

INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - MARCH 25, 2019

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N = No Action Required
A = Action Requested

S = Staff has Responded
R = Response Required

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Salmon Arm

From the Office of the Mayor

March 12, 2019

Imperial Oil Canada
505 Quarry Park Boulevard SE
Calgary, AB T2C 5N1

and

7-Eleven Canada Inc.
Box 210088
Dallas, TX 75221

and

jun.cadiente@7-11.com

Dear Sirs

Re: 7-Eleven Store – 371 Trans Canada Highway NE, Salmon Arm

On behalf of Council for the City of Salmon Arm I am inquiring as to the status of property owned by Imperial Oil Canada in Salmon Arm, BC, previously operated as a 7-Eleven store. The store was destroyed by fire last year.

The City of Salmon Arm has been receiving numerous inquiries regarding the plans, if any, for the re-opening of the store and/or the demolition of the existing fire damaged building.

The property is located in the downtown core and is very visible in our community. The City is requesting that the exterior appearance of this store be improved prior to our busy tourist season.

I appreciate that any plans for demolition and rebuilding take time, however, Council would welcome any information that you are able to provide.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alan Harrison", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Alan Harrison

Mayor



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From the Office of the Mayor

March 12, 2019

Curl BC

c/o Salmon Arm Curling Club

P.O. Box 555

Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N7

To: Curl BC Selection Committee:

Re: Support for Shuswap Salmon Arm Curling Club to Host the 2020 Men's and Ladies' Provincial Championship

On behalf of Council for the City of Salmon Arm, I am pleased to extend our full support to the Salmon Arm Curling Club in their application to host the 2020 Men's and Ladies' Provincial Championship in Salmon Arm, BC.

Our arena facility, Shaw Centre, offers a spectator arena with a capacity of 2,200, large dressing rooms, concessions, meeting rooms, new lighting and state of the art video wall and audio system. The Curling Club facility, which will house 'The Patch' (the social centre for the bonspiel) is conveniently located right beside Shaw Centre. In addition we will be offering learning curlers of all ages the opportunity to experience curling at our Club, while the bonspiel runs next door.

Salmon Arm is well positioned to host this event. We are a beautiful lakefront community with ample accommodations in close proximity to the Kelowna International Airport.

The Provincial Curling Championship is a renowned tournament that our community will be proud to host. Having successfully hosted the National Junior Curling Championships in 2009, the Curling Club has the volunteers and expertise ready to go. As a Council we are confident that given the opportunity, the Club will make the 2020 Championships an unparalleled success.

If you require further comment, please contact Erin Jackson, Director of Corporate Services at 250 803-4029 or by email at ejackson@salmonarm.ca.

Yours truly,



Alan Harrison
Mayor

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From the Office of the Mayor

March 12, 2019

Hockey Canada
c/o Shuswap Sports Society

To: Hockey Canada - National Junior A Championship Selection Committee

Re: Support for Shuswap Sports Society Support to Host the 2021 National Junior A Championship

On behalf of Council for the City of Salmon Arm, I would like to extend our unanimous support to the Shuswap Sports Society in their application to host the 2021 National Junior A Championship at the Shaw Centre in Salmon Arm, BC.

Shaw Centre is a state-of-the-art facility, the envy of the Interior. This incredibly designed Centre offers two NHL ice surfaces with a capacity of 2,200 in our spectator arena, large dressing rooms, concessions, meeting rooms, new lighting and a brand-new video wall and audio system. In addition, the SASCU recreation centre is a one-minute walk away, boasting our aquatic centre, gymnasium, fitness centre and meeting spaces.

Salmon Arm is well positioned to host this event with ample accommodations, a scenic backdrop and within a short distance to the Kelowna International Airport.

The Shuswap Sports Society is run by a team with great leadership who have been involved in the successful execution of similar events. In addition, our small City spirit is second to none with volunteers and organizers making events such as this a great success.

The Salmon Arm Silverbacks are the fabric that brings the community together and will be celebrating their twentieth year of Junior A Hockey in Salmon Arm in 2021 making it an ideal time for the championship to come to the Shuswap. Our City would be honoured to host this prestigious event and given the opportunity will make it one of the best championships ever.

If you require further comment, please contact Erin Jackson, Director of Corporate Services at 250 803-4029 or by email at ejackson@salmonarm.ca.

Yours truly,

Alan Harrison
Mayor

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From: Al Harwood
Sent: March 12, 2019 10:17 AM
To: Alan Harrison
Subject: Kudos - Snow Clearing Crew

Dear Mayor Harrison,

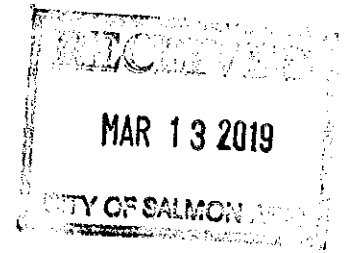
I wanted to express my thanks to the two City plow operators who cleared our sidewalks and street this morning on 14th Avenue SE. I have been in the highway maintenance business for well over 30 years and have logged many hours behind the controls of a snow plow. I understand what the crews are up against and also know what a challenging job it is to perform well. More often than not there is a tendency to complain about snow clearing activities when something goes wrong, but when things go well, it is less frequent that constituents are willing to share their compliments. That's why I felt it is important that I share my positive comments with you today.

This morning, the quality and speed of the plowing work that your public works crew performed on our street was top notch and I want to pass on my thanks and appreciation. It's a pleasure to watch operators at work who clearly know their way around their machines and who do their jobs with such obvious care and precision.

Sincerely,
Al Harwood
1051 14th Avenue SE

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#00-16 ST NE.
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City of Salmon Arm

Ms Sylvia Lindgren

Credentials.

I have been involved in theatrical productions for more than 40 years, all with community organisations. In 2006, the City Hall/Law Courts building was officially opened. The City used the borrowing referendum for a project which cost about \$12 million. The leasing of the building by the BC government for Court Services has provided a financial cushion. All long term major capital projects undertaken by a community the size of Salmon Arm have to be approached with caution and with the best possible advice from experts in the field.

The construction of the Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre should be an important local initiative to study. Also, Vernon Performing Arts Centre, while much larger than anything I can conceive for Salmon Arm is available for study.

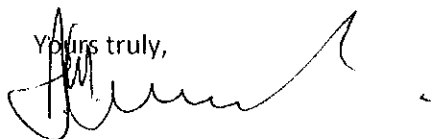
A review of the planning and design and overall construction costs will prove illuminating, although I presume you are doing this. A modern black box theatre used for teaching and performance at the University of Calgary is also near enough for study.

But the most important aspect of a community cultural centre/ performance centre is, I believe, the ongoing operating budget which in my view includes debt retirement. These types of facilities are not like swimming pools, exercise centres, fieldhouses, or hockey arenas. This is where I part company with Mr Jacobsen and his group. I have known Mr Jacobsen since I was a director of Shuswap Theatre from about 2006-2009. His wishes are well known and he has continuously championed with others from that era the creation of a large scale facility something like the Vernon Performing Arts centre.

Road houses as the term is commonly used (South Okanagan Events Centre, North and South Alberta Jubilee auditoria) require much more than nominal annual funding by governments. The new YMCA building Calgary Crowfoot is another example of a modern multi purpose athletic complex.

The purpose of this letter is to ask Council to ensure it receives the best possible professionally qualified advice for any kind of performance/cultural/sports space. I believe that the Revelstoke space is the maximum size that should be considered for performance. Anything larger will be a long term financial burden.

If you want proof of pudding, look at the construction of a state of the art theatre facility for A.L. Fortune High School which is barely utilised by the school and not offered much to the community. The cost there about \$5million.

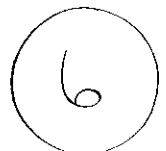
Yours truly,

A.H. CHANOVER

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From: Corrine Kelsey
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:03 AM
To: Caylee Simmons
Subject: Ebus application

Please adopt the application for the Ebus to stop in Salmon Arm. We desperately need public transportation for people (especially our seniors) to attend medical appointments in other communities. It also provides safe travel in the winter for everyone. My husband and I would definitely be using it. I know of many others that feel isolated without public transportation because they do not drive.

Sent from Windows Mail



Thank YOU, from the Salmon Arm Junior Bonspiel It really was . . . “The Greatest Show on Earth”!

Junior curlers and their families from Salmon Arm, Armstrong, Vernon, Kelowna, Kamloops and Penticton would like to thank you for your generous donation to our Junior Bonspiel held February 16 & 17, 2019.

Our Circus theme saw appearances by mimes, ringmasters, lion tamers, tigers, lions, a cute elephant and even a bearded lady! The fortune teller’s job was an easy one . . . “fun for all”!



There was something for EVERYONE . . . 96 curlers received door prizes, yummy Domino’s pizza dinner, dessert . . . while parents enjoyed a chili feed and 29 happy parents received some amazing door prizes. 30 costume prizes were inadequate! THAT is how we spell success.

The performers signed 60 mini-posters – to thank YOU! A large version (24” x 36”) is already framed and displayed in the club as our sponsor recognition board. The older kids had energy left to attend and dance up a storm Saturday night then returned Sunday to finish play to win the Dave Belway Sr Memorial Cup and medallions for Intermediate & Advanced Finalists. And of course, left-over pizza is a kids’ staple!

YOUR help continues to be instrumental in continuing to make this **THE best junior FUNspiel in the Thompson Okanagan** (we are told it’s the best in BC!).

Dick Mann, Karen Garrett, Darryl and Kate Horne
Junior Instructors / Bonspiel Organizers



March 2019

Salmon Arm Slo-pitch League
RE: Outfield Fence Advertising Signs

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Salmon Arm Slo-Pitch League to inquire about the league potentially adding some advertising signs along the chain-link outfield fences.

Several years ago, the league did have signs – albeit only a few – along the fence and at the time there was a fee for doing so. The current league executive cannot recall what the fee was per sign, how the fee was divided between the league and city, and what the slo-pitch league put the advertising funds raised towards. At our Annual General Meeting on March 5, 2019, the Executive agreed to start the process to try and start this initiative again.

To start, any potential client wishing to have a sign must contact the league executive for approval. This would ensure the signs are the correct size and quality and of course are appropriate for the ball fields. Any funds raised would be re-invested back into the league. Initiatives include, but are not limited to, ballpark upgrades, donations to the Al Boucher Memorial Fund, contributions to Salmon Arm Minor Baseball, etc.

The executive has not yet decided on what the cost would be or what the revenue percentage split would be (if any) between the league and the city. We are looking to implement an annual fee that would be payable at the beginning of each ball season. Perhaps \$100? We are open to recommendations in this regard. Please reach out to me should anyone have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

Chris Bartsch
President / Commissioner (250-804-8737)

SPRING 2019 ISSUE

DOWNTOWN UPDATE

Seasonal Publication Of Downtown Salmon Arm

Our vision is to have a compelling downtown experience. Our mission is to build a unique 'vibe' to attract and retain community residents, downtown employees as well as visitors through beautification, cultural projects, events, promotions, restaurants, retail and destination entertainment activities.



A TIME OF RENEWAL

Spring is coming; renewal is upon us. Along with the warming temperatures and additional sun-lit hours each day, DSA is on the edge of change. Not only have we taken on a new look, but on December 31 this year, we draw a close to the City of Salmon Arm Bylaw 3787, our contractual agreement for operational budgets and responsibilities.

In the new bylaw, DSA is proposing a seven year term, from 2020-2027. The new mandate is based on a business plan and budget that promotes growth of new and existing programs that foster economic prosperity of our downtown.

DSA will work hard on your behalf to have a downtown that is a draw to small businesses, residents and tourists seven days a week. We are leading the charge to shift from creating a downtown for cars and traffic to one that is designed for pedestrians, bicyclists, as well as drivers. We want to see people out of their cars and enjoying what downtown Salmon Arm has to offer.

For more specific information, please join us at our AGM/Open House, see page 2.

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- 2020-2027 Bylaw
- 2019 Annual General Meeting
- City Proposed Plastic Bag Ban
- Askew's Community Clean-up Day
- Best Dressed Window Display



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ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019
5PM-8PM
PRESTIGE HARBOURFRONT HOTEL

(A)NNUAL (G)ENERAL (M)EETING

You're invited to join us
Wednesday, April 17, 5-8pm for
our AGM and DSA Bylaw Open
House at the Prestige
Harbourfront Hotel.

Along with the great company of
downtown neighbours, this year
we welcome guest speaker, Lynn
Allin, Executive Director,
Downtown Penticton.

This evening will be a great
opportunity to find out specific
information regarding the seven
year plan for the new bylaw term.
Meet the current Board of
Directors and get details of what
the next seven years will entail
for Downtown Salmon Arm and
it's membership. While you're
there, enjoy great eats and
drinks.

There are many reasons to make
this your mid-week event.



SCHEDULE:

5:00-5:30

MIX and MINGLE

5:30-6:00

LYNN ALLIN, Downtown
Penticton

6:15-7:00

AGM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Individuals interested in
becoming actively involved as a
Board Member must meet the
following criteria:

- *Be a business leader or property
owner within the geographical
area described as
Salmon Arm Downtown Business
Improvement Area.*

- *Be 19 years of age or older.*

- *Have an interest in working for
the betterment of the entire
Business Improvement Area.*

Nomination applications are
available by contacting the
Downtown Salmon Arm office at
250.832.5440 or by emailing
info@salmonarmdowntown.com

If you are interested in being
nominated for a Board position
you must complete and return a
Board Member Application by no
later than Wednesday, April 3,
2019. The Nomination
Committee will communicate
directly with interested
individuals following receipt of
application.

Nominations for Board positions
will not be accepted from the
floor of the AGM.

Contact Us:

Downtown Salmon Arm

250 Shuswap Street

PO Box 1928

Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4P9

250-832-5440

info@salmonarmdowntown.com

events@salmonarmdowntown.com



Reducing Single Use Plastic Bags

At the February 25, 2019, Regular Meeting, City Council agreed to move forward with the engagement process for regulating checkout shopping bags in the City of Salmon Arm. Council would like input from the community on the proposed regulation prior to moving forward and considering readings of the bylaw. They are hoping downtown business and organizations that will be impacted by this change take the opportunity to provide feedback. Please visit <http://www.salmonarm.ca/index.aspx?nid=384> to read more about the proposed ban and FAQ's for residents and businesses.

Input may be submitted to:
reusablebags@salmonarm.ca

THE LIFE CYCLE OF A PLASTIC BAG

5 TRILLION BAGS ARE PRODUCED EACH YEAR.
HERE'S A QUICK LOOK AT THE LIFE OF ONE OF THOSE BAGS.

1 BIRTH

Plastic bags begin their lives as crude oil. The crude oil is heated until it produces ethylene gas, and then converted to polyethylene that is forced through holes to make string. The string is cut, stretched and dyed, becoming a plastic bag. The bag is then imprinted with a company's logo and off it goes to your favorite store!



2 LIFE SPAN

Whether used to carry groceries or office supplies, most plastic bags are used only one time for an average of 20 minutes before being recycled or thrown away.



4 THE NEXT 1,000 YEARS

Plastic bags that aren't recycled end up in landfills or the ocean. Scientists estimate it can take up to 1,000 years for a plastic bag to degrade completely, releasing toxins and damaging the environment as they decay. In addition, each year more than a million sea birds and 100,000 animals including whales, dolphins and seals are killed because of plastic bags.



3 INTERMISSION

Because consumers receive so many plastic bags and recycling it takes 85 times more energy than creating it, more than 98% of plastic bags are discarded instead of recycled.



<https://greenerideal.com/infographics/life-cycle-of-a-plastic-bag/>



ASKEW'S DOWNTOWN

CLEAN UP DAY!

SATURDAY APRIL 13TH



9:00-11:30 AM

9 AM ORIENTATION AT
ASKEW'S DOWNTOWN
EAST ENTRANCE



VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE LUNCH
COURTESY OF ASKEW'S DOWNTOWN
& A \$5 ASKEW'S GIFT CARD

Sign up at: salmonarmdowntown.com



DOWNTOWN
SALMONARM

This community pride event is open to the public; businesses and organizations are encouraged to participate as groups. Please see our website or Facebook event - signing up is appreciated but not required.



2018 judges: Kailee Ramsell, Ellen Gonella and
Tovah Shantz.

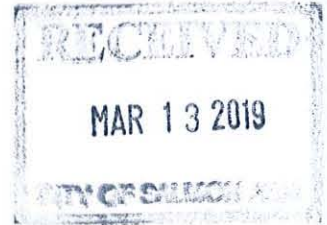
Dress To Impress

As Spring fights its way back into the Shuswap, we are pleased to announce the return of the **Best Dressed Window Display** contest. To enter, email events@salmonarmdowntown.com to confirm your participation and ensure that your shop or business window is all dressed up by May 2019 in time for the Salty Street Fest event. Judges will be out the week of May 6. Entries will be judged on the following criteria: Creativity, Use of Window Space, Theme, Lighting, Use of Recycled Material and Overall Impact of the display.



Columbia Shuswap Selkirks Swim Club
selkirks.swim@gmail.com

March 13, 2019



To: **His Worship Mayor Alan Harrison**
City of Salmon Arm
500 2 Ave NE
Salmon Arm BC V1E 4N2

Dear Mr. Mayor Harrison,

After months of participating in consultations, meeting and feedback sessions regarding the future recreation needs of the region and competitive swimming in particular, the Columbia Shuswap Selkirks Swim Club membership was excited to see the results of this process and to examine the recommendations presented by the City of Salmon Arm. We anticipated our feedback would have been heard and our needs would have been taken into consideration, along with the multiple other user groups involved in the process.

Our board and membership were severely disappointed to see the two options presented, neither option which serves the needs of our club, nor the other two swim clubs in the area: the Salmon Arm Sockeyes and the Salmon Arm Masters Waves. All three of our clubs are seeing a positive and increasing interest in swimming and are eager to serve our communities, enabling participation in this healthy, lifelong sport. However, examining the two proposed facility configuration options presented, the Columbia Shuswap Selkirks Swim Club is not able to endorse either recommendation as a viable way to support swimming in the region, now or for the next 30-60 years.

Swim programs require booking both time and space that works for the age and stage of various swimming populations. Currently, our three community clubs struggle to find time allotments that work to support our athletes' needs, within the limited space and time available. Our clubs work closely with one another and with Salmon Arm Recreation to figure out compromises and find time for athletes to train, but we currently do not have available time allotment or time slots to develop our athletes at the Provincial or National level. Regional, Provincial, National or International level swimmers in all three clubs need to swim significant number of hours per week, year round. Currently they find themselves competing with each other for scarce pool time, which is not creating an atmosphere of success for our

swimmers, in all stages and in all programs. Access to pool time and space is a key concern of all three clubs and causing stress in our community. The two proposals presented do not alleviate this crucial issue within and between our clubs, and do not create the conditions for optimal athlete development.

A 6-lane pool, as proposed in both options, is not a solution for the future of competitive swimming. However, an 8-lane pool would alleviate pressure on scheduling and create flexibility for concurrent programming to continue while athletes train. Additionally, an 8-lane pool is the minimal requirement to host sanctioned meets, which is a very real possibility for all three clubs. Currently the Selkirks can only host Jamboree or occasional Regional level meets, missing out on Provincial and National opportunities that bring significant revenue to communities which have the facilities to host such events. Ideally, as expressed in previous feedback sessions, building an 8-lane, 50 meter pool would be the outcome of this new 30-year regional facility development plan, but minimally, the community requires an 8-lane x 25 meter pool to host sanctioned events and for athletes to properly train. The proposed two lanes in the smaller pool for warm-up and cool-down are excellent, and we fully support that recommendation.

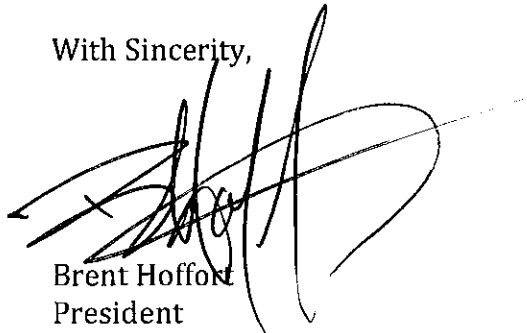
An 8 lane x 25 m pool facility with two cool down lanes would allow the Columbia Shuswap Selkirks Swim Club to host at least three, or possible five, sanctioned meets per year. Each meet brings 200-300 athletes and their families to the community to stay, eat and recreate for at least three days. The main swim season for our club is from October to June, and any events hosted in this time period brings the added benefit of increased tourism revenue during the low season.

We urge you to reconsider the recommended options you have put forward for the future of a regional recreational facility for Salmon Arm. Neither option presented creates added benefit for our club beyond the current configuration. Additionally, the Columbia Shuswap Selkirks Swim Club, and all the athletes involved, do not support shutting the pool down for one year to build a new facility. A one-year shutdown would mean our swim program and athletes would be set back significantly and possibly irreparably.

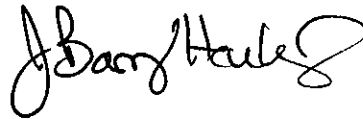
Beyond the Selkirks Swim Club's need for an appropriate swimming facility to support our athletes, we know that in order to be viable this plan needs to take into consideration the needs of multiple other user groups. This proposal needs to support the arts community, education and training providers, health care and other athletic groups. Additionally, any new regional centre needs to accommodate the projected population growth in the wider community for decades to come.

A successfully implemented regional recreation facility plan will build the local economy, drive job creation, provide recreation opportunities for all ages and types of people, support athlete development, enhance arts programming, and create opportunities for training and development. This must be a collaborative plan and an investment in a better future for the entire region. We have a rare and wonderful opportunity to get this right for the next 30-60 years, and we implore you to reconsider the options you have presented to the community, and seriously consider the needs for future generations of citizens as you ponder this important decision.

With Sincerity,



Brent Hoffort
President
The Columbia Shuswap Selkirks Swim Club



J. Barry Healy
Head Coach



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PO Box 304
Salmon Arm BC V1E 4N3
Phone: 250-804-2726
Email: immigrantservices@shaw.ca

March 15, 2019

Mayor and Council
City of Salmon Arm
Box 40, 500 2 Avenue NE
Salmon Arm BC V1E 4N2

RE: Request for Letter of Support for Shuswap Immigrant Services Society

Dear Mayor and Council:

The mission of the Shuswap Immigrant Services Society (SISS) is to foster a culture of education, tolerance, and community that assists and empowers immigrants to the Shuswap Region of British Columbia in their integration and settlement into life in Canada. We strive to provide programs and activities that assist in the settlement and adaptation of New Canadians to Canadian life and social culture; to promote and encourage New Canadians to participate in and contribute to their communities and to Canadian society at large; to assist New Canadians in adapting to Canadian workplaces and pursuing their educational goals; and to work in cooperation with other agencies to support the successful settlement and adaptation of new immigrants and refugees in British Columbia.

SISS services extend beyond the direct benefits they provide to newcomers. Serving our clients effectively helps build individual as well as community capacity, and so contributes to the well-being of Salmon Arm and the Shuswap as a whole. In addition to its core settlement work, SISS is active in a number of local and regional networks, including the City of Salmon Arm Social Impact Advisory Committee chaired by Councillor Louise Wallace-Richmond. And, for the second year in a row, SISS is working with local partners to celebrate cultural diversity in our community by hosting the Salmon Arm Multi-Cultural Festival.

SISS funding is currently secured until March 31, 2020. Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), who funds the bulk of SISS's operational and service delivery requirements, recently called for proposals for settlement service funding for the subsequent five-year period (2020-2025). In support of our efforts to secure this funding, which is critical to our organization's ongoing existence, I respectfully request a letter of support from the City of Salmon Arm's Social Impact Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Munro

Adrienne Munro
Executive Director

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Healthy Communities

Monthly Newsletter



March 2019

Community Recognition

City of Kamloops and Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Sign Cultural Heritage Letter of Understanding

The City of Kamloops and Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (TteS) signed an important document solidifying both of their commitments to preserving and promoting Secwépemc values, including the protection of TteS's cultural heritage resources. The Letter of Understanding (LOU) serves as a building block for a future engagement plan and cultural heritage protocol agreement. Read more about this important signing [here](#).

District of Coldstream and Village of Canal Flats Now Smoke Free

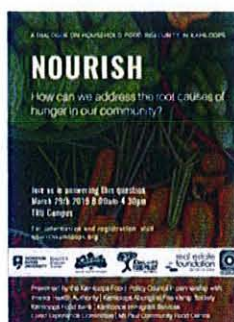
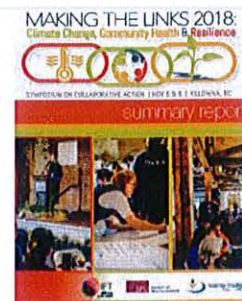
The new [Clean Air Bylaw in Canal Flats](#) and the updated [Parks & Public Spaces bylaw in Coldstream](#) to regulate smoking, vaping, and cannabis use will protect citizens and keep outdoor public spaces safe for all.

Events & Learning Opportunities

Making the Links Summary Report and Weblogue

In November 2018, Interior Health, Simon Fraser University and Shift Collaborative co-hosted the *Making the Links: Climate Change and Health Symposium* in Kelowna. The Symposium explored how to better understand, prepare for, and respond to the impacts of climate change on health and well-being and build capacity for collaborative action. To learn more, you can check out the [summary report available here](#).

Additionally, an upcoming weblogue on **March 20th from 12:30 – 2pm PDT** will share highlights from this event, including a "Collaborative Framework for Action on Climate Change and Health". [To register for the weblogue visit this link](#).



Nourish: A Dialogue on Household Food Insecurity

This dialogue aims to bring the community together to ask the question, "How can we address the root causes of household food insecurity in our community?" Nourish provides an opportunity for participants to SHIFT the dialog and debate on the problem of household food insecurity, ALIGN local and regional actors in food security around what works and INSPIRE local and regional actors to engage in poverty reduction and advocacy. The event will highlight two main topic areas: 1) Understanding the links between decolonization and food security and 2) Poverty as one of the root causes of food insecurity. Join the dialogue **March 29th at the Thompson Rivers University Campus in Kamloops from 8:00am – 4:30pm PST**. For details and registration, please visit www.nourishkamloops.org

Healthy Public Policy Resources

Floods: Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery

There has been an increased frequency of extreme flooding events in the last few decades. Flooding can have devastating impacts to communities and individuals affected. This [web page](#) provides various resources for prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery to help build resilience in communities.



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Canada Income Summary

The results of the 2017 Canadian Income Survey were released in February. This follows the release of *Opportunity for All: Canada's First Poverty Reduction Strategy* and the tabling of new legislation (Bill C-87) in Parliament that would, if passed, set the "Market Basket Measure" (MBM) as Canada's first Official Poverty Line. For more information regarding Canada's Official Poverty Line, refer to [Opportunity for All: Canada's First Poverty Reduction Strategy](#). Click [here](#) to read the full Canadian Income Survey brief.

Policy on Planning Practice and Reconciliation

The Canadian Institute of Planner's newly launched policy on Planning Practice and Reconciliation defines the role that planning and planners play in reconciliation. This is an important document because many goals of Canada's Indigenous communities (First Nation, Inuit, Métis, and Urban Aboriginal) intersect with planning concerns. These goals include preserving language and culture, building governance and planning systems, investing in community health and wellness, practicing sustainable resource management, establishing self-reliant economies, developing sustainable food and energy systems and improving community housing and infrastructure. Check out this [page](#) for more information.



Provide feedback to the Provincial Active Transportation Strategy



The Province is looking for feedback for the Provincial Active Transportation Strategy and ideas for how to make active transportation more convenient and affordable. This strategy will be part of the CleanBC plan. Feedback is being requested now **until April 15** and will feature a new discussion question every two weeks. Click [here](#) to provide input into this strategy.

Re-launching of the Complete Streets for Canada Website

This [online hub](#) tracks the adoption of Complete Streets policies across the country and is an invaluable tool for policy-makers, transportation professionals and advocates looking to learn how Complete Streets have been implemented elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Your Healthy Communities Team

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RCMP APPRECIATION DAY in BC - FEBRUARY 1

February 28, 2019

On February 1st, 1920, the Parliament of Canada created the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, combining the Northwest Mounted Police (1873) and the Dominion Police (1868).

At this time, Manitoba is the only Province in Canada to have February 1st designated RCMP Appreciation Day.

February 1st, 2020 is their 100th Anniversary

We are a group of Canadian citizens residing in Vernon, BC, who formed a committee to acknowledge February 1st each year as a day to honor and recognize the men and women of the RCMP for their dedication and service.

We are asking for a letter of support from the Mayor and Council of your city or town. We will compile this support with other cities, municipalities, BC MLA's and BC Members of Parliament and present it to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia to ultimately acknowledge February 1st as Royal Canadian Mounted Police Appreciation Day.

The Vernon City Council voted unanimously to endorse our motion and their letter is attached.

The Maple Leaf Forever.

Thank you for your earliest reply and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Martin von Holst RCMP Day - Vernon Committee Chair
RCMPAppreciationday@gmail.com
Contact # - 250-241-5000

Guy Bailey RCMP Day - Vernon Committee Secretary



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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

3400 - 30TH STREET VERNON, BRITISH COLUMBIA V1T 5E6
TELEPHONE (250) 545-1361 FAX (250) 545-4048

August 16, 2018

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Email: martin@3pr.ca

RE: RCMP Appreciation Day

Dear Mr. Von Holst:

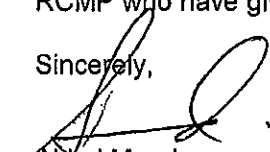
Council, at their Regular meeting of August 13, 2018 passed the following motion:

"THAT Council authorize the Mayor, on behalf of Council to provide a letter of support to the RCMP Day Committee for their efforts to move forward with a petition signed by Canadian citizens that will be directed to the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada to ultimately acknowledge February 1st as 'Royal Canadian Mounted Police Day'

CARRIED"

On behalf of Council, we support the initiative that February 1st be recognized as Royal Canadian Mounted Police Day to acknowledge and recognize the men and women of the RCMP who have given much to our communities in terms of service and sacrifice.

Sincerely,



Akbal Mund
Mayor

copy: Council
Eric Foster, MLA
Mel Arnold, MP
Supt. S Baher, RCMP Vernon

From: RCMP APPRECIATION DAY
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 1:23 PM
Subject: Fwd: RCMP Appreciation Day Sense of Urgency

RCMP Appreciation Day Sense of Urgency

RCMP APPRECIATION DAY in BC - FEBRUARY 1

March 17 , 2019

There is a sense of urgency to receive your letter of support as quickly as possible.

The RCMP Day committee will send along with your letters, and over 1,000 signatures from the citizens of Vernon via MLA Eric Foster to the legislative assembly. He will be presenting this package March 25, 2019 for his RCMP Appreciation Day proclamation.

We had a Press Conference at Vernon City Hall last week Thursday March 14 .
A news link is below.

<https://www.vernonmorningstar.com/community/rcmp-appreciation-day-campaign-continues-in-vernon/>

We apologize for the short notice.

The Maple Leaf Forever

We look forward to your very earliest reply.

Thank you
Sincerely,

Martin von Holst RCMP Day Vernon Committee Chair
Contact # - 250-241-5000

Guy Bailey Vernon Committee Secretary

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

of BRITISH COLUMBIA

Alan Harrison
500-2 Avenue NE, PO Box 40
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2
Via Email: aharrison@salmonarm.ca

February 26, 2019

Your Worship, Mayor Harrison,

As many as 55,000 British Columbians use a form of wheeled mobility, whether powered wheelchairs, scooters or manual wheelchairs. This number appears to have increased by 25% in a decade, and expected to increase as our population continues to age, technology continue to increase and facilitate individuals with disabilities to be mobile in their communities. BC is third among Canadian provinces in our population of users of wheelchairs and scooters, and higher than those populations in larger provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Wheelchair accessible parking is an essential piece of community infrastructure that enables people with disabilities to be included and mobile in their communities. With changes made to the BC Building Code last fall, specifically the removal of accessible parking requirements, on December 10th, municipalities became responsible for the regulation of accessible parking. This means of course that municipalities will now need to adopt bylaws that address this for their communities.

Therefore, we are writing to you today to inquire as to whether or not your municipality has a bylaw in place and if so, to please provide us a copy of said bylaw, and if not, to strongly recommend the adoption of a bylaw that references the CSA standard.

The Canadian Standards Association CAN/CSA Technical Standard B651 Accessibility in the Built Environment (CAN/CSA B651) uses a robust omnibus built-environment accessibility guideline that is recognized nationally. The Federal Treasury Board's Accessibility Standard for Real Property policy has required this technical standard for all new and renovated federal government real property, including leased property, since October 1, 2014. This is also the standard used by the Rick Hansen Foundation (www.rickhansen.com/become-accessible) as the benchmark to audit existing facilities and provide guidance in the design phase of new buildings.

It is imperative that accessible parking be built to these standards so that adapted vehicles with ramp access, such as those used by individuals with powered mobility devices such as power wheelchairs and scooters can be accommodated. As individuals with disabilities and as legislators, we are especially interested in this issue and as such also offer any assistance we can to you should you need it. In addition, SPARC BC (www.sparc.bc.ca), has offered to provide assistance to any municipality interested in having more information about the specific types of disabilities and accessibility needs in your community to help support their local planning and decision-making including specific needs around accessible parking. If you are interested in availing yourself of this service, please contact Alfiya Battalova, Manager, Accessibility Initiatives at 604-718-8509.

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We are confident that you and your municipality understand the business case for accessibility. The Conference Board of Canada's *The Business Case to Build Physically Accessible Environments*, February 2018 suggests that:

- There are 2.9 million Canadians living with a physical disability that impairs their mobility, vision, or hearing, representing 10 percent of the country's population.
- That this number will rise by 1.8 per cent annually over the next 13 years, nearly double the pace of the population as a whole.
- That real spending by this group is set to rise from \$165 billion in 2017 to \$316 billion in 2030, increasing from 14 to 21 per cent of the total consumer market.

So, we are very anxious to receive your response to our inquiry about your bylaws. We believe it is imperative that all municipalities large and small adopt a best-practice standard and work towards ensuring that it is adopted and enforced widely across both new and existing (as possible) infrastructure. Again we offer any assistance we can provide in developing or enhancing your new or existing bylaws in this regard.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Cadieux MLA

Surrey South

Michelle Stilwell MLA

Parksville-Qualicum

CC: Greg Kylo, MLA for Shuswap

THE CITY OF VICTORIA



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

March 6, 2019,

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am writing on behalf of Victoria City Council, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support for the extension of vacancy taxation authority to local governments.

At the January 17, 2019 Council Meeting, Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia responded to a housing affordability crisis in 2016 with legislation empowering the City of Vancouver to introduce a surtax on vacant residential properties, resulting in \$38-million in revenues for that community in 2018 and creating a strong disincentive to leaving properties vacant;

AND WHEREAS communities across British Columbia face housing affordability pressures, while a portion of the housing supply in all communities remains vacant, including properties that have remained derelict for years or decades;

AND WHEREAS vacant and derelict buildings pose substantial risks in terms of public safety in communities, as well as liveability and desirability for nearby and adjoining neighbourhoods and properties;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia extend the authority to introduce a surtax on vacant residential properties to local governments across British Columbia, providing communities with the discretion to decide whether to introduce an additional tax to discourage vacant and derelict buildings, and encourage the occupancy, maintenance, and improvement of buildings to address housing affordability and public safety.

We eagerly look forward to your support on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Helps".

Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor

THE CITY OF VICTORIA



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

- cc. Honourable Carole James, Minister of Finance
Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual Convention
The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention
British Columbia Municipalities and Regional Districts

THE CITY OF VICTORIA



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

March 7, 2019,

To All British Columbia Municipalities and Regional Districts;

I am writing on behalf of Victoria City Council, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support for recovering municipal costs arising from climate change.

At the January 17, 2019 Council Meeting, Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS local governments are incurring substantial costs in relation to the impacts of climate change, including volatile weather patterns, drought, wildfires, erosion and other impacts;

AND WHEREAS it is fiscally prudent to recover these costs from corporations that have profited from the burning of fossil fuels, with knowledge that these economic activities contribute to climate change;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM explore the initiation of a class action lawsuit on behalf of member local governments to recover costs arising from climate change from major fossil fuels corporations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia consider legislation to support local governments in recovering costs arising from climate change from major fossil fuel corporations.

We eagerly look forward to your support on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor

cc. The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual Convention
The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention



March 7, 2019,

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am writing on behalf of Victoria City Council, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support for the provincial universal school food program.

At the February 7, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS almost 500,000 individuals in BC experience food insecurity, and Canada remains one of the only Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) nations without a national school food program. And, Canada's current patchwork of school food programming reaches only a small percentage of students.

WHEREAS school food programs have been shown to increase children's consumption of vegetables, fruits and other healthy foods and decrease the consumption of unhealthy ones; improve students' mental health, including reductions in behavioural and emotional problems; improve cognitive skills and increase scholastic success.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM advocate to the provincial government for a Universal Healthy School Food Program that will enable all students in BC to have access to healthy meals at school, building on existing programs and including food education to serve culturally appropriate, local, sustainable food to the fullest extent possible.

We eagerly look forward to your support on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor

cc. Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Education
The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual Convention
The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention
British Columbia Municipalities and Regional Districts

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

March 7, 2019,

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am writing on behalf of Victoria City Council, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support for permanent residents to vote in BC municipal elections.

At the February 14, 2019 Council Meeting, Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has the governing authority to implement electoral legislative changes including allowing for Permanent Residents to vote in municipal elections;

AND WHEREAS more than 45 countries have granted Permanent Residents some form of voting rights — including seven jurisdictions in the U.S. and 25 European Union countries; and 11 municipalities in Canada are working toward extending local election voting rights to Permanent Residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia to make the necessary changes to allow Permanent Residents to vote in municipal elections in Victoria and other municipalities.

We eagerly look forward to your support on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor

cc. Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual Convention
The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention
British Columbia Municipalities and Regional Districts



March 13, 2019

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am writing on behalf of Victoria City Council to request favourable consideration and resolutions of support for observed inhalation sites for overdose prevention.

At the February 7, 2019 Council Meeting, Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution: Observed Inhalation Sites for Overdose Prevention

WHEREAS British Columbia is currently experiencing an unprecedented public health emergency due to an unpredictable and highly-toxic drug supply;

WHEREAS smoking or inhalation is the second most common mode of consumption among all people who have died from a suspected illicit drug overdose and the most common mode of consumption among men and those between the ages of 15 and 29;

WHEREAS observed consumption services (i.e. supervised consumption services and overdose prevention services) are evidence-based harm reduction approach shown to reduce overdose-related harm;

WHEREAS there is not adequate access to observed consumption services that provide space for inhalation where communities are facing crisis;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT to ensure that people at risk of overdose across B.C. have access to observed consumption services that provide space for inhalation, that the Province of British Columbia work through local communities, Health Authorities across the Province, the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions and the Ministry of Health to fund and provide these services as part of a holistic response to the public-health emergency, including prevention, treatment, and recovery.

We look forward to your support on this matter.

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Sincerely,

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Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor

- cc. Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health
Honourable Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual Convention
The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention
British Columbia Municipalities and Regional Districts



March 13, 2019

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am writing on behalf of Victoria City Council to request favourable consideration and resolutions of support for a safer drug supply to save lives in British Columbia.

At the February 7, 2019 Council Meeting, Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution: Safer Drug Supply to Save Lives British Columbia

WHEREAS It has been two years since BC declared a public-health emergency due to increased overdoses, yet the death toll for those consuming substances continues to rise due to an unpredictable and highly-toxic drug supply;

WHEREAS people with opioid use disorder, a chronic relapsing medical condition, are at high risk of overdose-related harms including death;

WHEREAS an estimated 42,200 people inject toxic substances in British Columbia;

WHEREAS it is not possible for the treatment system to rapidly increase services fast enough to manage this number of people as "patients" within a medical treatment model given the many challenges in achieving and retaining the people on opioid use disorder treatment;

WHEREAS people at risk of overdose in British Columbia do not have access to a safer alternative to the unpredictable, highly-toxic drug supply;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in an effort to save lives and reduce harm due to an unpredictable and highly-toxic drug supply, and as part of a holistic response to the public-health emergency, including prevention, treatment, and recovery, that the Province of British Columbia work with local communities, Health Authorities across the Province, the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, and the Ministry of Health ensure that people at risk of overdose harm have access to safer alternatives.

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We look forward to your support on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor

- cc. Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health
Honourable Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
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The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual Convention
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British Columbia Municipalities and Regional Districts

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

March 13, 2019,

To Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Members,

I am writing on behalf of Victoria City Council, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support for the protection of old growth forests.

At the January 31, 2019 Council Meeting, Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS old-growth forest has significant economic, social and environmental value as wildlife habitat, tourism resource, carbon sink, drinking watersheds and much more;

AND WHEREAS old-growth forest is increasingly rare on Vancouver Island and current plans on provincial Crown land call for logging the last remaining old-growth forest, outside of protected areas, Old-Growth Management Areas, and similar reserves, over the next 10-20 years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the old-growth forest on provincial Crown Land on Vancouver Island be protected from logging, beginning with a moratorium and followed by amendments to the Vancouver Island Land Use Plan;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Provincial government work with First Nations, local communities, labour organizations and industry to pursue a just transition and expanded economic opportunities through sustainable management of second-growth forests and value-added production of forest products.

We eagerly look forward to your support on this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor

cc. The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual Convention



March 13, 2019

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am writing on behalf of Victoria City Council to request favourable consideration and resolutions of support to revitalize Island rail.

At the February 7, 2019 Council Meeting, Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution: Revitalizing Island Rail

WHEREAS one of the conditions of the original Order-in-Council establishing the Esquimalt and Nanaimo (E&N) now Island Corridor Foundation (ICF) railway corridor is that if the corridor is no longer needed or used for railway purposes, it goes back to the original owner;

AND WHEREAS assembling a similar multi-modal corridor connecting the Alberni Inlet to the Comox Valley to Greater Victoria in the context of current land values and land uses would be impossible to replicate;

AND WHEREAS repair of the railway infrastructure can only reasonably be accomplished by way of capital investment from senior levels of government, in co-operation with First Nations and local governments and respecting first nations interests

AND WHEREAS rail transport and a parallel trail system are integral sustainable transportation options for Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples in the context of climate change, including the option of electrified rail for the sustainable movement of people and goods on the island;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia take immediate actions to provide sufficient funding in a timely manner to restore the railway infrastructure of Vancouver Island and ensure that the corridor remains intact and available to future generations of Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples.

We look forward to your support on this matter.

THE CITY OF VICTORIA



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Sincerely,

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Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor

cc. Honourable Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Vancouver Island MLA's
The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual Convention
AVICC Member Local Governments



March 13, 2019

Dear Member Local Government,

On behalf of Victoria City Council, I am requesting your favourable consideration and resolutions of support for shifting investment to low-emission transportation.

At the January 31, 2019 Council Meeting, Council approved the following:

Resolution: Shifting Investment to Low-Emission Transportation

WHEREAS the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premiers of BC and most provinces signed the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change in 2016, endorsing a policy shift that could substantially reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) pollution from transportation while funding public transit improvements, including inter-city and commuter bus and rail service;

AND WHEREAS the transportation sector is the second-largest contributor of GHG pollution in Canada, representing 23% of total emissions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that local governments call on the Governments of Canada and British Columbia to fully implement their commitment in the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change, to shift investments “from higher to lower-emitting types of transportation”.

We look forward to your support on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor

cc. The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual Convention
The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention
AVICC and UBCM Member Local Governments



March 13, 2019

Dear AVICC Member Government,

On behalf of Victoria City Council, I am requesting your favourable consideration and resolutions of support for promoting and enabling GHG reductions.

At the January 31, 2019 Council Meeting, Council approved the following:

Resolution: Promoting and Enabling GHG Reductions

WHEREAS the world's leading climate scientists have warned that we have less than 12 years to meet our climate targets, and early action is required to avoid significant costs and impacts to social and environmental well-being in our communities, and worldwide.

AND WHEREAS local governments are uniquely positioned to enable this mobilisation effort, in a coordinated and integrated fashion across sectors, enabling individual action with timely and accurate information, incentives, directions, coordination, tools, targets and scalable, impactful programs.

AND WHEREAS local governments GHG reduction plans will be effectively and expeditiously realised through a dedicated focus on cutting the most impactful GHG sources, including: retrofitting existing buildings to high-efficiency standards; renewable electricity; elimination of fossil fuel heating sources; shifting people to transit, active transportation, and renewably powered mobility options; and the electrification of commercial and passenger vehicle fleets.

AND WHEREAS the complexity and pace/progress of GHG reductions in both local governments and community require additional resources and planning to reduce risks of missing interim and longer GHG and renewable energy targets.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that local governments call on the Governments of Canada and British Columbia to pursue the following immediate sector actions to promote and enable GHG reductions and realize important social and economic co-benefits:

THE CITY OF VICTORIA



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

1. Make available all ICBC municipal vehicle km/make/model/fuel economy information.
2. Continue the development and implementation of world-class low carbon fuel standards.
3. Fully invest in delivery of the zero-emission vehicles sales targets as established in the CleanBC Plan.
4. Continue progressive and direct funding programs and partnerships for municipal low-carbon initiatives, including building retrofit, transportation, waste management and other priority and shared GHG reduction programs.

We look forward to your support on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor

cc. The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual Convention
AVICC Member Local Governments