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A = Action Requested

S = Staff has Responded
R = Response Required

Rhonda West

From: Rhonda West
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 12:04 PM
To: Rhonda West
Subject: FW: [External] Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council

First Name Vivian
Last Name Morris
Address: St SE

Return email address: .

Subject: Foreshore Trail

Body Dear Mayor and Council,
I was so pleased with the foreshore trail upgrades paid for with covid money last year. The idea was that these upgrades would mean no trail closure due to flooding. You may well know that the trail is flooded now so that was not achieved. I was also pleased to see \$175, 000 for trail development west of town. However, as I've mentioned before, moving onto another trail when our foreshore trail is not complete, in terms of consistent trail quality seems premature. We need to make all of the foreshore trail good quality and safe. Beyond the boardwalk, the trail is narrow and rocky. People fall there frequently. I've long held that the city does not have a vision for the trail. Trails in other towns are the crown jewels of those towns. There is so much potential in our foreshore but it will take vision and money to realize it. Without the vision financial planning is not realistic. Throwing \$50,000 at it every few years based on whims (our former mayor liked to walk the foreshore so put money into it) and unexpected funds is better than nothing. However, the flooding this year has highlighted that we need a vision. I realize it is complicated by the agreement with SABNES, but leaving the management of this precious asset to a group of aging volunteers with limited funds has resulted in what you see today: rotting platforms and a dangerous trail at the Raven end. Please someone on council take on this vision and champion it!

Vivian Morris

Would you like a
response:

Yes

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Mayor and Council

First Name Grant
Last Name Armstrong
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Return email address:

Subject: Road safety.

Body My wife and I live in the Graystone building facing Shuswap St. We are concerned about the unchecked vehicle speed between 5th Avenue and 10th Avenue. The area has significant pedestrian traffic with senior citizens and children. There are only 2 crosswalks in this stretch. There are several driveways accessing the street. In the several years we have lived here we have never seen radar monitoring speed. I suggest regular radar monitoring and the installation of speed reduction bumps to manage vehicle speeds that far exceed the safe legal limits.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Grant Armstrong

Would you like a response: Yes

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Subject: [External] Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council

First Name Kari
Last Name Wilkinson
Address: Street SW
Return email address:
Subject: Clearcut of Appleyard Property
Body Mayor Harrison and Council,

I read the story about the Sunday AM clearcut of the Appleyard property - without proper permits or City of SA approvals.

I don't need to go into all of the abhorrent consequences to the birds and wildlife on this property - since it was done during nesting season; nor the detestable disregard for following the due course for development process; nor the blatant disregard for the surrounding neighbourhood.

I sincerely hope you will make an EXAMPLE of why future developers should not follow the example set by these property owners. Clearly a fine is in order - but in the event that money is not a concern for this developer; perhaps NOT being granted a development permit for a couple of decades would be an appropriate consequence. Their actions with the clearcut of the forest without proper permitting, respect for local wildlife and

neighbouring properties, respect to the City of Salmon Arm gives me little confidence that these property owners will follow other building guidelines. Be harsh in your decision with them.

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Yes

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Subject: [External] Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council

First Name Blair

Last Name Reynaud

Address:

Return email address:

Subject: Clearcut in Raven

Body First time in 27 years that I have felt compelled to express my opinion. The person who decided to disregard and flaunt the rules by cutting down the forest in Raven on a weekend, and will easily pay the fine, should be punished by not issuing a building permit of any sort for any structure on that lot. This should also deter anyone else from planning the same stunt. I hope someone has the backbone to deal with this. Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Would you like a response: No

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Subject: [External] Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council

First Name Dean

Last Name Fredlund

Address:

Return email address:

Subject: Ducks

Body I am concerned that ducklings have no openings on Lakeshore Rd to get to water. I have personally seen 4 events where cars gave stopped and tried to help. Maybe some openings could happen?
 Thank you
 S
 Dean Fredlund

Would you like a response: Yes

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For immediate release

June 13 2023

Summer is fast approaching, and that has the folks at the Shuswap District Arts Council gearing up for another season of terrific live music.

2023 marks the 30th year of Wednesday on the Wharf, Salmon Arm's very own by-donation live music concert series. Every Wednesday evening at 6.45pm in July and August, audiences will gather at Marine Peace Park to soak up the evening sun, connect with friends, and take in a fantastic array of live music. With a lineup that includes well-known locals and exciting out-of-town talent, WOW 2023 promises to deliver a captivating musical experience.

Music lovers will recognize many of the names on the bill this year, starting with Vernon's own modern-celtic Cod Gone Wild, who will open the series on July 5th. Indigenous-Folk singer Kym Gouchie, last in Salmon Arm in fall 2022, will appear as a trio on July 13, followed by the up-and-coming Métis pop/folk/indie five piece band Kaely Jade on July 20th. To round out the month, the internationally-based Gabriel Palatchi Trio will get the crowd moving with latin-jazz and funk-tango rhythms on July 27th.

August will be off to a hopping start, courtesy of the 1930's swing- and jump-blues sounds of the Alberta-based Misery Mountain Boys on August 2nd. Lillooet/Pemberton-based The Spiritual Warriors, who wowed audiences last year with their fusion of roots-reggae and indigenous vocals, will bring their laid-back rhythms to the WOW stage on August 9th. As part of a community kick-off on August 16th, ROOTS and BLUES featured artists and award-winning Francophone folk greats Le Vent du Nord will enliven the park with their highly rhythmic and soulful music, drawn from across the Celtic diaspora. Local favorites Josh + Bex will play as a five piece on August 23rd, and soothe away any post-festival blues with their folk-inspired smooth harmonies and gentle lyrics. And finally, local favorite and award-winning country music gentleman Ben Klick and his band will close out the series on August 30th.

As always, audiences can bring their lawn chairs, blankets, and picnics down to the park, and know there will be plenty of room for dancing. Donations collected at intermission support the concert series, all of which would not be possible without the support of WOW's incredible sponsors.

The Arts Council thanks the following sponsors for their enthusiasm and support: Series sponsors Askew's Foods, the Salmon Arm Folk Music Society, Armstrong Regional

Cooperative, SASCU Credit Union, Chad Eliason Mortgage Broker, H&R Block, Shuswap Rotary Club, and the Prestige Harbourfront Resort Hotel. Performance Sponsors include Okanagan College, DeMille's Farm Market, Stella-Jones Inc, Sterling Land Wealth Advisory Group, Johnston Meier Insurance Agencies Group, Grant Thornton LLP, ROOTSandBLUES, Shuswap Orthodontics, and Acorn Music. The Arts Council gratefully acknowledges the support of the BC Arts Council, The BC Gaming Commission, the City of Salmon Arm, and the BC Touring Council.

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SHUSWAP CYCLING CLUB

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June 9, 2023

Dear Mayor Harrison and Councilor Members,

The Shuswap Cycling Society would like to host the 8th annual Shuswap Cross, Cyclocross race in Salmon Arm at Klahani Park (6391 10 Ave S.E.) on Sunday September 17th, 2023. The 2022 event was very successful, and we are looking forward to hosting this event again this year. This event is a race in the Interior Cyclocross Series - a series of races in the Interior of BC (www.bcinteriorcross.ca).

The Shuswap Cyclocross event is a family friendly event with participants and spectators attending both locally and from around the Interior. Our club enjoys hosting events in beautiful Salmon Arm and it gives us the opportunity to invite more people into our City and experience all we have to offer.

Enclosed are the Cyclocross rules and approximate course design. We will forward the Certificate of Insurance (naming the City of Salmon Arm, CSRD and Shuswap Recreation Society as named insured) as soon as it is available.

The Shuswap Cycling Society is a great organization and is a strong believer in promoting healthier lifestyles and supporting the Shuswap economy.

Thank you for your assistance and support in putting on this event.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Doris Mills'.

Doris Mills
Shuswap Cycling Society
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2020 Cyclocross - Klahani Park

Approximate route for 2020 Cyclocross race at Klahani Park
October 4, 2020



Legend

- 2020 Cyclocross Race

Google Earth

Image City of Salmon Arm



100 m

BC INTERIOR CYCLOCROSS

Racer Guidelines



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Categories

Categories are listed below in order of ability, apart from youth categories—which are based on age—and single-speed categories:

Men's Categories

1. Elite Men
2. Masters Men (40+)
3. Junior Elite Men (U19)
4. Intermediate Men
5. Novice Men
6. U17/U15/U13 Men
7. Single-Speed Men

Women's Categories

1. Elite Women
2. Masters Women (40+)
3. Junior Elite Women (U19)
4. Intermediate Women
5. Novice Women
6. U17/U15/U13 Women
7. Single-Speed Women

Race Day Schedule

Registration

Registration will be open for at least a half hour prior to the start of each race.

Pre-Riding

Due to time constraints at many of our race locations, organizers are only required to provide one half hour of open course pre-riding to racers. Racers will be allowed to pre-ride the course **ONLY** during allotted times. Outside of this race courses will be considered **CLOSED** other than to those whose category is currently racing. Any racers caught pre-riding the course during a time when pre-riding is not allowed, such as during another category's race, may be disqualified from their race.

Race Schedule

The following outlines the race durations and the order of the starting grids:

Race 1 (Morning Race)

Time: 45 minutes

Categories: Single-Speed Men, U17/U15/U13 Men, Intermediate Women, Novice Men, U17/U15/U13 Women, Single-Speed Women, Novice Women

Race 2 (Kids Race)

Time: 10-20 minutes (depending on participation numbers, ages and course layout)

Categories: Under 12

Race 3 (Afternoon Race)

Time: 60 minutes

Categories: Elite Men, Masters Men, U19 Men, Intermediate Men, U19 Women, Elite Women

Bicycle/Equipment Rules

Bicycle and equipment guidelines are divided into **STRICT** and **HONOUR SYSTEM** rules.

STRICT rules are enforceable by BCICX officials on race day. This may mean that a rider will be asked to remedy the equipment problem, be required to race in a different category, or be disqualified from the race if there is no other option available.

HONOUR SYSTEM rules are not enforced by BCICX officials on race day and racers are encouraged to self-govern regarding these rules. If you see something unsafe or someone pushing the limits of tire size talk to them first before bringing it up with the BCICX officials.

All Categories

STRICT - All bicycles must be in good working order.

STRICT - All extraneous parts should be removed—fenders, racks, lights, etc.

STRICT - Both front and rear brakes must be equipped.

STRICT - Bicycles with a motor or pedal assist of any type are not allowed.

STRICT - Tires must not be "slick"—they must have knobs or traction bars of some kind and in sufficient quantity to be safely ridden on the course being raced.

Elite, Masters, Junior Elite (U19)

STRICT - Handlebar must be a drop bar.

STRICT - Must have STI-type† or single-speed road brake/shift levers.

STRICT - Wheels must be 700c.

STRICT - Bicycles equipped with suspension are not allowed.

HONOUR SYSTEM - Tires must be max 33mm wide.

Intermediate

STRICT - Handlebar must be a drop bar.

STRICT - Must have STI† or single-speed road brake/shift levers.

STRICT - Wheels must be 700c.

STRICT - Bicycles equipped with suspension are not allowed.

HONOUR SYSTEM - Tires must be max 45mm wide.

Novice, U17/U15/U13

STRICT - Handlebar must be a drop or mountain bike bar.

HONOUR SYSTEM - Tires must be max 66mm/2.6" wide.

Single Speed

STRICT - Handlebar must be a drop or mountain bike bar.

STRICT - Bike must be affixed with only a single chainring and rear cog or shifters must be sufficiently disabled (to be determined by BCICX officials) on a geared bike.

HONOUR SYSTEM - Tires must be max 45mm/1.75" wide.

† STI-type levers are those designed to be run on a drop bar. This excludes "cross" or "frog" levers and all mountain bike or v-brake style levers even if they would feasibly fit and function on a drop bar.

Points System

Points Tracking

Overall series standings will be calculated for each rider in each category using the total points accumulated during all attended races in the series. Single-speed categories raced in addition to an afternoon race category is the only way two titles can be earned.

Points are not transferable between categories and racers are responsible for signing up for and racing in the appropriate category at each race. If a racer registers in the wrong category, their points will be recorded in that category for that race.

The following table shows the point award distribution for each place up to 60th:

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1	200	11	95	21	60	31	45	41	35	51	25
2	175	12	90	22	58	32	44	42	34	52	24
3	155	13	85	23	56	33	43	43	33	53	23
4	140	14	80	24	54	34	42	44	32	54	22
5	130	15	75	25	52	35	41	45	31	55	21
6	120	16	71	26	50	36	40	46	30	56	20
7	115	17	69	27	49	37	39	47	29	57	19
8	110	18	66	28	48	38	38	48	28	58	18
9	105	19	64	29	47	39	37	49	27	59	17
10	100	20	62	30	46	40	36	50	26	60	16

Double Points Races

The series premiere earns racers double points.

Category Upgrades/Downgrades

A rider who is lapped more than once by a significant portion of their race category during a race except due to mechanical failure may be asked by officials to race in a lower category during their next race if such a category exists.

A rider that laps more than half the field in their category during a race may be asked to race in the next category up from their current one at the next race if such a category exists.

Any requested upgrades will be discussed well ahead of time and with deference to racer preference.

Starting Grid

For the first race of the series the starting grid will be based upon the last season's overall results. Racers who did not accumulate points in the last season will be asked to self-seed behind these racers.

After the first race the overall series points will be used to form the starting grid for each category. The rider with the highest accumulated points total will be in the first slot of the first row, then the rider with the second highest accumulated points total will be beside him or her, and so forth down the line and through the rows within each category.

Any rider from another series wishing to start according to their points total in that series must present a copy of the standings from that series to officials at registration.

Rhonda West

From: Rhonda West
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 2:28 PM
To: Rhonda West
Subject: FW: [External] June 30th

From: Launa Payne <indigenoustriseup@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2023 10:08 AM
To: Erin Jackson <ejackson@salmonarm.ca>
Cc: Sarah Zuidhof <szuidhof@salmonarm.ca>
Subject: [External] June 30th

Hi Erin,

We hope you are doing well. On June 30th, we are planning a lunch hour event at the Wharf Park (Marine Park) to honor Indigenous History month. We would like to have a yoga session, share some traditional food and teas. Could we secure a park permit for this event? It will be from 11-1.

In Friendship,
Launa and Sherrelle
Indigenous Rise Up

Rhonda West

From: Rhonda West
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 10:21 AM
To: Rhonda West
Subject: FW: Letter of Support for Rubberhead Jump Line Project

From: Jen Bellhouse <jen@shuswaptrails.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 11:28 AM
To: Visitor Info <visitorinfo@salmonarm.ca>
Subject: [External] Letter of Support for Rubberhead Jump Line Project

Hi Sapphire,

We have made it to the second stage of an application process with the new BC Destination Development Fund for a new jump line at Rubberhead, and they are requesting a letter of support from a local or regional destination management organization to help demonstrate tourism values.

The grant portal will be open for 2 weeks in mid-June.

As Rubberhead is kinda Salmon arm I thought it would be god to get a letter from Salmon Arm Visitor info as well as Shuswap Tourism.

Some more details of the project are:

The Rubberhead Jump Line Project will add a black diamond-rated jump line to the network with upgrades to the upper section of the ravine. The Rubberhead trail network currently incorporates over 20 kilometers of primarily mountain bike trails, with some hiking and winter snowshoe use. The Shuswap, although well known for its mountain biking trails, is lacking a progressive jump line. Building a jump line will provide another style of mountain bike riding which will increase the variety of trails for users in turn attracting new riders to the area.

The Rubberhead Jump Line has been identified as a priority with high trail-based destination tourism value in the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy and builds on the Shuswap Tourism Strategy's goal of expanding four-season recreation, growing nature-based tourism businesses, improving quality of life amenities, and attracting new investment.

The Rubberhead Jump Line Project continues to build on the region's need for expanded four-season destination tourism and recreation experiences, and the need for improved active transportation amenities that improve quality of life and attract new investment. This need is demonstrated in the notable reduction of visitors to the Shuswap during the spring/fall shoulder and winter off-season.

Are you able to provide a letter of support, or does it need to go through council?

Thanks!
Jen

Jen Bellhouse (she/her)
Executive Director

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*The Shuswap Trail Alliance is privileged to operate under the Shuswap Trails Protocol within Secwépemc First Nation territory.*

**Rhonda West**

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**From:** Rhonda West  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2023 10:42 AM  
**To:** Rhonda West  
**Subject:** FW: MIABC Voting Delegate

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**Subject:** [External] MIABC Voting Delegate

Dear Erin,

The Municipal Insurance Association of BC's (MIABC's) 36th Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, September 19th in Vancouver in conjunction with the UBCM Convention.

In accordance with Article 6.13 of the Reciprocal Insurance Exchange Agreement (RIEA), the following voting delegate and two alternates have been registered with the MIABC to vote your interests at this year's AGM. If you would like to change the delegate and/or alternates, please forward a resolution of your Council/Board directing these changes to [hscribner@miabc.org](mailto:hscribner@miabc.org) no later than Monday, August 14th, 2023.

The AGM Booklet with further voting information will be distributed on Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023.

Voting Delegate: Councillor Chad Eliason  
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Alternate #1: Councillor Kevin Flynn  
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Alternate #2: Councillor Debbie Cannon  
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Best regards,

Heidi Scribner  
Administrator & Board Secretary

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## Rhonda West

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**From:** southern interior local government <yoursilga@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** [External] SILGA Youth Representative at UBCM convention  
**Categories:** FOLLOW UP

Good afternoon everyone,

For 2023 SILGA is pleased to announce the resumption of their "Youth Representative at UBCM" program. Please note for 2023 there is room for only one individual in the current budget. I have attached the policy for your information.

Please reach out to your local youth councils or high schools and if a youth is interested, please have them write a letter to the SILGA board outlining why they would deserving of being the recipient for 2023. Deadline is July 5th.

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

It will be the policy of SILGA to reimburse up to 2 youth (**in 2023 one only**) each year for the cost of travel, accommodation, meals and out of pocket expenses incurred to attend the UBCM convention.

### **POLICY BACKGROUND:**

To promote youth involvement and interest in local government, SILGA will annually sponsor up to 2 youth (**in 2023 one only**) to attend the UBCM convention. A call for nominations will be sent by SILGA after each annual convention to all SILGA members with the youth representatives chosen at the June SILGA executive meeting. Deadline for nominations for 2023 is July 4th.

A SILGA member local government must first nominate a youth from their community. A brief statement written by the youth explaining why they want to attend along with a summary of their interests and accomplishments should accompany the nomination.

The local government of the selected youth will mentor them during the week of the convention. The expectation is the youth will shadow the mentoring council to all their minister meetings, attend the sessions/presentations/tour (based on the youth's interest) and attend the networking sessions (SILGA luncheon), if possible. The youth can also join the SILGA board during their meetings. The youth will be requested to provide a written report to SILGA outlining their experiences and the impact the week had for them.

### **Definition of "Youth"**

- School age secondary students registered in a public school, an independent school, Distributed Learning program or as a home-schooled learner
- up to the age of 19 on or after July 1 of the current school year

SILGA will spend up to \$5,000/year (**for 2023, maximum will be \$2,500**) for the cost of this program. Receipts will be required. Sponsoring local governments are requested to cover the allocated conventions costs for the selected youth and then submit receipts to SILGA for reimbursement. UBCM offers special student registration prices; contact UBCM directly to register and use the complimentary form provided by UBCM.

**POLICY DETAILS:**

1. Transportation:
  - To pay compensation for air travel at the lowest available air fare; or
  - To pay compensation for the use of private vehicles at the rate equivalent to that paid by the Province of British Columbia, to a maximum of the lowest economy air fare.
  - Only the driver is entitled to reimbursement for car mileage; the driver must submit the names of the passengers with the expense account.
2. Accommodation (due to weather conditions/distance travelled/other circumstances):
  - To pay compensation for hotel rooms at cost and with a receipt required; or
  - allowance of \$30.00 per night may be claimed (no receipts required).
3. Other Expenses:
  - For all meetings and other authorized travel where required meals are not provided at the event, compensation for meals will be as follows:
 

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| Breakfast | \$15 including tips and tax |
| Lunch     | \$25 including tips and tax |
| Dinner    | \$35 including tips and tax |

On the date of departure, travel must start before 7:00 am to claim breakfast; before 12:00 noon to claim lunch; and, on the date of return, travel must end after 6:00 pm to claim dinner.

All other expenses occurred for hospitality expenses and other non-specified expenses shall be reimbursed at cost when receipts are provided, subject to Executive approval.

SILGA looks forward to receiving the letters!

Thanks, Alison

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June 21, 2023

The Honourable Ravi Kahlon  
 Ministry of Housing  
 PO Box 9844 Stn Prov Govt  
 Victoria, BC V8W 9T2

Dear Honourable Kahlon:

**Re: Province of British Columbia's Home for People Action Plan**

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At its Regular Council meeting held June 19, 2023, the District of North Saanich Council approved the following resolution:

*"That the Mayor be authorized to send a letter to the Minister of Housing, with copies to the MLA for Saanich North and the Islands and all members of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, regarding the recently announced action plan "Homes for People" and request that the Minister take into consideration the following:*

- 1. The diversity and size of communities throughout the province and their unique housing needs;*
- 2. The differences between rural and urban communities and their availability of infrastructure; and,*
- 3. The significant impact on existing local infrastructure capacity to service increased development and density.*

*And that the Minister be further advised that the District of North Saanich is concerned that broad legislative changes may curtail the local planning authority vested in local governments and expressed in their Official Community Plans and Zoning bylaws, for which significant public input has been received and accounted for in these important planning policy instruments."*

A good portion of North Saanich is in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR); as such, we have concerns regarding the potential conflict between residential and agricultural land use. We have struggled with this very issue in recent years as have other communities surrounded with rural areas and have experienced development pressure.

Respectfully, we request you consider that there are other communities, just as unique as ours, for which a province-wide, "one-size-fits-all", approach to increasing housing supply may not be in their best interest and may result in communities that no longer resemble the ones that people chose to live in. If the Province targeted support to communities either better suited or desirous of increased density, British Columbians would have the ability to choose the housing type and the community that is the best fit for them.

We thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our concerns on this very important initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peter" and last name "Jones" clearly distinguishable.

Peter Jones  
Mayor

cc: Adam Olsen, MLA for Saanich North and the Islands  
Members of the Union of BC Municipalities



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## MEDIA RELEASE

For immediate release

### Shuswap watershed groups warn of economic impacts of potential Zebra and Quagga Mussel infestation, emphasize importance of prevention measures

The Shuswap Watershed Council (SWC) and the Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society (CSISS) are raising the alarm about new information released in a report from the Province of BC. The report, published at the end of May, summarizes the potential costs to British Columbia if invasive Zebra and Quagga Mussels (ZQM) were to arrive in BC waters.

The report estimates an annual cost range from \$64 – 129 million to deal with the impacts of invasive mussels. This estimate is up from a 2013 study that estimated the costs of a ZQM invasion to be approximately \$53 million, annually.

“The potential economic and ecological impact of a Zebra or Quagga mussel infestation in the Shuswap and across BC is tremendous. These cost estimates underscore the importance of preventing an invasion of ZQM to beautiful BC,” says Erin Vieira, Program Manager for the Shuswap Watershed Council.

The report breaks down the cost estimates on an annual basis, as follows: hydro infrastructure (\$17.2 – 23.3 million), municipal and domestic water supply infrastructure (\$8 – 49.7 million), agriculture and golf course irrigation (\$2.5 – 5.3 million), maintenance to boats and marinas (\$3.7 – 8.1 million), lost profits and revenues from the tourism industry (\$2.5 – 12.6 million), loss in residential property values and property taxes due to reduced water quality and shoreline values (\$30.2 million). These costs would be borne by rate payers, tax payers, business and property owners. The report clarifies that if accidentally introduced to BC, it would take time for ZQM to establish and reproduce and costs would increase gradually over time to the levels mentioned in the report.

The report highlights that although ZQM have been prevented from establishing in the Pacific Northwest, favourable conditions in BC’s freshwater ecosystems make them a significant risk. To-date, ZQM occur in Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec as well as over 24 American states.

The primary way that ZQM spread is via watercraft and other water gear. Adult mussels can attach themselves directly, and juvenile mussels float freely in trapped water within boats and other items. The mussels can survive a long journey from one waterbody to another attached to watercraft, despite being out of water for several days.



“Preventing the spread of invasive mussels is key. Watercraft users should [clean-drain-dry](#) every time they move their watercraft - that includes boats, paddleboards, kayaks and canoes, inflatable dinghies, personal watercraft, and more,” says Robyn Hooper, Executive Director of CSISS. “All it takes is one contaminated boat or watercraft launching into BC waters, and our freshwater could be altered forever.”

Travellers coming to BC with a watercraft are required to stop at watercraft inspection stations along their travel route. A member of the BC Conservation Officer service will inspect, and if necessary, decontaminate travellers’ watercrafts.

“The threat of invasive mussels is never going away,” says Vieira. “The Shuswap Watershed Council is committed to continuing with our work to educate and advocate for better protection measures from the provincial and federal governments in order to minimize the risk of an invasion.”

The full report from the Province, “Potential Economic Impact of Zebra and Quagga Mussels in BC” (May 2023) is available on the provincial website, <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/invasive-mussels>.

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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 Robyn Hooper at the Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society in Revelstoke at 1-855-785-9555.



## NEWS RELEASE

**For Immediate Release | June 9, 2023**

# Thompson Region Family Obstetrics Clinic will accept new referrals starting next week

**KAMLOOPS** – Interior Health and Thompson Region Division of Family Practice are pleased to announce that the Thompson Region Family Obstetrics (TRFO) clinic will begin accepting new referrals for expectant parents starting next week.

“This clinic is a vital resource for new and expecting families in Kamloops and surrounding communities who require access to local maternity care,” said Minister of Health Adrian Dix. “I want to applaud all the efforts that allowed these services to resume.”

Collaborative efforts between the Ministry of Health, Thompson Region Division of Family Practice, local maternity care providers, and Interior Health have addressed concerns related to the stability of the clinic, which resulted in a temporary interruption to referrals for new expectant parents.

The TRFO clinic provides care for parents and families in Kamloops and surrounding communities, like Merritt, Barriere, Ashcroft, Lillooet, Lytton, and Clearwater starting from early pregnancy up to six weeks following the birth of their babies. The clinic supports on average about 600 to 700 deliveries per year.

“Interior Health knows how important access to stable, quality care is for expectant parents and families,” says Susan Brown, Interior Health CEO. “We are committed to working with all partners to ensure this clinic is successful moving forward and to keeping patients at the heart of all these discussions.”

The TRFO clinic will start accepting new referrals next week, and work collaboratively with the newly opened antenatal care clinic to ensure timely access to care for expectant parents.

“TRFO physicians believe that the support provided by IH and the Ministry of Health for the clinic will help to ensure its ongoing sustainability,” says Dr. Shaun Davis, co-lead of the TRFO physician group. “We are optimistic that the supports put in place will allow for the permanent recruitment of family doctors who work in obstetrical care. The collaboration with the antenatal care clinic will ensure timely access to all maternity services in Kamloops.”

*The Thompson Region Family Obstetrics clinic is located on the first floor of the Clinical Services Building at Royal Inland Hospital. It is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and offers 24-hour call shifts.*

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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.

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