

INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE – November 23, 2015

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From: David Gonella
Sent: November 6, 2015 11:14 AM
To: Alan Harrison
Subject: Camping on the ball diamond

Hi Alan,

Before we get into the holiday season I was wanting to verify if the SAFMS will be allowed to use the ball diamond on Blackburn park again for the event next summer?

David

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David Gonella, Festival Director
24th Annual Roots&Blues Festival
Salmon Arm Folk Music Society

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www.skookumcycleandski.com

Nov 6, 2015

To: City of Salmon Arm Mayor and Council
C/O: Rob Niewenhuizen, Rob Hein

Re: Salty Dog 6 Hour Enduro Mountain Bike Race May 15, 2016

Skookum Cycle & Ski Ltd. is planning for the 15th annual Salty Dog 6 Hour Enduro race this May 15, 2016. Over the past years, the City of Salmon Arm administration office has help facilitate this event. We are looking for approval, once again from Mayor and Council of the City of Salmon Arm: for the use of the South Canoe trails and lower Malibu trail area to run this event. Including use of 10th Ave and from 60 St to 70 St for the mass start out of Klahani park.

In the mass start we are looking to string out 250-300 riders over 2-3km, and want to use the same start format as in past years. Start in Klahani park, go left up 10th Ave all the way into the South Canoe trail system. The road will be managed by six flaggers with radios. Two flaggers will be at the top, two in the middle, and two at the Klahani park entrance. The start takes about 15 to 20 minutes, after which 10th Ave will be open for regular traffic use; in past few years 10th Ave has been re-opened by 10:20. We are requesting special road use from 9:55 to 10:30am. In the case of an emergency during the start, event volunteers will move cyclists off the road to let emergency traffic by.

Review of the event:

The race uses the South Canoe bike trails, the old MOT gravel pit for parking, the lower part of the Malibu trail system for the start/finish area, 10th Ave for the mass start at 10 am, road signage and barricades borrowed from the City of Salmon Arm public works, and approximately a hundred local volunteers.

This year's race will sell out again in 8 to 10 hours, via online registration. We are planning for 650-700 riders, of which 450-500 will be from outside the Shuswap. Each rider brings on average 1-2 people with them for race support or just to visit Salmon Arm as a weekend get away. This race attracts people from Canmore, Calgary, Banff and Edmonton, from Vancouver and lower mainland, to North Western US, Alaska, Ottawa, and of course from all the interior BC cities. Last year the estimated number of people in the start finish area was between 1200-1500. As an economic driver, each person stays in Salmon Arm for 1.5 to 3 days, and will spend on average \$170 each per day. This is money spent on gas, food and

accommodations; dollars injected into our community before the summer busy season.

The Salty Dog race is a dynamic cycling event, and encourages the whole family to participate, with multiple races running simultaneously. Two Salty Pup 30 minute enduro events for kids aged 3-10, we usually have 100-130 participants biking around the bottom of the Malibu trails. The U15 Salty Dog 3 hour enduro, which has 100 people riding the logging road and the lower Malibu trails. The main event, the Salty Dog 6 Hour Enduro in which we will have 500 people racing, the 6 hour racers use the lower South Canoe trails to ride on. Event supported by the local back country first aid responders, Larch Hills Jr Nordic racers, CSRD, Shuswap Trail Alliance, Shuswap Bike Club, bike industry support staff volunteers, and the 100 plus race day volunteers.

In addition to the Salty Dog, we have added Friday and Saturday events to our weekend schedule. Events include: bike movie, kids bike parade, Rheinecker Creek group ride, Salty Street Fest downtown, petting zoo, live music, and much more! Our goal is to increase tourism dollars spent in our community over the weekend, creating an early season economic impact.

Over the years as the event has grown, the Salty Dog planning committee has constantly been adjusting our set of professional race requirements. Both event based and community logistical challenges. These include the following: trail usage and race course layout, parking, local resident communication, start finish area set up, professional timing, first aid, internet based registration, coordination of a large number of volunteers, bathrooms, neutral support for racers, garbage and recycling, and a number of other race specific details. As different challenges have occurred over the years, the Salty Dog planning committee has been able to resolve the issues in a positive and efficient manner.

Skookum's race resume includes planning, organization and execution of more than a dozen competitive mountain and road bike races over the past twelve years, including a Cycling BC sanctioned BC Cup points road race, four BC Masters road cycling races, nine annual Salty Dog Enduro mountain bike races, and Stoked to Get Spanked mountain bike races in Revelstoke. We have successfully liased with the following in the execution of these events: City of Salmon Arm, Township of Spallumacheen, CSRD, Ministry Of Transportation, RCMP, Ministry of Forestry, City of Revelstoke and Cycling BC. We look forward to a continued positive supportive working relationship with these groups.

A copy of our insurance certificate will be forwarded closer to the event date, on which the City of Salmon Arm, Ministry of Forests, Ministry Of Transportation (old gravel pit in Salmon Arm), and Skookum Cycle and Ski ltd Salmon Arm are all co-insured in the amount of five million dollars. Please let me know if you need any additional information as we finalize our planning.

Sincerely,

Tom Peasgood
Salty Dog race Co-ordinator, and Co-owner of Skookum Cycle & Ski Ltd
tom@skookumcycle.com
250 804 5093

On Nov 17, 2015, at 10:00 AM, Corryn Grayston <admin@sachamber.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Louise,

As our City of Salmon Arm representative, I have attached our request for a Letter of Support regarding a multicultural event for the summer 2016. We are partnering with Immigrant Services Shuswap (Shuswap Settlement Services Society) to host this event and are planning to apply for grant monies from the federal government. Part of the application process is the inclusion of letters of support and as such we hope that you are able to provide a letter in advance of December 10, 2015.

I've also included a sample letter for reference purposes. Please note as Shuswap Settlement Services Society is the applicant, kindly address the letter to their organization. The letter can be sent back to either myself or Gudrun Malmqvist at immigrantservices@shaw.ca

Thank you.

Corryn.

Corryn Grayston

General Manager

Salmon Arm Chamber of Commerce

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www.sachamber.bc.ca

November 16, 2015



City of Salmon Arm
500 – 2 Avenue NE
Salmon Arm, BC
Attention: City Council

Dear Mayor Cooper & City Council:

Re: Letter of Support – 2016 Salmon Arm Multi-Cultural Day at Marine Peace Park

Immigrant Services Shuswap is a non-for-profit organization that provides settlement services to immigrants and newcomers in the Salmon Arm and Shuswap area while also promoting multiculturalism and intercultural diversity in the community.

In partnership with the Salmon Arm Chamber of Commerce we are planning a family oriented Multicultural Day to be held in early summer of 2016. The goal of the event is to celebrate the cultural diversity of Salmon Arm and recognise the contribution that multiculturalism brings to the vitality of the Shuswap area with an exuberant showcasing of food, music, art and cultures represented in our community.

As we pursue funding opportunities through Citizenship and Immigration Canada, we are requesting letters of support from stakeholder and partner organizations to assist in our application for sponsorship subsidy.

We would be grateful if you could endorse this event by providing us with your letter of support in advance of December 10, 2015.

Thank you.

Gudrun Malmqvist,
Executive Director,
Immigrant Services Shuswap.

Corryn Grayston,
General Manager,
Salmon Arm Chamber of Commerce.

Salmon Arm Lawn Bowling Club
691 – 28th. Street NE
Salmon Arm BC
V1E 4N1

November 14th. 2015

City of Salmon Arm
500 – 2 Avenue NE
B0X 40 – Salmon Arm BC
V1E 4N2

Attention; Administrative Officer:

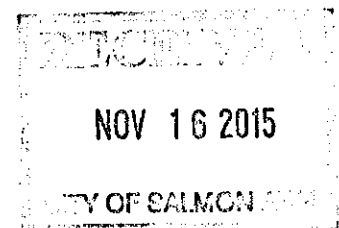
Dear Sir/Madam,

The Salmon Arm Lawn Bowling Club (Society #S0061423) is currently making application to the Heart and Stroke foundation for a Defibrillator under their PAD program and required a letter of support from the City of Salmon Arm.

The Salmon Arm Lawn Bowling Club operates the City owned lawn bowling facility on a five year renewable lease from the City and is located adjacent to the Curling Club and Horseshoe Pitch Club.

The Lawn Bowling Club provides year round recreational and social opportunities to members and the public at large and hosts tournaments annually which are attended mainly by seniors from the surrounding Okanagan communities in addition to our club members. Our club has a major concern for the health of our members and guests relative to heart attacks and/or strokes while participating in the recreational activities provided. Our Board feels it would be in the best interest of all members and guests to have a defibrillator permanently on site, with a core of the members trained in its use and operation.

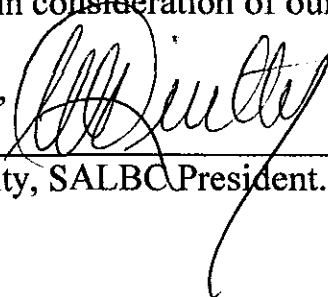
We are confident that our club could meet the terms and conditions required by the Heart & Stroke Foundation for the installation of this very important and necessary health aid and as such respectfully requests your endorsement as required for our submission.



We understand that there would not be a monetary demand on the club or City relative to this health and safety initiative. We are also happy to share the use of the defibrillator with our close recreation neighbors, the horseshoe pitching and the curling clubs.

Thank you in consideration of our request.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Quilty', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'D' and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

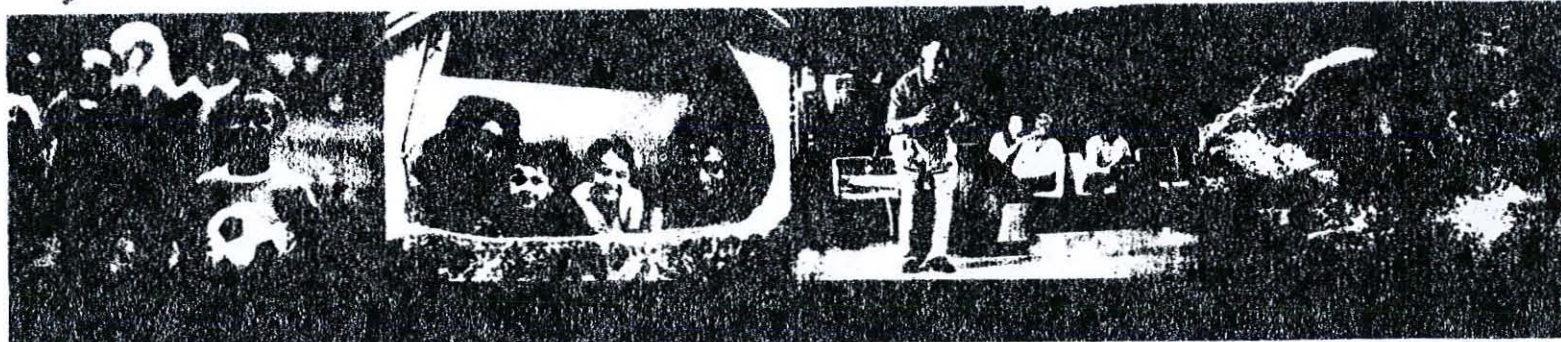
Daniel Quilty, SALBC President.



HEART &
STROKE
FOUNDATION

PAD

PUBLIC ACCESS TO
DEFIBRILLATION
PROGRAM



BC PUBLIC ACCESS TO DEFIBRILLATION (PAD) PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

To help save lives, the Heart and Stroke Foundation, in partnership with the Province of British Columbia and BC Emergency Health Services, is making automated external defibrillators (AEDs) available in public places where there is a risk someone can suffer a sudden cardiac arrest. These locations are open to the public, where large numbers of people gather, and/or where there may be a delay accessing emergency health services. If your facility meets the above criteria, please complete this form and email it to the BC PAD Program Manager at bcpad@hsf.bc.ca.

Facility Name	SALMON ARM LAWN BOWLING CLUB (SALBC)		
Facility Address	2600 - 10 AVE NE SALMON ARM BC		
Facility Mailing Address (if different)	691-28 ST. NE. SALMON ARM BC. V1E1B8		
Facility Municipality	CITY OF SALMON ARM		
Facility Regional District	COLUMBIA SHUSWAP		
Facility Contact Name	DANIEL QUILTY		
Facility Contact Title	PRESIDENT		
Facility Contact Phone	250-463-2426		
Facility Contact Email	dmquilty@gmail.com		
Nature of Facility Use	OUTDOOR LAWN BOWLING & SOCIAL CLUB		
Facility Operating Hours	MONDAY - WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY - FRIDAY		
Will the AED be mounted outdoors?	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
If the facility is operated seasonally, will the AED be relocated to another facility during the off-season?	Yes*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
*If "Yes", what is the name of the other facility?			
Approximate number of people served	65 TO 90		
What is the facility's ownership status?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Public/Municipal	<input type="radio"/> Private	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Non-profit
Is the facility accountable to a Board of Directors?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	
Does the facility already have an AED?	Yes*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
*If "Yes", what is the age of the existing unit?			



No

All BC PAD Program AED recipients must sign the AED Supply Agreement. A sample contract can be found at: <https://www.bcpadprogram.ca/admin/contentx/default.cfm?h=4&PageId=4> Please confirm that your group is able to execute such a contract.



No

Please confirm that your group can commit to attending a 3 - 4 hour orientation session.

We would like to know that your request to have an AED installed at your facility is supported by your community. Please attach a letter of support from your municipality, i.e. the Chief Administrative Officer.

Sue Wood

From: Wayne Masters [mastersofships@hotmail.com]
Sent: November-14-15 9:09 PM
To: Sue Wood; Wayne Masters
Subject: No

Hello **Shuswap Food Action Co-op** members and supporters,

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT on a very important issue: SFAC is attempting to encourage the CSRD (regional district) and/or the City of Salmon Arm to pursue a funding opportunity that supports food security in the region. The time line is very short (weeks), and the opportunity is great (\$45,000 from Interior Health over three years).

Please read the funding opportunity below, and if you are in support of our effort, please **REPLY ASAP TO THIS NOTE with a YES in the subject line**, meaning YES, I support the SFAC initiative, YES, I am in favour of food security in the region, and YES, I want to see our area representatives pursue this funding. I will tabulate the results for the *Thursday meeting. As well, I will update you later with all of the initiatives that SFAC has undertaken within the past year.

*(Scroll down 5 lines to boldface text re this meeting Thursday.)

(If you are not in agreement, and, if you wish to have your name removed from our mailing list, just reply NO in the subject line and I will remove your contact information.)

For those who are able to attend, SFAC will be presenting their position to the CSRD board at the regular PUBLIC meeting (in their new facility on the Salmon Arm lakefront) on **Thursday November 19th at 10:00 a.m. We invite all supporters to come and support us in person.**

Briefly, the Initiative (The **Community Food Action Initiative** Funding Guide for Local Government) is from **INTERIOR HEALTH**. FYI, a short summary of same:

Objectives of Funding

- Development of a food security plan (1,2) and adoption of the plan for implementation; or
- Implementation of an existing food security plan.

Three successful projects will each receive up to \$15,000 annually between April 1, 2016–March 31, 2019 for a total of not more than \$45,000.

Selection Criteria

- Loi (Letter of Intent) with the following components will be given priority:
1. Outlines a clear process of how a food security plan will be developed.
 2. If a plan or strategy already exists, a clear process of how implementation will be undertaken.
 3. Local government provides matching investment for the duration of the project. Reasonable in-kind contributions are acceptable but committed monetary contribution is preferred.

4. **A multi-sector community group is formed to help guide the development or implementation and community input will be sought.**
5. The development and implementation of the plan will be embedded in a local government planning process, eg. a Regional Sustainability Plan, or Official Community Plan, or Social Plan.
6. The plan will **build upon work done in the community.**
7. Projects applying for development of the food security plan will be expected to commence the implementation process prior to the end of the CFAI funding period. Projects applying to implement an existing food security plan will be expected to meet targets in the implementation process submitted.

I'm hoping you'll **reply YES** to this note today, and here is a thank you in advance for your support,
Ronn Boeur (SFAC board member)

To: The City of Salmon Arm - Please file this as my Submission Request Supporting:

- 1.) a Salmon Arm Cell Tower Siting Consultation Policy based on independent scientific research.
- 2.) the commencement of the Removal of Cell Towers already placed in Dangerous Residential Locations.
- 3.) a Public Forum with scientists disclosing adverse biological health effects to humans, fauna & flora.

I am a local citizen of Salmon Arm and/or the CSRD and/or travel to and/or work here. I am aware that microwave radiofrequency radiation (wireless) emissions are not safe. Further, I am aware that the World Health Organization in 2011 designated all such wireless emissions as a Class 2B possible human cause of cancer, and there are also thousands of peer reviewed scientific studies showing multiple forms of adverse biological effects to humans, fauna and flora.

I am specifically concerned that:

- 1) Bees are affected & risk colony collapse from wireless emissions exposure at hive & pollination areas.
- 2) Children and pregnant mothers are at special risk of long term adverse health effects.
- 3) Cell Tower emissions can be hazardous to the health of birds, livestock, amphibians and interfere with bird migratory patterns.
- 4) Loss of property value (estimated at 30%) for those residences in close proximity to a cell tower.

THEREFORE: I am wholly opposed to the current placement of cell towers in my Shuswap community which risk serious health impacts on humans & other living systems both in business & residential areas.

Radiation from towers placed in Salmon Arm can affect the CSRD and vice versa, and are magnified in intensity by the lake. They affect the travelling, shopping and/or working public, in both areas. Radiation knows no boundaries.

I support the Cell Tower Consultation Policy such as Salmon Arm is initiating only as long as it truly addresses the health issues. Health Canada's Safety Code 6 only addresses thermal effects not biological effects which includes cancer, thus critical health issues are not being addressed by this code.

The radiation from the 2 Canoe Towers being built now, honours no boundaries and will radiate much of Sunnybrae, their frequencies magnified over the water body. Citizens of Sunnybrae, Canoe and other affected areas have not been notified. Google 'The Brazilian Study' which backs up global research that radiation, within 500 meters of Cell Towers, is deadly causing Cancer rates to soar. Dangers exist even miles away. Additional research www.citizensforsafetechnology.org.

I REQUEST that our local government begin the process to remove and restrict cell towers and all microwave radiofrequency radiation antennae (such as those on low level power and utility poles), in downtown and residential areas, near schools, hospitals and care homes, which have been deployed without full and unrestricted public consultation process, and without any consideration for biological health effects.

It is the responsibility of local government to take appropriate action when they are notified of the possibility of potential harm to their public. They do have power ... and more, with their citizens backing them.

I FURTHER REQUEST that a public forum be organized whereby scientists from both sides of the wireless controversy speak to the public with no restriction on information, these scientists (or their institutions) to receive no funding from the telecommunications industry, and full disclosure of the adverse biological health effects from microwave radiofrequency radiation are to be presented.

Name (Print):

Danielle Frost

Signature:

Danielle Frost

Phone: (optional)

Address:

710 4th AVE SE

Postal Code: V1E 4E1

Date:

November 13-2015

This is my submission to the City of Salmon Arm. I am also submitting a copy of the same specifically designated to be kept on file with the CSRD.

*This submission can be handed in at Piccadilly Mall - Shuswap Health Food Store or dropped off, or mailed to:

City of Salmon Arm - Mayor, Council, Administration, Development Services, P.O. Box 40, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2
500 2nd Ave. NE.

~ PLEASE TURN IN THIS SUBMISSION ASAP and/or WRITE AND SUBMIT YOUR OWN LETTER. ~

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DISTRIBUTION: Mayors; Village, District & City CAOs; Electoral Area Directors; selected civic staff & community stakeholders from the healthy communities project work that I am associated with in **Lumby, Coldstream, Vernon, Armstrong, Spallumcheen, Enderby, Salmon Arm, Sicamous, and Revelstoke.**

Please circulate this e-newsletter widely to interested staff, co-workers, community partners and stakeholders

Yours in health – Tanya Osborne



Interior Health
Every person matters

Promotion & Prevention Healthy Communities Initiative



Healthy Communities Initiative Update

Upon examining the geographical landscape of Central Interior Health, our team has decided to adjust the boundaries of both IH Central Community Health Facilitators to be more concise and encourage greater collaboration within the regions. Therefore I am sad to say that I will not be returning to a few of my previous communities: Peachland and Lake Country. Julie Steffler, whom you already know, will be continuing on with our team and covering Betty Brown's one year leave, and will continue to work with those particular communities. In addition, I will be taking on the Columbia-Shuswap area of Salmon Arm up to Revelstoke. Here is a map identifying the new division of Central IH:

- 14. South Okanagan
- 15. Penticton
- 16. Keremeos
- 17. Princeton
- 19. Revelstoke
- 20. Salmon Arm
- 21. Armstrong – Spallumcheen
- 22. Vernon
- 23. Central Okanagan
- 77. Summerland
- 78. Enderby



Funding News

Community Food Action Initiative (CFAI) Interior Health is now accepting Letters of Intent for Community Food Action Initiative (CFAI) multi-year funding (April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2019). The intent of the CFAI funding is to support local governments within the Interior Health region to develop and/or implement a food security plan (or strategy). One category is for local government (municipality or regional district) and the second category is for an aboriginal band or aboriginal organization. Please read the attachments as relevant to your community to determine eligibility criteria. If you have questions regarding an initiative's eligibility, contact Rose Soneff, at rose.soneff@interiorhealth.ca or by phone (250-851-7417).

- [http://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourHealth/HealthyLiving/FoodSecurity/Documents/Guide for LoI.pdf](http://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourHealth/HealthyLiving/FoodSecurity/Documents/Guide%20for%20LoI.pdf)
- [http://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourHealth/HealthyLiving/FoodSecurity/Documents/Guide for LoI-Aboriginal.pdf](http://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourHealth/HealthyLiving/FoodSecurity/Documents/Guide%20for%20LoI-Aboriginal.pdf)

2016 FNHA Winter Wellness Grants Organizations, schools and agencies that are engaged in direct health service delivery to BC First Nations and/or Aboriginal people may be eligible for funding to host a Community-Driven Winter Wellness Event or initiative <http://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/2016-winter-wellness-grants>

Human and Social Services Community Gaming Grants Deadline: Nov. 30, 2015

Gaming grants help support the work of local agencies and clubs that deliver important social services to British Columbians facing challenging and difficult situations. <https://www.gaming.gov.bc.ca/grants/index.htm>

Healthy Schools Network Grants Available: Oct. 6, 2015 - Deadline: Mar. 1, 2016 (or when funding runs out)

There are two Healthy Schools Network (HSN) grants available: the *Activity Grant* (\$500) and the *Inquiry Grant* (\$750). The Healthy School Network grants are intended to provide financial support for educators and school community members as they transform the way they address healthy living in their classroom and across all aspects of the school environment. <http://healthyschoolsbc.ca/healthy-schools-bc-resources/healthy-living-grants/>

Real Estate Foundation of BC Grants Deadline: December 15, 2015

Research and experience indicates that fresh water, sustainable food systems and well-planned built environments are integral to sustainable communities. Accordingly, the Foundation applies these focus areas to its General Grant Program. The Real Estate Foundation grants can support registered charitable organizations and the projects of municipalities, regional districts, First Nations, senior government departments, professional associations and other societies. <http://www.refbc.com/grants>

Tire Stewardship BC's Community Grant Program Deadline: Dec. 31, 2015

Communities invest considerable resources to support recycling as a way to protect our environment and enhance the quality of life of BC's citizens. The TSBC Community Grant Program provides financial support to communities who have decided to use and benefit from a wide range of recycled tire products in their projects. Click the following link to apply: [Tire Stewardship BC Community Grant Program](#)

New Relationship Trust – policy development funding Ongoing until funds are exhausted

Policy Development funding is available to First Nations organizations with a province-wide mandate. This funding with support up to \$50,000 or 75% of eligible project costs (proponents must contribute the other 25%) toward policy development projects for the benefit of BC First Nation communities and citizens. <http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/downloads/nrt-policy-development-application-guidelines-2015-2016-pdf.pdf>

Community News

While updating myself on what has happened over the past year, I came across several items that I would like to bring forward to ensure proper recognition.

Kudos to...

- ✓ **City of Enderby & Splatins Band** for completing their Active Transportation Strategy. Learn more <http://planh.ca/success-stories/two-communities-enderby-splatsin-one-transportation-vision>
- ✓ **City of Clearwater** for all their hard work on their Road-Cross Section Bylaw. Learn more <http://planh.ca/success-stories/clearwater-paves-way-new-road-cross-section-bylaw>
- ✓ Towns across BC have joined the BC Lung Association in proclaiming November Radon Aware month: **Prince George, Kamloops, Penticton, Princeton, Trail, Creston, Nakusp, the Village of Salmo, Fort. St. James and Keremeos**. Learn More <http://www.radonaware.ca/radon-news/index#bc-communities-support-radon-aware-month>

Outside of BC, Kudos to...

- ✓ **City of Port Colborne** approved a council committee: "*Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters*". <http://portcolborne.ca/fileBin/library/agendas/CouncilPackage-OCT262015.pdf>

Events and Learning Opportunities

Cities Fit for Children BC Summit **November 12 & 13, 2015** – Vernon

The 5th biannual Cities Fit for Children brings together municipal and regional policymakers, First Nations and child/youth practitioners to strengthen community capacity in order to develop healthy thriving cities, towns and villages. Presenters are invited to provide innovative ideas for creating child and family-friendly communities, share a "toolbox" of solutions, and provide evidence-based applied research to support best practices. The 2015 Conference Theme is In My Backyard.

Learn more: www.vernon.ca/cf4c

Generation Squeeze – Pub Night with Paul Kershaw **FREE Admission**

When: **November 11, 6:30 – 9pm**

Where: **Checker's Bar & Grill Best Western Vernon Lodge**

Is It Good For Children? **November 20 | 11:30 am** - Kelowna

Influencing policy to benefit families with young children. Join CATCH at 11:30 am on Friday November 20th, 2015 for a celebration of National Child's Day with lunch and a panel of guest speakers to present on how we can influence policy to benefit families with young children.

Learn more: <http://catchcoalition.ca/event-2060170>

Call for Abstracts - **2016 Rural Health Services Research Conference** **April 25-26, 2016** - Kamloops

This year's theme: Developing Intercultural Connections and Practical Solutions for Improving Health: Health science and community partnering. We invite submissions of abstracts for: Capacity and Partnership Building Workshops; World Café; Symposia; Pechakucha; Knowledge Translation & Exchange Discussions; and Poster Presentations. See attached flyer. **Call for Abstracts Deadline: January 15, 2016**

Webinars

Engaging the Aging: Physical Activity for Older Adults **November 17 | 10:00 - 11:30 am**

Who says things have to slow down as you age? This webinar from PARC explores the benefits and key elements of effective physical activity programs for older adults. Strategies for overcoming challenges will also be discussed, as well as key program components and overcoming barriers to physical activity. This webinar is great for program facilitators and those advocating on behalf of older adult physical activity policies. Let's work together to make the later years a new beginning!

Register here: <http://parc.ophea.net/professional-learning/engaging-aging-physical-activity-older-adults>

Applicability and Transferability of Evidence Tool **December 9 | 10:00 - 11:30 am**

The Applicability and Transferability of Evidence Tool (A&T Tool) from The National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools helps you decide whether an intervention that worked in one setting will get similar results if implemented in another. Presenters from the Sudbury & District Health Unit will describe how they use this tool in practice. Register here: <http://ow.ly/T7WUe>

Featured Resources

2015 Age-Friendly and Disability-Friendly Official Community Plans This guide was developed in support of Accessibility 2024. http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lqdi/intergov_relations/library/Age_and_Disability_Friendly_OCPs.pdf

2015 Vital Signs Report has been released for 28 communities across the country. The Vital Signs report makes use of local knowledge and data to measure the vitality of communities and explores how they are taking action to improve the quality of life in their communities. Check out the local reports here:
<http://www.vitalsignscanada.ca/en/localreports?page=1&taqs=57>

Do You Live in One of the Unhealthiest Places in Canada? Article by Jacob Filipp, Zack Gallinger and Arik Motksin. September 2015. <http://www.the10and3.com/do-you-live-in-one-of-the-unhealthiest-places-in-canada/>

Fire Stats from Office of the Fire Commissioner for 2014-15

Outdoor Fires Caused by Smoker's Materials - 2014 and 2015			Percent Increase
Year	2014	2015 (Jan- Sept. 9 th)	
Number of fires	394	638	62%
Type of Property:			
Brush, grass and light cover	226	444	96%
Forest/standing timber	9	13	44%
Unclassified outdoor area	71	82	15%
Other	249	119	101% decrease
Origin of Fire:			
Open area	171	328	92%
Unclassified outdoor property	93	141	52%
Other	127	165	41%

Definitions:

- **Smoker's materials** includes: cigarettes, matches, lighters, cigars, ashtrays and undetermined smokers materials. All of the fires in this table were caused by smoker's materials.
- **Property Classifications** include: brush, grass and light ground cover on open land, fields, forests, standing timber, individual trees, unclassified outdoor property.
- **Fire origins** include: parks, playing fields, beaches, patios, piers/wharves, outdoor trash/recycling areas and unclassified outdoor areas.

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Developing Intercultural Connections and Practical Solutions for Improving Health: *Health science and community partnering*

25-26 April 2016, Kamloops BC

Join the Conversation!

We invite abstracts for: Capacity and Partnership Building Workshops; World Café; Symposia; Pechakucha; Knowledge Translation & Exchange Discussions; and Poster Presentations at the 2016 BC Rural Health Services Research Conference, hosted by Interior Health, Thompson Rivers University, First Nations Health Authority and Rural Health Services Research Network of BC. This year's theme focuses on *developing intercultural connections and partnering in practical solutions for improving health*.

Themes include:

- Intercultural connections (e.g., learning opportunities between different cultures)
- Diversity (e.g., ethnicity; LGBT)
- First-Nation based and Community driven Research Initiatives (e.g., culturally sensitive, grass roots initiatives)
- Capacity & Partnership building (e.g., inter-sectorial collaborations)
- Meaningful relationships (e.g., relationships that increase effectiveness of community partnerships)
- Ownership of data (e.g., data custodian and sharing agreement issues in relationship to community research)
- Ethics Protocols (e.g., Research Ethics processes with marginalized and vulnerable populations)
- Healthcare delivery and new intervention models (e.g., innovative healthcare strategies)

Our vision is to create a vibrant learning environment and we welcome presenters to be creative in the ways they choose to share their work.

Who should apply?

If you are a researcher, student, health authority staff member, health care practitioner, municipality, or community organization who has exciting examples about how you are working together to advance our understanding and action towards intercultural community partnering in health then you should apply!

Capacity and Partnership Building Workshops

Up to four Capacity and Partnership Building Workshops will be selected for this conference. Workshops will focus on topics with relevance to conference themes. Presenters will be asked to provide interactive education in relation to capacity and partnership building regarding their topic with conference participants. Each workshop will be two hours in length. Workshop presenters will be offered facilitation support from the IH Research Department.

World Café

Up to two world cafe sessions will be selected for this conference. Sessions will include a presentation from one or more speakers, followed by discussion on pressing issues about the conversation needed to compel and/or engage stakeholders in various sectors around the issue. These 90 minute sessions will engage participants in conversations to address the issues. World Café presenters will be offered facilitation support from the IH Research Department.

Symposia

Up to three symposia will be selected for this conference. Each speaker or group will be given one hour to present and lead an interactive group discussion about their topic. Symposia presenters will be offered facilitation support from the IH Research Department.

Pechakucha

Eight Pechakucha (20 slides x 20 seconds each) presentations will be featured as part of an evening networking session. A host will guide participants through the evening, inviting conversation and sharing of perspectives throughout. Applicants for these sessions are advised to familiarize themselves with Pechakucha (www.pechakucha.org).

Knowledge Translation & Exchange Discussions (Breakout sessions)

Oral presentations will be 15 minutes with 15 minutes for dialogue from the audience. Presenters will demonstrate their intention to engage the audience in dialogue about their work, offering a brief overview of the strategies they will use to do so.

Poster Presentations

These display presentations will facilitate one-on-one conversation between authors and conference attendees, offering opportunities for networking and generating new ideas. Presenters will be asked to be set their displays up on the first day of the conference and will be available for a designated one-hour talking display session on the second day.

Submit your 500-word abstract online by January 15th 2016. Individuals may submit more than one application. Please use this [form](http://fluidsurveys.com/surveys/education/2016-rural-conference-abstract-submission-form/) to submit an abstract.
(<http://fluidsurveys.com/surveys/education/2016-rural-conference-abstract-submission-form/>)

Abstracts will be subject to a double-blind peer review, evaluated on:

- Interest and appeal
- Location (rural/remote)
- Implications for community partnerships
- Description of the project or initiative (context, purpose, methods)
- Impacts on health or other sector services, policy, and/or practice
- Demonstration of a significant contribution to advancing practice, research, knowledge or leadership
- Describe strategies for engaging the audience in conversation and sharing of perspectives
- Coherence and readability

Questions?

Interior Health Research Dept Kim Barnes	First Nations Health Authority Darius Pruss	Rural Health Services Research Network of BC Max McAlpine	Thompson Rivers University Troy Fuller
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**AUDITOR GENERAL FOR
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November 5, 2015

Ref 164949

To: Mayors and Councillors
Chairs and Directors of Regional District Boards
Chairs and Directors of Greater Boards

I am pleased to introduce myself as British Columbia's new Auditor General for Local Government (AGLG). I am excited by the opportunity to lead this office, to work with local governments and to assist you in your operations through performance audits and other reports that provide advice and recommendations. I believe we share a common goal - to deliver the best possible services to taxpayers in the most cost efficient way.

By way of background, I am a professional accountant, a FCPA, FCGA with more than 25 years of experience that includes an extensive background working in local government at the regional level here in British Columbia. I strongly believe in this office's potential to add value for local governments and while I know there were challenges during the first two years of AGLG operations, there have been significant changes over recent months and we are now well positioned to deliver on that potential.

This is a year of transition for our office. We have made changes in response to a review carried out for the Audit Council (Trumpy Report) and to the recommendations in a report published by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. These changes included re-balancing the use of internal staff resources with that of external consultants and releasing an updated 2015/16 Annual Service Plan that set reasonable expectations for the office and is consistent with our capacity and budget. I intend to work hard, with the office's capable staff, to achieve these goals.

As you know, performance audits are quite different from financial audits. They can be valuable tools for local governments by pointing out areas that could be improved while – equally importantly – also providing assurance in areas where a local government already has good practices. We can play a constructive role by highlighting such practices and recommending them to other local governments.

I believe that the best way to meet our objectives is to work together. While the office is independent, success almost always depends on collaboration. Over coming weeks and months, I intend to become better acquainted with local governments and begin actively working in collaboration with you.

I very much look forward to working with you and welcome any questions or feedback that you may have.

Sincerely,

Gordon Ruth, FCPA, FCGA
Auditor General for Local Government

cc: Chief Administrative Officers



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**BRITISH
COLUMBIA**

November 16, 2015

Ref: 165113

To: Mayors and Councillors
Chairs and Directors of Regional District Boards
Chairs and Directors of Greater Boards

I am pleased to inform you that the Office of the Auditor General for Local Government will be releasing a performance audit report on the City of Merritt under the topic "Local Government Performance in Managing Policing Agreements and Police Budget Oversight."

The audit report will be published on our website www.aglg.ca on Tuesday, November 17 at 11:00 am.

I welcome feedback from local governments on all aspects of the work of our office, so I look forward to your comments on the report to be issued tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Gordon Ruth, FCPA, FCGA
Auditor General for Local Government

pc: Chief Administrative Officers

November 2015

Friends:

**Re: Remembering Working People:
Plaques Around the Province Project**

The BC Labour Heritage Society was founded in 2005. We engage in partnerships and projects that help define and express the role that work and workers have played in the evolution of social policy and its impact on the present and future shaping of the province.

I am writing to invite your participation in the BC Labour Heritage Centre's new **Remembering Working People: Plaques Around the Province Project**. An information sheet and nomination forms are attached.

There are two important aspects to this project:

1. To identify and catalogue existing memorials that fit our criteria (detailed in the Project Description).
2. To install a new series of cast bronze plaques which will document events, actions, episodes, movements, experiences, groups, individuals or places that have not been recognized to date. In this phase of the project, our focus will be on locations outside of Metro Vancouver.

We are reaching out to as many labour and community groups as possible to fulfill our goals. Anyone can submit a nomination.

This is an exciting project that will increase public awareness of the history of working people in British Columbia in a permanent way.

Please contact our Project Manager, Donna Sacuta if you require further information.

Project website page: www.labourheritagecentre.ca/patp

Email: plaques@labourheritagecentre.ca

Sincerely,



Ken Novakowski, Chairperson

Encls.

November 2015

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plaques@labourheritagecentre.ca

Remembering Working People: Plaques Around the Province Project

In 2010, the BC Labour Heritage Centre partnered with the Vancouver Convention Centre on the installation of a series of educational panels along the interior and exterior of the new Convention Centre. The Convention Centre covered the cost of producing the panels and we provided the research.



A series of plaques documenting events and people in British Columbia's labour history are on display at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

Building on this success, the Labour Heritage Centre has launched the "Remembering Working People: Plaques Around the Province Project". Our aim is to extend the Convention Centre program to areas outside of Vancouver.

We are seeking nominations of events, groups, individuals and places throughout the province that demonstrate the contributions of working people to the history of British Columbia.

Our criteria includes, but is not strictly limited to:

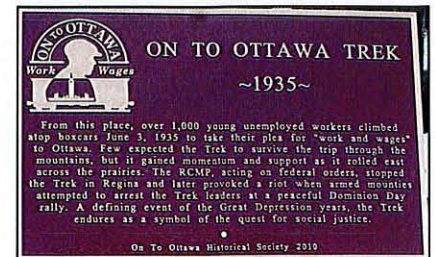
- **defining events, actions, episodes, movements, or experiences** that played a significant role in the history of the labour movement and working people in British Columbia
- **groups and individuals** that made a lasting contribution to labour and working history
- **places** that hold a direct association with a significant aspect of BC or Canadian labour history

When proposing a suitable event and location for a plaque, nominators will be asked to consider locations where they will be accessible to the public and contribute to an understanding of the foundations laid by working people in the province's history.

The Labour Heritage Centre will cover the cost of research and promotion of each plaque, including links to background materials on our website.

Costs

We have chosen Ornamental Bronze, located in Richmond, to produce the plaques. Ornamental Bronze is a union shop and their product meets our primary requirement for longevity. They produced the 2010 plaque for the commemoration of the On to Ottawa Trek, shown at right. The size of this plaque is 18" x 29". Each cast bronze plaque is individually crafted and will cost \$3,000 - \$5,000; depending on its size and complexity. We are asking nominators to contribute at least one-third of the cost of each plaque.



Our plaques will be modeled on the 2010 On to Ottawa Historical Society plaque in Vancouver, cast in bronze for longevity.

Inventory Project

Part of the Plaques Around the Province Project is the creation of an inventory of existing memorials that meet the same criteria. We are asking groups and individuals to make us aware of these commemorative locations. Two examples are shown below:



Plaque commemorating deaths of 26 miners at Granduc Mine, Stewart, BC.



Statue of social worker and activist Bridget Moran in Prince George.

Inventory Submission

BC Labour Heritage Centre Plaques Around the Province Project

Please help us identify locations of existing memorials to working people in British Columbia. Our criteria includes, but is not strictly limited to:

- **defining events, actions, episodes, movements, or experiences** that played a significant role in the history of the labour movement and working people in British Columbia.
- **groups and individuals** that made a lasting contribution to labour and working history
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Describe the existing memorial that you feel fits our criteria. Use additional pages if necessary. Include a location, photos, related information or website (URL) address to help identify the location:

Your contact information:

Name

Address

Email:

Phone:

Return to:

BC Labour Heritage Centre
Suite 301-8988 Fraserton Crt
Burnaby, BC V5J 5H8

Or email to: plaques@labourheritagecentre.ca

Plaques Around the Province Project Manager: Donna Sacuta Cell: 604-833-1193

November 2015

Remembering Working People Nomination Form

BC Labour Heritage Centre Plaques Around the Province Project

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1. Describe proposed event, etc. that you are nominating for recognition. Include as much information as you can about the nominated project; attach extra information and photos if necessary:

2. Can you suggest a location for a plaque:

3. Are you able to make a financial contribution to the plaque's construction, or assist with fund-raising?

Your contact information:

Name

Address

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November 2015

Sue Wood

From: Alison Slater [alislater@shaw.ca]
Sent: November-16-15 1:46 PM
To: Sue Wood
Subject: BDO Roundtable strategic business discussions
Attachments: BDO Kamloops Invite roundtable December 4th.pdf; BDO Kelowna invite roundtable Nov. 27thj.pdf

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Hello all,

Please find attached invitations to all local officials to attend a BDO Roundtable strategic business discussion. The sessions will take place in Kelowna on November 27th and in Kamloops on December 4th.

If any local official is interested in participating, please contact Corena Arlitt @ carlitt@bdo.ca or 250 492 6020 directly.

Thanks, Alison



YOU'RE INVITED

A Conversation Among Peers

Join us for a Strategic Business Discussion Among Peers at the BDO Roundtable

We have learned from recent conversations with various elected officials that capital infrastructure and quality financial information are two key issues at this time.

Both experienced and newly elected local representatives are invited to attend to share your thoughts and experiences or to learn from your peers concerning:

- Capital Infrastructure
- Quality Financial Information
- P3 - Public Private Partnerships

Facilitated by:

Jonathan McGraw, Partner, BDO Canada LLP

Date: Friday, November 27, 2015

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 pm (lunch provided)

Location: Coast Capri Hotel, 1171 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna BC

RSVP: Corena Arlitt @ carlitt@bdo.ca or 250 492 6020

Please advise of dietary restrictions





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Facilitated by:

Jonathan McGraw, Partner, BDO Canada LLP

Date: Friday, December 4, 2015
Time: 12:00 - 1:30 pm (lunch provided)
Location: Coast Kamloops Hotel & Conference Centre,
1250 Rogers Way, Kamloops BC
RSVP: Corena Arlitt @ carlitt@bdo.ca or 250 492 6020
Please advise of dietary restrictions

