the form and character of the Upper Bridge River Valley. See policies 1.4 to 1.12 in the

	Community Growth and Character section for specific guidelines.”
Light emission controls	Development Permit Area: Medical Marihuana Operation. “Lighting and Signage: a) Minimize the amount of lighting on signs. Installation of video, reader board, and neon or LED signs is discouraged. Signs should be non-illuminated from within. b) Exterior lighting, including within a parking area, should be low intensity and not cause excessive night-time glow or glare. c) Use energy efficient exterior lighting systems with timers and sensors to provide light only when required. Ambient lighting should be minimized. d) Signage should be pedestrian oriented in scale. Large vehicular-based signage should be avoided. Appropriate forms of signage include: i) Signs mounted flush with building facades; ii) Wood carved and/or hand painted hanging signs above pathways.”
Waste water controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MMPFs are required to provide a description of all discharges to air, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, streams, or groundwater
Waste management controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The practice of diverting building-generated CO2 gas or otherwise provided CO2 gas to feed plants is prohibited.
Permitted zoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted only in the ALR or in some rural use zones. Permitted in some industrial zones, only in industrial zones, light industrial zones, heavy industrial zones, light and heavy industrial zones, general and heavy industrial zones, a special industrial zone or specific industrial zones. Permitted through spot zoning, spot zoning only in ALR, spot zoning only in industrial zones, or spot zoning only in ALR and industrial zones. Prohibited everywhere, everywhere except 1 parcel, or everywhere except 1 parcel that is City owned.
Health and welfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MMPFs will not be detrimental to the health or general welfare of the people living or working in the surrounding area or negatively affect other properties or potential development in the surrounding area.
Building Permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MMPFs will require a Building Permit, pursuant to a Building Bylaw.
Outdoor storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No outdoor storage.

Examples

Three existing Local Government zoning bylaws are provided below as examples for review. They include the City of Kamloops, District of Maple Ridge and the City of Armstrong.

City of Kamloops Zoning Bylaw (Bylaw No. 5-2001 Section 311A)

- Medical Marihuana Grow Operations (MMGOs) will not be detrimental to the health or general welfare of the people living or working in the surrounding area or negatively affect other properties or potential development in the surrounding area;
- MMGOs shall be permitted in I-2 (General Industrial) and I-3 (Heavy Industrial) zones subject to the following regulations:
- MMGOs are required to provide a description of all discharges to air, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, streams, or groundwater;
- MMGOs will require a Building Permit, pursuant to City of Kamloops Building Bylaw, as amended;
- MMGOs will meet all other applicable municipal, provincial, and federal regulations;
- A ventilation plan must be filed with the City and must include how the system prevents any offensive odour from leaving the building;
- MMGOs shall be permitted in stand-alone buildings only;
- No ancillary uses shall be permitted in a building containing a MMGO.
- MMGOs shall be located no closer than 150 m from any residential zone, daycare facility, playground, community centre, school, public park, or any use catering to individuals under the age of 18;
- The practice of diverting building-generated CO2 gas or otherwise provided CO2 gas to feed plants is prohibited.
- Licensed MMGOs shall be decommissioned if inactive for more than one year and the structure/site remediated in accordance with City of Kamloops Controlled Substances Property Remediation Bylaw, as amended.
- Formerly-licensed MMGOs under the Marihuana Medical Access Program (MMAP) shall be decommissioned by the current property owner and the structure/site remediated in accordance with City of Kamloops Controlled Substances Property Remediation Bylaw, as amended.
- MMGOs will require a municipal Business Licence before operation may begin.

District of Maple Ridge Zoning Bylaw (No. 3510-1985)

- MMPF are only permitted in Agricultural, Intensive Greenhouse District, Residential, and Agriculture-Only Zones
- Buildings and structures for Medical Marihuana, Commercial Production as authorized under Federal legislation shall be sited not less than:
 - 60 metres from front and exterior side lot lines;
 - 30 metres from rear and interior side lot lines;
 - 30 metres from all wells and streams;
 - 30 metres from all buildings used for one family residential use, accessory employee residential use or temporary residential use.
- Shall be located not less than 200 metres from an elementary or secondary school, measured from the nearest point of the lot line of the Medical Marihuana, Commercial Production use to the nearest point of the lot line of the elementary or secondary school.
- Shall be located not less than 1000 metres from the nearest point of any lot on which another Medical Marihuana, Commercial Production use is occurring, or on which such a use has been authorized under Federal legislation.

City of Armstrong Zoning Bylaw (No. 1268)

- Medical Marihuana Production Facilities shall be located only on properties with a minimum parcel size of one (1) hectare, within the Agricultural Land Reserve.
- Buildings used for the production of Medical Marihuana shall be sited not less than:
 - 60 metres from lot lines abutting a residential zone;
 - 30 metres from lot lines abutting a zone other than residential;
 - 15 metres from all wells and streams;
- All activities associated with Medical Marihuana Production Facilities shall be housed completely within an enclosed building and there shall be no outdoor storage or display.
- Nothing shall be done which is or will become an annoyance or nuisance to the surrounding areas by reason of unsightliness, the emission of odours, liquid effluence, dust, fumes, smoke, vibration, noise or glare, nor shall anything be done which creates or causes a health, fire, or explosion hazard, electrical interference or undue traffic congestion.
- The height of buildings and structures shall not exceed the lesser of 12 metres (39.37 feet) or three (3) storeys for Medical Marihuana Production Facilities.
- Lot coverage shall be not greater than thirty five percent (35%) for all other uses including Medical Marihuana Production Facilities.

3.6 Regulations in other jurisdictions

BC is different from many other Canadian provinces in its regulatory landscape for farmland due to its ALR. Other Provinces and their local governments however are also experiencing medical marihuana regulatory adjustments as a result of Health Canada's new MMPR framework. The Province of Ontario appears to hold the majority of licensed operators; however regulatory changes in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and New Brunswick have initiated regulatory changes. In the United States, Colorado and Washington are also involved in recent medical marihuana regulatory changes. The following provides a summary to provide context for BC and assist in the discussion.

Canada

Currently there are eight licensed MMPFs in the rest of Canada outside of BC. They include five in Ontario, one each in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and New Brunswick. Local governments in other Provinces have also introduced regulations. Most bylaw amendments adopted or discussed are related to distance setbacks for the production facilities from residential areas, schools, parks and/or restrict operations to industrial zones. The following provides several local government examples for review. Details from the City of Toronto and Alberta are provided.

The City of Toronto, Ontario

Requirements for medical marihuana operations include that they:

- take place within an enclosed building;
- require a 70m setback from residential, commercial, institutional and open space zones; and
- require a 70m setback as well as from schools, day nurseries, and places of worship.

Willow Creek Municipal District, Alberta

- Medical Marihuana Production Facilities are a discretionary use within Rural Commercial Zones.
- Development Permit conditions for MM facilities are:
 - ... The development...must be done in a manner where all of the processes and functions are fully enclosed within a stand-alone building including all loading stalls and docks, and garbage containers and waste material
 - The development shall not operate in conjunction with another approved use
 - The development shall not include an outdoor area for storage of goods, materials or supplies
 - The development must include equipment designed and intended to remove odours from the air where it is discharged from the building as part of a ventilation system
 - The development must not be within 246 feet (75.0 m) of a residential or a public institutional district, measured from the building foundation containing the use to the nearest property line of a parcel designated as a residential or a public institutional district
- The Municipal Planning Commission may require, as a condition of a development permit, a public utility waste management plan, completed by a qualified professional, that includes detail on:
 - the incineration of waste products and airborne emissions, including smell;
 - the quantity and characteristics of liquid and waste material discharged by the facility; and
 - the method and location of collection and disposal of liquid and waste material.
- The minimum number of motor vehicle parking stalls shall be based on the parking requirements found in Schedule 9.

Washington State

U.S. Federal and State medical marihuana laws differ significantly from Canada, but can provide context. Under the U.S. Controlled Substances Act (CSA), with certain exceptions, manufacturing, distributing, dispensing or possessing a 'controlled substance' including marihuana is unlawful. Among other things, the Act establishes penalties for distributing or manufacturing controlled substances within 1,000 feet of areas where there are young people.

In 2013, Washington State passed a law called Initiative 502 (I-502) which directs responsibility to the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB) for the licensure and regulation of producing, distributing and possessing medical and recreational marihuana. The law removes certain criminal and civil penalties and incorporates the CSA 1,000 foot setback distance.

Marijuana production must take place within a fully enclosed secure indoor facility or greenhouse with rigid walls, a roof, and doors. Outdoor production may take place in nonrigid greenhouses, other structures, or an expanse of open or cleared ground fully enclosed by a physical barrier. To obscure public view of the premises, outdoor production must be enclosed by a sight obscure wall or fence at least eight feet high. – Washington State Legislature

For local governments in Washington, the regulatory landscape for medical marihuana production can be described as evolving. Options for communities appear to include: ignoring the activity; allowing it under their existing bylaws; attempting to delay it; adopting temporary amendments; and, adopting amendments to permit it or prohibit it.

Colorado State

In 2000, Colorado State passed a law allowing people access to small amounts of medical marijuana. In 2010, the Colorado Medical Marijuana Code was passed to direct the State Licensing Authority and the State's Department of Revenue to regulate Medical Marijuana production. Medical marijuana production requires both State and local government approval.

The State Licensing Authority references local licensing authority regulations for medical marijuana production. A number of local governments have initiated regulations including both the County and City of Boulder.

City of Boulder

Requirements for medical marijuana operations include that the business:

- is permitted only in a specific zone
- operate inside of an enclosed building
- not be located in a building with residences or in a residential zone
- have a lighting plan
- have a plan for ventilation
- have a statement on the anticipated electric load and certification from the landlord and utility provider
- have a zoning confirmation form from the city regarding the proximity of the property to any school or state licensed child care centers, to any other medical marijuana business, or to any residential zone district within a radius of one-quarter mile
- A description of all toxic, flammable, or other materials regulated by a federal, state, or local government that would have authority over the business if it was not a marijuana business
- not have retail sales in cultivation facilities or manufacturing of medical marijuana-infused products

4.0 Part four – Proposed Set of Criteria

This section of the discussion paper introduces a number of topics for consideration regarding local government bylaw standards for medical marihuana production in the ALR, provides a rationale for why certain provisions should be introduced as criteria, and summarizes a proposed list of criteria and definitions.

4.1 Discussion

The following questions are intended to provoke further discussion:

- Should additional bylaw criteria that do not already exist in the Bylaw Guide be required?
- Would a local government want to enforce elements of MMPR themselves? What are the risks and benefits? Which ones should they consider including in their bylaws?
- More specifically, what are the risks and benefits of proposing bylaw standards that reflect the security and construction expectations that are within Federal jurisdiction? Should the set of criteria refer to specific Federal documentation or particular regulations within the MMPR? What are the consequences of repeating Federal information verbatim and potentially interpreting it incorrectly? Could this potentially generate confusion among producers and possibly incur liability?
- If a licensed operator follows the MMPR, there should be no odour or dust escaping from the MMPF. This may be the first farm use in BC where no level of odour is acceptable. Should the proposed set of criteria include provisions to require minimal odour or dust escape as well? This is a Federal requirement, not a Provincial one.
- What are the risks and benefits of proposing criteria for vegetative buffers around an MMPF? What consequences would arise in this subsequent interaction with the required Federal security regulations?
- Some local governments have specified setback distances from particular land uses, such as schools, or places of worship, or other MMPFs. What are the risks and benefits of proposing criteria that include these types of setbacks?

4.2 Rationale for Bylaw Guide criteria

Existing Bylaw Standard criteria

There are five criteria identified in the Ministry's current Bylaw Guide that align with medical marihuana production. These include minimum lot size, lot coverage, stormwater and agricultural liquid waste management plans, height limitations, and setbacks. Applying these five criteria to medical marihuana production will assist in bringing this type of farm use into a well established framework of existing standards.

Minimum Lot Size – Bylaw Guide *Section 2.4.4.2 Minimum Lot Size for Specific Commodity Use* emphasizes that a minimum lot size should not be required as concerns regarding specific commodities as they "...can be addressed by the existing lot size and by meeting criteria such as adequate setbacks,

maximum lot coverage, and adherence to normal farm practices and environmental standards established through legislation such as the Environmental Management Act, Integrated Pest Management Act, and Public Health Act.” As a specific commodity use, minimum lot sizes should not be applied to medical marijuana production.

Lot Coverage and Stormwater and Agricultural Liquid Waste Management Plans – similar to Minimum Lot Size, Bylaw Guide *Section 2.4.5 Lot Coverage* provides existing guidance that aligns in accordance with medical marijuana production. Providing a maximum 35% lot coverage for buildings involved in medical marijuana production positions this use with already existing farm uses. Furthermore, including the related criteria found in *Section 2.4.5.2* requiring Stormwater and Agricultural Liquid Waste Management Plans can also address important environmental and public infrastructure concerns.

Height Limitations and Setbacks – Bylaw Guide *Section 2.4.7 Height Limitations* recommends a maximum height of 15 metres for all agricultural buildings other than grain bins, silos, combination silo and grain storages and principal livestock buildings. Adding medical marijuana production facilities to this list will help provide consistency and standardization for local government integrating this new farm use with other agricultural activities. Similarly, maximum building setbacks from property lines and minimum watercourse setbacks (*Section 2.4.8*) can do the same.

New Bylaw Standard criteria

Local government business licenses – Municipalities have historically not required business licenses for traditional farming operations in BC. As agricultural activity on ALR land continues to develop, with on-farm processing, product preparation, and cidery and winery operations becoming more prominent, local government involvement through authority provided under the Community Charter⁴ can be expected. Given the relatively atypical history and hesitancy by many communities to embrace this sector, establishing a municipal business license requirement bylaw standard for medical marijuana production could assist in easing these concerns and provide greater confidence for local governments in accepting them into their communities.

Existing Farm Bylaw Standard criteria

Farm-Side Edge Planning – BC’s Local Government Act provides the ability for local governments to make special bylaws, or Farm Bylaws, in relation to farming areas with the Minister of Agriculture’s approval. The Act also allows for the Minister to establish Farm Bylaw standards for the guidance of local governments. One of these Farm Bylaws standards can be found in the publication “Guide to Edge Planning” and recommends setback distances for buildings on the farm-side of the ALR/urban boundary. Farm uses currently identified in the 100 metre setback distance with comparable nuisance concerns to medical marijuana production include manure storage, incinerators, and composting storage. Adding medical marijuana production facility to this list makes available another option for communities looking to implement greater restrictive authority regarding this use.

4.3 Proposed provisions and definitions

Local government zoning bylaws should permit medical marijuana production facilities in the ALR. The proposed provisions and definitions listed below include nine provisions already found in the Ministry’s Bylaw Guide and one new one. These provisions form the basis for further discussion, and as the process

⁴ Part 2 Division 1 Section 8(6)

continues, they will potentially become, with Minister’s approval, the bylaw standard provisions and be integrated into the Bylaw Guide. Initially, the proposed criteria could include:

Proposed provisions for MMPFs on ALR land

Subject	Proposed provision
Local Government Bylaw Standard	
Minimum Lot Size	No minimum lot size
Lot Coverage	35% lot coverage maximum
Stormwater and Agricultural Liquid Waste management Plans	If the total impervious area of farm buildings and structures exceed 3700 m2 (appr. 40,000 ft) or covers more than 10% of lot a plan is required
Height Limitations	15 metre maximum building height
Building Setbacks	15 to 30 metre maximum building setbacks from property lot lines for MMPFs
Setbacks from Watercourses	30 metre setback from any watercourse
Business license	Required to operate
'Farm Bylaw' Standard	
Farm-side 'Edge Planning'	100 metre maximum building setback from urban/ALR boundary

Proposed definitions

Subject	Proposed definition
Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations	Means the same as found in the MMPR.
Medical Marihuana Production Facilities	Means "Site" as defined in the MMPR.

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September 16, 2014

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Dear Stakeholder:

Re: Draft Minister's Bylaw Standard on Medical Marihuana Production Facilities

Attached is discussion paper prepared by the BC Ministry of Agriculture. This paper contains a draft set of criteria for developing local government bylaws regarding medical marihuana production in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). The criteria describe what is considered a permitted use in the ALR by the Ministry.

The discussion paper describes the issue, provides the framework for developing the bylaw standard, and proposes criteria for developing local government bylaws. We are most interested in input on the criteria (Part 4) but we welcome feedback on all sections of the paper. Please provide us with comments directed specifically at the content of the paper so that your feedback can be effectively incorporated into the final document. We would like to receive all comments by October 26, 2014 (via mail, fax or email). Once stakeholder input has been received and incorporated into the discussion paper, the criteria will be sent to the Ministry executive and Minister for final approval. Once approval has been received, the information will be distributed to local governments and incorporated into the Ministry's "Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas".

You may send your feedback by email, Canada Post, or fax.

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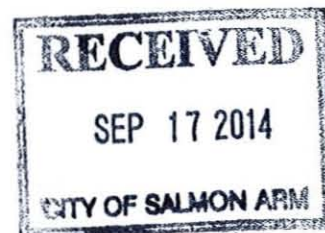
Yours truly,

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We would like to invite you to attend our Annual Remembrance Day Celebrations on November 11th, 2014

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

It would be an honour if you would participate in this Remembrance Day march and ceremony at the Cenotaph

We look forward to your participation.

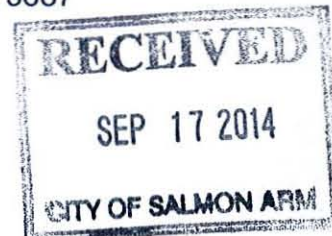
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legion62@shaw.ca
250 832 3687



September 2014

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

Dear Council Members

We request permission to conduct our ANNUAL POPPY CAMPAIGN and public canvassing for funds October 31 2014 to November 10 2014

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

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

We would like to invite you to attend our Annual Remembrance Day Celebrations on , November 11th, 2014.

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

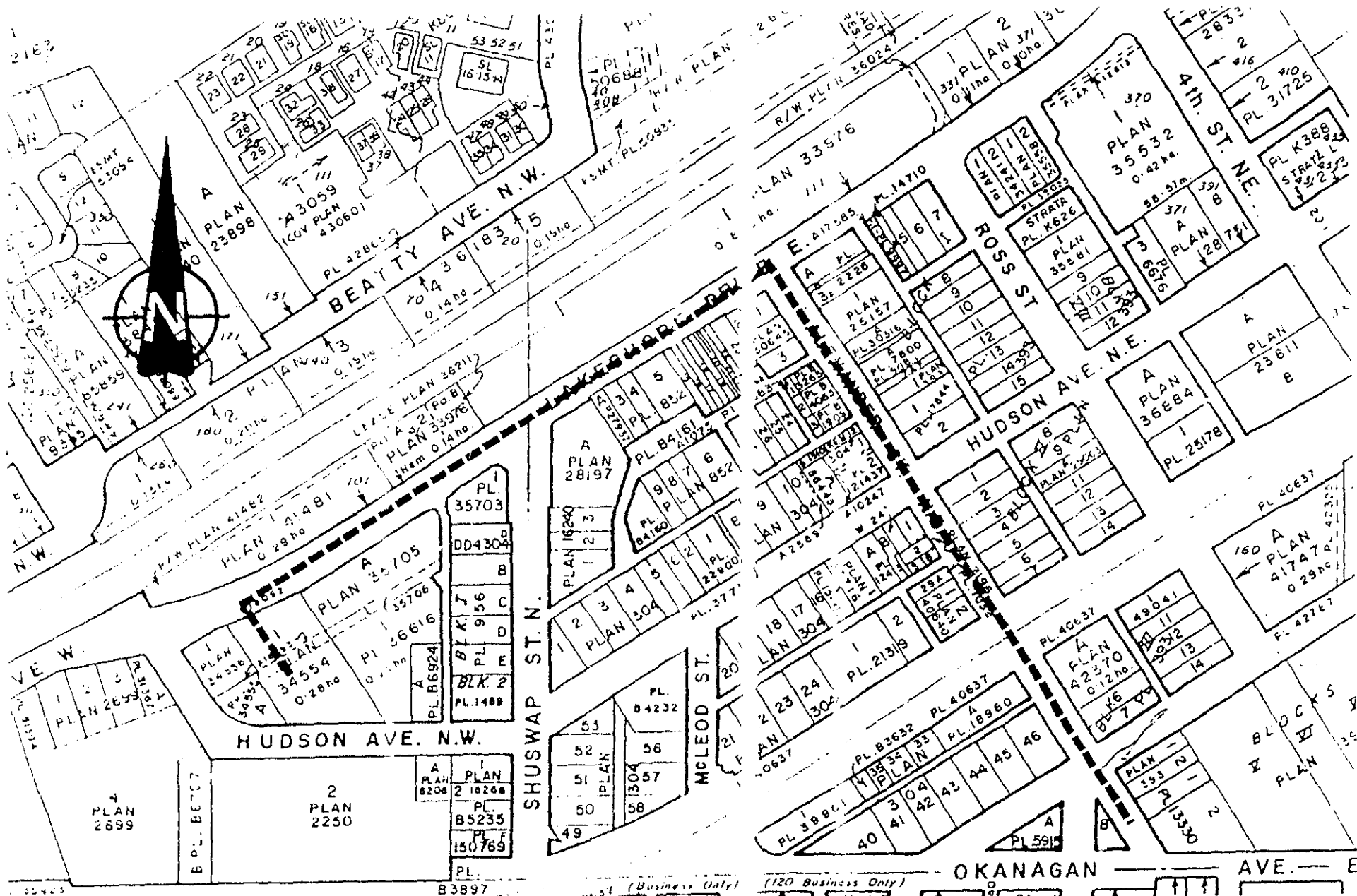
Permission to hold ANNUAL REMBRANCE DAY Services on November 11 th , at the Cenotaph, with parade of Veterans along the usual route from the Legion premises, via Lakeshore and Alexander crossing the Trans. Canada Highway to the Cenotaph and return.(Attached route map)

We look forward to your participation, confirmation and approval.

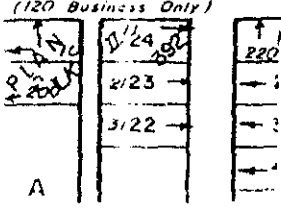
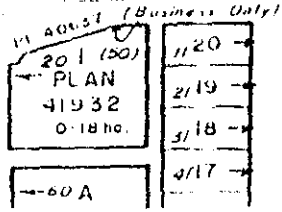
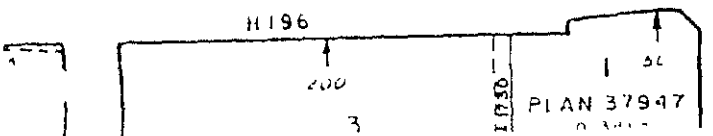
Fraternally,

Poppy Chairman

cc Fire Services
RCMP Detachment
Ministry of Transportation Ambulance Services

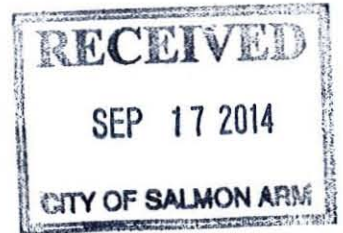


Remembrance Day Parade Route





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City of Salmon Arm
PO Box 40
Salmon Arm BC
V1E 4N2

Attention Account Payable

Invoice # 2014 4

Wreath re Salmon Arm	\$ 40.00
Total	<u>\$ 40.00</u>

Please notify branch as to who will be laying wreath
All wreaths are held at branch & will be taken to cenotaph on day of
ceremony unless otherwise directed

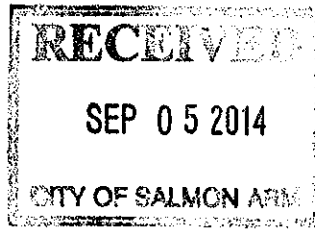
Sincerely
Poppy Chairman



Selina Robinson, MLA
(Coquitlam-Maillardville)



Province of
British Columbia
Legislative Assembly



Selina Robinson, MLA
(Coquitlam - Maillardville)
Victoria Office:
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Community Office:
102 - 1108 Austin Avenue
Coquitlam, BC V3K 3P5
Telephone: 604 933-2001
Facsimile: 604 933-2002

August 28, 2014

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

Dear Mayor Cooper and Councillors,

The Members of the Official Opposition are looking forward to attending the upcoming UBCM in Whistler on September 22nd - 26th, and hope to see you at our Official Opposition hosted breakfast on Friday, September 26th, 6:45 am in the Mt. Currie Ballroom at the Whistler Hilton.

I would love the opportunity to meet with you at the UBCM. I look forward to hearing about the needs of your local government, the challenges you are experiencing and to work with you on solutions and recommendations on how to address these challenges. The Official Opposition Caucus also knows that as local government representatives you are acutely in tune with a variety of needs and challenges of your communities. It is with this in mind that we would like to remind you that our caucus representatives are available to meet with you, to hear about your broader community concerns and ideas and to advocate on your behalf.

In reviewing the resolutions to be debated at UBCM, I noted that several local governments are working on issues that my BCNDP Opposition colleagues and I have repeatedly raised in the Legislature. For example;

- Kootenay Boundary Regional District, Cranbrook and the LMLGA Executive have brought forward resolutions calling on the Province to reconsider and properly consult on any changes to BC Ambulance Service Resource Allocation. We also raised this issue in the Legislature this past May.
- Nelson, Victoria, Coldstream, Central Kootenay Regional District and the LMLGA have all submitted resolutions to your membership asking the Province to support and protect the Agricultural Land Reserve. Together, with my caucus colleagues, we debated against Bill 24 for weeks this past legislative session.
- Maple Ridge is bringing forward a resolution asking your membership to support the work my colleague, Michelle Mungall, has been doing to end the child support clawback; a policy that has tremendous impact on the poorest families in our Province.




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We applaud you for advocating on behalf of your constituents. If you would like to share what's going on in your community with us, I have included a current list of our caucus and their respective portfolios.

If you would like to set up a meeting with any of us while we are in Whistler, please contact Jared Butcher at 250-953-4607 or via email jared.butcher@leg.bc.ca

All the best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Selina Robinson".

Selina Robinson, MLA
Opposition Advocate for Local Government

enclosure

NEW DEMOCRAT

OFFICIAL OPPOSITION

<http://bcndpcaucus.ca> phone: 250-387-3655
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Backgrounder

July 23, 2014

NEW DEMOCRAT OFFICIAL OPPOSITION SHADOW CABINET

Leader, Official Opposition John Horgan

ECONOMIC SECTORS TEAM

Advanced Education, Caucus Vice Chair Kathy Corrigan
Agriculture and Food Lana Popham
B.C. Hydro Adrian Dix
Coastal Economic Development, Small Business, Arts and Culture Nicholas Simons
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Deputy Forests – Forest Futures, Citizen Services Doug Routley
Green Economy, Technology, Translink George Heyman
Interior Economic Development, Columbia Power, Columbia River Treaty Katrine Conroy
Natural Gas Development, Trade, Immigration, Multiculturalism Bruce Ralston
Deputy Trade, Immigration, Multiculturalism Jane Shin
Northern Economic Development Robin Austin
Tourism, Housing and Liquor Policy, B.C. Housing, B.C. Lottery Corporation,
B.C. Pavilion Corporation, Destination B.C., Liquor Distribution Branch David Eby
Transportation and Infrastructure, B.C. Ferries, B.C. Transit Claire Trevena

STRONGER COMMUNITIES TEAM

Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, Caucus Deputy Whip Scott Fraser
Children and Family Development Doug Donaldson
Community Living B.C. Jenny Kwan
Democratic Reform, Deputy Environment, Fisheries and B.C. Ferries Gary Holman
Education Rob Fleming
Environment Spencer Chandra Herbert
Health Judy Darcy
Justice (Attorney General) Leonard Krog

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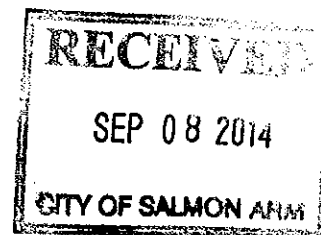
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STRONGER COMMUNITIES TEAM

Justice (Public Safety and Solicitor General), Caucus House Leader Mike Farnworth
Local Government and Sports Selina Robinson
Mental Health and Addictions Sue Hammell
Northern and Rural Health, Deputy Children and Family Development Jennifer Rice
Social Development, Caucus Deputy House Leader Michelle Mungall
Women, Seniors, Early Childhood Development, Caucus Whip Maurine Karagianis

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BRITISH COLUMBIA
ACHIEVEMENT FOUNDATION



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September 2, 2014

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I am pleased to announce the 2015 British Columbia Community Achievement Awards. The awards celebrate the spirit, imagination and dedication of British Columbians who make a significant difference in their communities.

We all know people who work tirelessly for the betterment of others either as committed volunteers or in the course of their work. These individuals bring strength to their communities and enrich our great province.

I invite you to reflect on those British Columbians who inspire us by their example, and to nominate them for an award this year.

Thank you for supporting the British Columbia Community Achievement Awards.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier, Province of British Columbia
Board Member, British Columbia Achievement Foundation



British Columbia Community Achievement Awards

NOMINATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15

Celebrating the spirit, imagination,
dedication, and outstanding contributions
of British Columbians to their communities.

Nominate a deserving individual who raises
the quality and character of your community for a
British Columbia Community Achievement Award.

BRITISH COLUMBIA
ACHIEVEMENT FOUNDATION

*“Give back to the people
who give the most in
your community.”*

British Columbia’s communities are shaped by the people who live in them, and especially by the contributions of extraordinary individuals.

The British Columbia Community Achievement Awards celebrate British Columbians who go above and beyond in their dedication and service to others and who devote time and energy to making their communities more caring, dynamic, beautiful, healthy, and unique. They inspire by their example.

The British Columbia Community Achievement Awards are presented by the British Columbia Achievement Foundation, a foundation established in 2003 by the Province of British Columbia to celebrate excellence in community service, enterprise, arts and the humanities.



*Cultural hero, spirited,
undaunted, fearless, bold
Raising our awareness to
a higher understanding*

- Robert Davidson

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

British Columbians who have made a significant contribution to their communities in British Columbia are eligible for a BC Community Achievement Award. Nominees will have made a contribution in any area that provides a benefit to the community – either as a volunteer or in the course of their work. These include, but are not limited to, arts and culture, sports and recreation, multiculturalism, environment, healthcare, education, civic duty, business, community volunteerism, philanthropy, and youth or seniors’ leadership.

Self nominations will not be accepted. Federal or provincial elected representatives are not eligible for nominations while they hold office. Posthumous nominations will not be accepted.

HOW IS SOMEONE NOMINATED FOR THIS AWARD?

Any individual or group may nominate a current or former long-term resident of British Columbia by completing the attached nomination form or the online form and submitting it with:

- A letter describing the contribution of the nominee;
- A brief personal history of the nominee;
- Two current letters of support for the nominee from individuals or organizations that describe the value and impact of the nominee’s contributions to his/her community.
- For an online nomination form, please visit www.bcachievement.com/community/online.

HOW ARE THE AWARD RECIPIENTS CHOSEN?

An Advisory Council of independent community leaders reviews the nominations and selects approximately 30 award recipients. The Council will consider the impact of the nominee’s contribution and commitment to the community.

WHAT DO THE AWARD RECIPIENTS RECEIVE?

In the Spring, recipients will attend a formal ceremony at Government House in Victoria. The Lieutenant Governor and the Premier of British Columbia are invited to present the recipients with the British Columbia Community Achievement Medallion, a special commemorative medallion designed by renowned BC artist, Robert Davidson. Also, recipients will receive a lapel pin signifying their award.

BC Community Achievement Awards

Tel: 604.261.9777 or Toll Free: 1.866.882.6088

Email: info@bcachievement.com or Web: www.bcachievement.com

BRITISH COLUMBIA COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Please complete all four sections:

1 NOMINEE
NAME (MR./MRS./MS./MISS/DR.)

HOME ADDRESS

CITY/TOWN/PROVINCE/POSTAL CODE

DAYTIME TELEPHONE | CELL PHONE

EMAIL

ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE)

ORGANIZATION ADDRESS (IF APPLICABLE) CITY/TOWN/PROVINCE/POSTAL CODE

Is the nominee a current or former long-term resident of BC? Yes/No

2 NOMINATOR
NAME (MR./MRS./MS./MISS/DR.)

ADDRESS

CITY/TOWN/PROVINCE/POSTAL CODE

DAYTIME TELEPHONE | CELL PHONE

EMAIL | ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE)

Please provide your relationship to the nominee and also indicate how long you have known the nominee.

I have provided or made provision for all the nomination material required for a completed nomination package.

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR | DATE

List the individuals who are providing a letter of support for the nomination.

3 LETTER OF SUPPORT 1
NAME (MR./MRS./MS./MISS/DR.)

TITLE AND ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE)

ADDRESS

CITY/TOWN/PROVINCE/POSTAL CODE

DAYTIME/CELL PHONE | EMAIL

Please provide your relationship to the nominee and also indicate how long you have known the nominee.

4 LETTER OF SUPPORT 2
NAME (MR./MRS./MS./MISS/DR.)

TITLE AND ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE)

ADDRESS

CITY/TOWN/PROVINCE/POSTAL CODE

DAYTIME/CELL PHONE | EMAIL

Please provide your relationship to the nominee and also indicate how long you have known the nominee.

Nomination deadline: November 15

YOUR COMPLETED NOMINATION PACKAGE MUST INCLUDE:

1. Completed nomination form
2. Three letters: (*maximum 500 words each*)
 - A letter from the nominator giving the reasons for nomination.
 - Two letters of support for the nominee from other individuals or organizations that describe the value and impact of the contributions of the individual.
3. Brief biographical overview of the nominee as it relates to the nomination.
4. Optional: Up to five pages of additional material about your nominee.
5. Please do not send submission packages in binders or folders.
6. You may visit www.bcachievement.com/community/online to complete an electronic nomination form.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit Frequently Asked Questions:

www.bcachievement.com/community/info

Contact:

Tel: 604.261.9777 or Toll Free: 1.866.882.6088

Email: info@bcachievement.com

Website: www.bcachievement.com

MAILING INFORMATION:

Mail or courier completed nomination package to:
BC Community Achievement Awards
c/o 6209 Angus Drive
Vancouver, BC V6M 3P2

Please note that it is the responsibility of the nominator to ensure that the nomination is complete, including the receipt of support letters by the deadline. All material received will be kept confidential.

Privacy Policy

The British Columbia Achievement Foundation is committed to protecting the privacy of people through responsible management of information received. Nominations are confidential between the nominator and the Awards program.

You may view the complete privacy policy at www.bcachievement.com or by calling the office for a copy.



British Columbia Community Achievement Awards

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Hon. Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
Board Member, BC Achievement Foundation

BRITISH COLUMBIA ACHIEVEMENT FOUNDATION

The British Columbia Achievement Foundation is an independent foundation established and endowed by the Province of British Columbia to celebrate excellence in community service, enterprise, arts and humanities. The Foundation currently offers five awards:

BC Community Achievement Awards
BC National Award for Canadian Non-Fiction
Carter Wosk BC Creative Achievement Awards
BC Creative Achievement Awards for First Nations' Art
BC Aboriginal Business Awards

For more information about the awards, please contact the BC Achievement Foundation.

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Email: info@bcachievement.com
Website: www.bcachievement.com



2014 Community Achievement Award recipients with Her Honour, The Honourable Judith Guichon, OBC, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia; Hon. Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development; BC Achievement Foundation chair Keith Mitchell, QC and board member Ron Lou-Poy, QC.

Caylee Simmons

From: Minister, STSB STSB:EX [STSB.Minister@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2014 12:19 PM
To: Caylee Simmons
Subject: 2014 Open for Business Award Finalists
Attachments: 106071 Cooper.pdf

Please see attached letter from the Honourable Naomi Yamamoto.

Thank you,

Office of the Minister of State for Tourism and Small Business

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Ref: 106071

September 17, 2014

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

Dear Mayor Cooper:

Congratulations on being named a finalist for the 2014 Open for Business Awards. As Minister of State for Tourism and Small Business, I recognize the critical contribution that small business makes to local communities and to British Columbia (BC) in general.

We were delighted to receive your submission as it clearly demonstrates leadership in supporting small business success and attracting new small business investment to your community. It is gratifying to see your community highlight small business-friendly initiatives that are in the spirit of the BC Small Business Accord. To be identified as a finalist, your submission articulates how your community recognizes that small businesses are a major contributor of employment, economic and trade activity in BC.

Again, my sincere congratulations and appreciation for your local government's effort toward making BC the most small business-friendly jurisdiction in Canada. I look forward to seeing you at the award ceremony on September 24th, 4:30-5:30pm at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Annual Convention in Whistler.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Naomi Yamamoto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Naomi Yamamoto
Minister

From: Virk, Pardeep AGLG:EX [<mailto:Pardeep.Virk@aglg.ca>] **On Behalf Of** Ruta, Basia AGLG:EX
Sent: September 23, 2014 1:27 PM
Subject: AGLG Annual Report

Sent on behalf of Basia Ruta, Auditor General for Local Government.

Greetings to All,

Attached please find correspondence regarding the AGLG's Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014.

Best regards,

Basia Ruta, CPA, CA
Auditor General for Local Government



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September 23, 2014

Ref: 14-181

To: Mayors and Councillors
Chairs and Directors
Chairs and Directors of Greater Boards

Greetings to All:

I am pleased to advise you that the Auditor General for Local Government Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 will be released on our website www.aglg.ca at the end of day September 24, 2014.

The Annual Report fulfills a requirement under the *Auditor General for Local Government Act* that I prepare a report on the activities of my office and progress in relation to the goals, objectives and measures established in the office's annual service plan.

I hope you will take the opportunity to read our Annual Report and share your feedback and comments with us. Please send your comments to info@aglg.ca or call the office at (604) 930-7100.

Best regards,

Basia Ruta, CPA, CA
Auditor General for Local Government

pc: Chief Administrative Officers

From: Rob Niewenhuizen
Sent: September 25, 2014 7:20 AM
To: Carl Bannister; Monica Dalziel
Subject: FW: UPDATE: Building Canada Fund - Small Communities Fund

FYI

Grant applications available at the end of October

Robert Niewenhuizen, A.Sc.T. | *Director of Engineering & Public Works* | **City of Salmon Arm**
Box 40, 500-2nd Avenue NE, Salmon Arm, BC, V1E 4N2 | P 250.803.4017 | F 250.803.4041
E rniewenhuizen@salmonarm.ca W www.salmonarm.ca

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From: BCFCC, TRAN TRAN:EX [<mailto:infrastructure@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: September 24, 2014 4:17 PM
Subject: UPDATE: Building Canada Fund - Small Communities Fund

Afternoon,

Thank you for your recent enquiry on the New Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund.

The Community, Sport and Cultural Development Minister Coralee Oakes has announced today that the Small Communities Fund program will be launched by the end of October (see attached News Release).

We will provide you more details regarding an application intake date, how to apply, etc. as soon as they are available.

- BCF Staff

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
2014CSCD0054-001427
September 24, 2014

Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development addresses UBCM convention

WHISTLER – The Government of British Columbia is committed to building strong communities by supporting collaborative, innovative, fiscally-responsible programs, Community, Sport and Cultural Development Minister Coralee Oakes told B.C. local governments at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) annual convention today.

Oakes cited the renewed \$2.76 billion federal Gas Tax Agreement, administered on behalf of the Province by UBCM, to support community infrastructure – and the first significant update of local election campaign finance in B.C., supported by UBCM, as accomplishments that will help sustain strong local communities and strong local democracy in British Columbia.

In her speech to convention delegates, Oakes made four announcements:

- Small Communities Fund – part of the New Building Canada Plan
 - Investing more than \$327 million over the next 10 years for communities with populations under 100,000, government is moving ahead with the first intake. As a cost-sharing program between the provincial, federal and local government, there will be a strong focus on drinking water, wastewater and other green infrastructure projects. The fund will be launched and open for applications by the end of October.
- Expense limits for the 2018 local government elections
 - Government will seek approval of the Legislative Assembly to appoint a Special Committee this fall to make recommendations on establishing expense limits in local government elections. The committee will be encouraged to consult with key stakeholders, including with UBCM. The joint B.C.-UBCM Local Government Elections Task Force recommended establishment of expense limits in local government elections. Supported by UBCM, B.C. took a two-phased approach to modernising local elections by implementing new campaign finance rules in 2014 and expense limits in time for local government elections in the fall of 2018.
- Support to help youth learn about B.C.'s democratic heritage
 - Government will support a pilot program to bring young British Columbians from communities around the province to Victoria this fall for an enhanced educational experience focused on B.C.'s democratic heritage, the importance of democracy and citizen engagement. Participants will share their knowledge with their peers and citizens in their home communities.
- \$1.5 million for asset management
 - The B.C. government is establishing a new asset management fund administered by UBCM. Local governments can apply to the fund to support cost-effective planning for their public infrastructure, including water systems and local roads, to

be ready to make the most of economic opportunities that lay ahead for British Columbia. Leading-edge asset management will help ensure that local taxpayers get value for their infrastructure investments.

Oakes also announced that Terrace, Fort St. John and Quesnel will host the 2015 Canada Winter Games Regional Community Torch Celebrations. The 2015 Canada Winter Games will be the largest multi-sport and cultural event ever held in Prince George and northern B.C. with a forecasted economic impact between \$70 million and \$90 million.

Quote:

Community, Sport and Cultural Development Minister Coralee Oakes –

“I commend UBCM on the theme of “Leading Edge” for the 2014 convention. In order to build strong communities in a challenging, competitive world, local governments need to be on the leading edge of best practices and responsible stewardship. We will continue to work with UBCM to help British Columbia’s diverse communities, urban and rural, succeed in maximizing economic opportunities and providing an excellent quality of life for families and citizens.”

Learn More:

- Check out the Government of British Columbia’s role in supporting communities, sport and arts and culture through the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development at: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/cscd>

Media Contact:

Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural
Development
250 889-9441

Connect with the Province of B.C. at: www.gov.bc.ca/connect

Caylee Simmons

From: Melissa Murray [Melissa_Murray@cpr.ca]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2014 11:32 AM
To: Caylee Simmons
Subject: UBCM Coal Event
Attachments: UBCM E-Invitation - Coal Event September 24 2014.pdf

Melissa Murray on behalf of Mike LoVecchio

Mayor Cooper,

I hope to see you at this year's UBCM conference in Whistler and, should you attend, I welcome you to approach me with any railroad concerns or questions. You may, of course, contact me at any time with these same requests.

I would also like to encourage you to join me at the Coal Community Breakfast on September 24 during the conference. I believe you have already been invited, but I strongly urge you to RSVP and join the dialogue on the future of the BC coal industry – something which is vital to both the province and the railroad.

The invitation is attached and includes the full details of the breakfast. If you would like to attend, you can either let me know or send your response to abuck@National.ca.

See you in Whistler.

Regards,



Mike LoVecchio
Director, External Affairs West
CP

Mike_LoVecchio@cpr.ca
778 772 9636

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COAL COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

B.C.'s coal industry and coal labour unions invite you to attend a breakfast at this year's Union of B.C. Municipalities conference in Whistler. We look forward to speaking with you about how our industry is working hard to earn your support and generate economic benefits for you and your community.

September 24, 2014

7:00 am Registration and Coffee

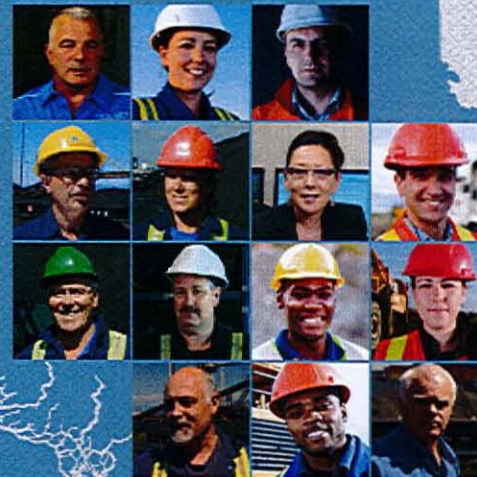
7:30 am – 8:30 am Breakfast and Program

Summit Lodge Hotel

Sterling Room

4359 Main Street, Whistler

Please RSVP by **September 17**
to Ashley Buck at 604-638-7453 or
abuck@national.ca



B.C.'S COAL INDUSTRY

Proven – British Columbia has been safely mining and transporting coal for more than 100 years.

Safe – The B.C. coal industry brings a commitment to operate safely and responsibly from mine to marine terminal. The results are clear and definitive – our workers and the communities where we live and work are safe.

Investing – B.C.'s coal industry proudly supports communities across the province, generating millions in tax revenue, buying locally and supporting thousands of small and medium-sized businesses. The industry creates over 26,000 well-paying jobs in mining, transportation, equipment and many other sectors.

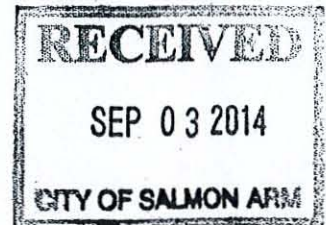
workingwithcoal.ca



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August 27, 2014

Mayor Nancy Cooper
City of Salmon Arm
500 2 Ave. NE, Box 40
Salmon Arm, British Columbia
V1E 4N2



Dear Mayor Cooper;

The purpose of this letter is to briefly introduce myself as FortisBC's new Community & Aboriginal Relations Manager for Salmon Arm. I recently joined the External Relations Department and am taking over this role from Ruth Sulentich who has moved on to new and exciting challenges.

FortisBC values the relationships we have established with elected officials and municipal staff and I look forward to working with you and Council as we continue to meet the diverse energy needs of the residents and businesses in your community.

We have undergone many changes over the past few years and have expanded our energy product line to include natural gas for transit and transportation use, our increased selection of incentive programs for natural gas and electricity customers as well as renewable natural gas for residential and commercial customers. This initiative allows us to capture methane from landfills, like the City of Salmon Arm facility, converting organic waste into natural gas to help British Columbians to reduce their carbon footprint.

FortisBC is pleased to once again be a sponsor of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Conference in Whistler in September. I will be in attendance and available to discuss our expanding energy product line and how these may help your community to grow and prosper.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve the residents of Salmon Arm and I look forward to meeting you!

Yours truly,

Shelley Thomson
Community and Aboriginal Relations Manager
FortisBC

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From: BC Association of Farmers' Markets [info@bcfarmersmarket.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2014 10:21 AM
To: Caylee Simmons
Subject: BC Farmers' Markets Celebrate Local Farmers during the 5th Annual Farmers Appreciation Week September 8 - 15



BC ASSOCIATION OF FARMERS' MARKETS

September 4th, 2014
For Immediate Release

BC Farmers' Markets Celebrate Local Farmers during the 5th Annual Farmers Appreciation Week September 8 - 15

Vancouver, BC: September 4th, 2014 – Join the BC Association of Farmers' Markets (BCAFM) September 8th – 15th as they proudly celebrate BC farmers during the 5th annual Farmers Appreciation Week. From corn roasts to fall fairs, children's activities, entertainment, giveaways, and special guests, the public is invited to celebrate at over 35 special events at farmers' markets across BC during Farmers Appreciation Week.

This year also marks the return of the Ode to A Farmer contest. British Columbians are invited to show their appreciation for local farmers in the form of a poem for a chance to win \$150 to spend at their favourite BC farmers' market. Six winners will be selected, a grand prize winner (\$150) plus a winning poem in each region of BC (\$50). Submissions will be accepted online or by mail until Sunday, September 7th at 11:59pm.

"BC farmers are our best source for fresh, healthy, local food," says Jon Bell, BCAFm President. "Farmers Appreciation Week gives the BCAFm and consumers an opportunity to express our gratitude and recognize the thousands of BC farmers contributing to our health, our communities and our economy."

"British Columbians are becoming increasingly passionate about buying local, fresh, in season goods," explains Elizabeth Quinn, BCAFm Executive Director. "Farmers Appreciation Week is an annual time to appreciate our farmers for growing fresh food close to home."

British Columbians can demonstrate support for BC farmers and ranchers by choosing local produce during the week- wine, cheese, fruits, vegetables and meat at the farmers' market, farm stand, or retail outlets.

The BCAFm is a not-for-profit association that represents over 125 farmers' markets across the province and works to support, develop and promote farmers' markets in all regions of BC. For more information on the BCAFm or to find a farmers' market near you, visit www.bcfarmersmarket.org.

Follow Farmers Appreciation Week online:

- Twitter: [@BCFarmersMarket](https://twitter.com/BCFarmersMarket)
- Facebook: facebook.com/BCAFM
- Event hashtag #BCfarmersweek
- bcfarmersmarket.org
- Find a Farmers Appreciation Week event on the [BC Farmers Markets calendar](#)

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Quick Facts:

- Nearly 20,000 farms operate in BC, 98% of those are family farms (Statistics Canada, 2011)
- BC's agrifood industry is the most diverse in Canada with over 200 agricultural products (BC Ministry of Agriculture, 2011)
- BC is home to over 125 farmers' markets. Find one nearby at www.bcfarmersmarket.org
- Primary agriculture in B.C generated \$2.8 billion in farm cash receipts (BC Ministry of Agriculture, 2013)
- Farmers' markets in BC have continued to grow in number, producing 147% more sales in 2012 than 2006, delivering \$170+million total economic benefits (Connell, 2012)
- B.C. continues to have the oldest farm operators among the provinces with an average age of 55.7 years. Only 5.4% of BC farm operators are under 35 years (Statistics Canada, 2011)
- B.C. producers led the nation in sales of blueberries, sweet cherries, raspberries, pears, apricots, Brussels sprouts and rhubarb in 2012 (BC Ministry of Agriculture, 2013)

Farmers Appreciation Week Events

There are over 35 Farmers' Markets hosting events.

Participating farmers' markets include, but are not limited to:

[All Organics Farmers Market](#)

[Ambleside Farmers Market](#)

[Armstrong Farmers' Market](#)

[Barriere Farmers Market](#)

[Burnaby Farmers Market](#)

[Campbell River: Pier Street Market](#)

[Comox Valley Farmers Market](#)

[Coquitlam Farmers Market](#)

[The Farm Gate, Roberts Creek](#)

[Fort St. John Farmers' Market](#)

[Fort Langley Farmers Market](#)

[Golden- Spirit Square Saturday Farmers' Market](#)

[Goldstream Station Market](#)

[Granville Island Farmers' Market](#)

[Haney Farmers Market, Maple Ridge](#)

[Kerrisdale Farmers Market](#)

[Kitsilano Farmers Market](#)

[Ladner Village Farmers Market](#)

[Lonsdale Quay Farmers Market](#)

[Lake Country Farmers' Market](#)

[Main St Station Farmers Market](#)

[Mission City Farmers' Market](#)

[Mount Pleasant Farmers Market](#)

[Pemberton Farmers' Market](#)

[Pleasant Valley Community Market](#)

[Powell River Open Air Market](#)

[Prince George Farmers' Market](#)

[Qualicum Beach Farmers' Market](#)

[New Westminster: Royal City Farmers' Market](#)

[Sorrento Village Farmers Market](#)

[Spirit Square Farmers' Market](#)

[Surrey Urban Farmers' Market](#)

[Tlell Farmers Market](#)

[Trout Lake Farmers Market](#)

[Oak Street Farmers' Market](#)
[Squamish Farmers' Market](#)
[Vernon Farmers' Market](#)
[West End Farmers Market](#)
[Yaletown Farmers Market](#)

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From: Jessie Christophersen [Jessie@rcbc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 9:43 AM
Subject: Request for Proclamation: Waste Reduction Week 2014
Attachments: jc_Sample Municipal Proclamation.doc; jc_Sample Municipal Proclamation.pdf

Waste Reduction Week in Canada



September 10th, 2014

Re Proclamation Request

Canada will celebrate its annual National Waste Reduction Week from October 20th through October 26th, 2014.

Each year the Recycling Council of British Columbia organizes BC's involvement in observing this important week. We would like to ask all municipal councils in BC and all Regional Districts to officially declare October 20th-26th, 2014 as Waste Reduction Week in their respective communities.

Waste Reduction Week is intended to raise awareness about waste and its environmental and social impacts. The theme of Waste Reduction Week, "Too Good to Waste", is meant to draw attention to the richness and diversity of the natural world and the importance of working towards ecological sustainability through waste avoidance and resource conservation.

Please join RCBC in proclaiming October 20th-26th, 2014 as National Waste Reduction Week!

I have attached a sample proclamation for reference. For more information please visit the national website at www.wrwcana.com or contact me directly. Thank you for your continued support!

Jessie Christophersen
Information Services Assistant
Recycling Council of British Columbia

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Please send this declaration to the Recycling Council of BC
By fax at 604-683-7255 or by email at wrrw@rcbc.ca.
We thank you again for your commitment to waste reduction.

(Name of Municipality)

hereby recognizes

Waste Reduction Week in Canada
October 20-26, 2014

As a municipality, we are committed to conserving resources,
protecting the environment and educating the community.

We recognize the generation of solid waste and the needless waste of
water and energy resources as global environmental problems and
endeavor to take the
lead in our community toward environmental sustainability.

We have declared October 20-26, 2014, Waste Reduction Week in

Municipality

Signed

Date

Name and Position

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Date

Name and Position

Caylee Simmons

From: ALISON SLATER [alislater@shaw.ca]
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2014 9:39 AM
To: District of Sicamous; Town of Osoyoos; Caylee Simmons; heinrich, joni; Williston, Lorraine; District of Barriere; Squamish-Lillooet R.D.; Thompson-Nicola R.D.; Town of Osoyoos; Thompson-Nicola R.D.; City of Enderby; Village of Keremeos; Town of Oliver; Village of Ashcroft; City of Armstrong; City of Kamloops; City of Kelowna; City of Merritt; City of Penticton; City of Revelstoke; City of Vernon; District of Clearwater; District of Coldstream; District of Lake Country; District of Lillooet; District of Logan Lake; District of Peachland; District of Summerland; District of West Kelowna; Central Okanagan R.D.; Okanagan-Similkameen R.D.; Town of Princeton; Township of Spallumcheen; Village of Cache Creek; Village of Chase; Village of Clinton; Village of Lumby; Village of Lytton; Columbia Shuswap R.D.; North Okanagan R.D.; sun peaks municipality,
Subject: Fwd: the demise of small wood processors
Attachments: image001.jpg; image003.jpg; The State of BC's Competitive Sector wood processors2.pptx

FYI - see message below.

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----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "Russ Cameron" <camida@telus.net>
To: alislater@shaw.ca
Sent: Wednesday, 10 September, 2014 9:55:56 AM
Subject: the demise of small wood processors

Please accept this short Power Point explaining the plight of BC's Competitive Sector wood processors. The Province has lost over half of these community based family owned and operated wood processors in the last dozen years.

We would appreciate it you could forward this to the Mayors in your region so that they are aware of how bad the situation is for the small value added producers and what these producers believe needs to be done to stop the carnage.

Regards,

Russ Cameron

President IWPA

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The State of BC's Competitive Sector wood processors

August, 2014

There are two wood processing sectors in B.C.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitive Sector ➢ buys input wood fibre at arm's length on the open market ➢ pays market prices for fibre ➢ tend to be small family owned community based businesses ➢ tend to be family run (by owner) ➢ USA is by far the largest market ➢ focus is on specialty products and services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-competitive Sector ➢ has exclusive rights to the harvest of non-competitive public timber ➢ price of fibre is determined administratively using formulas ➢ tend to be large consolidated publicly owned multinationals ➢ run by employees (by CEO's) ➢ have access to global markets ➢ focus is on commodity products |
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Who represents these sectors?

- BC's Non-competitive Sector is represented by:
 - The Council of Forest Industries (COFI) in the BC Interior
 - The Coast Forest Products Association (CFPA) on the BC Coast
 - The BC Lumber Trade Council (BCLTC) for shared Provincial and Federal matters
- BC's Competitive Sector is represented by:
 - The Independent Wood Processors Association (IWPA)

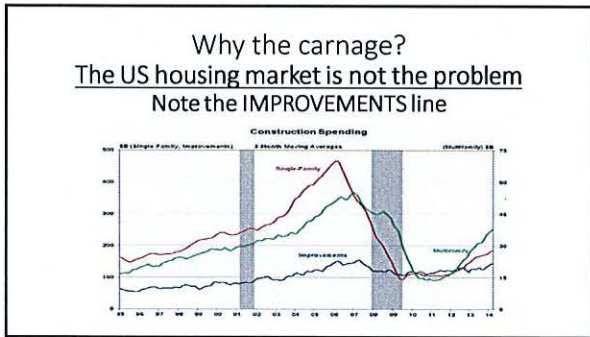
How are BC's Competitive Sector wood processors doing?

BC has lost over half of its Competitive Sector wood processors

- In the last dozen years, half of BC's Competitive Sector wood processors have gone out of business
- The Independent Wood Processors Association (IWPA) had 107 member companies in 2002
- 54 of these companies have gone out of business or quit manufacturing in BC
- The carnage has been even worse among the very small non-associated wood processors
- The carnage continues and will do so until changes are made

The last dozen years for the IWPA

- | 2002 | 2014 |
|-------------------------|--|
| ➢ 107 producing members | ➢ 55 producing members |
| ➢ \$2.5 B annual sales | ➢ \$1.0 B annual sales - down 60% |
| ➢ 4.0 B annual fbm | ➢ 1.7 B annual fbm - down 58% |
| ➢ 4000 plus employees | ➢ 2400 employees - down 40% |
| | ❖ Adjusted for attrition and new members |



When you cannot buy or sell ... you remodel

- NAHB illustrates that when new starts fell off, remodeling picked up
- The Competitive Sector niche is specialty products and services that are used in remodeling
- Competitive Sector wood processors do not try to compete with the low value commodity framing products produced by Non-competitive Sector wood processors
- Competitive Sector wood processors were not impacted by the US housing crash as badly as Non-competitive Sector wood processors

So if not the US housing market ... what?

Our 3 biggest problems were made right here at home

1. **Loss of access to our US market due to the taxation of Competitive Sector wood processors in the SLA 2006**
2. **For the last 11 years there has been no agency of the BC Government with the mandate to ensure that Competitive Sector wood processors have access to a share of the BC Public's wood resource**
3. **The consolidation of the Non-competitive Sector into regional monopolies has reached the point where open markets no longer function or no longer exist**

1. Loss of access to our market

- For 5 years the products of Competitive Sector wood processors were subject to CVD's and AD's
- For the next 6 years our products were subject to a Canadian imposed tax of 15% (usually \$75/mfbm)
- \$75/mfbm is enough \$ to ship the wood we used to process in BC to China
- Coast Forest Products Association estimates that 27% of the wood that its members ship to China is for remanufacture in China from where it can be sold to our former US customers tax free
- The Canadian imposed tax is designed to make us uncompetitive in our primary market and it does the job very well
- To our dismay, GBC and GOC wish to renew the tax on the Competitive Sector wood processors

2. No mandate to supply Competitive Sector wood processors

- In 2003, the Small Business Forest Enterprise Program (SBFEP) and Section 21 were terminated, the bulk of the SBFEP timber was commandeered, BC Timber Sales was formed, and the Non-competitive Sector was given access to the timber.
- Now instead of being a source of wood fiber for Competitive Sector wood processors, that timber is used as a source of MPS data to attempt to price the BC Public's non-competitive harvest (MPS = Market Pricing System)
- Most Competitive Sector wood processors were disqualified from bidding on BCTS timber by the GBC in SLA 2006
- Most of the BCTS volume is now purchased by the Non-competitive Sector

3. Consolidation of the Non-competitive Sector

- When our Association was formed 43 years ago to represent the interests of the Competitive Sector, we had healthy and competitive open markets for timber, logs, and lumber
- Consolidation has now reached the point where a few Non-competitive Sector mega-companies have regional monopolies
- These regional monopolies now control the disposition and price of the BC Public's timber resource
- Open markets for timber, logs, and lumber are non-functional or no longer exist
- The credibility of the Market Pricing System (MPS) is therefore in doubt

The Fixes

The time is now as SLA 2006 is about to expire and GBC's hands will no longer be tied

1. Loss of access to our market

- *"The settlement accord should provide that a province's adoption of fully open and competitive timber and log markets would automatically result in lifting of interim measures for that province." ... USA's settlement offer to Canada ... 2005*
- The Non-competitive Sector has decided that they wish to remain non-competitive, therefore the Softwood Lumber Dispute will continue
- The Competitive Sector must not be forced to pay any part of the price to be paid for that decision
- We respect the decision of the Non-competitive Sector, but we are unable to remain in business if we are forced pay part of the price for them as we do not have the offset of secure exclusive access to the public's administratively priced timber resource

The BC Lumber Trade Council agreed that the Competitive Sector should be exempted from the SLA

"The need for a timely resolution to the inappropriate application of duties to the remanufacturing sector. This forest sector is experiencing the greatest hardship. It is vitally important for the primary lumber manufacturing sector that the remanufacturing sector in Canada not be a casualty of these protracted negotiations" ... Al Thorslakson, President and CEO of Toiko Industries Ltd to Minister Pierre Pettigrew ... August 9, 2002

From: Emerson, David
To: Russ Cameron
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2001 11:10 PM
Subject: RE: SLA

I discussed with Co-chairs today and we agreed that we could support your request for an exemption if, simultaneously, your organization could publicly support the call for negotiations.

- But then the BCLTC broke the Agreement we had with them

2. No mandate to supply Competitive Sector wood processors

- The granting of tenures was an experiment in social engineering
- In an effort to develop the province, the GBC granted certain companies the right to harvest the public's timber on condition that they build and operate mills in the vicinity of the timber
- The social engineering requirements were largely removed in 2003 but the rights to the public's non-competitive harvest were not
- As long as the timber remains non-competitive, there will be difficulty pricing it and there will be Softwood Lumber Disputes
- Due to the inability to price the Public's non-competitive harvest, the Competitive Sector lost the Small Business Forest Enterprise Program

continued ...

- The SBFEP was established with the mandate to provide access to competitively priced timber to those with less than 10,000 m3/yr of renewable tenure
- It had about 11,000,000 m3 to auction and provisions via Section 21, to provide Competitive Sector wood processors with competitive access to a share of the BC Public's timber resource
- We believe it was a mistake to commandeer that timber, rename it BC Timber Sales, give the Non-competitive Sector access to it, and change the mandate to one of providing the MPS with data re "the cost and price benchmarks for timber harvested from public land in British Columbia" (from BCTS website)
- Many problems would be solved if the Non-competitive Sector simply auctioned some of the BC Public's timber already under their control.

3. Consolidation of the Non-competitive Sector

- "A virtual monopoly, I believe, carries with it the responsibility to treat your customer as if he had alternatives" ... Hank Ketcham from his speech re CN Rail in Prince George
- The big consolidated Non-competitive Sector players need to adopt this philosophy in exercising their control of the BC Public's timber
- They need to stop behaving as if they own the timber and begin exercising the rights that we have granted them to benefit the true owners, the BC Public
- or the GBC needs to regulate the disposition of the BC Public's forest resource

Summary

- Have the Non-competitive Sector pay the entire cost of their future Softwood Lumber Agreements
- Restore the SBFEP including the 3.1 million m3 Cat 2 and its subsections (all non-exportable)
- Detach it from MPS and restore the old mandate 'to provide'
- Have the Non-competitive Sector auction whatever volume of their tenured wood that is required to price the rest
- Regulate the non-market behavior of the consolidated Non-competitive Sector mega-companies with respect to the disposition of the BC Public's forest resource

Competitive Sector wood processors will:

- › rebuild if our access to wood and to the US market is restored
- › resume the business of making specialty lumber and remanufactured products
- › employ more people per cubic meter harvested
- › be community based
- › spend money made in BC, in BC
- › provide the greatest socio-economic benefit per cubic meter harvested

Independent Wood Processors Association

Russ Cameron – President

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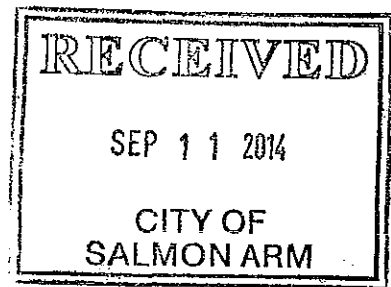
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Representing Competitive Sector wood processors since 1971



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September 10-2014

To, FAX 250-803-4041

The Administrator
City of Salmon Arm
500-2 Ave.Salmon Arm
B.C.V1E-4N2.

REG: NOTICE FOR VOLUNTEER BILL OF RIGHTS (VTBOR)

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the Salmon Arm Taxi Ltd. is starting the Voluntary Taxi Bill of Rights Program (VTBOR) in the Salmon Arm region. The Passenger Transportation Board has established a voluntary program that enables taxi companies in B.C, to adopt a taxi bill of rights for the benefit of the taxi drivers and passengers. This VTBOR) program will,

- Clarify expectations between taxi drivers and taxi customers.
- Promote consistent, high quality taxi service and to address any complaint or concern of the taxi passengers.
- A mandatory taxi bill of rights has been successfully operating in the Greater Vancouver region since 2008. The PT Board has formulated the VTBOR at the request of the taxi companies, taxi users and local officials for the regions beyond GVRD.
- The information about VTBOR is available at,

http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/ptb/taxi_rights.htm

If you any question please do not hesitate to call me at 250-804-8128.

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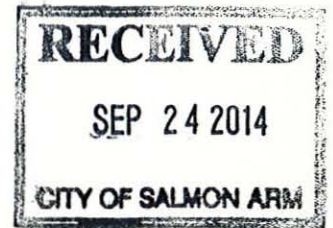
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Inderjit Chhokar', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Inderjit Chhokar
(President)



Box 20 Tappen BC V0E 2X0



September 14, 2014

Mayor Nancy Cooper
City of Salmon Arm
Box 40
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Dear Mayor Cooper,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to invite you or an assigned delegate to attend the **25th AGM Luncheon and Social of the Canadian Women in Timber**. The luncheon will be held **Friday, October 24th** in Vernon BC at the Best Western Vernon Lodge.


Canadian Women In Timber is celebrating 25 years as a non-profit, volunteer organization, committed to make a positive difference. We are dedicated to informing the public regarding our forests and forest industry by promoting Forest awareness Through Education.

We are pleased to announce the luncheon speakers will be **Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations**, Nick Arkle, Chief Forester at Gorman Bros. Lumber Ltd, Lynn Embury-Williams, Executive Director of Wood WORKS! BC/ Canadian Wood Council and Alison Anderson, Chair of Canadian Women in Timber. There will also be a silent auction during the luncheon and social (payment by cash or check only).

Please RSVP to Betty Ann McDonald by **October 10th, 2014**. A registration form with contact information is enclosed. All events must be pre-paid. Cheques may be mailed to Betty-Ann McDonald at the address shown on the registration form.

We look forward to seeing you at our 25th AGM luncheon.

Sincerely,


Alison Anderson
CWIT Chair



**FAX BACK / MAIL IN REGISTRATION FORM
2014 AGM Luncheon**

Please FAX to: 1-250 675-4088

Contact Information:

Name: _____
 Company (if applicable): _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 Email: _____

Please indicate the functions you wish to attend and the number of people who will be in your party (additional names may be sent on a separate sheet of paper - we will use these to generate name tags at the event)

Event	Number in Party	Cost per Person	Total Payable in advance
Complete AGM (lunch and social)		\$40.00/person	
Luncheon		\$30.00/person	
Social		\$10.00/person (cash bar)	

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Thursday October 23rd Best Western Vernon Lodge

Time	Event
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Casual Meet and Greet in the lounge at the Lodge

Friday October 24th Best Western Vernon Lodge

Time	Event
9:00 – 9:45 am	AGM (Coffee and muffins will be available in the meeting room)
9:45 – 11:00 am	Board Meeting
11:30am – 2:00pm	Luncheon and Speakers
2:00 – 4:30 pm	Social

- There will also be a silent auction on Friday – payment by cash or cheque only

RSVP by October 10 to Betty Ann McDonald:
 Fax: 250 675-4088
 Email: bettyann@telus.net

Please mail cheque to:
 Betty Ann McDonald
 PO Box 20
 Tappen, BC V0E 2X0



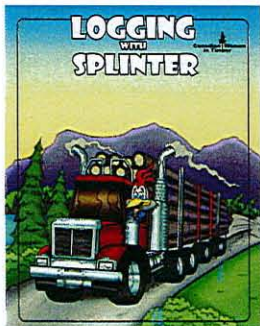
Why Join?

Join the Canadian Women in Timber today

- show your support for forest education
- help provide accurate forest and forest industry information for the public
- become better informed about forests and related issues
- help counteract misinformation
- network and have fun!

General membership is \$25 per year. If you wish to also belong to a branch in your area it is an additional \$10 per year.

Our Education Materials



What we do

- ✚ We work with allies, partners (such as the Interior Logging Association), forest companies and other industry associations to promote forest education.
- ✚ We created Forest Awareness Day, held annually on the first Wednesday in October to celebrate forest awareness through education.
- ✚ Some branches have created classroom presentation programs and provide bursaries to students furthering their education in forest-related programs or training.
- ✚ We produce and distribute material with factual information about forests and the industry.
- ✚ We have created unique activity books and other books for school-aged children.
- ✚ We attend and display our educational material at various public venues and forestry-related forums and volunteer our time to help other organizations.

Join us!

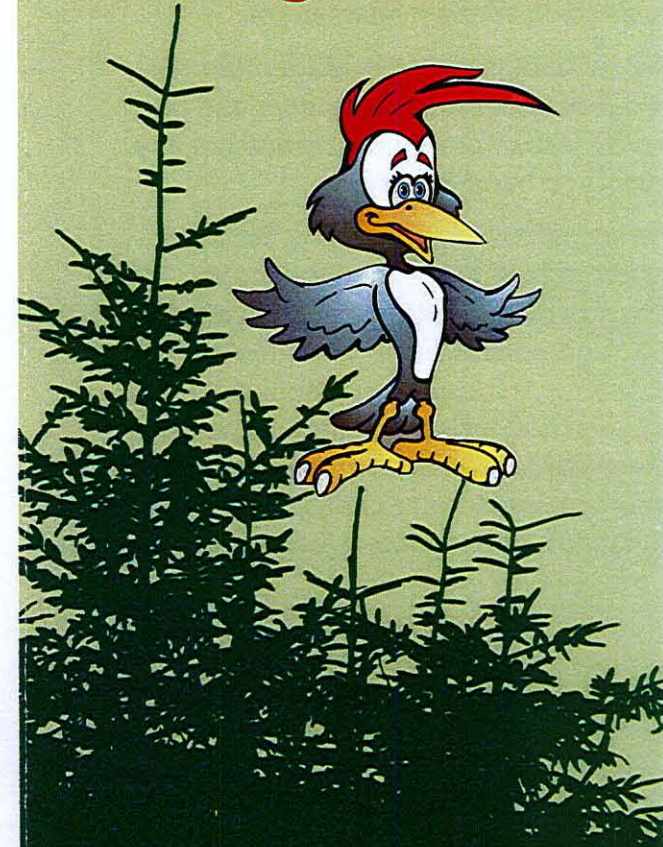


www.CanadianWomenInTimber.com



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in Timber

Forest Awareness Through Education



Learn more about Forest Education
with Canadian Women in Timber
Splinter the Woodpecker

www.CanadianWomenInTimber.com



Who are we?

Canadian Women in Timber is a registered non-profit, charitable society whose goal is to enhance and foster public understanding of BC's forest resources and sustainable forest management.

We encourage sound management and wise use of our forest resources and believe a viable forest industry and healthy forests go hand-in-hand.

We are dedicated to informing the public regarding our forests and the forest industry by promoting **forest awareness through education**. A good deal of this education is focused on school children as they are the decision makers of the future. Given this knowledge we hope to inspire future generations to cherish our forests and lead a thriving forest industry for Canada.

Canadian Women in Timber was established in 1989 and is a truly grassroots organization. Members are all volunteers and are committed to making a positive difference. Most members have a connection to the forest industry and are the first to experience the social and economic consequences of forest land-use decisions and policy changes.



Membership

As a member of the Canadian Women in Timber your involvement can be as big or as small as you want—from a few minutes a month to several hours or more! If you choose not to become actively involved, your financial support as a member will help sustain the organization.

Canadian Women in Timber has a provincial board of directors and several branches throughout BC. Each branch has their own executive and carry out independent programs and activities in their community as per the Canadian Women in Timber constitution and by-laws.

Although our group was founded by women in the industry we are not exclusive. Men represent a significant component of our membership and serve on our Board of Directors.

Individuals can be general members or belong to a branch in their community. Members will receive *The Leaflet* newsletter and can attend and vote at branch and provincial annual general meetings.

Canadian Women in Timber is a registered, non-profit, charitable society—tax receipts will be issued for all dues and donations.

Canadian Women in Timber Membership & Donations Form PO Box 20 Tappen, BC V0E 2X0

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Company: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

Postal code: _____

Email: _____

Home Ph: _____

Work Ph: _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES and DONATIONS

General Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00
Branch Member	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	\$10.00
Optional – check one	<input type="checkbox"/> no	\$0
Donation		\$
Total Remitted		\$

All dues and donations are tax deductible, tax receipts will be issued.

From: Rob Hein
Sent: September 24, 2014 8:30 AM
To: Rob Niewenhuizen
Subject: FW: Evaluation Report and Certificate

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From: Catherine Kennedy [<mailto:c.kennedy@telus.net>]
Sent: September 16, 2014 2:34 PM
To: Debbie Cannon; Rob Hein
Subject: Evaluation Report and Certificate

Congratulations Rob and Debbie,

Salmon Arm was awarded a Criteria Trophy for Tidiness!
I am not sure how we will get the glass trophy to you but hopefully our Board Member Shirley Fowler can do a presentation in the near future.

Attached is a digital file of the report and certificate for your files. A hard copy will be sent with the trophy.

Again, well done Salmon Arm!

Kind regards,
Catherine



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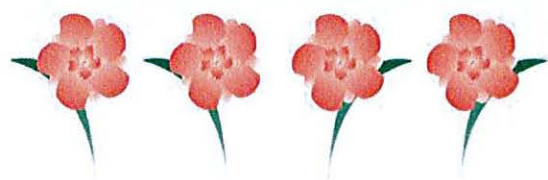
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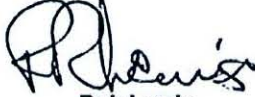



City of Salmon Arm

2014 Provincial Participant



Special Mention: Amazing Mosaic Tile Wall at the Ross Street Plaza


Bob Lewis
National Chair,
Communities in Bloom


Don Alberg
Provincial Chair,
BC Communities in Bloom

People, Plants and Pride...Growing Together

From: Rob Hein
Sent: September 24, 2014 8:30 AM
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Subject: FW: Provincial Communities in Bloom Results - Press Release

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From: Catherine Kennedy [<mailto:c.kennedy@telus.net>]
Sent: September 15, 2014 10:59 AM
To: Catherine Kennedy
Subject: Provincial Communities in Bloom Results - Press Release

Good morning!

Thank you to Trail for an excellent time in their community and for hosting the Awards and Conference! We are pleased to share this press release with our 2014 participants, and ask that you also forward this on to your local media with your own information.

Tomorrow I will be sending electronic versions of your evaluation reports and jpegs of your certificates so that you may use these on your community websites or Facebook.

Included in the certificate/report envelopes are letters to your Mayor and Council, and we hope that you can gather your CiB team to make a presentation to them about your year's efforts.

Thanks kindly for all your hard work this year and we will be sending 2015 registration info out in November.
Catherine



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**FOR IMMEDIATE
RELEASE**

Surrey, B.C.,
September 15, 2014

Celebrating CommUNITY Success across B.C.

Trail - On Saturday September 13th, representatives from around the province celebrated their hometown's achievements at this year's British Columbia Communities in Bloom Awards Ceremony. The awards were presented to community representatives in the Evaluated and Non-evaluated categories.

This year's host, the City of Trail competes at the international level and lives and breathes the CiB program. Conference delegates were shown why Trail is considered a "steward city" by Communities in Bloom. There aren't many towns in B.C. that have had the challenges Trail has faced over the years and they wanted to share their knowledge and show other communities that: *"if it can be done in Trail, it can be done anywhere"*.

Our 11th annual event has marked another successful year. Congratulations to all our provincial Communities in Bloom participants!

5 BLOOMS		MENTION
Hope, District of	5	Volunteerism is the RULE in Hope!
Sooke, District of	5	Updated Community Profile Book
District of Maple Ridge	5	Municipal Floral Plantings
4 BLOOMS		
Barriere, District of	4	Heritage in Bloom and 100 Year Celebration
Salmon Arm, City of	4	Amazing Mosaic Tile Wall at the Ross Street Plaza
3 BLOOMS		
Lumby, Village of	3	Charles Bloom Secondary Forestry Program
Silverton, Village of	3	The new way-finding signage in town
NOVICE		Workshop with Judges & new committee members
Fort St. John, City of	Novice	Water conservation at the Pomeroy sports centre and at their water treatment plant
Nakusp, Village of	Novice	Wood First Award winning bridge at the Hot Springs
Whitehorse, City of (Yukon)	Novice	Respect for Natural Heritage
NON-EVALUATED		Continued on page 2...
Kent, District of		Winner's Circle
Lake Country, District of		Winner's Circle

NON-EVALUATED

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Cache Creek, Village of	Friends
Chetwynd, District of	Friends plus two more Community Showcase projects
Fruitvale, Village of	Friends
Kelowna, City of	Friends
Mission, District of	Friends
West Kelowna, District of /Westbank First Nations	Friends

CRITERIA AWARDS	SPONSORED BY	WINNING COMMUNITY
TIDINESS	Teck Resources Limited	Salmon Arm
HERITAGE CONSERVATION	Province of BC (formerly PCC)	Barriere
LANDSCAPED AREAS	Urban Systems	Maple Ridge

Special glass vase Criteria Awards were presented by our Gold Bloom Sponsors whose financial support makes it possible for us to deliver the CiB program throughout the province.

COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARD - BC Communities in Bloom Sponsored

Hope's Victor Smith and Bob Burrell were recognized for their volunteer contribution to their hometown and support of our Provincial Program.

GOOD LUCK TO BC'S NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL FINALISTS

National and International results will be announced September 20th at the National Awards and Symposium in Charlottetown, PEI., this years participants are:

Clinton, Village of	Castlegar (International)
Sun Rivers Resort Community	Trail (International)
Harrison Hot Springs, Village of	Vancouver (International)
Ashcroft, Village of	Kamloops, City of

At the 11th Annual BC Communities in Bloom Awards evening in Trail we presented Bloom Rating Certificates and Evaluation Reports to all our participants. The weekend is an excellent opportunity to exchange information and engage us in the common goal of making all our communities better places to live and visit.

For our Judges, evaluating is an opportunity to visit new communities and meet those residents that are excited to reveal the best qualities of their hometown. Variety is the key word to describe our participants: from communities on the edge of wilderness to ones bustling with tourists. Local CiB committees endeavour to show our judges what makes them unique given their geography, climate and history. After the evaluation day, the judges continue to work hard completing the reports to detail what has been done well and what might be improved upon. This report creates a bench mark of success that many participants use to assess how well they are meeting their liveability and Official Community Plan (OCP) goals.

Congratulations to all our first year Novice participants who have, no doubt, been challenged by the CiB program. Starting with simple goals, a small group of volunteers and few resources, we know they are at the ground floor of building something worthwhile for their community. For experienced CiB communities, reaching the 4 and 5-Bloom level is an accomplishment that recognizes all their hard work. Some 5 bloom communities will be invited to next year's national competition.

Volunteers are the backbone of this program and each community's team efforts are a testament to how well "People, Plants and Pride...Growing Together" works! - 30 -

BACKGROUNDER

BC Communities in Bloom is a not for profit society administering the dynamic CiB program where citizen groups, organizations, businesses and local governments come together to ignite and unleash the potential within each community.

Because of this unique annual challenge, a new vibrancy and prosperity is reflected in the lasting legacies to our communities.

REASONS COMMUNITIES PARTICIPATE:

- Stimulates Community Energy
- Encourages Tidiness & Beautification in Residential & Business Areas
- Networks Various Organizations for a Common Good
- Promotes Excellence in Environmental Initiatives
- Catalyst to Inventory Community's Assets
- Friendly Competition provides Focus & Deadline for Projects
- Evaluation Report is a Cost Effective Measurement of Success



EVALUATION PROCESS & CRITERIA

During late July, on an agreed date, two judges assess the community on the accomplishments of four sectors: municipal, corporate, private and institutional within each of the essential criteria of Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape (includes Turf & Groundcovers), Floral Displays and Community Involvement.

RESULTS

All participating communities receive a rating of one to five 'Blooms' (unless entered as first year rookie). Selected communities receive an invitation to participate in the following year's national program.

In addition to their rating, each BC CiB participant receives a comprehensive report, prepared by qualified judges. This report reviews the particular features and projects in each of the criteria areas that the community has undertaken and presented, and offers constructive comments and suggestions for the following year.

Of course, all participants are winners as they celebrate pride in their hometown with a program that recognizes their potential as resilient liveable communities!

Thank you to our 2014 Gold Bloom Sponsors

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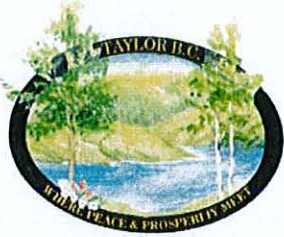
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September 3, 2014

Reiko Tagami
Information & Resolutions Coordinator
Union of British Columbia Municipalities

Via email: rtagami@ubcm.ca

Re: Emergency Resolution – 2014 UBCM Convention

Please be advised that at the September 2, 2014 meeting of Council, the District of Taylor passed the following emergency resolution for submission and consideration at the 2014 UBCM Convention in September. Council deems this resolution to qualify under "emergency" status since it is a topic which has arisen since the June 30, 2014 deadline and is also one that affects libraries across the Province.

Discontinuation of Community Library Training Program

District of Taylor

WHEREAS the Community Library Training Program (CLTP) was a distance education model, coordinated by the provincial government's Libraries Branch that provided professional training and certification opportunities for public library staff without the burden and expense of having to be away from their community;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government has announced the discontinuation of the CLTP without identifying alternative training and certification opportunities, leaving current CLTP participants uncertain whether they will be able to complete the program or obtain certification, and would leave public library staff across the province, with a lack of options for professional training and certification;

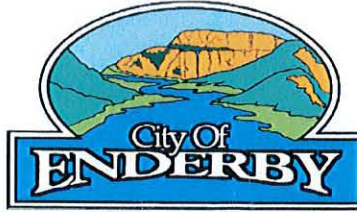
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Education share with BC public libraries the details from the CLTP program review and communicate as soon as possible its plan for establishing or identifying professional training and certification opportunities for library staff at a level equivalent to the Community Library Training Program.

The District of Taylor Council look forward to advancing discussions towards a favorable resolution in September.

Sincerely,

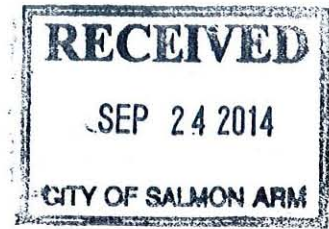
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September 16, 2014

City of Salmon Arm
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Attn: Carl Bannister

Dear Mr. Bannister:

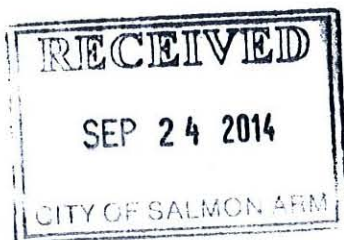
Re: Seasonal Floral Displays

A Councillor for the City of Enderby recently acknowledged the City of Salmon Arm for its beautiful floral displays. Council resolved to send a letter of appreciation to the City of Salmon Arm for its excellent beautification initiatives.

Please convey our appreciation to those in your organization who are responsible for this impressive work.

Yours truly,

Tate Bengtson
Chief Administrative Officer



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From: Sandra MacFarlane [<mailto:SMacFarlane@delta.ca>]
Sent: September-17-14 3:43 PM
To: Sandra MacFarlane
Subject: Correspondence regarding Medical Marihuana Facilities

Good afternoon,

Please find attached the following correspondence regarding Federal Licensing and Enforcement Relating to Medical Marihuana and Medical Marihuana Facilities in the Agricultural Land Reserve for distribution to your Mayors and Councils:

- Mayor Lois E. Jackson to the Honourable Rona Ambrose, P.C., M.P., Minister of Health
- George V. Harvie, Chief Administrative Officer, to George Da Pont, Deputy Minister of Health Canada
- Mayor Lois E. Jackson to the Honourable Norm Letnick, Minister of Agriculture
- George V. Harvie, Chief Administrative Officer to Derek Sturko, Deputy Minister of Agriculture

Thank you,

Sandra MacFarlane
Deputy Municipal Clerk
The Corporation of Delta
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THE CORPORATION OF DELTA

From the office of:

The Mayor,
Lois E. Jackson

September 9, 2014

The Honourable Rona Ambrose, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Health
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister,

Re: Federal Licensing and Enforcement Relating to Medical Marihuana

Please find attached a copy of a recent letter from Mr. George V. Harvie, Chief Administrative Officer for The Corporation of Delta, to your Deputy Minister Mr. George Da Pont.

As outlined in the correspondence, The Corporation of Delta is seeking responses to several important questions regarding the Federal licensing framework for medical marihuana as well as information regarding current and potential licenses within our Municipality. Unfortunately, we have not been successful in obtaining answers to these questions through other means, hence we are writing to your Ministry directly.

I would be grateful for any assistance you may be able to offer toward providing a timely reply to Mr. Harvie's letter.

Yours truly,


Mayor Lois E. Jackson
Mayor

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cc: The Honourable Kerry-Lynne D. Findlay, PC, QC, MP, Delta-Richmond East
Jinny Sims, MP, Newton-North Delta
The Honourable Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia
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THE CORPORATION OF DELTA

From the office of:

George V. Harvie
Chief Administrative Officer

September 9, 2014

Mr. George Da Pont
Deputy Minister of Health Canada
Brooke Claxton Building, Tunney's Pasture
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Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9

Dear Mr. Da Pont,

Re: Federal Licensing and Enforcement Relating to Medical Marihuana

I am writing to you on behalf of The Corporation of Delta, British Columbia, regarding Federal licensing and enforcement relating to medical marihuana. We understand that the Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations (MMPR) came into effect on April 1, 2014 allowing for centralized commercial production of medical marihuana. We are also aware that some licenses issued under the old Marihuana Medical Access Regulations (MMAR) may have been extended beyond March 31, 2014 on an interim basis subject to certain criteria being met.

The Corporation of Delta has received a considerable number of enquiries from prospective medical marihuana producers, including some claiming to already be operating under Federal licenses, and we are also aware of several active applications to Health Canada for new licenses for properties in our Municipality. Nonetheless, Delta has had difficulty obtaining information from Health Canada regarding current licenses and new applications located within our jurisdiction. We find it frustrating that we are obtaining important information from proponents rather than from Health Canada regarding Federal licensing criteria, active licenses, and the status of applications in our Municipality.

I am therefore writing to you directly in hopes that you can provide responses to the following questions and information requests:

- We request to be provided with the total number and the addresses of active Federal licenses to grow/produce medical marihuana in Delta, under either the old or new regulations, including the volume of medical marihuana that may be grown or possessed. We have previously requested this information for our Municipality but it has not been made available to us.

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- We request clarification regarding the status of the MMAR given the recent court decisions as well as the addresses of license holders who have met the criteria to have their licenses extended past March 31, 2014. How is Health Canada keeping track of licenses that have been extended? How is Health Canada enforcing expired licenses and in particular ensuring that medical marihuana is no longer being grown in residential areas?
- We request a list of properties in Delta and the names of companies that have made formal applications to Health Canada under the MMRP, including the volume of medical marihuana proposed to be produced and the status of each application.
- How many licenses does Health Canada anticipate issuing under the MMRP? Is there a limit on the total number of licenses that will be issued?
- Is there a maximum volume of production that each facility may produce?
- Is there a total volume of medical marihuana that is anticipated to be needed to meet current and projected demand?
- How does Health Canada intend to enforce the production volumes, security provisions and other criteria for licensed facilities under the new MMRP?
- How many inspections will be done annually for a licensed facility? Can the Delta Police Department, Delta Fire Department or the general public gain access to inspection results?
- What avenues does The Corporation of Delta have to object to a proposal within our Municipality? For example, Delta Council has stated its position that medical marihuana production facilities should not be located on agricultural land and yet we have received two Notices of Intent identifying agricultural properties within our Municipality.
- Is Health Canada working with any other agencies or organizations (e.g., Agriculture Canada, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture) to address the impacts of medical marihuana production facilities and limit its impacts on traditional soil-based agriculture?



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Without answers to the above questions we are unable to continue to accept and process applications for municipal permits and licenses for medical marihuana businesses in Delta.

The Corporation of Delta understands that medical marihuana is a medicine that plays an important role in the health care of many Canadians. Further, as a local government, we can certainly appreciate the challenges of developing, implementing and enforcing new regulations around a relatively new industry. The legislation, regulations and licensing procedures pertaining to medical marihuana are particularly complex, made more so by court decisions in 2014 which affected the transition from the old to the new regulations.

I sincerely appreciate your time in responding to our questions. Should you require additional information regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 604-946-3212.

Yours truly,

George V. Harvie

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Chief Administrative Officer

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THE CORPORATION OF DELTA

From the office of:

The Mayor,
Lols E. Jackson

September 9, 2014

The Honourable Norm Letnick
Minister of Agriculture
PO Box 9043, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister,

Re: Medical Marihuana Facilities in the Agricultural Land Reserve

Please find attached a copy of a recent letter from Mr. George V. Harvie, Chief Administrative Officer for The Corporation of Delta, to your Deputy Minister Mr. Derek Sturko.

As outlined in the correspondence, The Corporation of Delta continues to have very serious concerns regarding the impacts of proposed medical marihuana facilities on agricultural lands, the current lack of Provincial guidelines for this proposed new industry, and the possibility that producers will more readily look to locate facilities in Delta as more and more other municipalities adopt bylaws to prohibit this activity.

I would be grateful for any assistance you may be able to offer toward providing a timely reply to Mr. Harvie's letter.

Yours truly,



Mayor Lols E. Jackson
Mayor

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THE CORPORATION OF DELTA

From the office of:

George V. Harvie
Chief Administrative Officer

September 9, 2014

Mr. Derek Sturko
Deputy Minister of Agriculture
PO Box 9120, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9B4

Dear Mr. Sturko,

Re: Medical Marijuana Facilities in the Agricultural Land Reserve

On February 28, 2014, Her Worship Mayor Lois E. Jackson wrote to the Provincial Minister of Agriculture seeking approval of Delta Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7314 to prohibit medical marijuana production facilities and medical marijuana research and development facilities on lands within the Agricultural Land Reserve in Delta. In that letter, Mayor Jackson outlined a number of concerns and uncertainties pertaining to medical marijuana facilities and their impacts on traditional agricultural activities. Delta Council had hoped to treat medical marijuana facilities on agricultural land in the same manner as in other areas of the Municipality; that is, to consider these facilities on a case-by-case basis rather than permitting them outright. We were disappointed to receive on June 24, 2014 a response from Minister Letnick informing us that he is not approving Delta's bylaw.

As noted in Minister Letnick's letter, Ministry staff will work with local governments and others to develop a Minister's Bylaw Standard specific to the production of medical marijuana in the Agricultural Land Reserve. My staff have been informed that a Minister's Bylaw Standard on this topic may possibly be available as early as this month. We hope that the Minister's Bylaw Standard will address the concerns previously expressed by Delta regarding the locations, scale and footprint of such facilities, site servicing, security, and the potential longer-term impacts on the availability of land for food production and soil-based farming.

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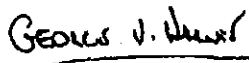


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Further, we hope that the Minister's Bylaw Standard will apply equally across local governments that have Agricultural Land Reserve lands. Although the Minister has chosen to not approve Delta's proposed bylaw we are aware of other municipalities where bylaws have been adopted that explicitly or effectively prohibit medical marihuana operations in the Agricultural Land Reserve. We believe this has put Delta at a disadvantage in dealing with the growing level of interest from the medical marihuana industry particularly when combined with the current lack of guidelines for regulating this use in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

In light of the anticipated timeline for release of the Minister's Bylaw Standard, Delta will be putting any new applications for medical marihuana facilities in the Agricultural Land Reserve on hold so as to avoid approving an application that may be in conflict with the pending Provincial guidelines and criteria. Delta would be pleased to have our staff participate in the development of the Minister's Bylaw Standard should such opportunities be available.

Yours truly,



George V. Harvie
Chief Administrative Officer

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Caylee Simmons

From: Kathleen Wilson [kwilson@pittmeadows.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2014 4:09 PM
To: Caylee Simmons
Subject: Unified Building Code Effect on Local Governments
Attachments: Scanned from a Xerox multifunction device001.pdf; Fire Sprinkler - Technical Briefing Note _2_.pdf; Local Government List.pdf

Good afternoon,
Please forward the attached correspondence to Mayor & Council.

Thank you,

Kathleen Wilson

Administrative Assistant to Mayor & CAO

City of Pitt Meadows

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City of Pitt Meadows

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

September 19, 2014

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

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Unified Building Code Effect on Local Governments Provision of Public Safety

The recent Ministerial release of the Province's intent to implement a Unified Building Code within the next 24 months is of significant concern to many, if not all, local governments. The removal of local ability to introduce concurrent authority in regard to aspects of construction, especially related to public safety, can only occur if it is replaced by significantly enhanced legislation from the Province to fill the void.

The City of Pitt Meadows has a highly successful fire sprinkler component to our Building Bylaw that has enhanced public safety, reduced fire service costs, and dramatically reduced fire losses (both human and structural). It has never experienced negative "push back" from home-owners, builders or developers for over 19 years! The positive results of the local fire sprinkler requirements above those contained within the current Building Code are irrefutable.

Removal of the ability of local governments with such bylaw or policy provisions to continue to ensure such efficient and effective service is unacceptable without an alternative solution that, at minimum, provides them with equal or better results to those obtained by the current system.

The Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) has responded to the Province by agreeing to engage in open, consultative discussion related to acceptable alternatives that address these types of concerns for a number of different Code areas. At least one small Working Group, discussing fire sprinklers, has been established and includes representatives from local government, the Provincial Building Safety and Standards Branch, the Office of the Fire Commissioner, fire services, building and sprinkler trades, engineering and architectural professionals, and others.

The Fire Chiefs Association of BC has taken the strong position whereby any legislative changes to the Building Code which reduce the level of public safety related to fire protection in any community is unacceptable (See attached briefing note).

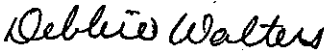
There are approximately 30 local jurisdictions with similar concurrent legislation (see attached list), including the City of Vancouver. There is simply no evidence available which suggests that reducing public safety, through elimination of local concurrent regulation, can be justified in order to improve construction practices. In fact, the evidence indisputably points to the contrary and jurisdictions all across Canada and the USA are recognizing that increased requirements specific to fire sprinklers are needed and desired by the public at large.

The decision to institute a Unified Building Code (UBC) currently rests with the Ministry of Natural Gas Development and Minister Responsible for Housing and Deputy Premier – Minister Coleman. However, the Ministry of Communities, Sport and Cultural Development, as well as the Ministry of Justice, through EMBC and the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC), must be involved as many impacts of this proposed change are sweeping and directly affect public safety and community development.

The City of Pitt Meadows has sent letters to the Ministers responsible for these three Ministries to express our concern over the negative impacts the introduction of a Unified Building Code could have on our ability to provide highly efficient, effective and safe local government services and I would like encourage you as one of 30 municipalities in the Province with enhanced building standards to do the same.

The City of Pitt Meadows recognizes the challenges that the building industry faces related to multiple, and oftentimes, conflicting local regulation. However, there are solutions that would not result in a reduction of public safety, nor compromise the principle of a standardized Code. It is incumbent on the Province to work with local government on this issue, not to dictate standards which will negatively impact public safety and local government service delivery.

Respectfully,


Deb Walters
Mayor

Attachments (2)

cc: Pitt Meadows Council



Fire Sprinklers

Critical component of the local government
fire protection system

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Issue

With the changes to the Community Charter in January 2004 local governments are no longer permitted to enact, or effectively modify, local bylaws regarding installation of fire sprinklers in structures where the BC Building Code otherwise does not require them. This has directly resulted in the elimination of options available to local government for enhancing their overall community fire protection.

Background

International research evidence conclusively demonstrates that use of a fire sprinkler system provides dramatic reduction in life loss and injuries. Rapid deployment to extinguish fire control heat is a capability that is unable to be duplicated utilizing human focussed suppression efforts. Fire sprinklers are like having a firefighter on-duty 24/7 in every room of every structure waiting to spring into action.

Historically fire sprinklers have been viewed as purely a structural protection device and have been opposed by advocacy groups within the building trades community due to increased installation costs, incorrectly perceived minimal effectiveness and the spectre of increased water damage. All of these myths have been conclusively debunked and yet fire sprinklers remain a component of building construction

instead of their more correctly positioned orientation as part of an overall community fire protection system.

Local government has the authority under the Community Charter and the *Fire Services Act* to construct and maintain potable water and hydrant systems. They may also identify wildfire management areas and require homes have non-combustible roofing materials. All of these systems are part of a community fire protection system, yet fire sprinklers, possibly the most highly effective and economical of them all, are not permitted to be under local government direction. This makes little sense.

In the City of Pitt Meadows regulation of fire sprinklers has been available by bylaw since 1995. Since that time the City has experienced virtually zero complaints from developers, builders or home-owners regarding the requirement for fire sprinkler installation. The threats of excessive additional costs and unfair expectations from the building community simply do not exist.

Fire sprinklers, especially in conjunction with working smoke alarms save lives! The evidence is conclusive and overwhelming, both locally and internationally. In the City of Pitt Meadows in 2012/13 there were three dwelling fires within multi-family apartment units that were they not in Pitt Meadows with their sprinkler bylaw, would not have been required to have fire sprinklers by Code. Pitt Meadows has a small paid on call fire department that would have likely been unable to provide similar success. In fact recent examples from other jurisdictions demonstrate that total building loss is not an unexpected outcome. The fire sprinklers in these units rapidly extinguished all three fires. There were zero occupant injuries or deaths, even with an occupant asleep in the fire room on ignition in one incident. Water damage was also limited to far less than what would have been done by suppression crews with fire hoses.

Public and Firefighter Safety Considerations:

- Sprinklers suppress fire very quickly, they provide extended exit times and they reduce toxic atmospheres.
- The toxic and exhausting fire environment today is very hazardous to fire fighters. Fire sprinklers extinguish fire quickly and provide a safer environment for fire fighter's to work.

Cost – Benefit Considerations

- In multi-family building sprinkler installations the cost of installing sprinklers is more than recouped in additional BC Building Code (BCBC) benefits available to the builder, including: greater overall building size and lot usage, reduced spatial separations and reduced fire ratings, longer exit paths, and more.
- Interconnected smoke alarms are required by Code. These can be very expensive for homeowners. Government determined that smoke alarms were appropriate to implement – why not fire sprinklers?
- Fire sprinklers can help control escalating municipal fire service costs, for a community like Pitt Meadows and they can also provide suppression coverage to neighbourhoods distant from the nearest fire station meaning additional fire halls do not need to be constructed (a major cost saving to taxpayers). In addition, rural departments often need to invest in additional fire apparatus, such as water tenders, to provide enough water for traditional firefighting methods. The need for these could be reduced or eliminated by fire sprinklers.
- Water supply in rural areas for an initial action sprinkler protection system is not a big deal. If you can operate a washing machine in a rural residence you can supply a fire sprinkler line.
- Fire sprinklers now cost less than \$1/sq ft to install based upon a USA/Canada NFPA Study done in 2013 that included Pitt Meadows. This is a 200% reduction from costs in the 1990's. Costs will continue to go down as more installations are done.
- The cost argument comes almost exclusively from builders and developers. Many, but not all, have no long term local interest – purely short term financial gain.
- The Fire Chiefs Association of BC has a letter of support from one of Canada largest insurer's, the Cooperators, detailing their company-wide commitment to the value of fire sprinklers and their installation. .

Water Damage Considerations

- The damage from a fire PLUS traditional fire suppression methods using fire service hose lines is dramatically more than from a fire sprinkler and the Cooperators Insurance

Group agrees. Fire sprinklers suppress a fire very early, with far less water. Damage is less, run-off is less and smoke is less.

- Water damage attributed to inappropriate activation is virtually always due to malicious or negligent causes.
- Discounts exist from many Insurer's of up to 10% across the board for sprinklered occupancies

Federal and International Regulation Considerations:

- The federal government appears set to include requirements for sprinklering in *NFPA 13R: Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Low-Rise Residential Occupancies* to the next addition of the National Building Code.
- The United States is undergoing a massive cultural shift toward adoption of fire sprinklers as mandatory protection equipment in residences. The State of California has now required by legislation that ALL residential occupancies be equipped with fire sprinklers.

Solution

Amendment of the legislation to allow municipalities to require, through local bylaw, fire sprinkler systems beyond the minimum established by the BC Building code. This would enable local governments of all sizes, particularly the smaller more economically challenged jurisdictions, to provide global and enhanced community fire protection at minimal ongoing taxpayer cost. Installation costs are well within the affordable range for builders and home-owners alike and the added life safety cannot be overstated. Fire sprinklers are economical, readily and discreetly installed, highly efficient and most importantly, they save lives!

Local Fire sprinkler requirements are in place for the following 30 local governments:

**City of Campbell River
City of Chilliwack
City of Colwood
Township of Esquimalt
Town of Gibson
Town of Ladysmith
City of Langford
Township of Langley
City of Langley
City of Maple Ridge
City of Merritt
City of Nanaimo
City of New Westminster
District of North Vancouver
City of North Vancouver
District of Oak Bay
City of Parksville
City of Penticton
City of Pitt Meadows
City of Port Coquitlam
City of Salmon Arm
District of Sechelt
Town of Sidney
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Subject: Fwd: IMPORTANT and making it easier for you!

Lorraine and Marvin Tansley of Sicamous , BC 411 Coach Road agree with the " RAIL TRAIL concept !! of the now abandoned

Okanagan / Shuswap Rail Line (CPR) Thanking you for you attention and consideration .

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Please take a moment to read to very end of this message.

PUBLIC CALL TO ACTION

Shuswap-North Okanagan Rail Trail concept needs your support!

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- **Check out the info brief [here](#).**
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- **Check out the [Okanagan Rail-Trail Initiative](#) working on securing the abandoned CN line to the South.**
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- **A sample email/letter of Expression of Support including key contact names and email addresses [here](#).**

I trust that all of you care and don't want to miss out on this once in a lifetime world-class opportunity for our communities! This message is with the hopes of making it simpler for you to get the word out if you should care to do so and haven't as yet.

As it is laid out now on the Shuswap Trail Alliance website, extra time is needed to extract the individual e-mail address for each of the involved leaders.

So here's a separate list to facilitate the process for you.

(for the gal who asked... all you need to do is: (1) highlight all the following addresses in one stroke (2) then copy, by pressing the ctrl and c keys (3) then paste into your **To:** slot by pressing the ctrl and v keys...and presto all the addresses show up and you are ready to send!)

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And you can do the same with this edited list to use at the head of your letter.

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Mayor and Council, District of Sicamous - Darrell Trouton
Mayor and Council, City of Armstrong - Chris Pieper
Copy to Shuswap Trail Alliance – Lori Schneider Wood

If you should need an additional "push to action" read this snip I received from administration (Lori Schneider Wood) of Shuswap Trail Alliance:

'There is only a few of us here at the Shuswap Trail office so any help we can get in spreading the word would be amazing. The one very important factor is that we make it known that we are behind Splatsin who are in negotiations right now with CP. Our local mayors and MLA are 100% behind supporting the Rail Trail.

But you are correct in thinking that we need to approach every group possible. At this point nothing is too late. But we need to print only what we have to date on the brief and fact sheet. That is very important. Getting everyone to send in their support letters is vital. That would be great if you could help get this information out.'

Come on folks....let's bombard their 'fact sheet' with support letters! And share the word asap!

The Shuswap TRAIL ALLIANCE

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Updated: June 24, 2014

PUBLIC CALL TO ACTION. . .

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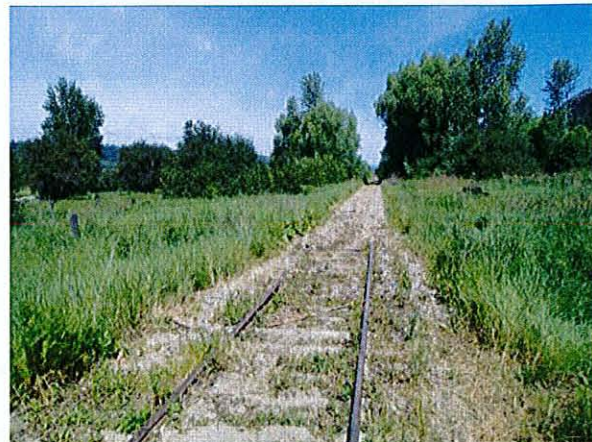
Shuswap/North Okanagan Rail Trail – Call to Action



Call to Action – Calling all governing leadership within the Shuswap/North Okanagan region to work together with Secwepemc and Provincial leadership, the Shuswap Trail Alliance, community leaders, organizations, and sponsoring partners to acquire the abandoned Sicamous to Armstrong rail corridor – establishing a continuous hiking/cycling greenway – and link it with the Central Okanagan Rail Trail!

The Vision – a world-class continuous destination greenway corridor for cycling and hiking linking Sicamous to Armstrong . . . to Vernon . . . to Kelowna . . . to Soyoos!

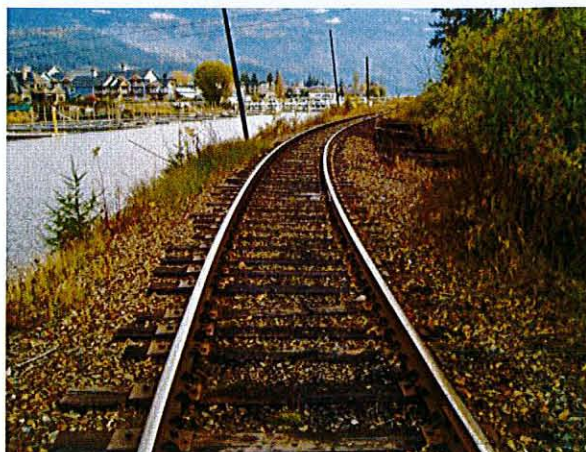
Rational – well designed, signed, maintained, and promoted studies show rail trail greenways create significant economic opportunity, improve property values, reduce damage to sensitive habitat, manage negative use, increase health benefits and cost savings, and attract new residents and visitors. (See the Okanagan Rail Trail Impact Assessment, May 2014)



The Shuswap TRAIL ALLIANCE

Background – Discontinuation of the CP Rail line between Sicamous and Armstrong was announced in 2009 triggering a legal abandonment process that included a period where each level of government had an opportunity to purchase the line, after which the line would become available for private sale.

During the government bid period, Shuswap Trail Alliance leadership met with local leadership to advocate for acquisition and management of the rail corridor as a continuous greenway corridor. While regional visions for the future of the line varied, securing the corridor was consistently supported, and the concept of establishing some form of walking/cycling greenway in conjunction with the corridor was widely supported. (This even included consideration for a Rails-with-Trails concept should the Grindrod- Armstrong section remain active to continue rail service to Sure Crop Feeds.) The STA was directed to stand by while local governments worked to secure the corridor.



During this time, STA leadership also acknowledged Secwepemc title and right over the land which is within Secwepemc Nation territory. Secwepemc leadership from the Splatstin community are currently in negotiations with CP Rail. The STA is committed to ensure any effort to secure a greenway corridor support these negotiations.

All municipal and regional Official Community Plans that encompass the Sicamous-to-Armstrong rail line currently zone the rail corridor as a connected transportation right of way. As well, several community plans identify the desire to establish a corridor for walking and cycling along the abandoned line, including community input during the Enderby-Splatstin Active Transportation Planning workshops.

Unfortunately, while we understand attempts were made, no government acquisition bids were successfully negotiated during this period (2010 – 2014). So the land will now be made available for private purchase once Splatstin concludes their negotiations with CP Rail (expected to be announced shortly). As a result, salvage operations of the rails commenced in April of this year.

More recently, another section of rail corridor has been decommissioned in the Central Okanagan, and as of June this year, entered the government bid phase. This line is owned by CN Rail. Perhaps taking notes from the failed attempts to secure the line by local governments in our area, advocates in the Central Okanagan formed a non-profit society purposely to rally public support and lobby local government and provincial leadership to adopt a rail-trail strategy and work together to acquire the line.

The resulting lobby to secure the Central Okanagan corridor – which included support from many in the Shuswap/North Okanagan – proved to be very successful, resulting in public statements of support for the vision by municipal and provincial leadership. (See www.okanaganrailtrail.ca)

This has had a spin-off effect of raising the profile of the abandoned CP rail corridor in our area, and triggering increased public query and support. Combined with the visibility of the rail line being salvaged, the Shuswap Trail Alliance has received unprecedented daily email and phone messages in support of ensuring the northern rail line will be turned into a greenway trail for walking and cycling.

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Economics – The Central Okanagan Rail-Trail initiative was also successful in securing funds to contract an economic feasibility impact study which found a Rail Trail corridor would generate substantial economic spending, employment, and property value benefits. It acknowledges the magnified advantage of linking the Central Okanagan Rail Trail into a united rail-trail corridor with the existing rail trail to Osoyoos in the South, and the abandoned Sicamous-to-Armstrong CP rail line in the North. This matches the original Shuswap Trail vision of an inter-regional greenway trail corridor linked with the Okanagan. “Three sections; one bigger vision!”



Current Status and Options – Our local governments were unsuccessful in assembling a working proposal during the government bid period. Splitsin leadership is currently completing negotiations with CP Rail based on Secwepemc title & right. Once these agreements have been finalized, the remaining lands within the corridor will be turned over to CP’s Real Estate Division for private sale.

This essentially leaves purchasing through CP’s Real Estate division as the remaining option to secure the corridor for the future benefit and use of the public and ensure this remarkable opportunity is not lost:

➔ **Call to Action** – local governments work together with Secwepemc and Provincial leadership, the Shuswap Trail Alliance, community leaders, organizations, and sponsoring partners to assemble a financing strategy with leveraged partnership investment (ideally from combined provincial, federal, local government, and community/business sponsorship) and submit a bid to purchase.

Management Priorities – a greenway strategy for the rail corridor must address the following. . .

1. acknowledgement of Secwepemc territory title & rights, and support for Splitsin negotiations
2. protection of sensitive habitat and cultural sites,
3. prevention of unwanted use/damage/garbage/noise for adjacent property owners
4. option to use the corridor for potential sustainable transportation solutions in the future,
5. collaboration with Central Okanagan and South Okanagan to create a continuous greenway corridor for walking and cycling (rails-to-trails & rails-with-trails) – “Three sections; one vision”
6. organized working partnerships for the future management of the corridor

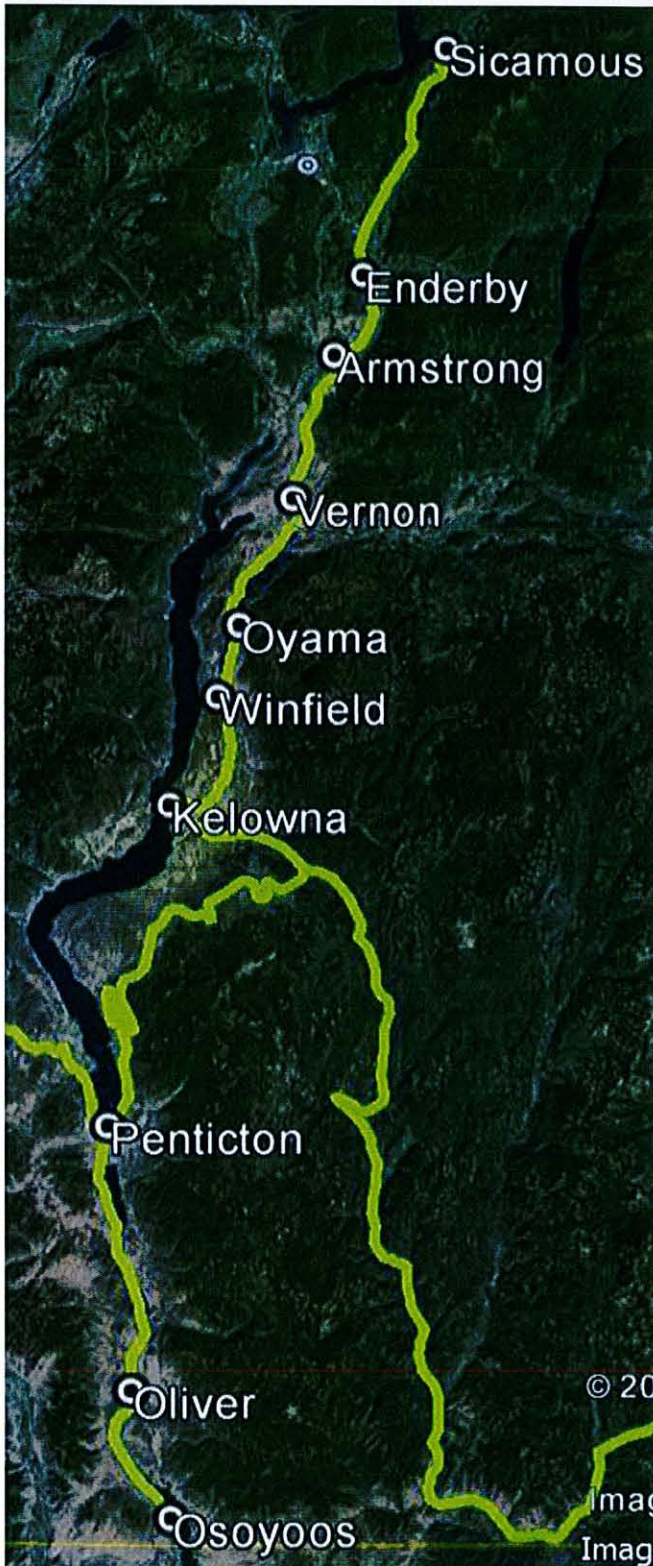
A Few Numbers –

- Length of the Sicamous to Armstrong rail-trail corridor = approx. 50 kilometers
- Length of potential greenway rail-trail from Sicamous to Osoyoos = approx. 282 kilometers
- Local government jurisdictions along the Sicamous – Armstrong Corridor: Splitsin (Secwepemc Nation), Columbia Shuswap Regional District Area E, North Okanagan Regional District Area F, District of Sicamous, Township of Spallumcheen, City of Enderby, City of Armstrong,
- Net land valuation of the CP Rail Line estimated at \$4.6 million (mile 0.3-16.4/net salvage = \$6.2m) and \$1.8 million (mile 16.4-31.63/net salvage = \$3.2m) (Canadian Transport Agency)
- Rail trail construction estimates – the 25 km asphalt surfaced North Star Rail Trail between Kimberly and Cranbrook reportedly cost approx. \$3 million (this did not include salvage costs)

➔ **Please send expressions of support to** your local Mayors, Councillors, Regional Directors, and MLA. Questions for CP Rail can be directed to 1-800-766-7912 or community_connect@cpr.ca

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The Shuswap
TRAIL ALLIANCE



Sicamous to Armstrong Rail Trail
 (Abandoned CP Line) approx. 50 km

Armstrong to Vernon Proposed Rail-
 with-Trail (CN Active) approx. 26 km

Vernon to Kelowna Proposed
 Okanagan Rail Trail approx. 50 km

Proposed Connector approx. 20+ km

Kelowna to Osoyoos (Kettle Valley
 Rail Trails) approx. 136 km



Can we reach 10,000? Currently 9,789 emails of support have been sent in.



Our Future is in our hands now



Home	Benefits	Photos	Supporting Organizations	Resources	Contact
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We can transform this wonderful linear property into a lasting legacy that will provide benefits for generations, or we can allow this transportation corridor and last natural lakefront access to be sold off for private use.

The decision is ours.

Tell Us What You Want

Complete the form below and let us know what future you would like to see.

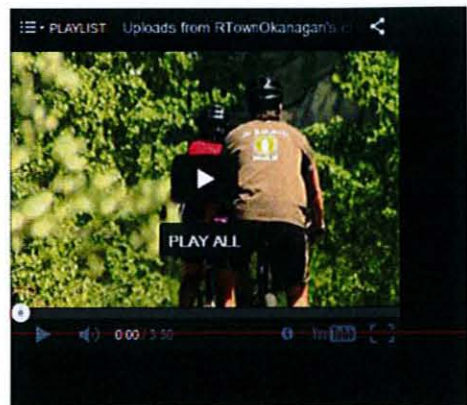
We will keep your information secure. We will not share your email address with anyone. We will only share your name, location and comments with parties involved in determining the future of this corridor.

Name*

Email*

Where Do You Live

A Short Video



Latest News

September 18: Currently the municipalities and CN are in negotiations to purchase the land. This period ends October 5th. Unless

Do You Support This Initiative?*

Yes, I support preserving this as public space

No, it should become private

What future do you want?

Send Your Message

a 'Net Salvage Valuation' is called before Oct 5th, we will know the outcome of the negotiations by then.

August 20: Offer to municipalities begins Sept 5. Municipalities are prepared to make an offer. For more information, see the [Kelowna Daily Courier](#). If no agreement is made by Oct 5th, then the right of way will be available for sale for private use.

May 27: The *impact assessment* of protecting the railway corridor between Coldstream and Kelowna is now available under the resource tab of this website. Some of the highlights of report:

Health: scenic linear pathways encourage physical activity and communities have found an improvement in overall health of those who live in proximity to them.

Environment: An alternative transportation corridor will reduce the dependance on automobiles and reduce emission, improving the air quality in our valley. Protecting the corridor will also protect the shoreline of 3 lakes and link natural habitat areas along the way.

Transportation & Safety: In North America cyclists are at least 8 times more likely to be involved in a collision causing injury than in Europe. A separated multi-use pathway will create a safer alternative for walkers and cyclists and will encourage new users to adopt alternative forms of transportation by providing a safe, scenic corridor to gain experience.

Property Value. It has been found that property values along multi-use pathways increase when the trail is developed.

Economic: It is estimated that the trail will bring \$6.7 million of incremental spending to the Okanagan by year 5 and will increase each year after providing a return on the investment of purchasing the corridor for years to come.



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Sample email/letter Expression of Support for Shuswap-North Okanagan Rail-Trail Initiative. . .

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Cc:

Shuswap Trail Alliance – admin@shuswaptrails.com

Dear Shuswap/North Okanagan leaders,

I understand there may still be an opportunity to purchase the abandoned Sicamous to Armstrong rail corridor, and want to add my voice supporting all governing leadership within the Shuswap/North Okanagan region to work together with Secwepemc Splitsin leadership and Provincial leadership, the Shuswap Trail Alliance, community leaders, organizations, and sponsoring partners, to acquire the rail corridor – establishing a continuous hiking/cycling greenway – and link it with the Okanagan Rail Trail!

I also understand recent studies show well designed, signed, maintained, and promoted rail trail greenways can create significant economic opportunity, improve property values, reduce damage to sensitive habitat, manage negative use, increase health benefits and cost savings, and attract new residents and visitors. (See the Okanagan Rail Trail Impact Assessment, May 2014)

To this end, I support this unprecedented opportunity to create a world-class continuous destination greenway corridor for cycling and hiking linking Sicamous to Enderby to Armstrong along the abandoned CP Rail Line. And then, to work with leadership to the south linking an extended greenway trail to Vernon, Kelowna, and ultimately Osoyoos via the Kettle Valley Rail Trail and Trans Canada Trail.

Thank you.

_____ (your name)

(Your contact information)

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Subject: Support Rail Trails in the Okanagan/Shuswap

To Whom it may concern

With every method possible the rail trails must be saved for public use.

Under no circumstances should it be allowed to be sold to private interest!

Federal, Provincial and Local Governments need to get on board to this end.

Thank you for your interest and support.

Kris Nickerson

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Dear Shuswap/North Okanagan leaders,

Please let's not miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to have at our doorstep a world-class Eco-Tourist Corridor.

Imagine the legacy of our future!

In full support,
Eric and Helene Amber
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