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N = No Action Required
A = Action Requested

S = Staff has Responded
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CITY OF SALMON ARM

February 9, 2021

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada
C.D. Howe Building
235 Queen Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H5

To: Whom it May Concern

Re: TELUS Application: Universal Broadband Fund – City of Salmon Arm

The City of Salmon Arm fully supports TELUS's application to provide increased wireless connectivity under the Universal Broadband Fund. The proposed project under consideration will improve existing wireless connectivity in our community. This will allow the City to better serve our community members within Salmon Arm. It will greatly improve safety by enabling e911 calls and will enable tele-health, and tele-work. Reliable cellular coverage will also provide opportunities for commercial and industrial businesses, whether small or large, to operate and develop in an increasingly virtual world.

Improving connectivity enables residents to engage in numerous aspects of the digital economy, including those residents from underrepresented groups. Internet has become an essential service and provides access for residents to numerous benefits such as tele-health, distance learning, and telework. Today, reliable internet access has become a virtual requirement for commercial and industrial businesses, whether small or large, to operate and develop.

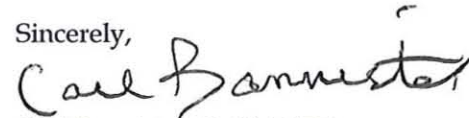
Access to reliable internet also provides social services within the municipality by enabling valuable avenues to serve residents. The internet has made connecting key social service institutions with the residents who use those institutions much easier. Furthermore, this access, expedited through the Universal Broadband Fund, will contribute to a multitude of government strategies that have become easiest to access via the internet.

We are working to support the long-term growth of our community. A key enabler to achieve this goal is the ability to connect government and social service offices, businesses and homes in our community to high-speed broadband networks. As such, access to wireless infrastructure is critical for our community to engage in numerous aspects of the digital economy.

The funding assistance from the Universal Broadband Fund for the delivery of wireless connectivity is invaluable to the prosperity of the City of Salmon Arm. Without the support of this fund, many communities would not be able to enjoy the level of connectivity that is required to fully participate in society.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this application.

Sincerely,



Carl Bannister, MCIP, RPP
Chief Administrative Officer

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Harmen Kahlon - TELUS - Senior Manager - Technology Strategy - harmen.kahlon@telus.com
K. Pearson, Director of Development Services, City of Salmon Arm
City of Salmon Arm Council Correspondence

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Home of the Jewels & Golds

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City of Salmon Arm
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January 29, 2021

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Jackson Secondary School Mountain Biking Academy. We are offering a new academy program to School District 83 students in grades nine through twelve. Students in this program will earn credits for Physical Education and for a new locally developed course called Mountain Biking Community Development 10. The purpose of this program is to foster physical fitness through mountain biking, to collaborate with stakeholders, to undertake sustainable trail development, to investigate grant funding applications and processes, to learn wilderness first aid skills, and to develop leadership and bicycle mechanics skills.

This program will commence in February 2021 and run through June 2021, repeating annually in our second semester of study. Students will begin riding their bikes on our area roadways in late February or early March and we will move to the areas trails as the spring thaw permits.

In the spirit of collaboration the academy will be working in conjunction with many local advocacy groups including the Shuswap Trail Alliance, the Shuswap Community Foundation, Rec Sites and Trails BC, local business including Skookum Cycle & Ski, and with local schools, offering youth outreach lessons.

With this letter, we are seeking the support of the City of Salmon Arm to use infrastructure on city owned land such as portions of the South Canoe trail system. Throughout the semester, we will be riding trails located on city lands as well as working to maintain and improve trail infrastructure on city lands in conjunction with the Shuswap Trail Alliance.

We look forward to hearing your reply with regards to supporting this exciting new opportunity for youth in our community.

Sincerely,

Chris Stromgren

To Mayor and Council, City of Salmon Arm,

We the students of J.L. Jackson Secondary's Sciences humaines 9 are writing to express our desire and support for the City of Salmon Arm to adopt an official flag. This past term in Socials, we have been learning the importance of symbolism and symbols throughout history, and their impact and importance to While Salmon Arm's current flag does symbolize our town, it is in reality more of a banner or a logo and we think our wonderful town deserves a true, symbolic, and impactful flag.

In our study of flags and other symbols we learned the five principles of good flag design according to the North American Vexillological Association, which are as follows:

1. Keep it simple – the flag should be so simple that a child could draw a good approximation of it with no help. The current flag is fairly simple but has a relatively abstract depiction of the lake.
2. Use meaningful symbolism – the flag should mean something to those it represents through its symbols, colours and patterns. The current flag's use of green, yellow, and blue could be meaningful, but it is dominated by the black and white majority of the flag.
3. Use 2 or 3 basic colours – the flag should use 2-3 colours ideally, which should contrast well and are visible from a distance. The current flag has 5 colours, two of which are white and black, and is hard to make out at a distance.
4. No lettering or seals – the flag should not use any letters, dates, or other numbers, nor any organization's seals. This is particularly an issue for the current flag as not only does it have the name of our town on it, it has the same logo on most of the municipal vehicles, which isn't a flag – it's a logo. This is especially important because a flag should be recognizable as the flag of a place without needing to say its name. Even more, the font is quite hard to read unless very close – something you will rarely be to a flag.
5. Be distinctive or be related – the flag should either be unique or use similar colours and symbols to evoke a relation to other flags/places – for example, a lot of flags on Southern Vancouver Island use yellow and red to recall Spanish exploration. The current flag may use yellow, green, and blue, like a lot of BC flags, but so many use the lake/mountain/sun motif that its almost overused.

It was on these criteria that the CBC's Justin McElroy recently ranked all the municipal flags of British Columbia, and of 130 flags, Salmon Arm placed 126th – below even many much more mundane and many much busier flags. For a deeper dive into these criteria and the nuances of municipal flag design, Roman Mars – American radio and podcast producer – made a TedTalk that is very accessible. In fact, in the wake of being mentioned by Mars, Pocatello moved to change their old flag through a flag design contest, and recently adopted a very effective new flag. Even the state of Mississippi adopted a new flag that aside from a few words adhered to all of the principles. Therefore, we think that if town was to move forward with acquiring a new flag, a design contest with public submissions and input could be a great way to involve the whole community in creating a new symbol for our town.

A flag serves as a symbol that any town, province, or country can unite around, and it is our hope that any move to adopt a new would include consultation with a wide array of local groups, but especially our local Secwepemc groups. Flags can be symbols of unity, but also colonialism and settlement and including diverse voices in any design could help avoid that. For all these reasons we think that the City of Salmon Arm should consider designing a new flag that our town can really be proud of.

Please find attached a series of some flags we have prepared based on our deep dive into flag design this term.

Sincerely, the undersigned:

Kaelah Riley

Eli Eklund

Raige Pederson

Hannah Danyluk

Brayan Morton

Mila Norgren

Emily Armstrong

Hailee
Hunt

Jute Nordin

Jett Nash

Amelie Ewanyshyn

Sophia Choi

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Callan Johnson

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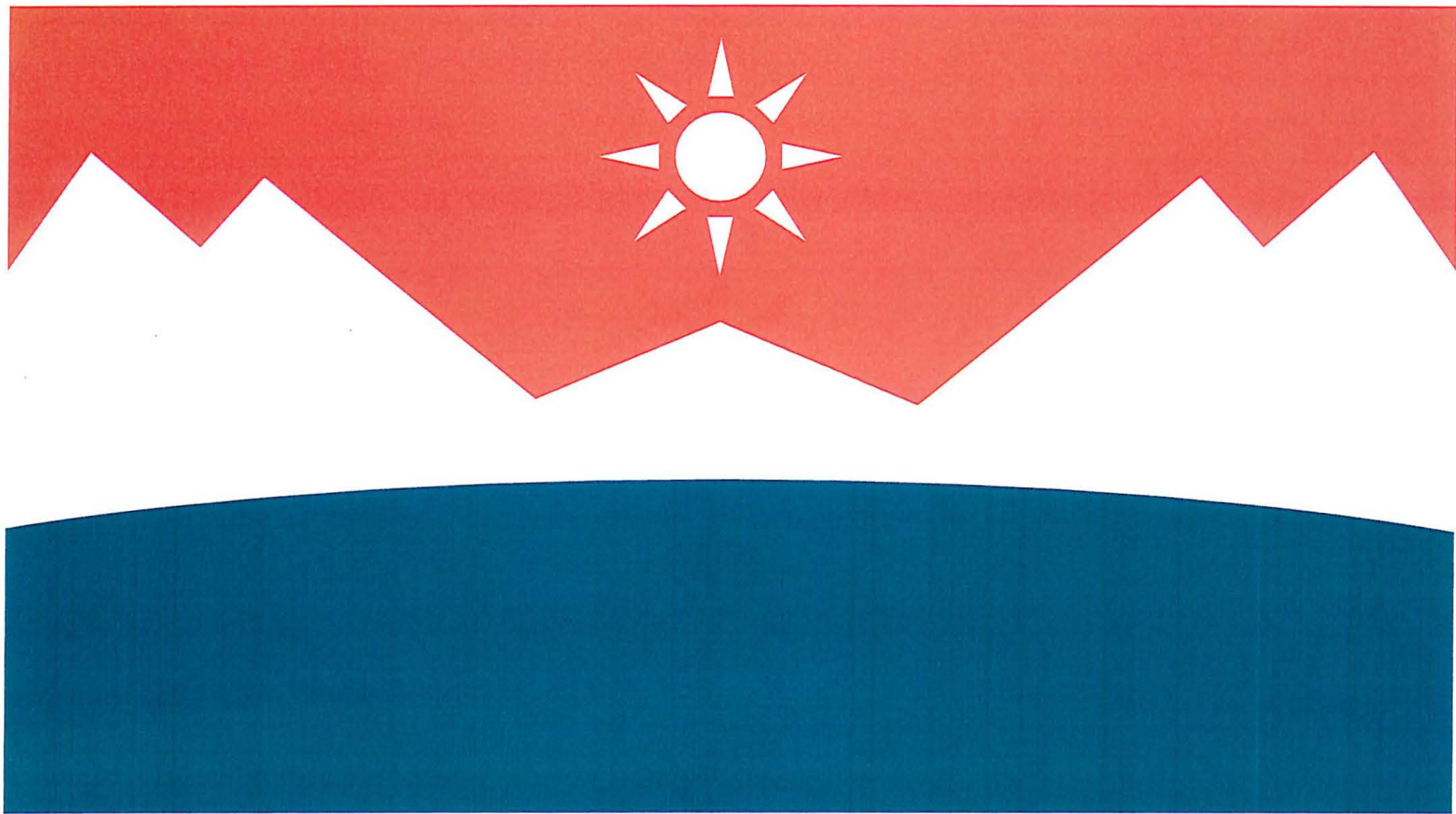
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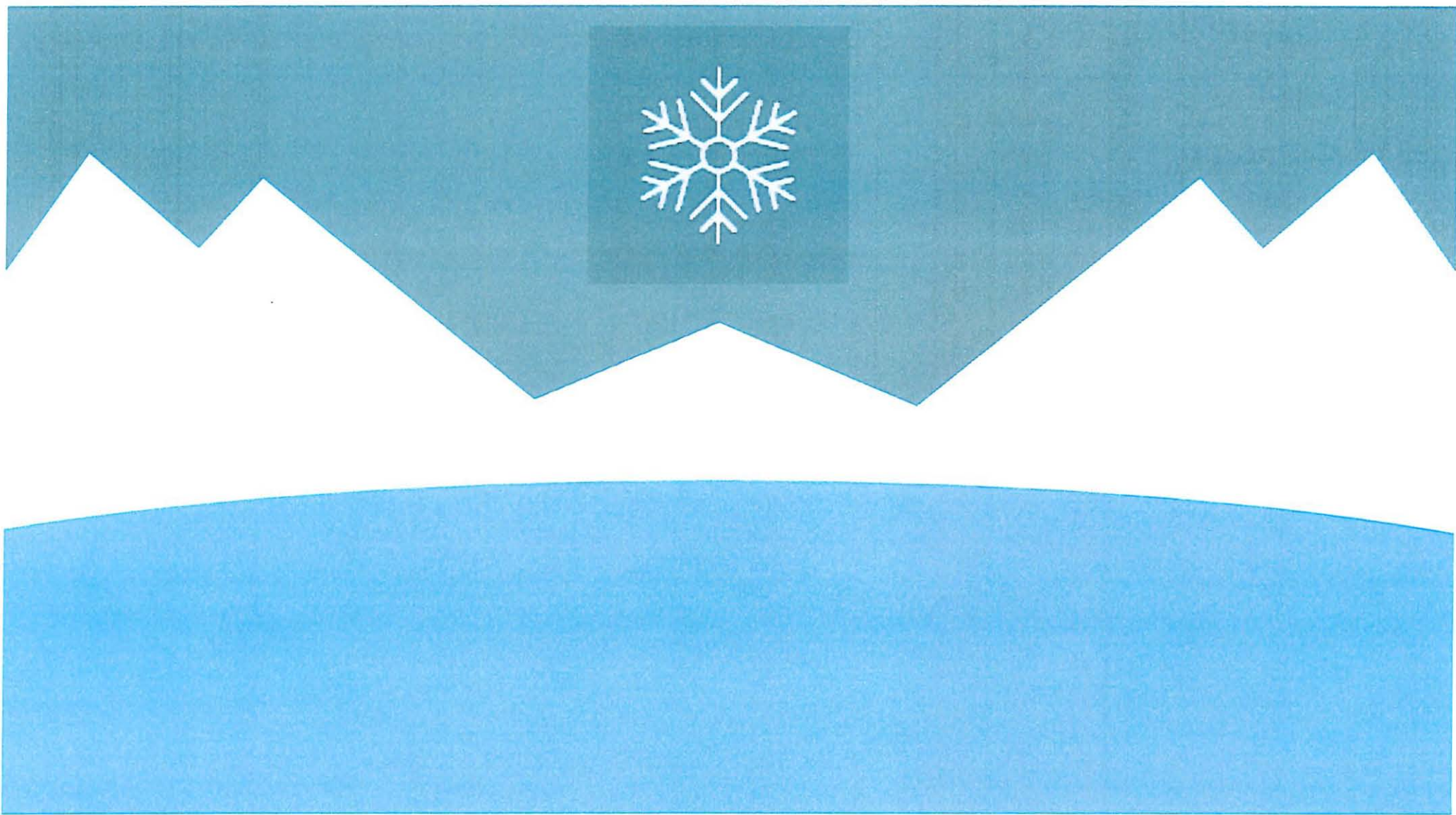
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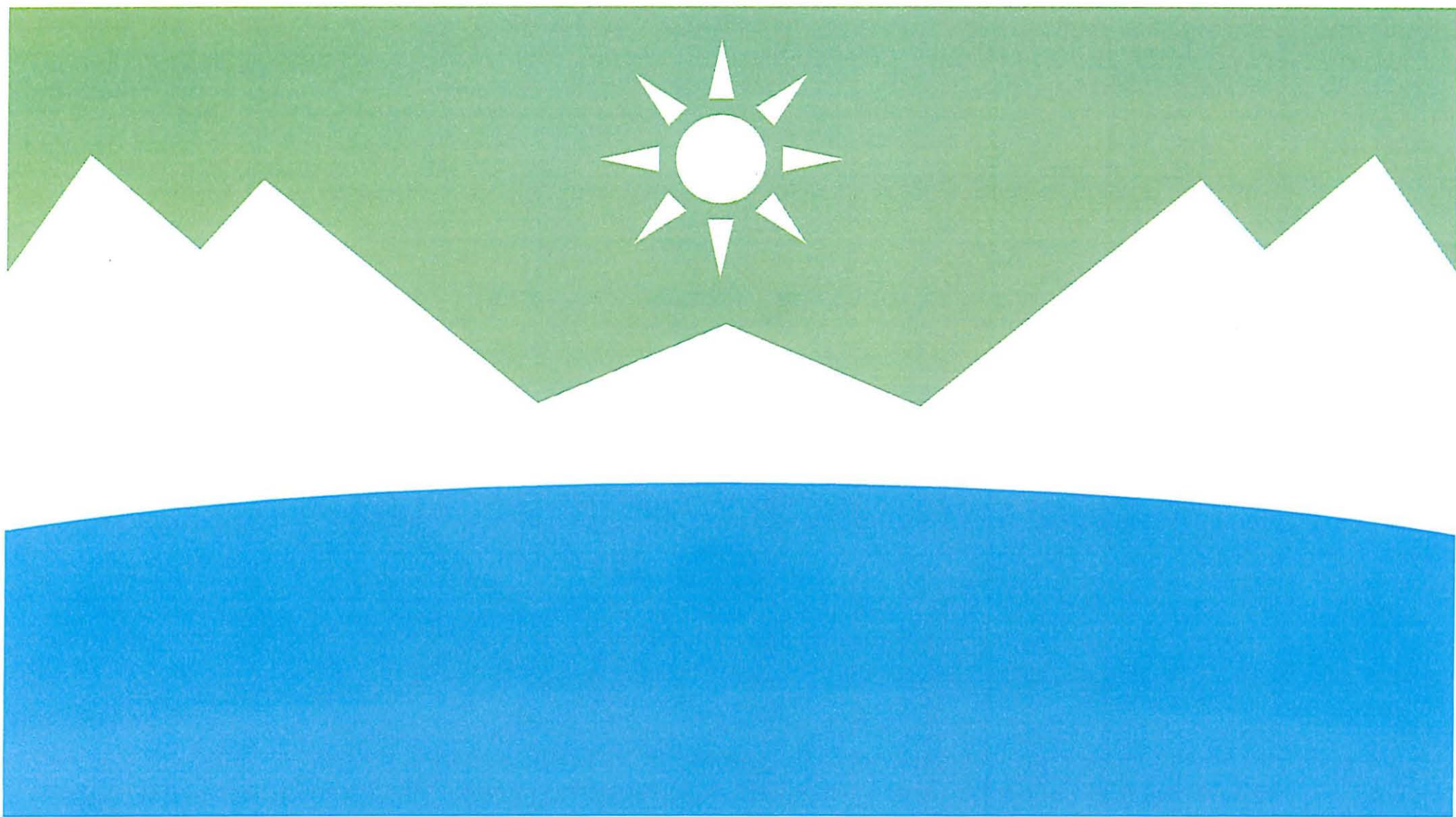
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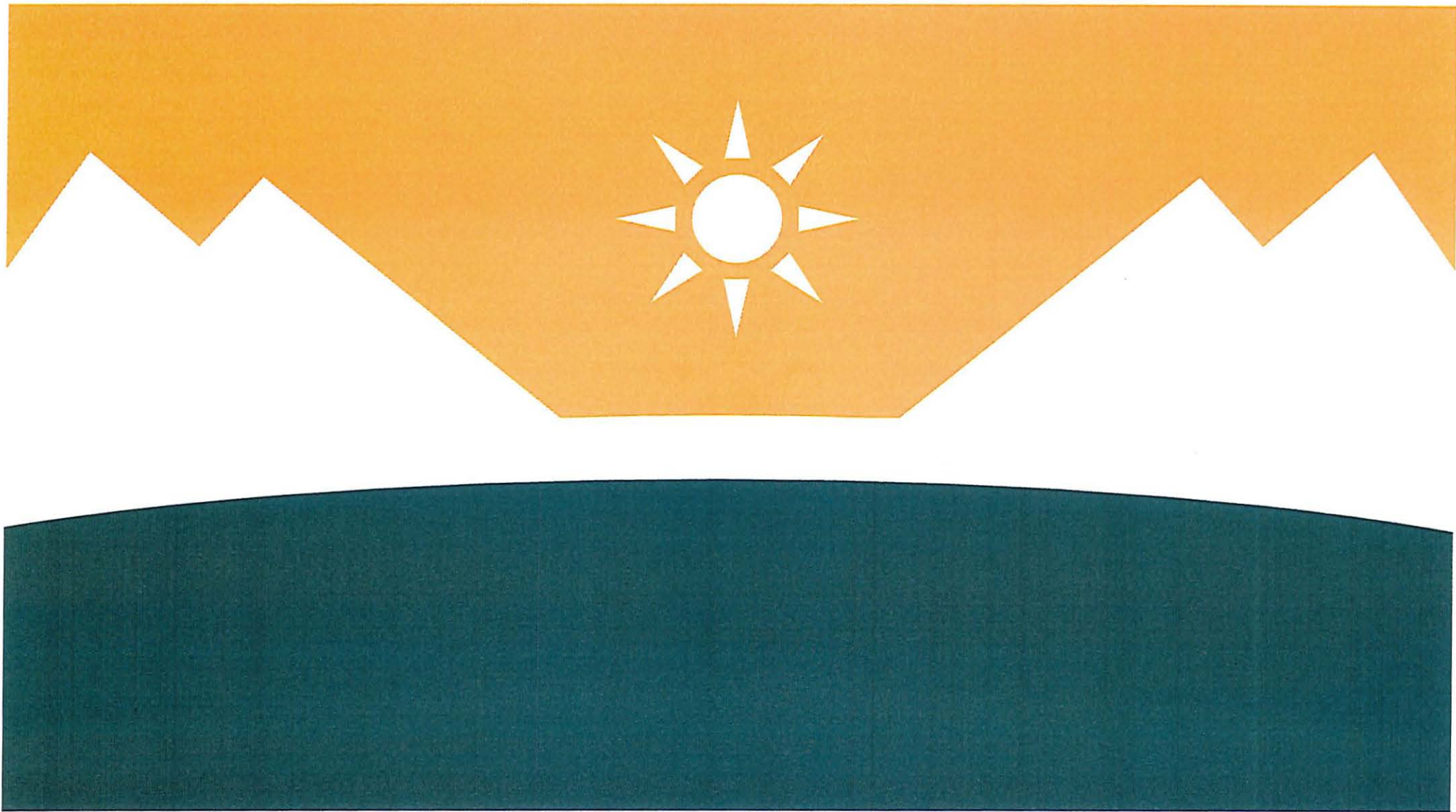
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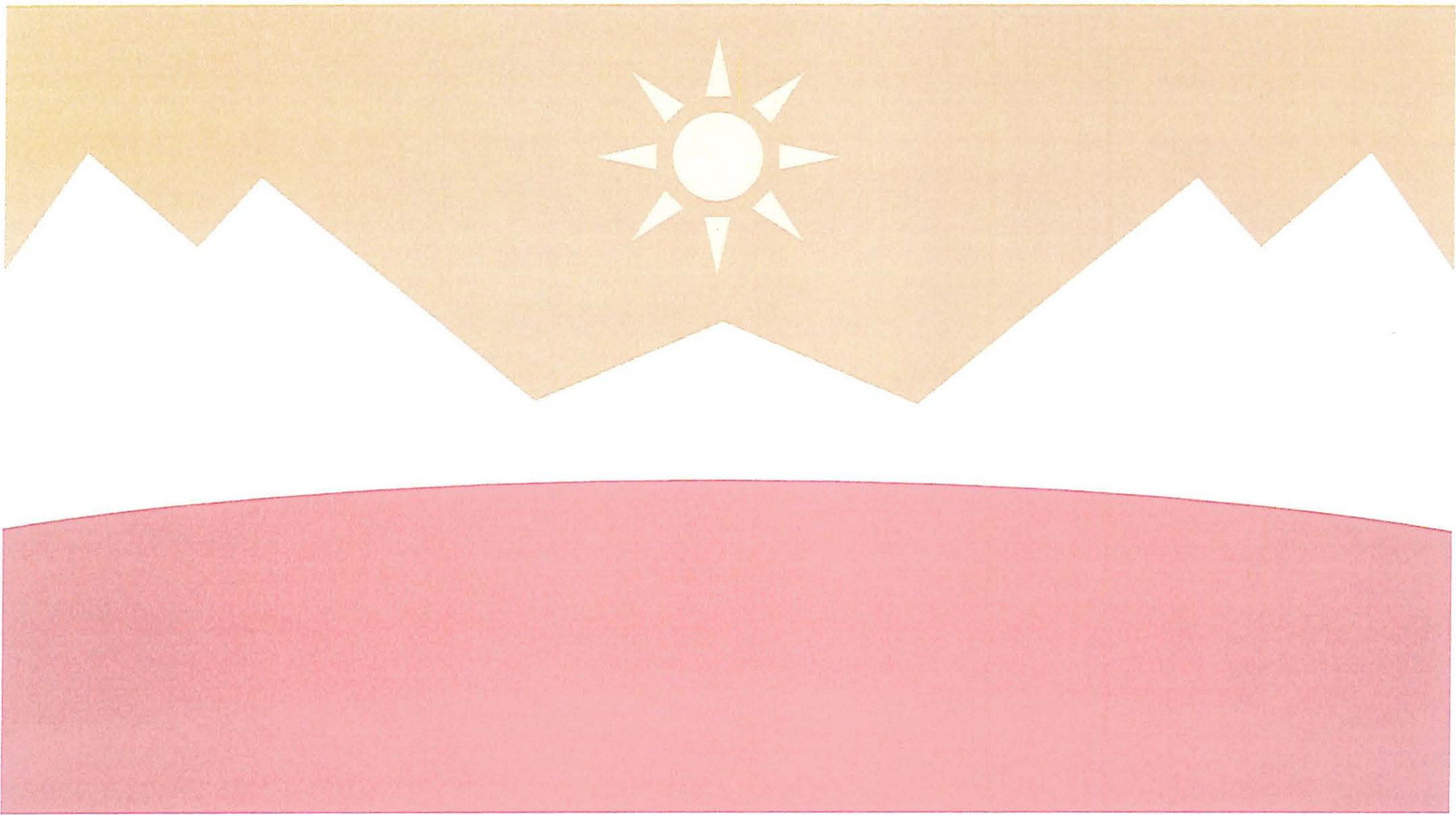
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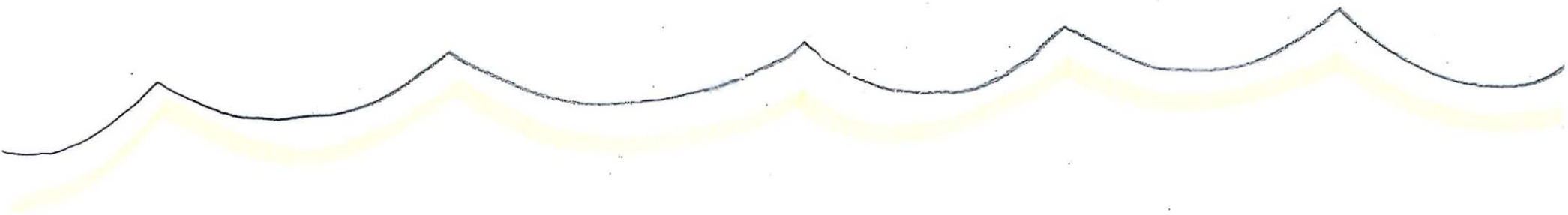
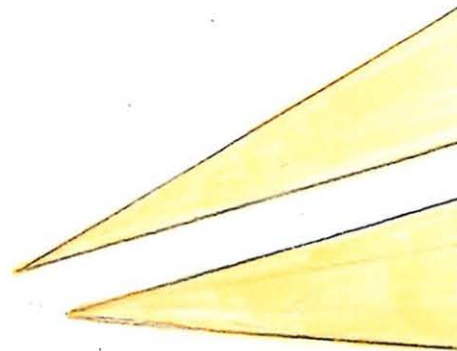
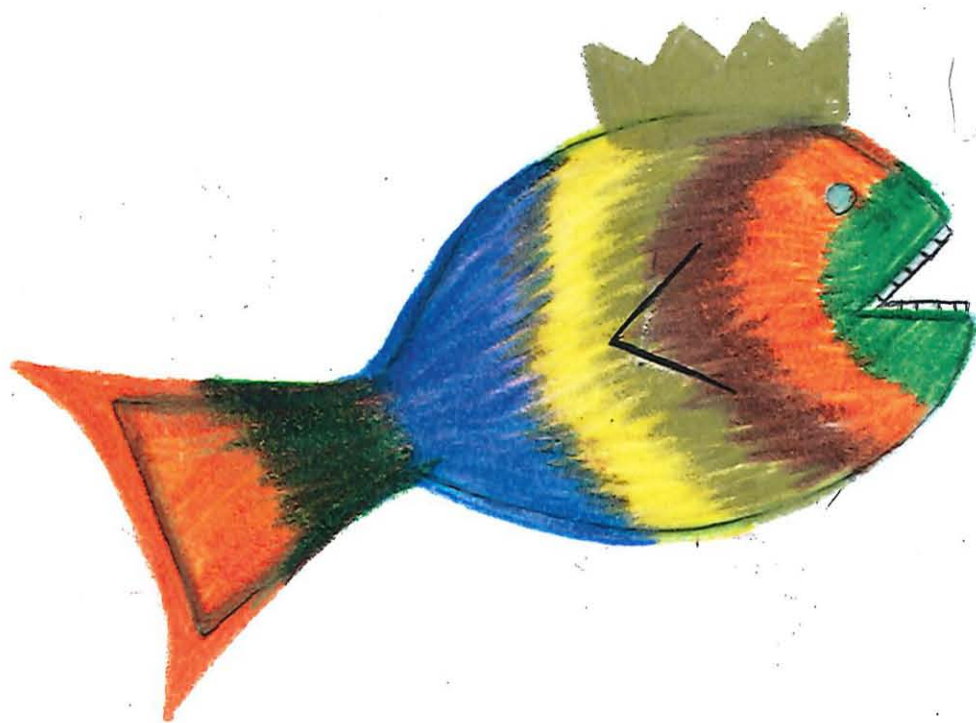


This flag represents the incredible views and nature reserves of Salmon Arm. Incorporating the beautiful snowy mountains and the incredible Shuswap lake. The flag uses the Salmon Arm colours and makes use of them in a meaningful and honorable fashion. The sun is also used in a symbolic way to symbolize the warm summers that are well known in our area. Because Salmon Arm is generally a pretty place all year round, we wanted to incorporate all four seasons (sun, snowy mountains, blue lake and orange skies).

Amelie and Kaelan's Flag

The sun represents a brighter future, and the wharf is the bridge we take to get there. The different colours represent our colourful outlook on life. The blue of the lake represents the trust, stability and intelligence in our community. It also happens to be ^{the} namesake of our town, because we're the Salmon "Arm" of the Shushwap lake. The orange in the sky represents the joy of life and also the start of a new day. Overall it's a good flag because it follows the five rules of a good flag. It's simple but unique, colourful, but symbolic and there are no words or dates. It would be a great flag to consider as a choice.

Mila Hailee Tqvim



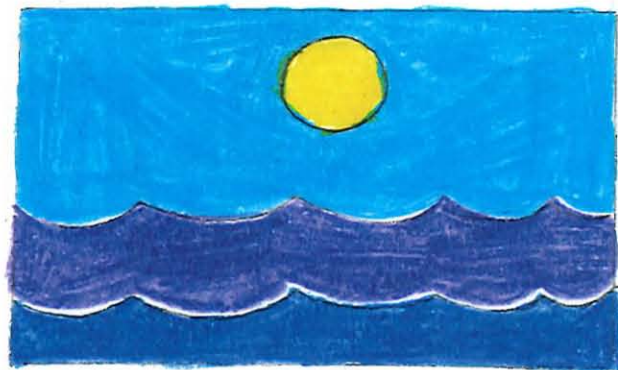
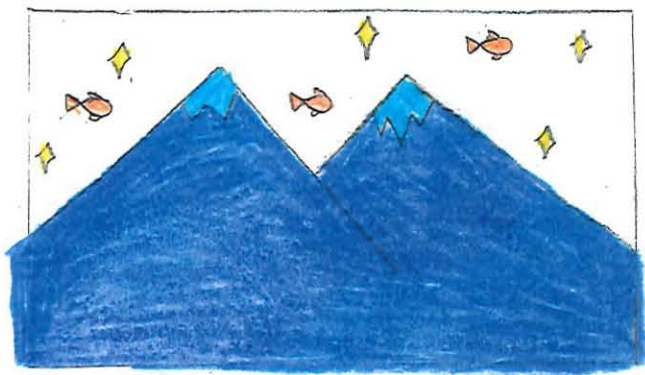
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+ Quinn

We think that salmon arm is a bright happy place so we incorporated lots of colour in to our design.

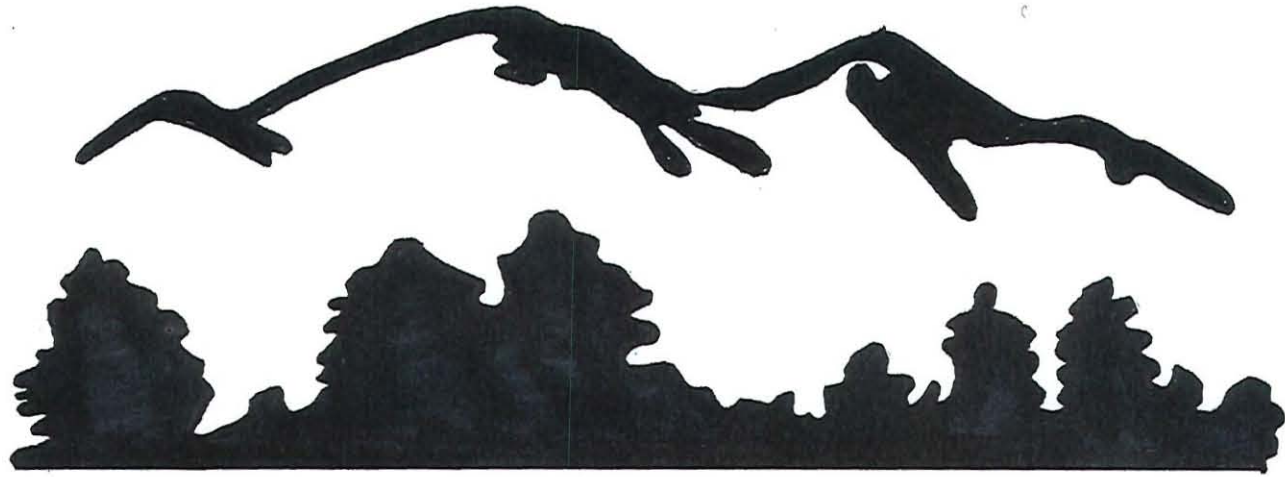
We used the lake in our designs because it's a big tourist attraction and a major part of our community.

We also made sure to add the mountains because nature is a big part of salmon arm and we all love to get outside and be active.



Salmon arm

Willa Haila 2016



Hello / Salut,

I see that salmon arm needs a new flag and I have a option that I think you should consider.

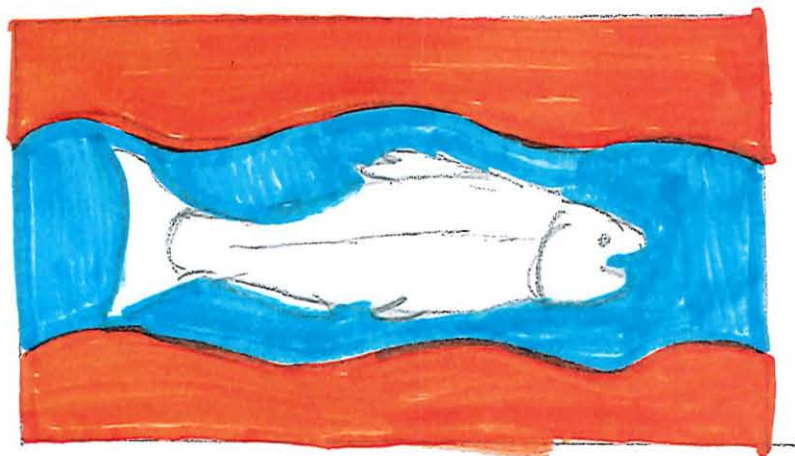
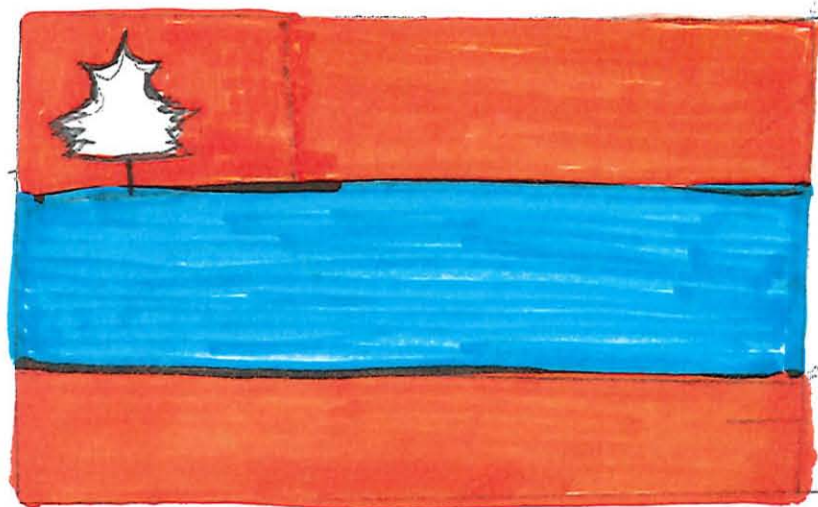
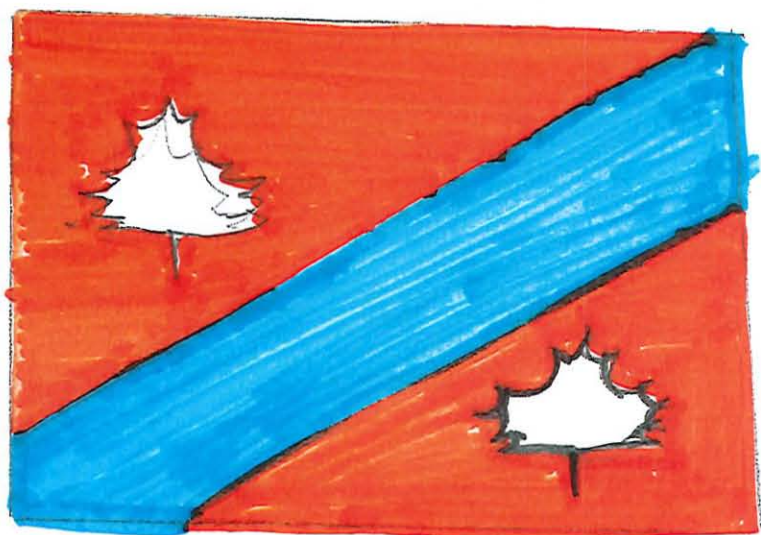
The silhouette of the mountains on my flag represents Mount. Ida and all of Salmon arm's other mountains.

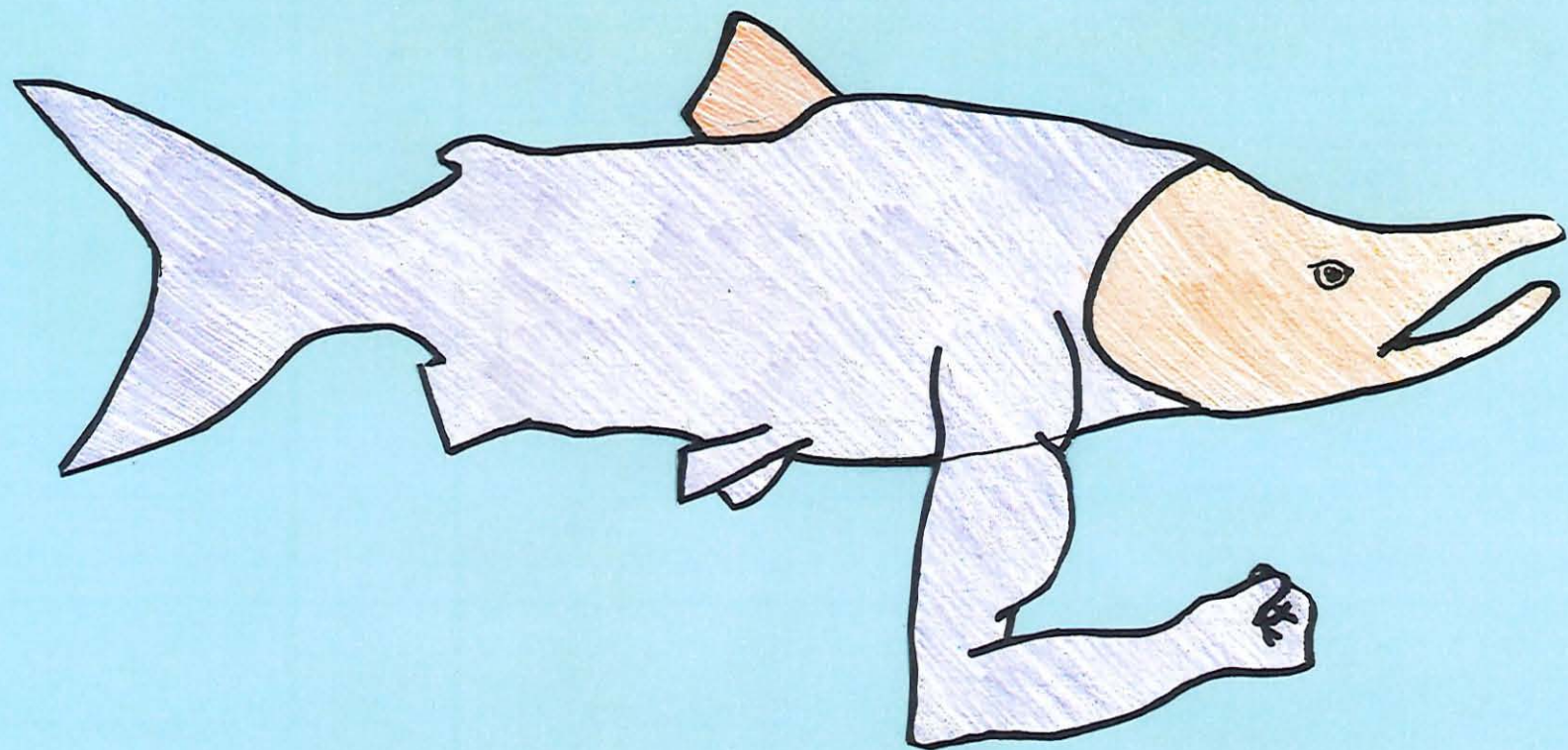
The blue represents Shuswap lake and the other rivers as well.

The green represents the trees and the beautiful look outs of salmon arm.

I have learned that a flag should be no more than 3 colours, simple to draw and no words, I think that my flag fits all of the criteria.

Sincerely, Paige Pederson





Hi, I recognize Salmon Arm needs a new flag and I have an idea that you should seriously consider. A flag must be simple, symbolic, colourful and possess no words. My flag design has these fine qualities combined. It consists of a chinook with an arm on a blue background. The chinook represents what salmon are native to Salmon Arm. The arm represents our strong connections with one another and that we have our beliefs held tight in our fist. The purple represents our laid back nature and the peaceful feeling you get when you are here. The orange represents fish eggs and Salmon Arms fertile future. This city has great potential. The blue represents water, and how much we depend on it. Shuswap lake provides jobs, transportation and tourism. It may be a silly design, but I believe the people of Salmon Arm would be proud to be represented by it.

Sincerely, Sadie

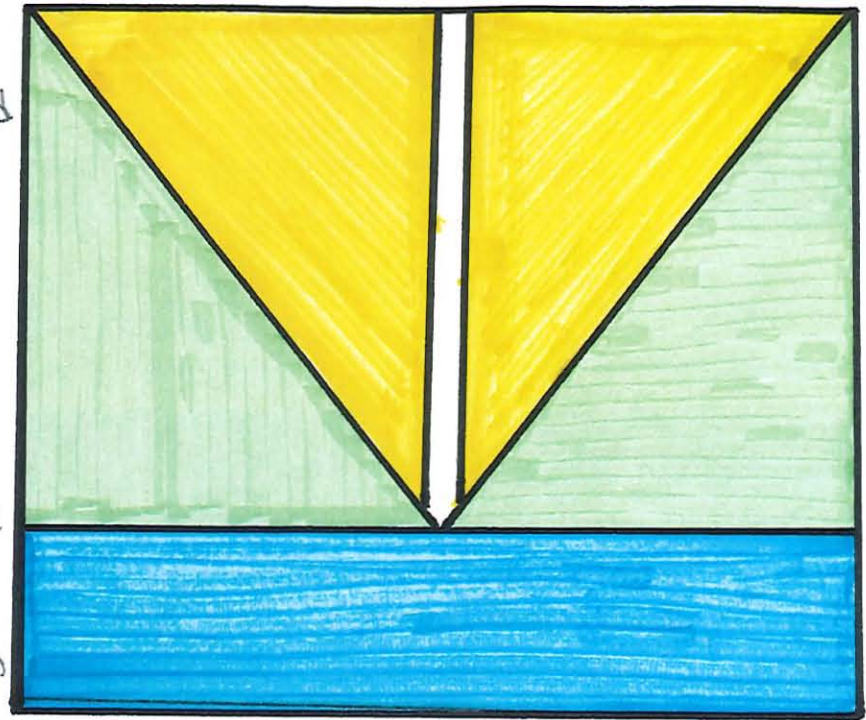


Coen Gill

The mountains represent the mountains that surround Salmon Arm. The green represents the environment is Salmon Arm. The sun represents the summer and warmth. The red represents that we are in Canada. The white represents the snow and cold winters.

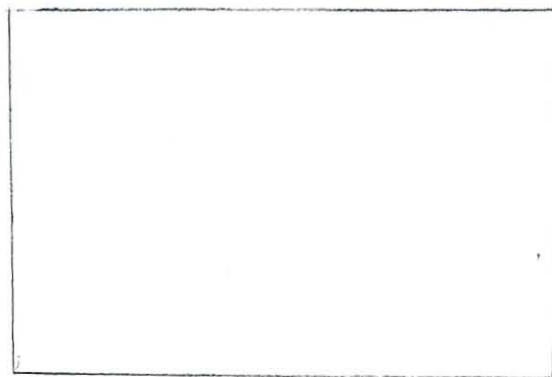
The blue represents our lake and the green triangles represents our beautiful mountains and nature, the yellow represents the sky when there are fires. The white line separating the two mountains is salmon arm and canoe.

We think the current flag doesn't represent salmon arm in any good way. It doesn't follow the flag criteria, such as it should have 3 or more colours and no writing. Of course our current flag is all white with tiny objects and the salmon arm name on it. We need a new flag that represents salmon arm.





=> Green represents the beautiful territory of the secwepemc first nation's.
The sunset represents the beauty that sets on the town
Blue represents Salmon Arm located in the heart of the Shuswap.



Red (Salmon) represents "Salmon Arm" and the annual salmon run each year.
(Indigenous culture)

=> Green represents the beautiful land of the unseeded territory of the secwepemc first nation's.
Brown (mountain) represents Mount Ida
Blue represents the Shuswap lake
Yellow represents happiness and the riches in our town

We (Hannah and Tegan) believe the Salmon Arm Flag should be changed because it doesn't meet the criteria of what a proper and professional flag should look like. We should have a flag that represents Salmon Arm for Salmon Arm, we shouldn't have to read it. Flags shouldn't have any type of text on them and should have a meaning behind it (simple but meaningful). Our flag has been rated one of the worst flags in B.C. ranking us at 126th out of 130 flags. When I think/see our flag I want it to remind me of Salmon Arm, not the Ford logo.

Tegan Scheline
Hannah MacIn

DOWNTOWN
SALMON ARM

Mayor and Council
City of Salmon Arm
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Feb 10, 2021

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: RSU Design

Part of the mandate of the Salmon Arm Downtown Business Improvement Association is beautification and promotion of active transportation. In addition to active transportation contributing to increased health and wellbeing, the most vibrant, economically successful streets in Canadian towns and cities are highly dependent on pedestrian activity. Shoppers arriving on foot or bike usually spend more than those arriving by car.

We are seeking clarity from Mayor and Council about the process and timing for the finalization of the design and when would be the best time for the Board's input to be considered.

The Board of Directors' Active Transportation Committee (AT Committee) has been conducting research into best practices of building walkable infrastructure including walkable underpass design. We are excited about the raised walkway that has been included in the current Ross Street underpass design as a flat, comfortable grade encourages walking and cycling.

The AT Committee's research has revealed that in addition to a gentle grade, other design elements are important:

- Interesting lighting, trees and greenery
- Entryway signage that fits with the look and history of the area and consideration of overall aesthetics
- Pedestrian focused design for spaces adjacent to the underpass are key to preventing 'dead zones'
- Collaborative approach to underpass design with diverse stakeholders

The AT Committee would like to present a more detailed version of these findings when an opening on a Council Agenda becomes available.

Thank you for considering this request and we look forward to the opportunity.

Respectfully

Lindsay Wong
Manager

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Healthy Communities

Monthly Newsletter



February 2021

Community Recognition

Penticton Council Endorses Much Needed Childcare Action Plan

Penticton City Council has taken an important step forward in improving local childcare by [endorsing a plan](#) identifying opportunities the City and its partners can take to increase the number of childcare spaces available, while also increasing the affordability of childcare overall. The conditions we are born and raised in contribute a great deal to an individual's physical and mental health over the course of a lifetime. Early childhood development is a social determinant of health that local governments can seek to improve. Read more [here](#).



CSRD Adopts Anti-Racial Discrimination and Anti-Racism Policy

The Columbia Shuswap Regional District Board voted unanimously at the January 21st Board Meeting to adopt an [Anti-Racial Discrimination and Anti-Racism Policy](#) for the organization. This is an important example of work local and regional governments can do to create healthier communities, because racial discrimination is a determinant of poor health outcomes.

Podcast Featuring City of Kamloops' Contribution to Community Mental Health

The City of Kamloops was recently recognized for 'walking the talk' in the Fresh Outlook Foundation's [podcast](#) about Local Governments' Contribution to Community Mental Health. The City has undertaken ongoing community engagement and [community planning](#) including the completion of an OCP, Sustainability Plan, Transportation Master Plan, Affordable Housing Strategy, Homelessness Action Plan, Social Plan, Community Child Care Planning Program and an Accessibility and Inclusion Plan. Listen to Mayor Ken Christian and Randy Sunderman, Social Economist and Chair of the Aberdeen Neighbourhood Association, explore local governments'

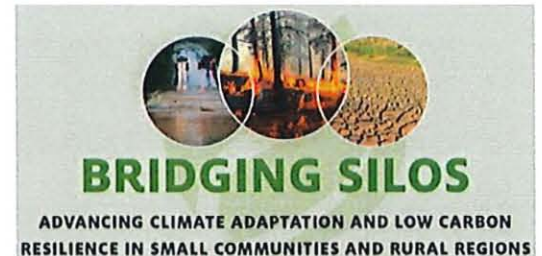


unique role in planning and building mentally healthy communities.

Events & Learning Opportunities

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

Register for a free virtual knowledge-sharing event being hosted by the Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute at Selkirk College, ACT (Adaptation to Climate Change Team) at Simon Fraser University (SFU), and Planning Institute of BC's Kootenay-Rocky Mountain Chapter on **March 4-5, 2021**. IH Healthy Communities will present on Municipal Climate Resilience & Leveraging Co-Benefits for a Healthy Community.



'Bridging Silos' welcomes local government and Indigenous nations (staff and elected officials), community organizations, consulting professionals, researchers and interested members of the general public. Virtual event [registration is now open!](#)

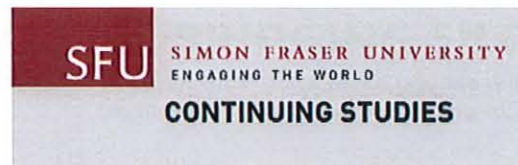


High Ground 2021: Civic Governance Forum

The [Columbia Institute's annual Civic Governance Forum](#) is moving online for 2021. The conference will span 3 days, with sessions on **Wednesday, March 24 (morning), Friday, March 26 (afternoon & early evening), and Saturday, March 27 (morning)**. Virtual event [registration is now open!](#)

Planning and Designing Healthy Communities

This two-day intensive workshop (**April 23 & 24**) will introduce you to key principles and strategies for the planning and designing of healthy communities.



Building on recent work and new research on the relationship between urban design and public health, your instructors will introduce you to the Healthy Built Environment (HBE) Linkages Toolkit and provide guidance on how to develop a health impact assessment.

Featuring guest speakers from the Metro Vancouver public health community, this interactive course will be grounded in the practical demands of local government policy development, design and implementation. [Click here for information and registration.](#)

Conversation Series: From Risk to Resilience: A Health Equity Approach to Pandemic Preparedness, Response and Recovery

The National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health (NCCDH) and the Office of the Chief PHO of Canada present a 5-part conversation series anchored in findings from the chief public health officer of Canada's 2020 annual report *From Risk to Resilience: An Equity Approach to COVID-19* and the 2019 annual report *Addressing Stigma: Towards a More Inclusive Health System*. This is an opportunity for public health professionals, community health leaders, researchers and decision-makers to build collective capacity to address the social determinants of health and use health equity approaches in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from COVID-19 and future pandemics.



The series runs from **February 10, 2021–April 7, 2021**. Check out the [NCCDH website for more information and to register](#).

UBCM Child Care Planning Guide Webinar

The Union of BC Municipalities is offering a webinar for local governments to support their work in addressing the childcare needs in B.C. communities. The webinar will be based on the guide, *Stepping Stones: Child Care Planning Guides for BC's Local Governments*, which was developed with funding from the Government of BC and written by SPARC BC and consultant Sandra Menzer. The webinar is on **Feb 23, 2021 1:00 PM Pacific Time** and you can [register here](#).

Creating a Municipal Business Case for Investing in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion



In recent years, movements such as Black Lives Matter and societal shifts in understanding of gender equity have pushed municipal governments to consider their role in supporting anti-racism and anti-discrimination. When these conversations arise, municipal administrations are often tasked with presenting a business case that outlines why and how the municipality should invest municipal resources in equity, diversity, and inclusion work. This free webinar will share insights on:

- how to open the door for meaningful conversation on equity, diversity, and inclusion;
- making the case for municipal action;
- examples of how inclusion will apply across municipal business units; and
- key components of an effective business case.

Presented by the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) on **February 18, 2021, from 1 to 2 p.m. Pacific Time**. For information and registration [click here](#).

Advancing Healthy Public Policy

EverybodyMoves Resource Hub has Launched!

The Physical Activity for Health Collaborative and the BC Alliance for Healthy Living have created the [EverybodyMoves Resource Hub](#) which is live now!



This website provides a great resource to support inclusive and accessible physical activity in communities. A webinar will be offered on **February 18 at 9:30am pacific time** to showcase this new resource, please visit this [link](#) to register.

Food Access Survey: Understanding Food Access Programs Across BC

Does your organization offer food access programming? Complete this survey! During the COVID-19 pandemic, many communities have seen a rise in food insecurity, with more people seeking food access programs than ever before. Please complete [this 15-minute survey](#) before February 24th to tell the Public Health Association of BC about the food access work you are doing and the support you need to help address hunger in your community. This will help to inform the development of cross-regional networking and learning opportunities and guide strategic planning for food access work in British Columbia.



Funding News

Poverty Reduction Grants Support Local Governments

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

Canada Healthy Communities Initiative



The Healthy Communities Initiative supports communities as they create and adapt public spaces, and programming and services for public spaces to respond to ongoing needs arising from COVID-19 over the next two years. This \$31 million [investment from the Government of Canada](#) will fund small-scale infrastructure projects to create safer, more vibrant and inclusive communities. Check out the link to the [Applicant Guide](#) **Deadline March 9, 2021 08:00 PM (EST)**.

Universal Broadband Fund

Healthy Communities include universal internet access for social connectedness, employment, and health care. The Universal Broadband fund has been designed to fund broadband infrastructure projects that will bring high-speed Internet to rural and remote communities across Canada. Learn more about this funding opportunity [here](#). **Application deadline has been extended to March 15, 2021.**

COVID-19 News & Information

Check out the following webpages for current COVID-19 information:

- Please refer to ImmunizeBC for questions related to the COVID-19 vaccine: <https://immunizebc.ca/covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions>. Also visit the Ask Us page: <https://immunizebc.ca/ask-us> which lists top questions and gives you an opportunity to ask questions.
- For information on B.C.'s COVID-19 immunization program, please visit <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine>
- If you or a family member believes they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19, please use the BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool and visit our testing page: <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/testing-information/>
- Visit <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/covid-19> for the latest COVID-19 information and news, pertaining to the interior of B.C.
- For answers to common questions about COVID-19, please consult HealthLinkBC and the BC Centre for Disease Control at: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-feature/coronavirus-disease-covid-19> and <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>
- For non-medical information about the virus, call the toll-free phone line (open 7:30 am to 8:00 pm, seven days a week): 1-888-COVID19 (1-888-268-4319) or visit [the BC Government COVID-19 web page](#)

Sincerely,

Your Healthy Communities Team

healthycommunities@interiorhealth.ca

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Mel Arnold, MP
North Okanagan - Shuswap



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February 16, 2021

Email: aharrison@salmonarm.ca

Dear Mayor Harrison and Council,

On December 11th, 2020, the House of Commons passed a motion introduced by Conservative MP Todd Doherty, through unanimous consent, to bring a national 3-digit (988) suicide prevention hotline line to Canada. The motion was;

That, given that the alarming rate of suicide in Canada constitutes a national health crisis, the House call on the government to take immediate action, in collaboration with our provinces, to establish a national suicide prevention hotline that consolidates all suicide crisis numbers into one easy to remember three-digit (988) hot- line that is accessible to all Canadians.

My colleagues and I asking all municipalities across Canada to consider passing a motion similar, to the one below. In order to make the 988 number a reality, we must continue to put pressure on the government and the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

Personally, you can support the cause by signing our electronic petition at:
<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-2772>

The past year has been a challenging year. Lives and livelihoods have been lost. We have begun to see the devastating impacts that COVID has had, through isolation, on the mental health of Canadians. The rates of suicide continue to rise. As elected officials and as leaders, and especially during this period of difficulty as a nation, Canadians are counting on all of us to make a difference.

In support of those at risk, please consider passing this motion as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

MP Mel Arnold

North Okanagan - Shuswap

Draft motion:

Support for 988 Crisis Line

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

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

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

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

AND WHEREAS _____ Town Council/Municipality/City recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ Town Council/Municipality/City endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;

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

From: BC Services Card CITZ:EX <BCServicesCard@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: February-11-21 2:16 PM

To: BC Services Card CITZ:EX <BCServicesCard@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Get your COVID test results using your mobile BC Services Card. One card, many services.

Dear UBCM Member,

Service BC would like to share this information with you in hopes that you can make this available to your community audience.

Did you know that you can set up a digital representation (mobile card) of your BC Services Card on your mobile device? It will give you safe and easy access to many government online services, including COVID test results and immunization records on Health Gateway, StudentAid BC, B.C. billing and payment services, and personal income tax and benefit information.

It normally only takes 5 minutes to submit a request for a mobile card and you can do it from your smartphone and or tablet - no need to visit a counter. Download the BC Services Card app in the App Store or on Google Play Store and follow the instructions. Or for more information visit the [BC Services Card website](#).

Thank you very much for your assistance in communicating this valuable information. Please contact the sender below if you require any further information.

Regards,

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Subject: Feb 15 - Plastic Pollution Awareness Day

Hello all,

I hope everyone is doing well.

I wanted to share that today, the Ministry announced that February 15th, 2021 has been proclaimed as Plastic Pollution Awareness Day in B.C., as well as the approval of four more single-use plastic bans (Rossland, Esquimalt, Surrey and Nanaimo).

Here is the news release for more information: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021ENV0014-000263>

Happy Friday and have a great weekend!

Alison



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Check out our two new funds to address plastic waste! Closing date: Feb 15, 2021
[Clean Coast, Clean Waters Initiative Fund](#) | [Recycled Plastics Manufacturing Stimulus Fund](#)

British Columbia News

Reducing plastic waste, pollution a shared responsibility

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/23783>

Friday, February 12, 2021 11:45 AM

Victoria - Four new single-use plastics bans have been approved in B.C. communities to reduce plastic waste throughout the province, highlighting the new provincial Plastic Pollution Awareness Day.

"This is a day for us to recognize the progress we've made and commit to redoubling our efforts moving forward," said George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. "Through our CleanBC Plastics Action Plan, we're reducing plastic use overall, expanding our deposit-refund system, calling on manufacturers to take more responsibility for their products' end of life, developing better ways to recycle plastics into new products and implementing bans on single-use plastics."

In proclaiming Monday, Feb. 15, 2021, as Plastic Pollution Awareness Day, Heyman announced the approval of bylaws banning single-use plastics in four more communities. Surrey, Nanaimo, Rossland and Esquimalt have joined five other municipalities that are implementing plastic bans tailored to the needs of their communities. The Province is also moving ahead on the regulatory groundwork to allow local governments to implement bans on single-use plastics without requiring provincial approval.

"Action on plastic pollution is critical to ensuring that our communities and environments remain healthy and safe," said Chloé Dubois, co-founder and president, Ocean Legacy Foundation. "We applaud the leadership of this ministry and participating municipalities in implementing tailored community action plans on plastic management systems. Enhancing these tools is a necessary step to curb the harmful effects of plastic pollution everywhere."

Addressing existing plastic pollution in the environment – especially in the oceans – came into sharp focus last summer through the largest coastal marine debris cleanup in B.C.'s history. Small ship tour operators, in partnership with Indigenous Nations and local communities, led efforts that removed over 127 tonnes of marine debris from the central coast and Queen Charlotte Sound shorelines in six weeks.

The shoreline cleanup was Phase 1 of government's Clean Coast, Clean Waters Initiative Fund (CCCW) under the Plastics Action Plan. Phase 2 of CCCW funding was recently announced for more marine debris removal projects in 2021 as part of StrongerBC: BC's \$10-billion Economic Recovery Plan that protects people's health and livelihoods while supporting businesses and communities.

"Dedicated British Columbians and forward-thinking organizations have made our province a leader in the fight against plastic pollution," Heyman said. "We're showing what can be accomplished when we work together to protect our environment and confront this issue head on."

Manufacturers and retailers are also part of the solution, through extended producer responsibility (EPR) programs that require producers and sellers to manage the waste from their products. British Columbia is a leader in EPR recycling and continues to expand these programs. The recently announced Recycled Plastics Manufacturing Stimulus (RPMS) Fund will support technologies to turn used plastics into new products, support the circular economy of plastics, increase local processing capacity for recycling and create jobs.

Quick Facts:

- More than 40% of plastic is used only once.
- In 2019, 77% of all beverage containers and 46% of all residential plastic packaging was recovered for recycling.

- Learn More:**

<https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/proclamations/proclamations/2021procs>
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<https://www.bccleancoast.ca> (<https://www.bccleancoast.ca/>)

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Re: Letter of Support for The Corporation of The City of Vernon

The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, at their Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, passed the following resolution:

05-21

WHEREAS cost is a significant barrier to people accessing contraception, particularly to people with low incomes, youth, and people from marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS providing free prescription contraception has been shown to improve health outcomes for parents and infants by reducing the risks associated with unintended pregnancy, and is likely to reduce direct medical costs on the provincial health system; and

WHEREAS contraceptive methods such as condoms or vasectomies are available at low cost, no cost, or are covered by BC's Medical Services Plan, whereas all contraceptive methods for people with uteruses (such as birth control pills, intrauterine devices or hormone injections) have high up-front costs, making access to contraception unequal and gendered;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors write to the Provincial Minister of Finance, the Provincial Minister of Health, the Premier of BC and the local MLA supporting universal no-cost access to all prescription contraception available in BC under the Medical Services Plan; and

THAT this letter be forwarded to all BC municipalities asking to write their support as well.

Carried."

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,



Diane Langman, Chair

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Council, at their Regular meeting held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, passed the following resolution:

"WHEREAS cost is a significant barrier to people accessing contraception, particularly to people with low incomes, youth, and people from marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS providing free prescription contraception has been shown to improve health outcomes for parents and infants by reducing the risks associated with unintended pregnancy, and is likely to reduce direct medical costs on the provincial health system; and

WHEREAS contraceptive methods such as condoms or vasectomies are available at low cost, no cost, or are covered by BC's Medical Services Plan, whereas all contraceptive methods for people with uteruses (such as birth control pills, intrauterine devices, or hormone injections) have high up-front costs, making access to contraception unequal and gendered;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City of Vernon write to the Provincial Minister of Finance, the Provincial Minister of Health, the Premier of BC, and the local MLA supporting universal no-cost access to all prescription contraception available in BC under the Medical Services Plan; and

THAT this letter be forwarded to all BC municipalities asking to write their support as well

CARRIED."

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,


Victor I. Cumming
Mayor

Copy: Mayor & Council
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BC Municipalities