

Item 11.1

**INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE – NOVEMBER 25, 2019**

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| 1.  | Letter and Petition – Intersection 2 Avenue NE/4 Street NE   | A |
| 2.  | J. Roy – email dated November 6, 2019 – Music Venue Idea   | A |
| 3.  | J. Marion – email dated November 13, 2019 – Speeding in school zone  | A |
| 4.  | J. Derpak – email dated November 18, 2019 – A suggestion and a concern, 5G Cell Towers   | A |
| 5.  | A. Slater, SILGA – email dated November 18, 2019 – Save the Date! Modernizing BC’s Emergency Management Legislation  | N |
| 6.  | S. Smandych-Dack, Dragon Boat Director, Shuswap Rowing & Paddling Club – letter dated October 22, 2019 – Request for reservation of Marine Park and Wharf for the 2020 Shuswap Dragon Boat Festival June 20 – 21, 2020 | R |
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N = No Action Required  
A = Action Requested

S = Staff has Responded  
R = Response Required

## INTERSECTION- 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE NE/ 4 STREET NE

We, the following residents of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE, and 8 Street NE request that the city **remove** the newly installed stop signs on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE for the following reasons:

1. It is extremely difficult and sometimes impossible to ascend the hill travelling East on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE in winter conditions *without* having to stop at this intersection. Not only will the stop sign create havoc on the hill, it will certainly be the unnecessary cause of many accidents in the intersection as well.
2. It will be extremely difficult and quite likely impossible to stop when descending the same hill during winter conditions and again, the stop sign will be the unnecessary cause of many accidents.
3. In snowy conditions, the only way to hopefully fully ascend the hill is by taking a 'run' at it by starting at the cenotaph. Even this is not always successful.
4. The only other access to our homes is via 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE off Okanagan which is also impossible to ascend in snowy conditions and extremely dangerous to descend without the likely possibility of sliding into oncoming traffic on Okanagan. For obvious reasons, this is not a viable alternative.
5. It is interesting and positive to note that since the stop signs have been erected on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE, the traffic travelling on 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE have become aware that they *must* stop at this intersection. Prior to this, vehicles *regularly* ignored the stop signs on 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE as most of us can attest to.

Thank you for reconsidering the stop signs on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE and we, as citizens and taxpayers of Salmon Arm, trust you will eliminate them for the above sensible reasons before winter is upon us.



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NAME

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COMMENTS

Jan Mitchell	970-2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave NE	
J. Ford	870-2 <sup>nd</sup> "	if light not going in change signs.

J. Ford	190 8 <sup>th</sup> St NE	
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J. Hays	350-8 <sup>th</sup> ST. NE	
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(Kelly Karczewski)	740 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave NE	
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O. Anderson	790 2 AVE. NE	
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Ann Y. Hanna	781 2 AVE NE	
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Janet Hanna	781-2 AVE NE	
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Ken Demmer	721 2 AVE NE	
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J. Clatten	720 2 <sup>nd</sup> AVE NE	
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W. Melendowski	680 2 AVE NE	
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J. Hays	667 2 AVE NE	
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Amanda Kitchin	<del>670</del> - <del>667</del> 671 2nd ave ne	
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Chris	680 2 AVE NE	
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Frank Ouy	761 2nd AVE NE	
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Michelle	851 3 <sup>rd</sup> AVE NE.	
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Bert Engelen	811 3rd. Ave NE.	
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Owen Bobokaiiff	1031 3 <sup>rd</sup> AVE N.E.	
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Mavis Craig	770 2 AVE NE	
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NAME	ADDRESS	COMMENTS
Heather Yip	991 3 AVE NE	Agree w/ comments
Tony Yip	991 3 AVE NE	Agree w/ comments
Samantha Mitchell	916 2ave NE	Agree w/ comments. att. suggestion - make drawings sanding a priority.
Erin Pelletier	871 3rd Ave. NE	
Ten Booth	280 8th St. NE	Agree
Ray Dahms	"	Agree

**From:** Joel Roy  
**Sent:** November 6, 2019 6:24 PM  
**To:** Alan Harrison  
**Subject:** Re: Idea

Hi mister mayor

My name is Joel I just wanted to reach out with an idea?

I have been living in salmon arm for almost 3 years now and love it here. In that time I've managed to start my own radio show on CKVS 93.7 FM and I've been trying to get involved with music in salmon arm. Recently the giant Treble clef went up downtown by the askews which I thought was awesome! But one thing it reminded me of is we have a lot of talented musicians here and bands of all genres but we have No music venues?? Kinda of?? Some times the pie shop with have an acoustic performance of some sort or on a super rare occasion a band might squeeze a show out of the old salmar movie theatre?? I feel it's important to have a live music venue for the people of salmon arm. It would generate buzz in the community, it would bring new people to salmon arm with touring musicians thus contributing to tourism here, it would also benefit things like the salmon arm roots and blues festival, when they want to through a pre festival shine dig. Or if they want to generate buzz through the year they have a venue to come too. I've found walking down town there are some vacant spaces where local businesses use to be which are all excellent spots. I have experience booking artists of all genres and have even put together a small festival once before so I would love to take on a project like this. Would the city be interested in opening such a venue the treble clef would suggest yes!

**From:** [noreply@civicplus.com](mailto:noreply@civicplus.com) <[noreply@civicplus.com](mailto:noreply@civicplus.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 3:09 PM

**To:** Alan Harrison <[aharrison@salmonarm.ca](mailto:aharrison@salmonarm.ca)>; Chad Eliason <[celiason@salmonarm.ca](mailto:celiason@salmonarm.ca)>; Debbie Cannon <[dcannon@salmonarm.ca](mailto:dcannon@salmonarm.ca)>; Kevin Flynn <[kflynn@salmonarm.ca](mailto:kflynn@salmonarm.ca)>; Louise Wallace-Richmond <[lwallacerichmond@salmonarm.ca](mailto:lwallacerichmond@salmonarm.ca)>; Sylvia Lindgren <[slindgren@salmonarm.ca](mailto:slindgren@salmonarm.ca)>; Tim Lavery <[tlavery@salmonarm.ca](mailto:tlavery@salmonarm.ca)>; Carl Bannister <[cbannister@salmonarm.ca](mailto:cbannister@salmonarm.ca)>; Erin Jackson <[ejackson@salmonarm.ca](mailto:ejackson@salmonarm.ca)>

**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

## Mayor and Council

First Name	Jenna
Last Name	Marion
Address:	571 30th street NE
Return email address:	
Subject:	Speeding in school zone
Body	Hello,

My name is Jenna Marion and i would like to bring up a very serious concern with the mayor and council of Salmon Arm.

I live on 30th street NE, directly in the school zone and the amount of speeding i see during the day is absolutely shocking. I see the police speed through (not during an emergency), i see school buses, city work trucks, garbage/recycling trucks, and double flat deck semis (hauling heavy equipment no less), even parents from our school and other schools ripping through the school zone every hour of every day. Especially during school hours when kids are walking to school, including mine. Today i saw an SUV with small trailer not stop for the crossing guard and almost take out an entire class of students returning from a walking field trip. This is ridiculous and something needs to be done about this issue. I have called the police many times, i have emailed the busing company about their drivers speeding and i have also yelled at vehicles to slow down, and yet nobody seems to care. Please help!!

I propose that the lights on the crosswalk need to be brighter in order to see them better (they are very dim and hard to see) and that a speed display sign needs to be put up to show

people how fast they are going. Please, i implore that the city and council address this issue immediately, i do not want to see anyone hurt on this road again. Lets make people pay attention!

Thank you for your time. Sincerely,

Jenna Marion

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Would you like a response:	Yes
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**From:** Jan Derpak  
**Sent:** November 18, 2019 10:39 AM  
**To:** Louise Wallace-Richmond; Sylvia Lindgren; Tim Lavery; Kevin Flynn  
**Cc:** Chad Eliason; Debbie Cannon; Alan Harrison  
**Subject:** A Suggestion & a Concern

Dear Salmon Arm Council Members,

Greetings! My name is Jan Derpak. I am a retired international educator, I have made my home in beautiful Salmon Arm/Canoe for over 40 years, and I'm writing to you for two reasons that I hope you will find worthy of your consideration:

1. I suggest that you please consider agreeing to having Salmon Arm become an official "Blue Community". This means making a commitment, with The Council of Canadians' Blue Communities initiative, to honour the rights of our people to clean water, among other sensible things related to water, as quoted:

"Now more than ever we need to urge our communities to commit to clean drinking water, to keep control in public hands, to reject single-use plastic bottled water, to protect local water sources and to promote the right to water. The Blue Communities Project is proving to be a people-powered solution to drive that transformative change."

The link to the website related to the "Blue Communities" initiative is: <https://canadians.org/bluecommunities>

2. I am quite concerned about the apparently imminent installation of a 5G tower very close to where I live now in Canoe. Is this a definite thing that will happen, or is there room for discussion — and has there been any that invited our community's concerns? The citizens of Canoe have not been made aware of the technical science and knowledge of potential dangers and harm that such a tower can bring with it. I have done some research that resulted in my concern. Has any serious investigation been undertaken by the City Council regarding potential dangers?

I would greatly appreciate knowing whether there is any possibility of changing the location of the imminent installation of the 5G tower at the mill in Canoe. I live quite close to the mill, as do many others in Canoe. It should not be put in a community location where it will have the potential to endanger human health.

Below is a relevant quote from the website <https://www.radiationhealthrisks.com/5g-cell-towers-dangerous/>:

## **"5G Cell Towers are More Dangerous for Two Main Reasons:**

- First, 5G emits "ultra high frequencies". The higher the frequency, the shorter the length of each wave. This means more waves hit our bodies in the same amount of



time. Previous cellular generations emitted from 1 to 6 GHz frequencies. 5G cell towers may emit frequencies as high as 300 GHz.

- Second, 5G technology requires “ultra high intensity”. Since the shorter length millimeter waves (MMV) used in 5G do not travel as far (or through objects), with our current number of cell towers the cell signal will not be reliable. To compensate 5G cell towers will have to emit the lower 3G & 4G waves as well, and many more “mini cell towers” will have to be installed. It is estimated that they will need a mini cell tower every 2 to 8 houses. All of this combined will greatly increase our RF Radiation exposure.
- With RF Radiation, how close the source is to our physical bodies is more important than the power level (or wattage) of the radiation. RF Radiation dissipates with distance. In other words, a low powered exposure right next to someone, is more dangerous than a more powerful exposure a long ways away. Also the longer the exposure time is, the more dangerous it is. 5G will be the worst of both worlds. We will have more sources around us, and closer to us. And they will be more powerful and continuous emissions.”

I hope to hear from someone on the Council regarding these two topics. I greatly appreciate the work that you do and your consideration of the content of this message.

Sincerely,  
Jan Derpak  
4701 - 75th Ave. NE  
Canoe

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**From:** southern interior local government  
**Sent:** November 18, 2019 8:29 AM  
**Subject:** Save the Date! Modernizing BC's Emergency Management Legislation

SILGA and Emergency Management BC are pleased to announce a 1/2 day session will be held in Kamloops to get feedback on the discussion paper "*Modernizing BC's Emergency Management Legislation*".

This discussion paper has been developed in response to direction that Emergency Management BC has received to repeal and replace the current *Emergency Program Act* to strengthen emergency management within the province. **As local authorities have a critical role in emergency management, your feedback is essential. This is your opportunity to let the provincial ministry understand the issues front line local government staff and officials deal with when an emergency occurs.**

Date: December 6th

Time: 10 am to 2:00 pm

Location: TBD

Cost: \$25 (lunch included)

RSVP please for catering purposes, including dietary restrictions

**WHO NEEDS TO BE AT THIS SESSION?** We encourage all elected officials to attend. We also invite all staff who are involved in emergency operations with your municipality or regional district. This is the time for critical input and the expertise of staff and their feedback is very important.

**HOW IT WILL WORK:**

EMBC staff will provide an overview of the proposed legislation and then break the group up into round tables (like a world cafe) to delve into the most important issues surrounding emergency management and to capture comments, feedback on the new program and to dialogue. There will be a short break for lunch.

The discussion paper is available online at <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/emergency-program-act-modernization>,

To RSVP, including dietary needs, email the SILGA office at [yoursilga@gmail.com](mailto:yoursilga@gmail.com). For any additional questions regarding the session, please contact Shelley Sim at [shelleysim@telus.net](mailto:shelleysim@telus.net)

And remember to mark December 6th on your calendar!

Thanks, Alison

Alison Slater  
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Salmon Arm City Council  
Attention: Erin Jackson

October 22, 2019

Shuswap Rowing & Paddling Club respectively request reservation of Marine Park and Wharf for our 2020 Shuswap Dragon Boat Festival to be held June 20 – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020. After a short hiatus we held a successful event last year with 13 teams, 286 participants. We plan to build off this success and expand our Festival to include a day of rowing events on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Shuswap Dragonboat Festival is one of the earliest Festivals of the year partially due to the fact we are at the mercy of Lake water levels. Historically the Solstice week corresponds with high water peak of Shuswap Lake when conditions are optimum for racing which makes it so important, we can utilize the facilities this weekend.

Please accept this letter as formal request for use of the facilities for the dates of June 20 – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020. As an added note I would also like to share my appreciation of the new dock at Marine Wharf. It was installed a few weeks prior to the Festival and was enjoyed by all! I look forward to your response and confirmation of reservation.

Best regards, 

Stacey Smandych-Dack  
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Shuswap Rowing & Paddling Club  
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**DOWNTOWN**  
**SALMON ARM**

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

November 8, 2019

To Mayor and Council

RE: Vail Village Diorama

L2 Productions and Downtown Salmon Arm invite you to the opening reception of Vail Village, a holiday diorama of lights, sound and movement.


Vail Village began with 3 buildings from a second-hand store on a whim and has grown steadily for 15 years. It was set up every year, moving from a dining room table, to 5 sheets of plywood in a basement. The collection went into storage for 4 years and was not set up again until Dec 2016, in downtown Salmon Arm as a fundraiser for the food bank. It was the first time it had ever been set up for public viewing.

It now has grown to 140 buildings and has never been set up the same way twice. It takes 90 hours to set up and 45 hours to dismantle. Vail Village features an entertainment district, an amusement park, a ski hill, Whoville, a train and the list goes on.

We invite you to be a part of the magic and experience the Village this holiday season. Opening Dec 12 every day until Dec 23, from 3-7pm at 351 Alexander Street, beside Sushi Kotan Restaurant. Admission is free but donations are accepted for the SPCA.

The opening reception is Dec 12, 5-7pm. There will be light snacks, refreshments, wine and beer as a way to thank all the supporters and generous contributors who helped make this happen.

Thank you.

  
Lindsay Wong  
Manager  
cc. Larry Cleve – L2 Productions

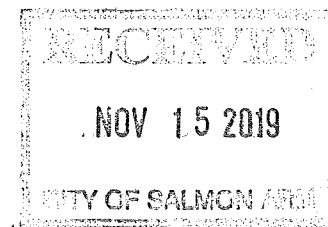
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**École Intermédiaire**  
**Shuswap Middle School**

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Tel 250-832-6031 Fax 250-832-7114 Email sms@sd83.bc.ca



November 14, 2019

Dear Mayor Harrison and City Councilors;

We are concerned about our climate. Some of us are wondering if climate change is a 'normal' process and if we are coming out of an ice age. Others believe that climate change has been impacted by humans and is something that can be stopped or changed. Either way, our climate is changing and there are many negative consequences for all living things, humans, animals and plants.

We have noticed that our local snow levels seem to be decreasing over the years and winters seem warmer. We wonder if our snow levels are impacted by climate change.

We are aware that our waste is increasing and impacting ecosystems around the globe. For example, plastic straws are polluting our oceans and affecting sea turtles and other marine animals.

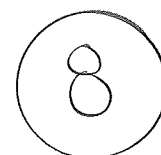
We have read that 71% of pollution is created by large corporations. There is water, air and ground pollution. We are wondering if there are ways for City officials to pressure corporations to being environmentally responsible.

There are many possibilities to create change in our community. We would like to know if you have suggestions for things we could do around our community to help. We would also like to know about what things the City has done to prevent climate change and manage waste. We know that in Paris, they have banned cars for one day a year, in a part of their city, and their pollution levels have decreased by 40-50% and noise pollution decreased by 50%. Is this something we could do in Salmon Arm?

We understand that we are a small community, but we are wondering if there are ways for our city officials and citizens to influence other levels of government to take action.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to knowing more.  
Sincerely,

Climate Change Walk Students of Shuswap Middle School,  
(Grade 8 Yellow Team),  
Sponsored by Mme Megan Weir



# Healthy Communities

Monthly Newsletter



Interior Health  
Every person matters

November 2019

## Community Recognition

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### Ts̓ilhqot'in Nation Celebrate Grand Opening of its Solar Farm

The Ts̓ilhqot'in Nation celebrated the Grand Opening of its Solar Farm on October 18, 2019. The Ts̓ilhqot'in Solar Farm is located 80 km west of Williams Lake on what is known as the Riverwest Sawmill. The 1.25-MW solar farm is the largest of its kind in British Columbia and is one hundred percent developed, built, owned and operated by the Ts̓ilhqot'in Nation. Climate change can have severe health impacts, so reducing greenhouse gas emissions is an important step in building healthy communities! See details [here](#).

### Collaboration in Lake Country Leads to an Outdoor Classroom & Valuable Community-Wide Infrastructure

The Clearwater Park and Trail project has been a collaboration between the District of Lake Country, Walk Around Lake Country, Rotary Club of Lake Country and Ecole Peter Greer Elementary. It included the addition of an outdoor classroom, a trail connection from the Clearwater/Copper Hill neighbourhood to the Okanagan Rail Trail, as well as cleanup of barbwire fencing and debris from Clearwater Park. See the full story [here](#).

### Pathways to Collaboration: Okanagan Indian Band & City of Vernon

Pathways to Collaboration is a joint initiative of the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), the Province of British Columbia, and the First Nations Summit with funding from the Indigenous Business & Investment Council. The project aims to showcase the growing number of successful economic development collaborations and partnerships between First Nations and local governments, while highlighting lessons learned and key steps to success. The Okanagan Indian Band and the City of Vernon have been working together to create healthy environments for everyone. See details [here](#).

### High School 'Buy-Back' Program for Vape Pens Support Health in Revelstoke

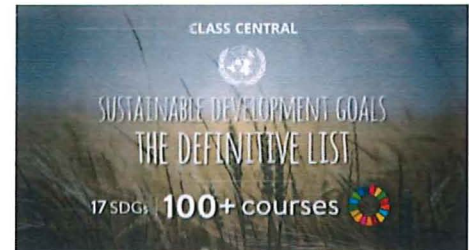
The City of Revelstoke's [Clean Air Bylaw \(October 2018\)](#) is intended to regulate, prohibit, and impose requirements for the health, safety, and welfare of residents of the City of Revelstoke. Along with cigarette products the bylaw also includes e-cigarettes, vapes and other lighted smoking equipment that burns tobacco, cannabis, or any other weed substance. Recently, Revelstoke Secondary School initiated a [vapes buy-back program](#) in turn for credit at the school cafeteria as well as opportunities for vaping or smoking cessation supports. Furthermore, a [youth-led research project](#) about vaping in BC has analyzed data from the BC Adolescent Health Survey and has summarized [key findings](#) and recommendations to support youth in making informed decision about vaping.



## Events & Learning Opportunities

### 100+ Free Online Courses to Learn about the UN's Sustainable Development Goals

The [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDG\)](#) have served as a platform for organizing global, national, local, and individual action covering topics such as health, inequality, climate change, and more. Class Central has pulled together a [giant list of courses](#) that will teach you about the SDGs. Whether you're interested in poverty reduction, human rights, food security, public health, education, or any other sustainable development topic, these courses will help you join efforts to achieve prosperity for both people and planet.



### Webinar: Cannabis and Motor Vehicle Collisions

**BC INJURY** research and prevention unit

Cannabis use can result in attention deficits, slowed information processing, impaired coordination, and slowed reaction time... none of which you want while driving! Systematic reviews suggest that drivers who use cannabis have an increased risk of being involved in a collision, although the risk is less than that associated with alcohol. This webinar on **November 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am PST** summarizes the evidence regarding cannabis and motor vehicle collisions and provides recommendations. No RSVP required, just click [on this link](#) to download Bluejeans and access the webinar.

### Webinar: Social Prescribing - Collaborating for Systems Change



[Social prescribing](#) is a structured way of referring people to a range of local, non-clinical services. This asset-based approach goes beyond treating illnesses. It recognizes people as not just patients with needs, but as community members with gifts to share, while supporting them to engage with and contribute back to their communities. Social prescribing has been piloted in Community Health Centres in Ontario and Quebec over the past year.

To learn more about what social prescribing looks like as a sustainable, systems solution and how diverse community and healthcare partners can collaborate to implement and scale this work, register for [this webinar](#) on **December 6th at 9am PST**.

### BC Active Transportation Design Guide Fall 2019 Training Workshops

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is excited to offer training on the Active Transportation Design Guide for design professionals across the province and to support applications for the provincial active transportation grant program. The training consists of a one-day workshop that provides a comprehensive overview of the Design Guide using a range of learning tools, including presentations, videos, discussions, and hands on exercises.



One workshop will be offered in the Interior Health area on **December 13<sup>th</sup> in Kelowna (Rotary Centre for the Arts) from 8:30am-5:30pm**. Registration is \$250 (plus GST and booking fee) per person and [can be done online](#).

## Healthy Public Policy Resources

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### [New Employer Resource: The Living Wage for Local Governments](#)

The living wage is crucial for local governments. Tens of thousands of working families live in poverty in BC, and we all suffer when our neighbours can't make ends meet. As significant employers in their communities, [local governments can make a difference](#) by paying their staff and contractors a living wage and becoming local champions for fair wages. Within the link you can click through to [The Business Case for a Living Wage](#) and [Working in a Living Wage Municipality](#).

### [Municipal Natural Asset Management](#)

[Municipal Natural Asset Management](#) is a relatively new concept. It is applying the asset management approach to natural features in the local setting (e.g. wetland, soils, etc.). It suggests these natural features are assets to the community and instead of taking them for granted a monetary value should be applied to them as it is to the sewer system or road network in order to manage them. Once a value has been applied then the asset can be monitored, managed and compared to all of the other assets of a community (i.e. not overlooked), and more fully informed decisions can be made.



### [Website Launch - Canadian Network for the Health and Housing of the Homeless](#)



The Canadian Network for the Health and Housing of the Homeless (CNH3) is [formally launching](#) with the goal of teaming up the health and housing sectors to collaboratively bring about a health-informed end to homelessness. [CNH3](#)

aims to be a collaborative problem-solving platform that will provide the opportunity for organizations across Canada that are working at the interface of health, shelter, and housing sectors to provide each other with mutual support and creative community practice.

### [Relationship Between Neighbourhood Built Environments and Outdoor Play](#)

[A recent study](#) examined the relationship between attributes of the neighbourhood built environment and the time BC children and adolescents (0–18 years) spend in self-directed outdoor play. Researchers found moderate evidence that lower traffic volumes, yard access, and increased neighbourhood greenness were positively associated with time spent in outdoor play for some age groups. To our knowledge, this is the first systematic review on this topic.

## Funding News

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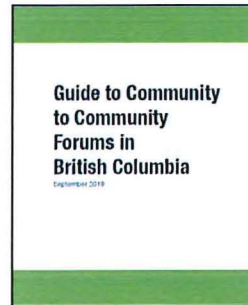
### [Community Greening Grants Now Open!](#)

Tree Canada's [Edible Trees program](#) reconnects people back to their local food sources and builds community. Tree Canada is committed to providing the support and resources needed for planting edible trees and shrubs in communities across Canada. First Nations, municipalities, or any community-based projects looking to plant edible trees or shrubs may apply. Deadline for submission is **November 28, 2019**.



### C2C Funding and New Guide

Community to Community (C2C) Forum events are intended to provide a time and place for dialogue to build on opportunities, support reconciliation efforts, resolve issues of common responsibility, interest or concern, and/or to advance tangible outcomes. The updated [Guide to Community to Community Forums](#) in BC was published in September 2019 to support the provincial focus on reconciliation. Prior applicants are welcome to reapply to the funding program, and [application materials](#) are now available. Applications are due on **December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.



### Funding for Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training

UBCM now has [funding available](#) to support emergency management personnel with cultural safety and humility training in order to more effectively partner with and provide assistance to Indigenous communities during times of emergency. From a health perspective, Indigenous people are more likely to live shorter lives of poorer health compared with non-Indigenous people, so further resources need to go in the direction of supporting the well-being of Indigenous communities. Applications are due on **December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.

### Gender Equity in Recreational Sport: Community Grants Initiative



Applications are now being accepted for the new [Gender Equity in Recreational Sport: Community Grants Initiative](#). Funding will support efforts to increase the participation and retention of girls and women in recreational sport in Canada. Canadian municipalities and Indigenous communities are encouraged to apply. Applications are due on **December 15, 2019**.

### Investing in Green Infrastructure Program - Environmental Quality

The Canadian and British Columbian governments have committed up to \$150 million towards the second intake of the [Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality Program](#) to support cost-sharing of infrastructure projects in communities across the province. Applications are due on **February 26, 2020**.

**Sincerely,**

*Your Healthy Communities Team*

**Contact us at: [healthycommunities@interiorhealth.ca](mailto:healthycommunities@interiorhealth.ca)**

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October 31, 2019

Honourable Katrine Conroy  
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Honourable Katrina Chen  
Minister of State for Childcare  
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Victoria, BC, V8W 9V1

**Re: Deadline Extension Request - Community Child Care Space Creation Program**

Dear Ministers,

The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors were very pleased with the recent announcement for the second grant intake for the Community Child Care Space Creation Program and Community Child Care Planning Grant Program.

The ACRD, City of Port Alberni, District of Ucluelet and District of Tofino applied for and were successful in receiving funding for the Child Care Planning Project in 2019. Work on the regional Child Care Action plan commenced as soon as the grant funds were released. The project was initiated in May 2019 with project activities spanning a six-month timeline. The final report will be presented to the ACRD Board in November 2019, which includes recommendations as well as short and long-term opportunities for space creation. Through this process, local communities have heard the need for affordable and accessible childcare in the region and plan to expedite action to ensure progress is made where possible. The Community Child Care Space Creation grant program will assist us to continue the work we began earlier this year to address childcare needs in the region.

At the October 23, 2019 ACRD Board of Directors meeting, the Board of Directors passed the following motion:

*"THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors write a letter to Minister Conroy, Ministry of Childcare and Family Development and Minister Chen, Ministry of State for Childcare requesting the application deadline for the Community Child Care Space Creation Program be extended from November 22, 2019 until the end of January, 2020 allowing communities additional time to implement their Child Care Planning Action Plans and to develop local partnerships AND FURTHER a copy of this letter be forwarded to Scott Fraser, MLA, Mid-Island- Pacific Rim and all other Regional District's in British Columbia."*

The ACRD Board of Directors is requesting the application deadline for the Community Child Care Space Creation Program be extended from November 22, 2019 until the end of January 2020 allowing communities additional time to implement their Child Care Planning Action Plans and develop local partnerships.

Your consideration of our request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Jack". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "K" at the end.

John Jack,  
Chairperson

CC Honourable Scott Fraser, MLA (Mid Island-Pacific Region)  
BC Regional Districts & Municipalities



November 12, 2019

Dear UBCM Member Local Governments,

I am writing on behalf of Victoria City Council, requesting favourable consideration of these resolutions and that you share this support with the Provincial Government for the following resolutions. Unfortunately, despite the fact that we have an opioid crisis across the Province, these resolutions did not make it onto the floor of the UBCM at this year's convention as the resolutions session ran out of time.

(B171) Safer Drug Supply to Save Lives

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;

And whereas people with opioid use disorder, a chronic relapsing medical condition, are at high risk of overdose- related harms including death and an estimated 42,200 people inject toxic substances in British Columbia, 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, 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.

(B172) 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, and 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;

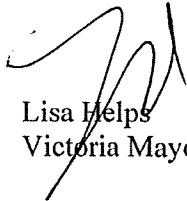


And whereas observed consumption services (i.e. supervised consumption services and overdose prevention services) are evidence-based harm reduction approaches shown to reduce overdose-related harm, and there is not adequate access to observed consumption services that provide space for inhalation where communities are facing crisis:

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

We eagerly look forward to your support on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Helps', written over the printed name.

Lisa Helps  
Victoria Mayor