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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	3,821,240	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	6,806,152	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	6,337,260	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	44,804,191	46,460,471	47,707,993
2015	1,172,285	1,853,539	3,894,754	6,750,389	8,575,425	18,388,180	20,475,407	26,442,225	29,143,303	31,248,595	35,417,465	37,368,595
2016	1,268,865	2,298,280	4,987,625	8,904,610	12,253,660	16,279,464	19,265,124	23,811,029	29,823,014	36,084,949	40,154,959	41,418,659
2017	1,183,280	2,841,725	7,219,495	11,761,657	18,136,656	23,823,576	30,793,243	36,066,891	52,130,226	59,858,542	63,366,686	64,675,041
2018	1,970,104	3,943,104	10,028,787	14,363,122	20,252,322	30,488,747	37,540,412	40,421,060	55,689,215	59,634,580	64,988,531	66,797,572
2019	6,060,645	6,835,345	10,699,845	18,074,843	22,220,523	26,015,593	31,103,281	45,971,877	48,902,359	52,267,409	56,765,409	58,511,534
2020	2,218,950	4,293,250	6,900,060	9,289,060	12,891,318	23,340,638	26,757,691	32,516,960	37,062,215	46,505,927	51,472,227	54,065,527
2021	3,180,132	5,500,747	9,538,939	14,603,678	21,402,310	29,030,210	33,528,039	37,494,801	41,729,005	46,006,620	50,263,120	53,739,370
2022	2,742,700	4,614,700	11,785,510	15,199,184	19,664,691	26,059,056	29,452,833	40,073,183	43,982,753	51,601,717	56,752,469	60,172,009
2023	3,950,582	5,205,782	8,532,882	12,340,016								

Rhonda West

From: Erin Jackson
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 12:17 PM
To: Rhonda West
Subject: FW: [External] Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 4:13 PM
To: Alan Harrison <aharrison@salmonarm.ca>; David Gonella <dgonella@salmonarm.ca>; Debbie Cannon <dcannon@salmonarm.ca>; Kevin Flynn <kflynn@salmonarm.ca>; Louise Wallace-Richmond <lwallacerichmond@salmonarm.ca>; Sylvia Lindgren <slindgren@salmonarm.ca>; Tim Lavery <tlavery@salmonarm.ca>; Erin Jackson <ejackson@salmonarm.ca>
Subject: [External] Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council

First Name Paris
Last Name Wood
Address: *Field not completed.*
Return email address:
Subject: Downtown Business's Are Suffering
Body Hello,

I own one of the shops downtown on Hudson Avenue. I am writing this letter to bring awareness to the current situation that downtown business owners are facing. Lately, there has been a large increase in theft, property damage, and litter in and around our businesses.

My business has a carport out back, where I have walked out multiple times to find people using drugs and leaving their paraphernalia, rummaging through our garbage, and leaving behind their own garbage. There also has been an increase in individuals coming in and stealing high-priced items, which makes it hard for my small business to keep going. I am not the only one experiencing this.

It has been getting worse, and the people committing these actions are getting more comfortable. We had tried to brush it

off the first few times, but with the amount it is happening, we are beginning to become less hopeful that there will be an end to this.

We do not feel safe in our own businesses. Please let me know if there is something that can be done. We are constantly worrying about our customer's safety, our safety, and our property.

Thank you.

Would you like a response:

Yes

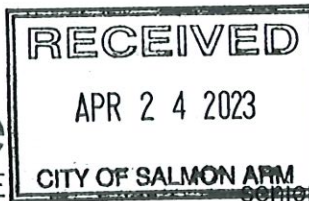
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Box 83, 170 5th Ave SE, Salmon Arm BC V1E 4N2

April 17, 2023

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BC Transit
#3, 481 – 7th Street SW
Salmon Arm, BC
V1E 4N6

Dear Sir/Madam:

**Re: Request for Bus Stop at 170 – 5th Avenue SE
5th Avenue 50+ Activity Centre (the “Centre”)**

The 5th Avenue 50+ Activity Centre currently has a membership of 589 and hosts over 22 different activities. We also rent out our facility for varying purposes (markets, weddings, and the like). The vast majority of our members are mobile but some do have mobility issues and not all of our members are able to drive and must rely on friends or family to transport them to the Centre so that they can participate in activities and socialize.

Also, starting on April 28th, the Centre will also be hosting Bingo every Friday afternoon and again, not all participants are able to drive themselves to this much anticipated event.

The Centre is asked on a weekly basis whether there is a bus stop in the locale that does not require individuals to walk up or down a steep incline, especially during inclement weather.

The Board of Directors of the Centre respectfully request that one of the bus routes be amended to include a stop at the Centre. Currently, there is already a “bus stop bench” located on the public frontage of the Centre along 5th Avenue. All that would be needed would be to alter a current route to provide the bus stop.

Thank you for your consideration in this regard.

Sincerely,

Gwen Sirianni
for Cynthia Merrell
President, Board of Directors

c **Alan Harrison, Mayor**
City of Salmon Arm
Box 40
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

BC Transit
520 Gorge Road E
Box 9861
Victoria, BC V8W 9T5



April 27, 2023

Mayor and Council
City of Salmon Arm
500 2 Ave NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

Dear Mayor Harrison and City Councilors,

Shuswap Children's Association is planning an "Art in the Park" series in the community of Canoe this June. We have chosen this location to serve and increase community connections for the families and caregivers of children 0-6 in Canoe and surrounding areas.

As such, we are requesting the use of **William Baker Park from 9:00 am – 11:30 am on June 7th, 14th and 21st, 2023**, which includes the set up and clean up of the events.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tanya Timoffee
Early Years Family Navigator and Outdoor Play Facilitator
Shuswap Children's Association



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

March 23, 2023

Dear Mayor and Council

RE: REQUEST TO CLOSE HUDSON STREET FOR MULTICULTURAL DAY

Downtown Salmon Arm, on behalf of Shuswap Immigrant Service Society, is requesting pedestrian-use only of the 200 block of Hudson Avenue NE (from Ross Street to Alexander Street) including Ross Street Plaza, on Monday, June 27, from 2:30 pm – 9pm for the 2023 Multiculturalism Day celebration.

Across Canada on June 27 is an annual festival held in recognition of Multiculturalism Day. This popular community celebration helps to build connection, understanding, and appreciation for diversity in Salmon Arm through music, food, and art. We welcomed the festival's return last year with an impressive turnout of performers, exhibitors, and guests.

Attached, please find the festival outline by SISS providing date, time, and planned activations. The festival will operate from 4pm to 8pm, and will require set-up beginning at 2pm, and take-down lasting until 9pm. SISS will lead the planning and execution of this event; Downtown Salmon Arm will assist with place-making, on-site logistics, and marketing/advertising.

We are excited to welcome this celebration of inclusion back to downtown. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

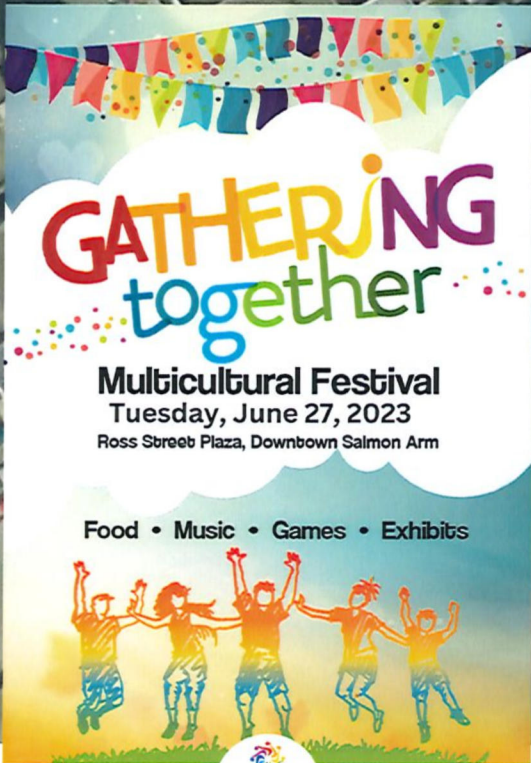
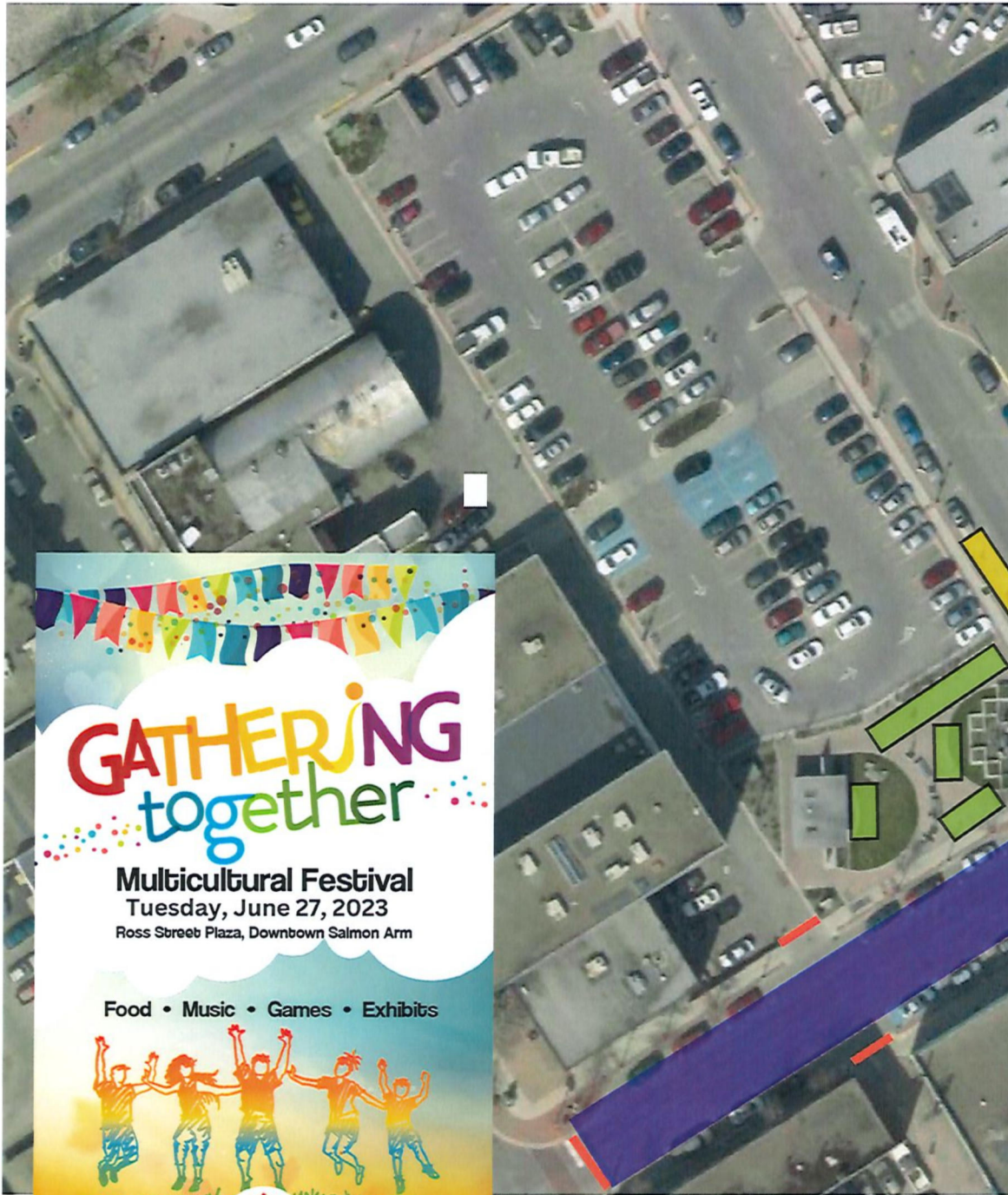
With respect,

Jennifer Broadwell, Manager
Cc: Nikki Nicholson, SISS Multicultural Day Event Coordinator

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

MULTICULTURAL DAY CELEBRATION 2023

-  Requested Mobile Food Vendor space
-  Pedestrian use only of 200 Hudson Ave.
-  Traffic barricade
-  Additional Market entertainment and vendor space




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**DOWNTOWN
SALMON ARM**



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

March 16, 2023

Re: Multicultural Festival

Shuswap Immigrant Services Society in partnership with Downtown Salmon Arm is planning on hosting our annual Multicultural Festival on Tuesday June 27, 2023.

The event will take place on National Multicultural Day in Canada and is intended to celebrate multiculturalism which ensures that we recognize the diverse backgrounds of all citizens in our community. It provides an avenue for them to celebrate their unique identities, take pride in their ancestry and feel a sense of belonging.

Our festival welcomes participation from all the various cultures within our community including the Salmon Arm Metis Association, First Nations, the active Filipino and Syrian communities, the Chinese and Indian communities and any other ethnic societies.

Our first festival was held in 2018 in the Ross Street Plaza and was a huge success with approximately 1000 people attending. Those participating in the event enjoyed music and entertainment, the display and information booths, the various cultural food options, demonstrations, theatre and storytelling.

As a result of last year's successful event we would once again like to request the use of Ross St. Plaza and the closure of Hudson St. (blocked off to car traffic) between Alexander St and Ross St. between 2:30pm and 9pm. The event will take place between 4pm and 8pm.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at 778-847-4938 or email at events@sissociety.ca.

Regards,

Nikki Nicholson

Nikki Nicholson
Events Coordinator

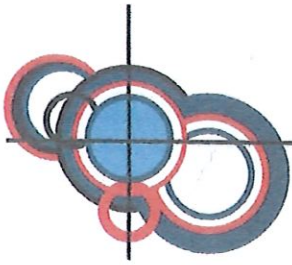


101-371 Hudson Ave NE
 PO Box 304
 Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N3
 (250) 804-2726
 sissociety.ca
 Registered Non-Profit Society Status # S-54390
Contact: Nikki Nicholson, Events Coordinator
events@sissociety.ca

Shuswap Immigrant Services Society (SISS) works to foster a culture of education, tolerance, and community that assists and empowers immigrants of the Shuswap Region of British Columbia in their integration and settlement into life in Canada.

Type of Event:	Non-profit, community event
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Name of Event:	Gathering Together: Celebrating Diversity	
Description of Event:	An annual festival held in recognition of Multiculturalism Day.. A popular community celebration to build connection, understanding and appreciation for diversity in Salmon Arm through music, food and art.	
Proposed Location:	Ross Street Plaza and Stage and adjacent road: Hudson Ave NE	
Road Closure details:	Hudson Ave NE	
	From: Alexander Street NE To: Ross Street NE	
Insurance acquired:	Forthcoming	
Services Required:	Power	
Entertainment on Site:	Yes	
Will alcohol be served?	No	
Will temporary structures be erected on site? (i.e., tents)	Yes	
Event Date & Time:	Tuesday, June 27, 2023	
Site Setup time:	Event Time:	Site Takedown Time:
2:30PM- 4:00PM	4:00PM-7:00PM	7:00PM-9:00PM



May 3, 2023

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

Dear Mayor Harrison and Members of Council:

Subject: Letter of Support – BC Community Gaming Grant

The Salmon Arm Curling Club is in the process of preparing our annual application to the BC Community Gaming Grant Program and we are again requesting a letter of support from the Mayor and Council to accompany our application.

The Salmon Arm Curling Club relies heavily on the monies received annually through the BC Community Gaming Grant to assist us in the club's operations and in the provision of programs for all ages and skill levels. Without this grant, it would be extremely difficult for the Club to provide the current variety of programs which include learn to curl, programs for youth and adults and stick curling.

The BC Community Gaming Grant Program approval process looks favourably on grant applications containing letters of support and it would be very much appreciated if one could be provided to us to include with our application again this year. (Note: the deadline to apply for this grant is May 31, 2022.)

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone at 250-804-6762 or email at dshultzhr@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Donna Shultz,
President



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

For Immediate Release | April 26, 2023

Vaccines help protect us

IH Wide – During National Immunization Awareness Week (April 24 – 30), Interior Health encourages individuals and families to stay on track with their immunizations.

“It is hard to imagine a world without vaccines,” said Dr. Fatemeh Sabet, Interior Health medical health officer. “I am so grateful for having access to a simple tool that has saved millions of lives and prevented serious consequences of so many vaccine preventable communicable diseases.”

Vaccines are available to protect against a variety of diseases such as cervical cancer, influenza, whooping cough, meningitis, chickenpox and hepatitis.

In B.C., young children are offered vaccines at two, four, six, 12, and 18 months of age. As children get older and begin school, vaccinations continue to be offered. This is to help children develop protection against vaccine preventable diseases. Some vaccinations need booster doses as children enter their teens.

Vaccines help protect us. For example, the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is available to all children starting in grade six to protect against infection from types of HPV that cause certain cancers, such as cervical and mouth cancers. A 2019 study showed that the HPV vaccine cut the rate of early stages of cervical cancer by more than half in B.C.

The need for vaccinations does not stop after childhood years. There are many vaccines recommended for adults. All adults in B.C. can get a booster of tetanus and diphtheria vaccine every 10 years. If you missed your basic series in childhood, depending on your health, age and other risk factors, you could be eligible for certain vaccines.

“The single most important factor that helped us reduce risk of severe impacts from COVID-19 and get back to living in a safer environment has been vaccination,” said Dr. Sabet. “I am so thankful to everyone who stood up and played their part in protecting themselves and our communities by getting vaccinated.”

Visit the [Immunizations & Vaccines page](#) for information on important immunizations for infants, children, adults, the elderly as well as immunizations for pregnant women and for travel. Contact your [local health unit](#) to speak to a public health nurse if you have questions about vaccines or getting your immunizations up to date.

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Interior Health would like to recognize and acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Dākelh Dené, Ktunaxa, Nlaka'pamux, Secwépemc, St'át'imc, Syilx, and Tšilhqot'in Nations where we live, learn, collaborate and work together.

MEDIA, FOR INFORMATION:
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MEDIA RELEASE

3 May 2023

Prevent aquatic invasive species with these steps: Clean-Drain-Dry and stop for watercraft inspection

Invasive Species Action Month offers timely reminder for Shuswap boaters and watercraft users

Spring in the Shuswap has many thinking about boating, paddling, and fishing.

The month of May is designated as Invasive Species Action Month, and here in the Shuswap that means it's time to focus on aquatic invasive species prevention. The increased movement of boats and watercraft into and around the Shuswap means there's an increased risk of moving aquatic invasive species.

Two invasive species of utmost concern are Zebra and Quagga Mussels (ZQM): small freshwater mussels from Europe that, unfortunately, have invaded waters in the Great Lakes, Manitoba, and many watersheds in the US including as far west as California. Thankfully, ZQM have not invaded lakes in BC or our nearest neighbour Alberta.

Protecting the waterways in BC from invasive mussels is an ongoing effort. The Shuswap Watershed Council (SWC) and Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society (CSISS) are working together to educate the public about how to keep invasive mussels out of the Shuswap.

If you're unfamiliar with these invasive mussels, it's important to understand how they can impact our waterways.

"The problem with zebra and quagga mussels is that they grow and attach to anything below the water's surface like boat hulls, dock pilings, inside pipes and hydro-electric facilities, and even inside engine compartments," says Erin Vieira, program manager for the Shuswap Watershed Council. "The mussels form in colonies and removing them would be an ongoing maintenance effort which has been conservatively estimated to cost BC property owners and taxpayers \$43 million per year."

Zebra and quagga mussels can also impact water quality and disrupt aquatic food-webs through their filter-feeding and by out-competing native species for food. This puts the lake ecosystem and our drinking water at risk. When the mussels die, their small sharp shells wash up on shorelines and beaches, thus disturbing our enjoyment of water-based activities.



Once zebra or quagga mussels are established in a lake, there are no effective means of eliminating them. They reproduce prolifically, leading to massive infestations.

Clean-drain-dry + stop for watercraft inspection

It's important to understand that invasive mussels can move from one lake to another by clinging to boats, personal watercraft, trailers, canoes and other watercraft. They attach directly to a surface, or collect within small compartments of water inside the watercraft.

Watercraft from outside BC could potentially be infested with invasive mussels. It could take just one infested watercraft launching into the Shuswap to start a new population of invasive mussels. There are prevention measures that boat and watercraft owners need to follow.

"Clean, drain, and dry your watercraft every time you move it out of the water. By doing this, you're greatly eliminating the chance that you're moving invasive species," explains Jess Booth, Outreach Coordinator for CSISS. Just like it sounds, Clean, Drain, Dry involves three steps:

- After removing it from the water, clean your boat or watercraft to remove mud, plant material, small aquatic life, and other debris
- Drain all compartments onto dry land
- Ensure your watercraft is thoroughly dried before re-launching.

Zebra and quagga mussels grow to about 1 centimeter in diameter and may be attached to watercraft or inside compartments or other hard-to-spot areas. Juvenile mussels are free-swimming and microscopic – impossible to detect with the human eye.

"Additionally, It's very important that travellers with watercraft stop at watercraft inspection stations," Booth adds. Highway-side inspection stations are set up at entry-points to BC staffed by the Conservation Officer Service.

All travellers with watercraft must stop. Watercraft will be inspected and decontaminated, if needed, all free of charge. Watercraft inspection is mandatory, and failing to stop for inspection carries a heavy fine.

Watercraft inspection isn't required when travelling within BC. However, Shuswap residents can help raise awareness for the importance of inspection.

"Talk to your out-of-province family and friends that plan to travel to the Shuswap with their watercraft," says Vieira. "The more people that practice Clean-Drain-Dry and stop for watercraft inspection, the less vulnerable we are to an infestation."

Clean-Drain-Dry and watercraft inspection apply to all kinds of watercraft: sport boats, fishing boats, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, personal watercraft, and more.

These prevention measures will also slow down the spread of existing invasive species that occur in the Shuswap, including Eurasian water milfoil and invasive freshwater clams.



It isn't only watersport enthusiasts who are asked to be on alert. Aquariums often contain a variety of species - for example, fish, plants, amphibians and molluscs - that are not native to BC. Aquarium contents should never be dumped down drains, into toilets, or released into the environment. Doing so can introduce non-native or invasive species into the environment.

Any suspected transport, possession, or sightings of zebra and quagga mussels should be reported to the Provincial RAPP line at 1-877-952-7277. For more information about bringing a boat or other watercraft into BC, visit the provincial website <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/invasive-mussels>. For more information on zebra and quagga mussels, visit the SWC's website at www.shuswapwater.ca.

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Photo: IMG_Station.jpg. Travellers into British Columbia with a watercraft of any kind are required to stop for inspection, and decontamination if necessary, which is provided free of charge by the BC Conservation Officer Service.

Photo credit: BC Conservation Officer Service

About: The [Shuswap Watershed Council](#) is a watershed-based partnership that works on water quality and safe recreation in the Shuswap. The [Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society](#) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention, management, and reduction of invasive species in the Columbia Shuswap region.

Contact: For more information, please contact Erin Vieira at the Shuswap Watershed Council c/o the Fraser Basin Council in Kamloops at 250 314-9660 or Jess Booth at the Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society in Revelstoke at 1-855-785-9555.





May 3, 2023

Ref: 272118

Their Worship Mayor Alan Harrison
and Members of Council
City of Salmon Arm
PO Box 40
Salmon Arm BC V1E 4N2

Dear Mayor Harrison and Councillors:

Thank you to the leadership of the City of Salmon Arm for meeting with me during my tour of the Kootenay-Okanagan region on January 19, 2023. It was a pleasure to connect with new and familiar faces, and hear directly about your community's priorities. We appreciated your hospitality in hosting us in your community.

Being on the front lines of service delivery, municipal and regional leaders understand the opportunities and challenges faced by communities today—including housing, healthcare, public safety, and economic development. Our government is motivated to work with you as partners to ensure a prosperous and sustainable province for future generations.

The issues brought forward at our meeting were of great interest to me. It was helpful to hear about the growth in Salmon Arm's population and your various initiatives to accommodate these changes, including the new road, bridge infrastructure, and higher density developments. I also appreciated hearing about some of the challenges that were shared on behalf of surrounding rural communities. Ministry of Municipal Affairs staff will consider the possibility of a Regional District Director call to learn more about issues and opportunities firsthand.

At our meeting, we also discussed some transportation priorities, including relating to the Shuswap Regional Airport and the BC Air Access Grant. Ministry staff have shared your interests with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. I encourage you to reach out directly by email at: Minister.MOTI@gov.bc.ca.

I also heard your concerns about the provincial contribution to library funding. I am very pleased that our government recently [announced](#) an additional \$45 million for public libraries to help meet the needs of people accessing these critical local services. Libraries are an integral part of our communities all over the province. Details are available on our website at: www.gov.bc.ca/publiclibraries.

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Their Worship Mayor Alan Harrison
and Members of Council
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We also discussed your goal for a permanent winter shelter and your involvement with BC Housing and others to support the temporary evening shelter that is currently in place. Ministry staff have contacted Ministry of Housing about this important topic. I encourage you to follow up by email at: HOUS.Minister@gov.bc.ca; and with Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, by email at: SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca.

On the topic of your sewage treatment centre, the Environmental Quality Program is currently closed with no further intakes on the horizon. However, all local governments will be notified if any new provincial funding opportunities for infrastructure projects become available. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Branch by telephone at: 250 387-4060, or by email at: infra@gov.bc.ca.

Since we met, our government has announced and allocated the [Growing Communities Fund](#) to help build community infrastructure and amenities to meet the demands of unprecedented population growth. The fund provides a one-time total of \$1 billion in grants to all 188 municipalities and regional districts for recreation facilities, parks, water treatments plants, and other community infrastructure. I am so pleased that the City received \$6,089,000 from the Fund to put to good work in your community.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with me, and for highlighting these important issues. As partners, we can work together to deliver on these priorities to improve the lives of British Columbians. I look forward to our next meeting.

Sincerely,



Anne Kang
Minister

pc: Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing
Honourable Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Erin Jackson, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Salmon Arm



May 2, 2023
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I am pleased to share with you information about the provincial government's [StrongerBC: Future Ready Action Plan](#) designed to meet the challenges of today, to make sure people in British Columbia are ready to succeed and grow our inclusive and sustainable economy now and into the future.

The Future Ready Action Plan will develop trained, skilled and talented people to fill the jobs of today and tomorrow. It is the BC government's commitment to ensuring everyone in the province can access the post-secondary skills and training they need to build good lives, while developing the talent and skills that businesses and employers need so we can drive our economy forward and deliver the services we all rely on.

As a key pillar of the StrongerBC Economic Plan launched in February 2022, the Future Ready Action Plan invests an additional \$480 million dollars over the next three years in targeted supports to a broad range of British Columbians.

The action plan is focussed on five pillars:

- Making post-secondary more affordable, accessible and relevant;
- Providing the innovation and skills needed to fill the jobs of tomorrow faster;
- Breaking down barriers so everyone can find a job that works for them;
- Addressing Indigenous People's workforce priorities; and
- Making it easier for people new to Canada to find a job in which they are trained.

I am grateful to those who shared feedback and insights during the StrongerBC: Future Ready Action Plan engagement sessions in May 2022. As a result of this collaborative process, I am confident the Action Plan will support British Columbians to acquire the skills they need to succeed in British Columbia's diverse and innovative economy. I am also confident that it will become easier for employers to find the talent and skills they need to sustain and grow their enterprises.

If you would like more information about the Action Plan and how it can benefit you, I encourage you to reach out to my office or participate in one of the roundtables we will be holding over the next few months.

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The Future Ready Action Plan is an historic investment in people—because what helps people succeed in our economy, makes our economy succeed for people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SR', written in a cursive style.

Honourable Selina Robinson
Minister

Barb Puddifant

From: ca.peters@telus.net <cathy@telus.net>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:18 PM
To: Barb Puddifant
Subject: [External] Cathy Peters update- Child Sex Trafficking in BC and How To Stop It
Attachments: Be Amazing Brochure - December 2022.pdf

Dear Mayor Alan Harrison, Salmon Arm City Council and staff,

My name is Cathy Peters.

I have been raising awareness about Human Sex Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation and **Child Sex Trafficking and How to stop it.**

I have presented to BC politicians, police and the public for the past 10 years.

I presented to the Council on March 22, 2021.

BC has the most notorious cases in Canada:

Amanda Todd (victim), Reza Moazami (sex trafficker) and Robert Pickton (sex buyer and serial killer).

British Columbia is a magnet for criminals, organized crime and International crime syndicates.

The current Federal Law, "**The Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act**" is not enforced in BC, so sex buyers and sex traffickers act with impunity.

BC urban centers have become sex tourism destinations.

Indigenous women and girls are first casualties.

Attached is my updated brochure and biography.

My website is upgraded. Please view.

beamazingcampaign.org

The **Canadian Sexual Exploitation Summit** is May 3-5. It is virtual and free.

Global experts will be participating.

<https://sexualexploitationsummit.ca>

I will be presenting on "Child Sex Trafficking in Canada and How To Stop It".

Please attend.

I will be at **UBCM in September with a booth** for the "Be Amazing Campaign- To Stop Sexual Exploitation".

Please alert the Provincial Government, Premier, Attorney General and Solicitor General that this issue is a priority in British Columbia.

All emergency services staff need training in this area (police, fire, ambulance, etc).

A Provincial public awareness program is needed.

ASK: Please share this information with your staff, stakeholders, law enforcement, educators, health providers, emergency service and frontline service providers.

Please contact me for follow up information. Please confirm you have received this email.

Sincerely, Cathy Peters

BC anti human trafficking educator, speaker, advocate

beamazingcampaign.org

1101-2785 Library Lane, North Vancouver, BC V7J 0C3

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Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal Recipient for my anti human trafficking advocacy work

Human sex trafficking and sexual exploitation for the purpose of prostitution is the fastest growing crime in the world. It is a lucrative crime targeting our youth, children, and the vulnerable.



You can help stop sexual exploitation starting in your community:

Learn about the issue.

Share it with others.

Alert your politicians that sexual exploitation must stop.

An Anti-Human Trafficking Initiative
BeAmazingCampaign.org

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Canadian National Human Trafficking Hotline
1-833-900-1010

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Learn.
Share.
Alert.

Be Amazing



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PRESENTED BY

Cathy Peters

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A modern equal society does not buy and sell women and children.

Cathy Peters raises awareness about the issue of human sex trafficking, sexual exploitation and child sexual trafficking which is for the purpose of prostitution. She speaks and presents to politicians, police and the public.



Today's slavery has low costs and huge profits; a trafficker can make hundreds of thousands of dollars *per victim* per year.

The average age of entry into prostitution is 12–14 years of age in Canada, although traffickers are targeting children as young as 8. There has been a dramatic increase in child exploitation along with the production and consumption of child pornography. Unregulated technology has increased the demand for commercially paid sex.

The biggest problem in Canada is that the public is unaware of the issue. Women, youth, children, the marginalized and vulnerable will become potential targets and victims unless we do something to stop it.

Learn. Share. Alert.
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Cathy Peters is a former inner city high school teacher and, since 2014, has made over 600 presentations to more than 20,000 people.

She has received 14 Challenge Coins from Victoria, Kitmat, North Vancouver, Coquitlam, Richmond, Surrey, and Chilliwack RCMP detachments, RCMP HQ Counter Exploitation Unit, New Westminster Police Department after presenting at the Justice Institute, Federal Corrections, Delta, Abbotsford, and the Vancouver Police Department.

Cathy's work was introduced in the BC Legislature and she was asked to three Federal Justice Committees on human trafficking. She has been a speaker to three MMIWG gatherings, numerous Indigenous groups, and had a booth at the July 2022 Assembly of First Nations Convention where she met hundreds of Indigenous leaders.

Cathy was nominated for an Order of BC Award and for the Carol Matusicky Distinguished Service to Families award. In 2022 she presented at the Global Summit *Connecting to Protect: Addressing the Harms of Porn on Youth from a Public Health Perspective* (University of Calgary) and presented at the first RCMP Human Trafficking webinar for law enforcement across Canada. Cathy received a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal for her anti-human trafficking advocacy work.