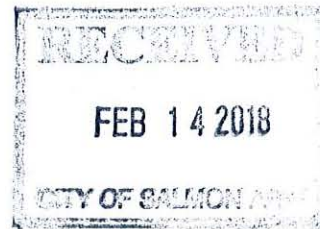


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21. Adams Lake Indian Band - Invitation - Welcome to Chief and Council

February 13, 2018.

Mayor Nancy Cooper and members of Council,
Salmon Arm, BC.



Dear Mayor Nancy Cooper and Councilors Chad Eliason, Kevin Flynn, Alan Harrison , Ken Jamieson , Tim Lavery, Louise Wallace-Richmond .

Regarding November Diabetes Month and some history :

The icon , a Blue Circle , was originally developed for the campaign that resulted in the passage of United Nations Resolution 61/225 "World Diabetes Day" The campaign for a United Nations Resolution on diabetes was a response to the diabetes pandemic that is set to overwhelm healthcare resources everywhere. The campaign mobilized diabetes stakeholders behind the common cause of securing a United Nations Resolution on diabetes. The United Nations passed Resolution 61/225 'World Diabetes Day' on December 20, 2006 "

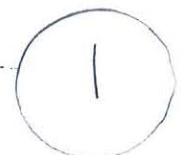
I humbly request to celebrate the Diabetes Community by placing outdoor BLUE lights along the appropriate places of City Hall this coming month of November and including subsequent years .

November 14 is Dr. Frederick Banting's Birthday , co- discoverer of insulin , a life line for many of us living in Salmon Arm . Globally his Birthday is celebrated yearly. There are an estimate of 11 million Canadians living with diabetes, pre diabetes and undiagnosed diabetes, including in the Shuswap. Salmon Arm sadly is home to many!

Respectfully yours,

PW (Nel) Peach

Petronella (Nel) Peach , 250-832-9735 . Living in Salmon Arm since 1999 and living with type 1 diabetes 35 years.



Barb Puddifant

From: Barbara Grier [bagx2@telus.net]
Sent: February-05-18 12:40 AM
To: Salmon Arm Observer
Cc: MP Mel Arnold; MLA Greg Kylo; Caylee Simmons; Columbia-Shuswap Regional District
Subject: editor: Coal Dust Pollution

Salmon Arm Observer
cc: Mel Arnold, MP North Okanagan - Shuswap
MLA Greg Kylo, Shuswap
City of Salmon Arm
Columbia Shuswap Regional District

Thank you to the Salmon Arm Observer for its front page news report (January 24, 2018) concerning coal dust pollution from passing trains, and to Marijke Dake and her cohorts for bringing this to the attention of our local governments. However this is a serious issue warranting action by both the provincial and federal governments.

By law, companies such as coal exporters should not be allowed to transport goods without satisfactory protection for the public; in this case, physical covers, not just a surface spray which can be lost in transit, to prevent the spread of coal dust.

Contrary to common belief, we do not breathe in oxygen and breathe out carbon dioxide. We breathe in air including all its gases and airborne pollutants; and in the lungs, oxygen passes into the blood stream by linking on to haemoglobin, and in the lungs most of the pollutants will stay.

Although now accepted that smoking can cause lung cancer, it is not the lung's only carcinogen, nor is cancer its only medical problem. Any pollutant is a potential threat. There is much evidence that coal mining and other toxic industries such as steel production increase lung disease conditions. In my own life, an Australian nonsmoking aunt, living in Newcastle which for decades had the largest steel works in the southern hemisphere, contracted then died of lung cancer. I well remember when visiting as a child the grey smoky sky and how easily the window screens corroded. We were breathing in highly polluted air.

Also well known is that the "bottom line" dictates companies' policies and practices; and countries too grow wealthy based on this. But a country's greatest asset is a healthy population - with low medical costs an invaluable bonus. So steps must be taken by governments to protect its people, requiring businesses to implement safe practices whatever the cost.

Installing another spray station east of Salmon Arm is only a short term solution - and in fact if anywhere, it should be east of Revelstoke. More sensible and effective is physically covering the coal trucks with lids or tarpaulins, both of which are re-usable; while spraying with a chemical is not only not completely effective, but actually wasteful, using up a valuable resource material.

Barbara Grier
Salmon Arm

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250-832-4124

Dear City Council,

The Last Friendship Day Soap Box Derby was a great event. Despite having to move the date from June to September it went very well. We actually found this date worked even better! The event saw about 10 cars and 30 racers. The youngest was 5 years and the oldest 13. We saw kit cars, upcycled cars and cars made from all recycled materials. We had a ton of spectators just come out to watch the event, and even more people asking how to join in next year.

After speaking with and coordinating with Salmon Arm Downtown, September 22, 2018 looked like an open date to hold the event again. They are in approval again this year for using Hudson Ave (Dough Boyz down past the theatre and Legion, ending in the parking lot of the Living Waters Church. All businesses were not affected, there was an event at the Shuswap Community Theatre but all parking lots were kept open and we finished before their event started. We would love approval to hold the event again this year on the specified date from 1-4pm in the same location. We are hoping with more lead time this year that more students and adults, as well as businesses will get involved!

We will work on securing Insurance again as required. We will work with the Citizens on Patrol again if they are willing, they loved the event and the speed board was a big hit! We were lucky enough to get a couple members with First aid qualifications to be present and thankfully they were not needed. This is something we will again need to source out as well.

Overall from the City we would require approval for the road closure, date and location of the event, as well as the use of the barricades for the day of the event again. They worked perfect for crowd control. We would also love any help in promoting the event to get more entries. Last year the proceeds were donated to BC Children's Hospital for any local kids that need it, the amount raised was close to \$500. I see this event as such a great way for kids to become leaders by building community, it is a great way to learn and bring everyone out.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask,

Brody and Michelle

250-517-7708

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-----Original Message-----

> From: Sheila Amey [<mailto:sheila@skamey.ca>]

> Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 3:09 PM

> To: kflynn@salmonarm.ca

> Subject: Road and sidewalk conditions

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> Dear Kevin

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> I am writing regarding the condition of the side roads in Salmon Arm with the snowy weather we have been experiencing this winter. It may have been extreme over the weekend but it is not unique.

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> I know the weather over the weekend was excessive but, nevertheless, I found the response for road clearance to be poor, to say the least. I realize that the City may not have the staff that it would normally have during the week, however, Mr Niewenhuizen's comments about the priority routes seems to be rather weak. Surely the City has a responsibility for the safety of it's Citizens, this, despite any policies the City may have regarding overtime. Mother Nature does not only work during office hours. With all the forecast information available there is no reason for the City not to be on top of the conditions, certainly considering the lateness of action with the first 'dump' we had before Xmas. I have always been impressed with how the City has dealt with keeping the roads clear for the 15 years that I have lived here but, for some reason, their performance this season leaves a lot to be desired. Why is this? What has changed? City policy? Speaking to body repair shops it appears that there have been considerably more collisions because of the poor road conditions on Monday and Tuesday this week than would normally be expected.

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> As you know I live almost at the top of the first rise of 20th St. SE, up from Okanagan. The degree of slope on that street is fairly severe leading onto Okanagan and yet, despite being a main connector road to get downtown, there was no effort to clear the road until the afternoon on both Saturday and Sunday. I am amazed that there was not a major accident over the weekend. As far as the side roads are concerned a large number still remain untouched, it now being Tuesday afternoon. This is the area close to me but listening to other people complaining it appears to be a general problem all around the City. This is not just my complaint. I have heard it from numerous people about all areas of the city. One big complaint was that the snowplough was depositing a barrier of snow and ice right across the end of side roads joining the cleared road. Some of the peoples cars could not exit into that main road. It's one thing for this to happen in front of your driveway but not at a road junction.

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> Outside of our property we have the sidewalk which children use to walk to and from school and it has only just been cleared. Also pathways between houses were uncleared and when the snow plough cleared the adjoining roads the snow was piled high across the pathway making it almost impossible to get onto the path. I personally felt as though I could hardly manage to clamber onto said pathways.

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Before, in these conditions, the sidewalks would be cleared and then gritted but this doesn't seem to be the case now.

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> As stated earlier there seems to be more risk moving around Salmon Arm than is usual and I, for one, find that totally unacceptable. We pay our taxes and would expect to be able to move around town without fear of having an accident and, if to achieve this, it means that city employees need to work through the night when conditions are severe....then so be it.

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> I look forward to receiving a response appertaining to these issues.

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> Kind regards.

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> Sheila Amey

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> Sent from my iPad=

From: Schipfel, David [David.Schipfel@interiorhealth.ca]
Sent: February 15, 2018 8:59 AM
To: Kevin Pearson
Cc: Nancy Cooper; Alan Harrison; Tim Lavery; Chad Eliason
Subject: Street Light Question

Kevin

I am not sure if my question falls under your area of responsibility. If not, please pass is on.

I would like to know the process for the development of new subdivisions in Salmon Arm. I was under the impression that when new building sites came on-line that the City made the developer cover the cost of the new infrastructure needed. (Roads, sewer, water, power, sidewalks, street lights, etc.). I live in the Hillcrest area and as you know we have seen a lot of new building sites created. My question is in regards to the street lights installed in these new developments. Why are we still installing 40 year old technology in the form of HPS street lighting? This is what appears to have been installed in my area. The exception is the single lamppost installed on 20th Street South East just by Hillcrest School. In that instance you went with the new LED style lamp post. Would it not be prudent to install the best technology available when building these new developments? It seems sort sighted to install these old fixtures when in a few years we will be upgrading these newly installed lights to LED and saving 2/3rds the power the old units consume. Can you enlighten me as to why LED lights where not specified? Is there a plan in the future to upgrade all of the Salmon Arm street lights to LED? Is BC Hydro offering incentives/rebates for such upgrading programs? Looking forward to your response.

Dave Schipfel
1460 17th Ave SE
Salmon Arm

dsi2003@telus.net

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Kevin Pearson

From: Jennifer Wilson
Sent: February 15, 2018 10:15 AM
To: 'David.Schipfel@interiorhealth.ca'
Cc: Carl Bannister; Rob Niewenhuizen; Tim Lavery; Alan Harrison; Kevin Pearson
Subject: RE: Street Light Question

Hi Dave,


Thank you for your e-mail. It's always nice to see someone encouraging environmentally (and fiscally) responsible behaviors. I agree with your points below, but unfortunately staff are bound by regulations and not always common sense! The reason behind what you are seeing is that all works and services required through subdivision and development are regulated by the Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw. This bylaw dictates what works and services are required where and also what type of standard. The previous bylaw was written very stringently and did not give staff authority to make changes to the technical specifications. In 2016 we did a wholesale update to the bylaw which included changing the standard of street lighting to LED and verbiage to allow staff to make technical specification changes where it makes sense. In Hillcrest, the majority of the subdivision approvals happened prior to the new bylaw being in place, hence the HPS lighting. The later phases have been/will be approved under the new bylaw requiring LED lighting, so there will be a mixture up there.

The City has previously looked at a city-wide update to LED lighting, but at the time there was no mechanism by which to save money through the BC Hydro billing unless you were on metered billing which we generally are not; however, BC Hydro (reportedly) has changed their system to allow non-metered LED billing. As such the City has it on our 2018 project list to review options for a City wide update and assuming there is a good option for the taxpayers to present options to Council.

I hope this addresses your concerns, but should you have any questions or require further information please contact me.

Sincerely,

Jenn Wilson, P.Eng., LEED® AP
City Engineer
City of Salmon Arm
Box 40, 500-2nd Avenue NE
Salmon Arm, BC, V1E 4N2
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From: Schipfel, David [<mailto:David.Schipfel@interiorhealth.ca>]
Sent: February 15, 2018 8:59 AM
To: Kevin Pearson
Cc: Nancy Cooper; Alan Harrison; Tim Lavery; Chad Eliason
Subject: Street Light Question

Kevin

From: Ken Bosch [<mailto:kenbosch@telus.net>]

Sent: January-29-18 1:59 PM

To: Nancy Cooper

Subject: City piling snow on the crosswalk

Dear Mayor Cooper

I'm sorry to have to write to you about such things, but my call to City Public Works before Christmas seems to have done nothing.

If anything the problem actually got worse.

And now the challenge of the snowfall of the last few days has added to the problem.

I'm talking about street snow removal that continues to be piled onto, and blocking, a crosswalk. Travelling the sidewalk along the north side Okanagan, it's the crosswalk that crosses the foot of 2nd Ave. NE (Harris St.), between 3rd St. and the Highway.

The pile is such that pedestrians are venturing out onto Okanagan to get by.

It's a shame, because the property owners along there (Law office and Fabricland) are doing a commendable job of keeping their sidewalks clear. (Jade Buffet? - not at all)

There is always plenty of under-utilized parking in this area.

It makes no sense to me why we're paying to have the snow piled on the pedestrian access - it could be piled in one of the under-utilized parking spaces.

Thank you for listening.

Ken Bosch
50 3 St. SE

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From: Calvin VanBuskirk [<mailto:calvinvb@shaw.ca>]
Sent: December-22-17 10:58 AM
To: Tim Lavery; Nancy Cooper
Subject: City of Vancouver and the TRC

Hi Tim and Nancy

Based on my discussion yesterday with Andrea Hilland of the BC Law Society, I was pleased to learn that the City of Vancouver has taken a lead role in Canada to become the City of Reconciliation.

vancouver.ca/news-calendar/vancouver-takes-next-steps-on-truth-and-reconciliation-commission-report.aspx

Has Salmon Arm council looked into the 94 recommendations within the TRC report to determine what actions the City can take towards Reconciliation?

<http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/index.php?p=5>

<http://www.trc.ca/websites/reconciliation/index.php?p=330>

[http://www.myrobust.com/websites/trcinstitution/File/2039_T&R_eng_web\[1\].pdf](http://www.myrobust.com/websites/trcinstitution/File/2039_T&R_eng_web[1].pdf)

I feel there are issues within the OCP as well as within the planned highway upgrading on the west side of town that reflect systemic problems which should be addressed. Many of these issues can be dealt with in a mutually beneficial manner provided the content of the acts and charters are viewed through the lens of the UN Declaration on the Right of Indigenous People.

I was fortunate to partake in the BC Law Societies Symposium on the TRC last month. The daylong event was very enlightening, emotional and hopeful. The Key note speech by Chief Justice Steven Point was an engaging summary of First Nations culture and treatment at the hands of colonists.

<http://www.cle.bc.ca/onlinestore/productdetails.aspx?cid=1477>

It would be great if we could get together to discuss the TRC findings and the opportunities for Salmon Arm to take Action to move towards Reconciliation.

I have tabled a motion with Engineers and Geoscientist BC to address the TRC recommendation and the motion was approved by our general membership in October.

Thanks and best wishes for this holiday season.

Cheers

Calvin VanBuskirk, P.Eng., P.Geo.
Terratech Consulting Ltd.
PO Box 201
Salmon Arm, B.C.
V1E 4N3 Phone 250 832 3933
Cell 250 803 8830



Lindsay Wong
2660 25th Street NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 2Z7

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

February 5, 2018

Dear Rob Niewenhuizen, Director of Engineering and Public Works

RE: 38th Annual Terry Fox Run, now proclaimed to be 'Terry Fox Day', Sunday September 16, 2018

On behalf of the Terry Fox Run Organizers, I ask your permission for the use of the gazebo and washroom facilities at Blackburn Park for registration and refreshments and the use of the enclosed marked routes on the surrounding roadways, to host the annual fundraising event for cancer research for the Terry Fox Foundation.

The event will take place from approximately 8am – 1pm, with registration opening at 8:30am and the run starting at 10am.

A copy of this letter will also be sent to the Ministry of Transportation for the use of the short section of the TCH from 30th Street SW to 10th Avenue SW, which is part of the route.

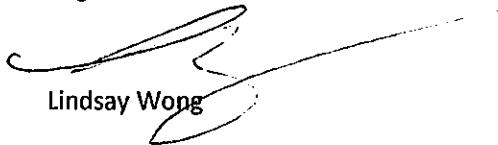
As in years past, the RCMP lead the run and carries out speed patrols throughout the event, dependent on staff time. The Salmon Arm Fire Department also assist, all contributing to run safety.

The Terry Fox Foundation has insurance coverage for the event and that is usually obtained in early September. A copy will be forwarded immediately to involved parties.

Should you have further questions, please contact me 250-306-6772, email lindsaywong8@gmail.com or info@salmonarmdowntown.com

Thank you for your continuing support for this event and consideration of these requests.

Regards

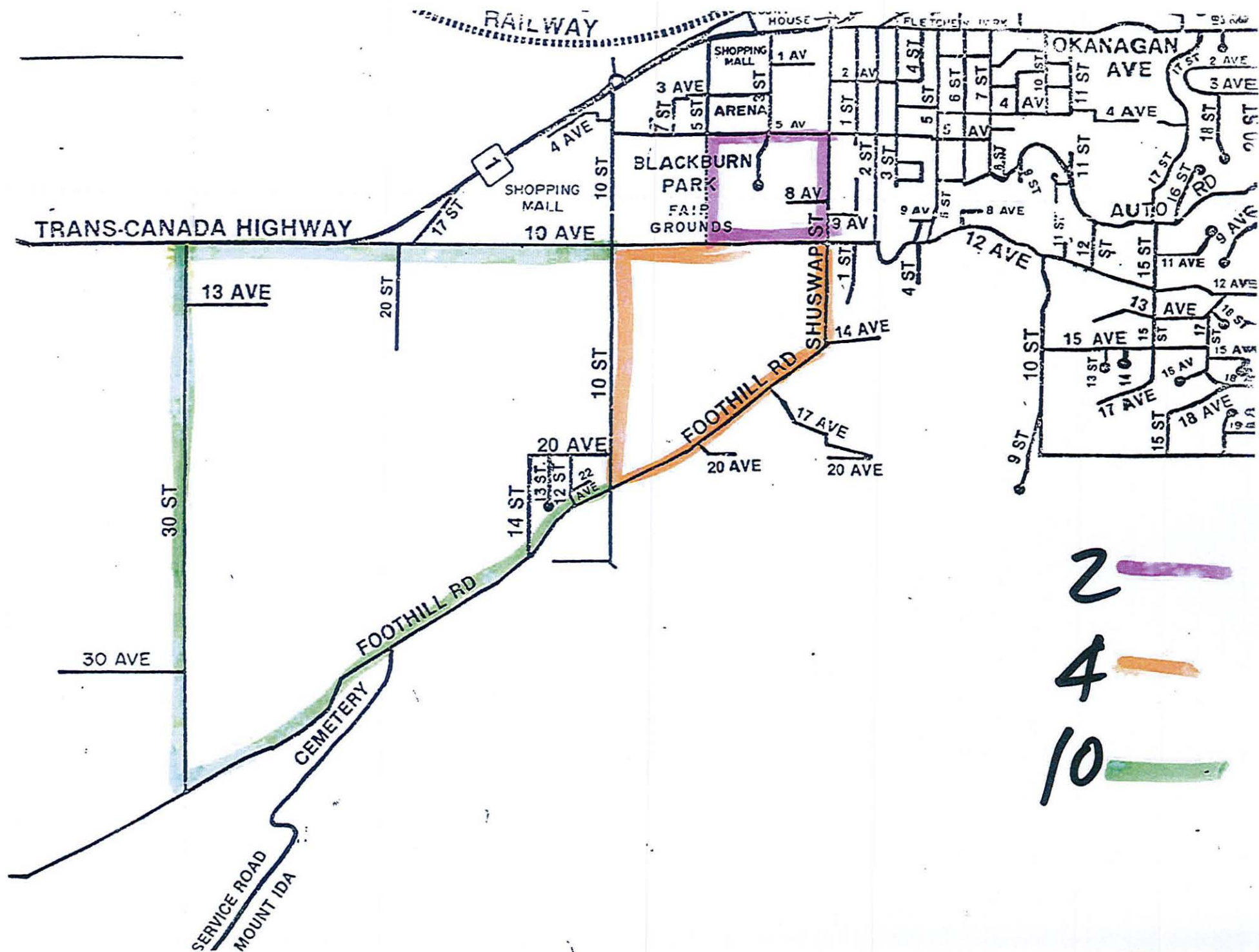


Lindsay Wong

Run Organizer

cc. Ministry of Transportation and Highways

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Lindsay Wong
2660 25th Street NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 2Z7

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

February 5, 2018

Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: 38th Annual Terry Fox Run, now proclaimed to be 'Terry Fox Day', Sunday September 16, 2018

The Terry Fox Run has been held in Salmon Arm for many years, thanks to the on-going commitment of run organizers and volunteers.

The event is held at Blackburn Park, starting with registration, followed by announcements before the run begins. The park has been a great location for participants to gather and socialize during the event.

The Run attracts over 200 participants, raising over \$5000 for cancer research.

On behalf of the Terry Fox Run Organizers, I am requesting that Mayor and Council please consider waiving the booking fee for Blackburn Park. Over the years, the run organizers have paid this fee. Please see the attached forms. While nominal, the volunteers and their families already dedicate many hours to host this event, create awareness in the community and raise funds for cancer research.

The event will take place from approximately 8am – 1pm, with registration opening at 8:30am and the run starting at 10am.

Should you have further questions, please contact me 250-306-6772, email lindsaywong8@gmail.com or info@salmonarmdowntown.com

Thank you for your support for the Terry Fox Run and Research for Cancer.

Regards



Lindsay Wong

On behalf of the Run Committee – Cliff, Fran Evans & Brady Magneson

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Shuswap Recreation Society

Acct ID:

2600 10th Avenue NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 2S4Phone: 250-832-4044
Fax: 250-833-4656

Booking Contact:

Customer Schedule**09/15/2017 - 09/18/2017****Wong, Lindsay**Lindsay Wong
2660 25th St NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E2Z7**Lindsay Wong**Other Phone: 250-832-5440
Fax: H - 250-306-6772
Email: info@salmonarmdowntown.com

Date	Day	Complex	Facility	Event Type	Start Time	End Time	Dur. (Min)	Rate	Other Charge	Amount
09/17/2017	Sun	BBP	BBP - BD 4	Special Event	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	300	6.15	0.00	30.75
Terry Fox Run Please provide a copy of your insurance that includes the City of Salmon Arm and Shuswap Recreation Society as additional insured.										

5.0 (hrs) Sub Total \$30.75

Tax \$0.00

Grand Total \$30.75

End of Listing

paid by LW.
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* Indicates event spans multiple days.

Shuswap Recreation Society

Acct ID:

2600 10th Avenue NE

Phone: 250-832-4044

Salmon Arm, BC V1E 2S4

Fax: 250-833-4656

Customer Schedule**09/16/2016 - 09/19/2016****Evans, Cliff****Cliff Evans**

Cliff Evans

Other Phone: 250-804-0376

5450 13 Ave SW

Email: evafc@shaw.ca

5450 13th Ave SW

Salmon Arm, BC V1E 3B5

Date	Day	Dur.	Other	Event Type	Start	
Time	End Time	Complex	Facility	Charge	Amount	
09/18/2016	Sun	BBP	BBP - BD 4	Practice	7:00 AM	2:00
PM	420	6.15	0.00	43.05		
Terry Fox Run						
7.0	(hrs)		Sub Total	\$43.05		
Tax	\$0.00					
Grand Total		\$43.05				

End of Listing

Shuswap Recreation Society

2600 - 10th Avenue NE
Salmon Arm V1E 2S4
Phone: (250) 832-4044

INVOICE

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Evans, Cliff

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Evans, Cliff

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SALMON ARM MUSEUM & HERITAGE ASSOCIATION AT

R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum

751 Hwy. 97B NE

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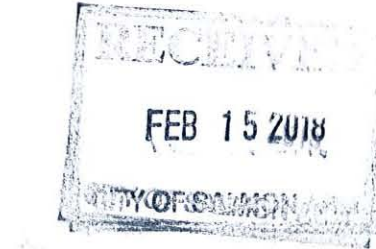
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Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4P7

February 7, 2018

City of Salmon Arm
500-2 Avenue NE
Box 40
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2



Attention: Mayor and Council

Dear Mayor Nancy Cooper and City of Salmon Arm Council;

The Salmon Arm Museum Board of Directors would like to thank the Council for their support at R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum. Last season was very exciting at the Village; on July 9th the community helped the association celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday and the grand opening of the Montebello Museum with over 1000 visitors in attendance. Exactly 15940 visitors explored the history of Salmon Arm at events, dinner theatre and daily visits.

Over the winter month's work has continued on the Montebello Museum and the community can look forward to discovering new stories of our rich Shuswap history. Planning has started for the opening of the Village and Marjorie's Tea Room for the season on May 16.

As part of the Associations Village Strategic Plan and our next stage of development in 2018 we will be moving from admission by donation to a gated admission charge. The fee structure will include a daily visitor's admission and annual passes at a nominal fee to encourage the community to become user stakeholders. Visitors can look forward to discovering the Village, trails and daily planned activities as part of their gate admission.

Thank you again for your continued support at R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum.

Sincerely,

Norma Harisch
President

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Keeping the history of Salmon Arm alive

• Ph: (250) 832-5243 • info@salmonarmmuseum.org • facebook.com/Haneyheritage • www.salmonarmmuseum.org

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

February 14th, 2018

Uptown Village at 1810 15th Ave NE – Site Clearing

Dear Mayor Cooper and City of Salmon Arm Councilor's,

We hereby request to commence site clearing works upon Development Permit approval to facilitate the proposed development of the Uptown Village at 1810 15th Ave NE in an accelerated manner.

Typically, site clearing does not start until a servicing agreement has been put in place. A servicing agreement is based on full engineering design approval, most specifically, an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan. Full detailed engineering design documentation including engineering reports, calculations, drawings and cost estimates will be provided to the City of Salmon Arm concurrently with the Development Permit application process.

To accelerate the challenging project schedule, targeting delivery of the first 7 units by fall 2018, we request permission to commence with the required site clearing while the details of the servicing agreement are being finalized as this typically occurs after Development Permit approval.

Prior to any site clearing commencing, the erosion and sediment controls would need to be constructed in accordance with a City Engineer approved Erosion and Sediment Control Plan.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

Prepared by,



Sean Husband, EIT
(Franklin Engineering)

On Behalf of,



Randy Meise
(Uptown Ventures Ltd)

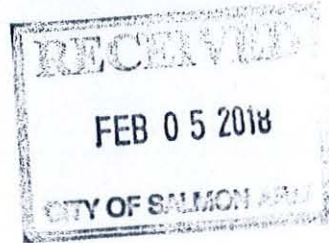
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BC ASSOCIATION OF FARMERS' MARKETS

January 31, 2018

Nancy Cooper
Mayor, City of Salmon Arm
Box 40
500 2 Ave. NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2



Dear Ms. Cooper ,

We would like to share with you the exciting results of the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program (FMNCP) in Salmon Arm for 2017. As you know, the BC Association of Farmers' Markets delivers this provincial program and is extremely proud of its deep impact on both people and farms across BC.

Our partners, the Shuswap Farm & Craft Market, the Salmon Arm Community Market and Shuswap Family Resource and Referral Center provided lower-income pregnant women, families and seniors with coupons in your community to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, cheese, eggs, nuts, fish, meat and herbs at your local farmers' market.

Over the year, a total of **\$7,376** was invested in Salmon Arm through this Program.

In 2017, this valued program connected with 55 communities throughout the province, making fresh local foods more accessible to over 4,200 households equivalent to 11,131 British Columbians.

Participants in Salmon Arm ate more local foods, learned about healthy eating, and felt connected to their community. At the same time, the local food system was strengthened with farmers in your community benefitting from additional revenue to sustain their farms.

We have received many messages of thanks throughout the year but this one stood out to us, "The coupons have made the difference between relative isolation and high starch foods and instead bi-monthly family trips into the community and fresh foods, often greens and berries for my kids."

If you are pleased with the impact of this program in your community, we would appreciate if you will share your gratitude and invite you to write to the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. Your encouragement and feedback may support the continuity of funding for this program and ensure we continue to build healthier BC communities together.

We look forward to working with your community again in 2018!

With gratitude,

Heather O'Hara
Executive Director
BC Association of Farmers' Markets

Wylie Bystedt
President, Board of Directors
BC Association of Farmers' Markets

cc: Shuswap Farm & Craft Market and the Salmon Arm Community Market, Shuswap Family Resource and Referral Center

Province of British Columbia

Offices of the Premier and of the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

Sent by e-mail to premier@gov.bc.ca and env.minister@gov.bc.ca

2 February 2018

Re: Invasive Mussel prevention in 2018

Dear Honourable Premier Horgan and Honourable Minister Heyman:

I am writing on behalf of the Shuswap Watershed Council to express our concern about the enduring threat that zebra and quagga mussels pose to the waterways in our region.

The Shuswap Watershed Council (SWC) is a collaborative partnership of the Columbia Shuswap Regional District, Thompson-Nicola Regional District, City of Salmon Arm, District of Sicamous, Secwepemc Nation, Regional District of North Okanagan, and the BC Ministries of Environment and Agriculture. Its mandate is to enhance water quality and safe recreation in the Shuswap watershed, including Shuswap and Little Shuswap Lake, Mara Lake, Mabel Lake, Adams Lake, and numerous rivers.

At a recent SWC meeting held in October 2017 in Salmon Arm, we were fortunate to hear directly from Ms. Martina Beck, Acting Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator for the Province, about the Invasive Mussel Defence Program that the Province implemented in 2017. Thank you for your efforts to-date to prevent an introduction of zebra and quagga mussels; in particular, the improvements to the program in 2017 from previous years including a greater number of watercraft inspection stations, more staffing resources including a mussel-sniffing canine, and longer hours and seasons of watercraft inspection (including 24-hour inspection at Golden BC). These operations are much needed and appreciated. Ms. Beck reported that British Columbia remains mussel-free at this time – this is no doubt due, in part, to the Province's efforts as well as education and outreach efforts of many organizations, and the cooperation of travellers into BC.

However, the risk remains and the consequences of an accidental introduction of mussels are dire. In 2017, the Conservation Officer Service intercepted 24 mussel-fouled watercraft – it may sound like a low number, but it will only take a single boat, kayak, or paddleboard contaminated with mussels to start an irreversible infestation. Therefore, we are asking the Province to once again expand upon its Invasive Mussel Defence Program:

- Improve upon the existing watercraft inspection program
 - Increase the number of stations to have one at every major entry point to BC
 - Increase the stations' hours of operation and seasonal operation
 - Add additional canine resources to the program
 - Improve the signage for mandatory inspection stations (to increase compliance of all types of watercraft, which have been at 80% for two years)

- Work with the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Environment and Climate Change Canada to entreat other provinces to effectively contain mussel infestations
- Provide financial support for veliger (mussel larvae) sampling in the Shuswap watershed
- Expand upon education and outreach efforts to-date
 - Maintain an up-to-date provincial website for zebra and quagga mussels
 - Provide financial support for large media and social media campaigns for the prevention of zebra and quagga mussel infestation in BC.

Prevention is key. If aquatic invasive mussels establish in one of our province's waterways, it will be irreversible and they will spread as they have been for 30 years in Canada. The ecological and economic impacts are conservatively estimated to cost \$43M annually to British Columbians – a cost we surely do not want to bear if we could have prevented it.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing efforts to keep BC waters mussel-free.

Kind regards,

Paul Demenok
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Director, Columbia Shuswap Regional District, Area 'C' South Shuswap
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Cc: Shuswap area MLAs: Greg Kylo, Todd Stone, Eric Foster
Regional District Chairs for Columbia Shuswap, Thompson-Nicola, and North Okanagan:
Rhona Martin, John Ranta, Bob Fleming
Shuswap municipal mayors: Nancy Cooper, Terry Rysz
Secwepemc Chiefs: Paul Michel, Wayne Christian, Oliver Arnouse, Judy Wilson
MP for North Okanagan – Shuswap: Mel Arnold
Official Opposition Critic for Environment and Climate Change: Peter Milobar
Mark Zacharias, Deputy Minister of Environment
Brian Heise, Chair, Invasive Species Council of British Columbia
Gail Wallin, Executive Director, Invasive Species Council of British Columbia
Tracy Gray, Chair, Okanagan Basin Water Board
Hamish Kassa, Chair, Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society



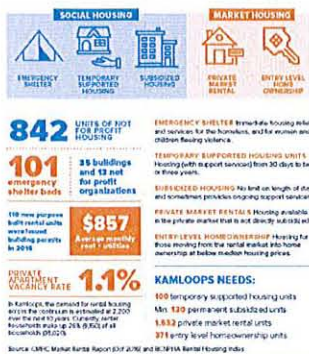
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February 2018

Community Recognition

THE HOUSING CONTINUUM & HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IN KAMLOOPS



Kamloops - Affordable Housing

The City of Kamloops passed a motion on January 16, 2018 that authorized Administration to advance the Communications and Public Engagement Strategy in order to facilitate community dialogue as it moves forward with achieving their housing goals. Over the last several years, the City has established opportunities for the not-for-profit sector to increase the affordable housing inventory, including adopting policies within the Official Community Plan that support these efforts, and rezoning land for affordable housing. Additionally, BC Housing has played an important role in investing in housing, and the not-for-profit sector is successfully operating affordable housing in Kamloops. To learn more, please [click here](#) and there is also a short video [available](#).

Building a Child and Youth Friendly Vernon

The City of Vernon is well on its way to building a Child and Youth Friendly city! The City received PlanH funding to support this project that involves assessing existing housing, transportation, health, parks, and recreation policies with a 'child and youth lens' as a way to foster an inclusive community for families and children. In coming months, additional engagement and asset mapping is planned that will include opportunities for everyone in the community to contribute, especially children and youth. To learn more, read this article on PlanH's [website](#).



Lower Columbia Region Releases Road Map to Poverty Reduction

'Thriving For All: Lower Columbia Poverty Reduction Plan' was released near the end of 2017. The plan was developed with input from regional service providers, local business, industry, and local government, and included a number of people currently living in poverty. The report builds upon a number of other crucial collaborative projects conducted over the last 5 years including gender-based studies, regional living wage studies, and workshops exploring poverty reduction strategies from around the province of BC. Visit this [link](#) for more information.

Salmo Recognized at Sustainable Communities Awards 2018



Congratulations to the Village of Salmo for being one of the successful recipients of the 2018 Sustainable Communities Awards from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)! This award presented by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities celebrates groundbreaking environmental initiatives in

communities across Canada. Salmo received the Asset Management honor, click this [link](#) for details.

Events and Learning Opportunities

Collective Impact (CI) 3.0 Workshop

Collective Impact (CI) 3.0 is a three-day intensive workshop being held in Edmonton, AB from February 28 – March 2, 2018. This workshop is for practitioners in early stage, mid stage and later stage community change work and will explore the latest in the practice of collective impact from experts, practitioners and early adopters of the work. To learn more and to register, [click here](#)

Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments - Drinking Water Workshop

Join Interior Health representatives at the Drinking Water Workshop in **Fernie on April 17, 2018**. This workshop will be from 10-4 at the Park Place Lodge. Elected Officials within the Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) region and delegates of the AKBLG conference may register for this workshop when you sign up for the conference. See [this poster](#) for details. We hope to see you there!



Fuse International Conference on Knowledge Exchange in Public Health



This conference is taking place in **Vancouver on May 8-10** and will focus on how to use research evidence in public health policymaking from around the world, how to develop and evaluate policies in public health, and policy challenges across jurisdiction and sectors. Click this [link](#) for more information.

2018 High Ground: Communities for All

This conference is taking place in **Vancouver on March 23 & 24**. Presented by Columbia Institute's Centre for Civic Governance, where they aim to develop a deeper understanding of the issues shaping our times, offer networking with colleagues, and hope participants take away insights on opportunities to build more inclusive, sustainable communities. All the information is [here](#)



Healthy Public Policy Resources

A Home for Everyone: A Housing Strategy for British Columbians

This brand new report from Union of BC Municipalities is calling upon all levels of government to take action to address the issue of housing affordability. The strategy supports the provincial goal of constructing 114,000 new units over ten years; actions to mitigate the impact of foreign and domestic speculation; and policies aimed at preventing homelessness.



“For many British Columbians, there is an extreme disconnect between housing prices and income,” said Wendy Booth, UBCM President. “This gap is unprecedented and demonstrates the enormous impact of speculative demand on B.C. housing market. To reverse our current course of unaffordability, we need an evidence-based approach to manage demand through stronger taxation policy and better data collection.”

The strategy also welcomes the current direction of both the federal and provincial governments on housing policy, and calls for all levels of government to work more closely to implement the actions UBCM has proposed.

The Social Determinants of Health Impacts of Resource Extraction & Development in Rural and Northern Communities: A Summary of Impacts and Promising Practices for Assessment and Monitoring

In rural BC, it has been reported that the ‘boom and bust’ cycles of natural resource extraction development have been a significant factor in shaping the health inequities that are observed and experienced throughout the province. Accordingly, there is a strong desire to better assess and respond to the impacts of resource extraction and development on the social determinants of health (SDOH). [This document](#) seeks to assist local efforts by industry and other stakeholders in incorporating SDOH into managing and monitoring the impacts of natural resource extraction and development.

Prescription for a Healthier Population: Spend More on Social Services

A study recently reported in the Canadian Medical Association Journal looked at health and social spending in nine provinces over 31 years from 1981 to 2011 and compared it to three population health measures: potentially avoidable death, life expectancy, and infant mortality. Researchers discovered that when social spending increased relative to health spending, premature death went down and life expectancy increased. See the [study here](#) and check out a [podcast](#) including an interview with one of the researchers over on Upstream Radio.

Sincerely,

Your Healthy Communities Team

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From: Municipal and Regional District Tax Program DBC:EX [<mailto:MRDT@destinationbc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, February 09, 2018 4:26 PM
To: Erin Jackson
Cc: Lana Fitt
Subject: City of Salmon Arm 2018 Tactical Plan

Hello Erin,

We are writing to thank you for submitting your 2018 Municipal and Regional District Tax One-Year Tactical Plan and Budget encompassing the period from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 and to advise that Destination British Columbia has now completed its review for the **City of Salmon Arm**.

As you know, by meeting the Municipal and Regional District Tax Program reporting requirements, we are able to share relevant tactics contained in your plan with applicable Destination BC program areas to facilitate increased collaboration and alignment. For example, we've shared a summary of your visitor services tactics with our Visitor Services team. Further, we've shared your plan to expand the inventory of video assets to showcase Shuswap experiences in the shoulder and off-season with our Content team to inform provincial planning. Please be advised that Destination BC staff members may contact you in the future, if further opportunities are identified.

As the City of Salmon Arm works to continually develop its consumer focused assets, please note that we have a number of Destination BC brand resources that may be helpful. To get started, visit Destination BC's corporate website at www.destinationbc.ca and check out the Brand Resources section for tools available to the industry. We also encourage you and your creative agency to watch the webinar and read our brand document, and register for our image bank (our digital asset management system that has photos and footage for BC tourism industry stakeholders to use, at no cost). Please feel free to contact our Brand Supervisors, Jackie and Leigh, if you would like to engage them in your process by emailing brand@destinationbc.ca

Thank you again for your submission. We are happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the Municipal and Regional District Tax reporting requirements. Please contact Monique Willis or Heather Boyd at the contact information provided below. You can find the Municipal and Regional District Tax Program Requirements, including information specific to the Annual Performance Management and Reporting Requirements online at www.destinationbc.ca/MRDT.

We appreciate the effort that was put into your submission and wish you the best in implementing your program activities!

Warm regards,

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From: Richardson, Jennifer MAH:EX [Jennifer.Richardson@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: February-19-18 1:01 PM
To: Richardson, Jennifer MAH:EX
Cc: Mezynska, Urszula MAH:EX; Chadwick, Narissa MAH:EX
Subject: Re: CARIP and Carbon Neutral Reporting Webinar
Attachments: CARIP and Carbon Neutral Reporting Webinar 2018.pdf

To: All Municipal and Regional District staff with CARIP reporting responsibilities

Re: CARIP and Carbon Neutral Reporting Webinar

Please find attached an invitation to an upcoming webinar on *CARIP and Carbon Neutral Reporting*.

Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Time: 10am to 11:30am

The webinar is intended for local government staff who are looking for a refresher and updates on CARIP and Carbon Neutral reporting. Topics covered will include:

- Climate Action Charter and Green Communities Committee (GCC)
- CARIP reporting survey requirements
- GCC Carbon Neutral Framework measuring and reporting
- For those local governments measuring corporate emissions, staff from the Climate Action Secretariat will be available to answer questions about SMARTTool or best practices for quantifying greenhouse gas emissions.

To register for the webinar please click [here](#) or follow the link in the attachment.

Helpful Information for the 2017 Reporting Year:

- The deadline for completing the CARIP survey is **June 1, 2018**.
- If you are new to the CARIP program, start with the [2017 CARIP Program Guide](#), which contains the most up to date information, links and contacts related to CARIP and Carbon Neutral Reporting.
- For those local governments measuring GHG emissions, please note the [GCC Communiqué](#) announcing removal of emissions associated with collection, transportation and diversion of packaging and printed paper for purposes of corporate GHG reporting under the GCC Carbon Neutral Framework.

If you have any questions about the webinar please contact Urszula.Mezynska@gov.bc.ca or call 778 698-3459

CARIP AND CARBON NEUTRAL REPORTING

WEBINAR

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

10:00am to 11:30pm PST

Webinar Presented by:

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CARIP Reporting Requirements – Due June 1, 2018

1. [2017 Carbon Tax Calculation Form](#)
Complete and submit to infra@gov.bc.ca
2. [2017 CARIP Climate Action/Carbon Neutral Progress Survey](#)
Complete survey online and submit to the Province (survey sent to CFOs)
3. [2017 Public Report](#)
Make public report containing information submitted in online survey.
4. [2017 CARIP Public Report Attestation Form](#)
Complete and submit to infra@gov.bc.ca

Background:

The Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) is a conditional grant that provides funding to eligible local government signatories to the Climate Action Charter, equivalent to one hundred percent of the carbon taxes they pay directly.

To be eligible for the CARIP grant, local governments are required to fill out the CARIP survey and report on their climate actions and progress towards carbon neutrality by **June 1, 2018**.

This webinar will provide attendees with an opportunity to ask questions related to the CARIP survey and reporting requirements, with specific opportunities for Qs and As about reporting GHG emissions as per the Green Communities Committee (GCC) Carbon Neutral Framework.

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If you have any questions please send an email to Urszula.Mezynska@gov.bc.ca

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Barb Puddifant

From: FCM Communiqué [communiqué@fcm.ca]
Sent: February-06-18 12:55 PM
To: Caylee Simmons
Subject: Thank you for being a member of FCM

February 6, 2018

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Communiqué



Dear ,

Thank you for being a member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. As the national voice for local governments, FCM helps shape the national agenda and delivers unprecedented results for our members. With 's support, we can continue to make history.

As a member, you get access to exclusive tips, tools and analysis from FCM's policy experts and capacity-building programs. Check out our website to read more about some of our [focus areas](#), and to learn about our national and international [programs](#) that can help [fund](#) local projects in your community.

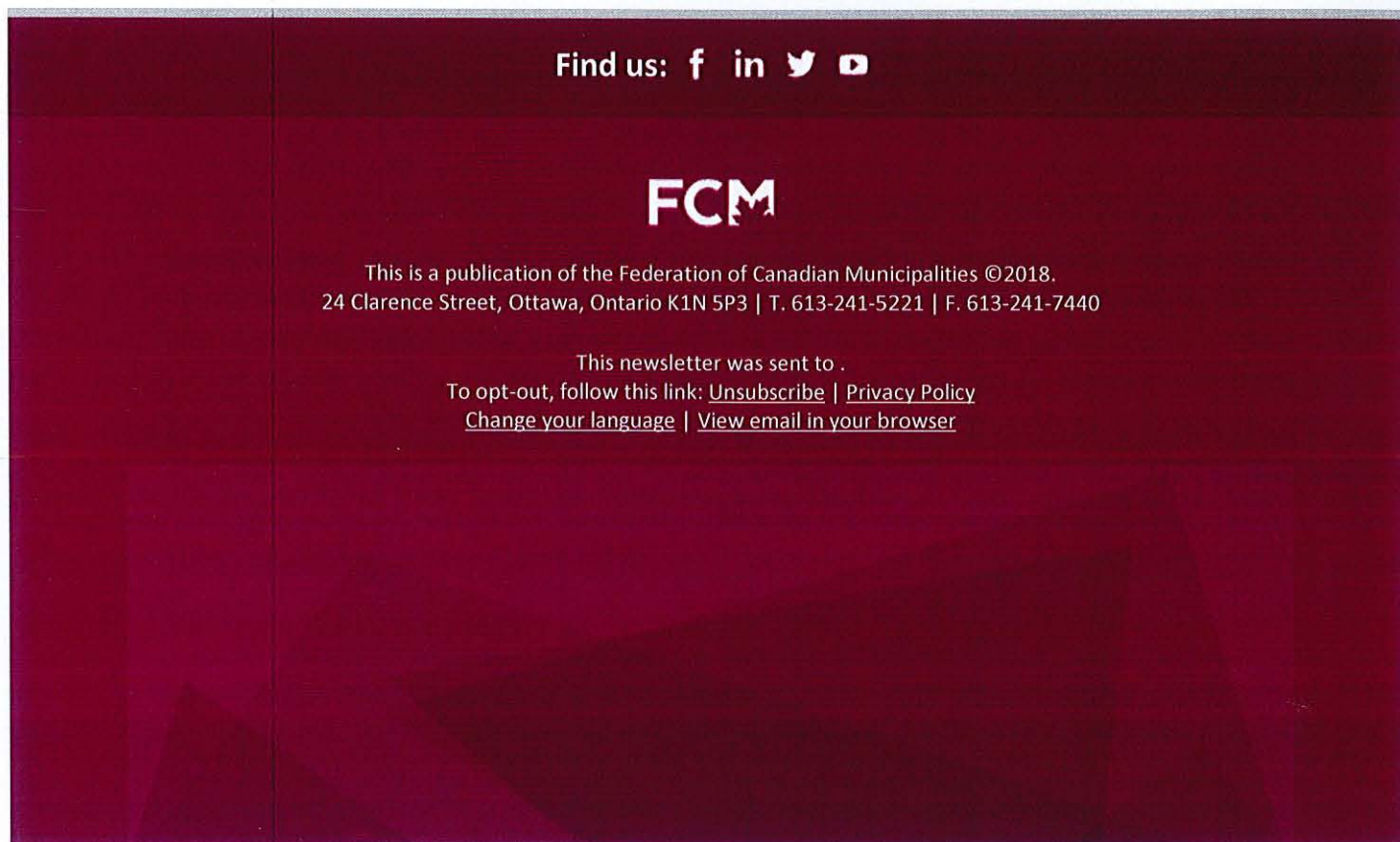
As well, you are entitled to receive our exclusive e-mail correspondence that will keep you up-to-date on federal-municipal matters. Elected officials and chief

administrative officers are automatically added to our mailing list. You also have access to FCM's [membership portal](#), where you can get more information about FCM, and register for our [conferences](#).

If you haven't already done so, you can [download](#) our "Proud Member of FCM" logo to add to your municipality's website or Facebook page. If you have any membership questions, please reach out to us at membership@fcm.ca.

Thank you again for your membership.

The Member Relations Team





Honourable Selina Robinson
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Parliament Building
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

February 8, 2018

Dear Minister Robinson,


On behalf of Victoria City Council, I am writing to request the Provincial government take a leadership role in housing affordability, in partnership with the Federal government, First Nations governments, local governments, and housing providers. Specifically we request Provincial leadership in the following areas:

- (1) Increasing the supply of non-market housing.
- (2) Creating an inventory of public and private land suitable for development for affordable housing.
- (3) Introducing effective fiscal and taxation tools to encourage the use of residential property to provide housing, and discourage speculation, "flipping," commodity investment and other market distortions that contribute toward a sharp escalation in the price of housing, including adjustments to the Property Transfer Tax to encourage residential occupancy and discourage speculation.
- (4) Guaranteeing a dedicated and fixed portion of revenues from Property Transfer and Land Value Capture taxes for local Affordable Housing and Transit infrastructure.
- (5) Extending Vacancy Taxation Authority to local governments, 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.
- (6) Restoring the authority of local governments to introduce a Land Value Tax, to incentivize improvements to property for housing and other purposes, and create a disincentive to holding vacant property for speculative purposes.
- (7) Consider granting local governments the authority to take title to vacant and derelict buildings, to encourage the occupancy, maintenance, and improvement of buildings to address housing affordability and public safety.

(8) Amending the Residential Tenancy Act and provide additional resources to the Residential Tenancy Branch to strengthen protections for renters facing rent increases and “renovictions” and “demovictions.”

The City of Victoria is willing and ready to be an active partner for housing affordability and we thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor

Cc: Honourable John Horgan, Premier
Honourable Carole James, Minister of Finance
Capital Region MLA's
UBCM Member Governments

From: H Dysarsz [<mailto:hdysarsz@telus.net>]

Sent: January-31-18 12:22 PM

To: Nancy Cooper

Cc: Chad Eliason; Kevin Flynn; Alan Harrison; Ken Jamieson; Tim Lavery; Louise Wallace-Richmond

Subject: Better Prehospital critical care for rural BC - it could save the life of someone you love

Your Worship, Councilors:

The reason you and council should consider signing our petition, along with all residents of your community is:

The following percentages relate to people which died from trauma BEFORE arriving at a hospital in BC (by region):

- **Greater Vancouver: 12%,**
- **Rural Vancouver Island: 45%,**
- **Interior: 59%,**
- **Northern BC: 75%**
- **(Northwest BC 82%)**

Clearly British Columbians which reside outside the Lower mainland do not have timely enough EMS responses to give them a fighting chance to survive critical injury or illness, and since so much of British Columbia's wealth comes from rural BC, we feel rural British Columbians also deserve much better prehospital care. Please pass this email on to everyone you know as it could save the life of someone you love sooner than you think.

We encourage you to read and sign our petition, at:

<https://www.change.org/p/to-save-more-lives-and-save-billions-for-taxpayers-b-c-must-finally-move-to-a-modern-prehospital-care-system>

We hope that all British Columbians will read and sign our petition as this is good for all of us – including all provincial politicians their loved ones.

Please feel to contact me for more information.

An outline of the petition is attached below but signing can only be done at the Change.org website

Sincerely,

Hans Dysarsz

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The picture above shows Austria's fleet of 18 state-of-the-art air ambulance / air rescue helicopters. This tiny country of 8.5 million has modern EMS but British Columbia doesn't, why is that?

Such modern EMS helicopter fleets are common in European countries and their use started over 63 years ago but not in BC; why is that?

The primary mission and justification of an air ambulance / air rescue helicopter, is to bring a multi-specialty doctor (combination Emergency Medicine Specialist / surgeon / anesthetist) to the critical care needs patient in the shortest possible time frame regardless of where they present. Hundreds of these air ambulance helicopters work all over the world every day, most are typically 'off the ground' and on-route to the patient within 2 minutes of the 911 call (as is the case in Alberta right next door). Their secondary role is to serve as the fastest possible transport means to the best possible treatment facility for the patient's condition or injury; now that is how modern EMS operates and BC has nothing even remotely close to that.

To be clear modern EMS / Rescue helicopters are but one component of a modern, high-functioning, EMS model, other countries (and provinces) have long since been providing their residents with such modern additional lifesaving capabilities as: mobile (ambulance-mounted) CAT scanners, multi-specialty doctor-staffed 'fast' ground cars (which also carry universal donor whole blood to effectively treat deadly bleeding injuries and restricted drug kits) and much more.

Europe today has over 260 such medical air rescue helicopters, all routinely land directly at the critical care needs patient's location, regardless of where they may be, and after (immediate) patient stabilization (by the helicopter doctor), the patient is transported directly to the best-suited hospital for their condition (at 250 kilometers per hour!) to such care facilities as Children's hospital, Level 1 Trauma centers / cardiac unit / burn unit / spinal / ICU units. The average German EMS helicopter will perform between 6 and 12 missions per day and the German EMS system has over 130 such EMS air rescue helicopters and have had starting in 1969.

Because the patient has already been triaged by the attending Emergency Medicine Helicopter doctor, they do not require triage in the receiving hospital Emergency Room, hence, they are taken directly to a treatment ward / unit within the hospital where definitive treatment continues uninterrupted. This 'ER bypass protocol' alone saves precious lifesaving minutes for the patient and when seconds count, this protocol is an undisputed lifesaver - again, we have nothing like that in BC.

We suggest you take a moment to Google what a modern 'Trauma / Shock Room' looks and operates like in a typical European hospital, you will be amazed by what you will see - and then realize that BC has nothing even remotely close to such capabilities.

The above described level of emergency care is what the BC HEROS Society wants to bring to most if not geographic regions of BC, this, so that all British Columbians, regardless of where they live work or play, have at least a fighting chance of surviving a treatable but time sensitive condition, on what could otherwise turn out to be the worst day of their life.

BC does not have a best-possible-patient-outcome EMS model, but rather, BC has a 'perceived', lowest-cost-per-patient-transported EMS model and there is a 'life-and-death' difference between the two models.

Here is a fact that completely baffles us; our politicians live in the same communities we do, so why don't they want a higher level of EMS critical care for their loved ones, for their children and grandchildren? Don't they realize that at some point in their life they too may need a urgent ambulance ride, so why don't they create such a system while they are able to do so? Is it shortsightedness or just plain 'it-will-never-happen-to-me-or-anyone-I-love' arrogance; we suppose time will tell but dear politician, remember this fact: 585,000 people get an ambulance ride each year in BC, that is 12.5% of BC's population; in lottery tickets odds, those are great odds; do you really believe nothing will ever happen to you or someone you love? If you do, perhaps check with some of your colleagues, current and former, and see if they or any of their loved ones have ever needed an ambulance ride.

As you read on, you will come to see just how dysfunctional BC's chosen EMS model is and has been for over 4 decades, and to be clear, the fault lays squarely with past and present provincial governments, including past premiers and health ministers; **all of whom knew of the extreme systemic dysfunctions of our chosen ambulance service model – and chose to do nothing.**

When a person finds themselves in a life-threatening medical situation at work, at home or at play in BC, do you think they care what uniform the person responding to their emergency call is wearing? Of course they don't ! Well know this; 43 years ago, the 1974 NDP government legislated a bizarre EMS service restriction / law which restricts all higher levels of prehospital treatment (and patient transport to a hospital), to only one small subset of BC's 24,000 front-line first responders; namely, to only the 3,750 ambulance attendants members of the BC Emergency Health Service (formerly called the BC Ambulance Service). This care and transport provision restriction remains in place today and even prevents multi-specialty emergency medicine qualified doctors and nurse practitioners from working in the prehospital EMS setting; why is that? How does such an highly restrictive critical EMS care provision model ensure a best possible patient outcome for our loved ones?

Why on earth would any caring MLA vote for such a bizarre life-threatening law? Is it not common sense that **ALL** appropriately medically qualified and licensed first responders be allowed to assist any person in medical distress and to the full extent of their medical licence and training, regardless of what uniform they wear or union they belong to?

So why does the BC Ministry of Health / BC Emergency Health Service Commission still continue to enforce this deadly and bizarre 43-year-old EMS service provision restriction? Why does the Minister of Health, Mr Adrian Dix, allow this deadly insanity to carry on; he has it within his authority to rescind this restrictive clause today, simply by signing the appropriate paperwork !

To underscore just how bizarre this restricted EMS service provision approach is; if a patient has fallen ill or collapsed in a hospital parking lot, it prevents that patient from being moved into the emergency room by any first responder professional - other than a BCEHS ambulance attendant. All other professional first responders, as well as ALL other in-hospital medical professionals, are **NOT ALLOWED**, to move or treat such a patient, yet a Good Samaritan bystander can! And it has been that way in BC since 1974. Now imagine being that patient, worse, imagine that happening to your loved one, seeing doctors, nurses, firefighters, police officers, search and rescue personnel all standing around your loved one, waiting for an ambulance attendant to move your loved one the few meters into the hospital to save their life. For four decades, that has been the law in BC.

Now understand this: some international EMS jurisdictions actually have federal laws which make **medical professionals subject to prosecution if they DO NOT assist all persons in medical distress**, regardless of where they present. Doesn't that make sense?

Given all the obvious inherent shortcomings and dysfunctions of our byzantine chosen EMS service provision model, how can anyone state that it ensures a best-possible-patient-outcome for our loved ones? Well of course it doesn't. BC is the only province in Canada which still has such restrictive EMS care provision for prehospital patients; the question is why and whom does such a highly restrictive EMS care provision model best serve, the critical care needs patient, or the members of BCEHS, who are the sole legal service providers? Looks pretty obvious to us and this needs to change.

The BC Emergency Health Services Act was created in 1974 by the Dave Barrett NDP government, while the act has been updated on a number of occasions since, the sole first responder EMS service provision restrictions continue to be the law in BC and still excludes the vast majority of first responders and medical professionals, and many of our loved ones have and continue to paid a heavy price. This crazy and deadly law **MUST BE RESCINDED** before thousands more of our loved ones die or sustain permanent injury from completely treatable but time-sensitive conditions, due in whole or in part. to this incomprehensible care provision restriction.

British Columbia needs thousands more ALS paramedics

Our province has 630,000 more residents than Alberta, has one-third more land area than Alberta, a 27,000-kilometre coastline and far more challenging topography. Yet **Alberta has 5,577 MORE** Emergency Medical Technicians (known in BC as Emergency Medical Attendants) than BC. All of Alberta's 9,327 EMTs, are legally allowed to treat and transport sick and injured patients from the prehospital setting to a hospital emergency room. Alberta also allows and employs, doctors and nurses to be first responders.

In comparison, BC only has a total of 6,786 registered EMAs/ EMTs but only 3,750 are legally allowed to treat and transport 'general public' patients to a hospital. The remaining 3,036 may only treat patients if they are on private property or at a company facility.

Due to Alberta's use of a different EMT training and hiring model, our neighbours to the east have 2,668 Advanced Life Support paramedics (who have 1,770 hours of training). In Alberta, the ratio of ALS paramedics to population is 1 for every 1,500 residents. BC has just 240 ALS paramedics available for general public treatment and transport, that works out to 1 ALS paramedic for every 20,000 residents! To be sure BC's ALS paramedics are highly capable medical professional in the prehospital setting as they are allowed to administer restricted drugs and carry out minor medical procedures but they are not as capable as a multi-specialty doctor which have many more years of medical training.

To make things even worse for rural BC residents and workers, not one of BC's ALS paramedics are based outside our larger centers. For the province's nearly 1.5 million residents who live, work and play in rural BC, this leaves them dangerously unprotected and highly vulnerable to

death or permanent injury from easily treatable but time-sensitive conditions which Basic Life Support attendants are not trained or licensed to treat. Looking at a map of BC, it's easy to see that vast areas of British Columbia are without ALS paramedic coverage.

FACT: This - chosen - lack of ALS coverage for rural BC, has directly or indirectly, contributed to the treatable deaths and permanent injuries of many hundreds, if not thousands of time-sensitive condition patients over the last four decades.

As if that isn't enough, BC does not even have one doctor working as a first responder anywhere in the province, not even in Vancouver's West End which has one of the high population densities in the world.

FACT: Extensive prehospital use of doctors has been commonplace in other jurisdictions since the mid 1950s. But not in BC.

The 1974 BC NDP government did away with that and made the use of doctors, as first responders illegal. Why would any caring MLA vote for that, especially considering many of them live in rural BC themselves - as do their own loved ones!

FACT: All subsequent Social Credit, NDP and Liberal government MLAs also chose NOT to change this bizarre EMS provision restriction. All were fully aware such restrictions would contribute to preventable permanent injury and death to their constituents. No MLA - or government - since 1974 is without blame or guilt (except perhaps the Greens - at least so far).

FACT: BCEHS has some of slowest ambulance response times of any modern western society.

BCEHS comes nowhere near the North American benchmark standard for ambulance response times of 8 minutes 59 seconds for 90 per cent of their calls (the European set standard is 7 minutes 59 seconds, 90 per cent of the time). In fact, BCEHS doesn't even report in 90th percentile response times, they report in 50th percentile. This a feeble and clearly misleading attempt to make their ultra-slow ambulance response times look better to the uninformed observer, that would be you, a member of the general public.

FACT: Every single ambulance in Calgary is an ALS ambulance, not even Vancouver or Victoria have that level of ALS coverage.

Unless you are one of the lucky patients who live within areas covered by BC's few ALS paramedic ambulances, you will get a Basic Life Support crew.

FACT: Roughly 94 per cent of BC's ambulance attendants are only Basic Life Support qualified, which means they only have 680 hours of training. Of BCEHS's 2,850 BLS attendants, 63 per cent (1,787) are part-timers. If you live in the more remote parts of BC, you will most likely get an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)-qualified crew. They only have 107 hours of total training.

Most Basic Life Support attendants are only allowed to give patients over-the-counter medications and are NOT allowed to administer (restricted) lifesaving drugs or perform even minor surgical procedures. This restriction is NOT the fault of rank and file ambulance attendants, it is squarely the fault of their employer, the BCEHS and the Ministry of Health; **they are the ones that have chosen this inferior level of EMS coverage for us all - without our knowledge or informed consent.**

The takeaway message is clear: BC desperately needs at least 2,000 more full-time ambulance attendants - all of whom MUST be ALS-qualified. We need at least 200 more ambulances, at least 50 more ambulance stations, and at least 50 multi-specialty doctors providing EMS treatment in the prehospital setting to treat our most critically ill and injured loved ones.

In addition to the above, and as a major demand of this petition, BC HEROS wants all currently working BCEHS BLS attendants to be up-trained to ALS licence level - with full pay - as soon as possible.

At the same time, we also demand that the BC government amend all regulations which continue to restrict ALL other first responders from being able to provide full-spectrum EMS care - if so licensed and trained - regardless of what union they may or may not belong to or what uniform they may wear. That is the only way to move BC to a best-possible-patient-outcome EMS system.

There is no question that our demands for change will not only save far more lives each year in BC but will also save BC society billions more in annual health care costs. That is the real reason why other countries (and provinces) invested heavily in modern state-of-the-art prehospital emergency care decades ago; because it saves far more money than it costs! The sooner a critical-care-needs patient receives definitive care, the higher the chances of survival, the lessor the chances of permanent injury, the lower the cost to society and taxpayers.

Mountains, islands and long distances are no barrier for world-class EMS

BC is not the only region in the world which has to contend with vast distances, mountain ranges, islands, remote villages and extreme winter weather, yet other EMS jurisdictions handle all these conditions in stride.

To further complicate our chosen low-functioning EMS delivery model; all our highest care level facilities are located at the southwest-most corner of the province. That makes no sense considering BC has a land area the size of the 39th largest country on Earth - or the size of France and Germany combined.

Countries like Norway, with a population of 5.2 million, face similar EMS service provision challenges, yet they realized decades ago that the best way to provide their residents with state-of-the-art EMS care, is to use a coordinated system of 26 dedicated EMS helicopters and medevac aircraft. They have the ability to fly paramedics and doctors directly to the patient for decades – regardless of where they are located in their very long country.

When our loved ones fall ill or injured, wherever they might be in our province, they deserve an emergency medical system they can count on, one that will respond in a timely fashion in their time of need with the most medically-capable personnel possible. They deserve the same level of care that other countries have been providing their residents for many decades. Unfortunately, the average British Columbian still believes BC actually has such a world-class EMS system, and this only because they continue to be misled by senior managers at BCEHS and other government officials.

BC's still relies on what is referred to in the EMS world as the 'Scoop and Run' model of ambulance service provision.

The Scoop and Run EMS model relies on an low medical ability ambulance crew rushing to the critical-care needs patient as fast as they can, then rushing the patient to a doctor in a nearby hospital as fast as they can. Only once the patient is in the hospital, does the patient stabilization process / definitive medical treatment start. In a modern, high functioning 'Stabilize and Transport' EMS model, the patient stabilization and definitive treatment process starts much sooner as this EMS approach **essentially 'brings the hospital to the patient'** as the multi-specialty doctor is rushed to the critical-care needs patient. The net effect is obvious - much sooner stabilization results in better chances of survival and fewer, less-severe permanent injuries.

To be clear, the Scoop and Run EMS model is an outdated EMS model and does NOT employ long-known and proven EMS best practices.

FACT: When a low-functioning Scoop and Run EMS model is combined with very slow ambulance response times (due to our extreme attendant and ambulance shortages all over BC), it can easily become a deadly combination for patients with treatable but time-sensitive conditions, such as heart attack, stroke, bleeding, airway/breathing issues, and anaphylaxis.

GRIM FACT: We estimate between one and three people die each day in BC from completely treatable conditions, due in whole or in part to the chosen EMS model we still use today in BC. This estimate does not include the many opioid overdoses victims; when these victims are added into the overall numbers of 'treatable deaths' each day, the toll could be higher.

Fiduciary Obligation of the BC Government

In 1974, when the BC NDP government chose to legally restrict all aspects of EMS care provision (to the general public) to just one smaller subset of our total first responder group - then the government was left with a fiduciary obligation to provide the people of BC with a state-of-the-art, modern EMS model. Well they still don't do that 43 years later.

FACT: no voter, in any BC community, has the ability to vote for a mayor and council that will promise more/better EMS resources for their residents. This HUMAN RIGHT was

taken away from all our civic politicians (and voters) in BC in 1974 when the NDP created the EHS Act.

Yet civic voters in our communities can still vote for civic politicians who will give them more police and fire rescue resources - but not EMS resources.

FACT: The most salvageable patients of the entire health system, present as time-sensitive condition patients in the prehospital setting. They are the easiest and lowest cost to save, yet BCEHS employs a very limited-ability, critical-care patient needs EMS model. When combined with very slow ambulance response times, people die, salvageable patients die, our loved ones die, simple as that.

The solution costs only five-cent per person per day

Would you pay just five cents a day to have a modern, world-class EMS system throughout BC? Every person we've asked emphatically stated YES! That is all it would take to bring world-class, 21st century EMS to all areas of BC. For just five cents per person per day, BC would be able to fund all the necessary changes, upgrades and training needed. Five cents is the refund of an empty pop bottle. Is that too high a price to pay to save hundreds more of our loved ones lives every year?

The cost of Government inaction to taxpayers/BC society as a whole is staggering

According to BC Trauma (a branch of BCEHS) and the Fraser Health Authority, the cost of trauma alone (not including all other time-sensitive conditions) to B.C. society is between \$2.8 and \$5 billion per year. Despite that staggering annual cost, to the best of our knowledge, the BC Ministry of Health has never carried out a (non-partisan) universal cost-benefit analysis to definitively determine if the EMS service levels provided by the current model used in BC is actually cost effective. Such universal cost-benefit studies have been mandatory under federal law in some European countries for more than 40 years. In private business, such cost benefit analysis help companies determine which business units within their firms are profitable and which aren't. They are mandatory for Fortune 500 companies but not at BCEHS; why is that?

Furthermore, and completely unbelievable, BCEHS does NOT track patient outcomes after they drop patients off at the hospital emergency room. They have no idea how the patient responded through the chain of care and rehabilitation. There is no way they can definitively assess whether the levels of care they provide or the response times they provide, saves more lives or reduces more permanent injuries.

Clearly, such gross incompetence leads all the way up to highest levels of government starting with all senior management at BCEHS, PHSA and the Ministry of Health. Even the current health minister should be held accountable, as we have made all this information available to him long before we started this petition. **They all knew and chose to do nothing!**

Point of fact; there is not one thing that the BCEHS EMS model does that is world leading, not one thing. Get this, many BCEHS ambulances don't even have actual winter tires, not one has

automatic tire chains (like every single fire truck in BC), this while other EMS jurisdictions have long since enjoyed the lifesaving benefits of mobile CT scanners, multi-specialty surgeon/anesthetist /emergency medicine doctors on rapid-response helicopters (off the ground in less than two minutes) and rapid-response ground cars, universal donor whole blood, lifesaving drugs and more. We in BC still have none of these capabilities, not even in downtown Vancouver. Yet all at BCEHS, including past and present health ministers, keep insisting we in BC have had a world-class EMS system for decades. Think about that the next time your loved one desperately needs an ambulance ride. Who are you going to hold responsible if the outcome is not great? Not the rank and file ambulance attendants, they are doing the very best they can with the limited resources our government provides them to work with. Blame your local MLA, blame the incompetent managers at the Ministry of Health, BCEHS, PHSA; they all knew of the problems and the solutions and chose to do nothing. Hold them accountable, when you are told: "Everything possible was done to save your loved one." They are lying to you. What they should be telling you is: "We did all our low-functioning, highly-dysfunctional EMS system allowed us to do, which is nowhere near what we could have been doing to save your loved one."

Also remember this fact; your ICBC rates are affected by increasing medical costs, so are your WorkSafe BC premium rates and so on. So if you think the BCEHS low-functioning EMS model doesn't affect you, guess again, it costs us all far more than we realize. It affects every single resident in the province, both from a potential patient point of view, as well as from a taxpayer point of view. So if you own a car, a business, or are an employee, think about what portion of your income is wasted on thousands of patients in long-term care facilities today. Perhaps they didn't need to be there but the emergency system worked against them. Think about the massive ICBC insurance payouts that are made due to slow ambulance response times and so on. Then think about the pay raise you didn't get, because your employer has to pay through the nose for Worksafe BC premiums.

Based on what other First World nations have found over the past 40 years, the only way to know for sure what amount is sufficient to spend on enhanced prehospital care is by carrying out universal cost benefit studies every four years. Only this way can a socialized society like BC/Canada, truly determine if we as a society, are spending enough money on our prehospital care system. We are certain that a dramatic enhancement of BC's EMS model would provide all British Columbians with not only much sooner ambulance response times and better patient outcomes at a lower cost, but will also provide much sooner patient pain relief for primary care patients – another definitive marker of a modern EMS model.

By signing our petition we will be able to show our politicians that British Columbians are no longer willing to accept lies and deception from all government stakeholders. We want the same level of EMS care that other jurisdictions have benefited from for decades. We demand modern EMS now.

Hospitals are full of people that were sure it would never happen to them. No one ever thinks it will ever happen to them, until it does. No one thinks they will slip in the shower or get T-boned in an intersection on the way to work or school, until it does. But when it does, you or your loved ones will be at the mercy of BC's inadequate, highly dysfunctional ambulance services model.

As a result of all the above, and much more, we ask that you please share this petition with all family members, all friends and all co-workers via any means possible including, Facebook, Twitter, texts, etc.

Please understand this simple fact; if you chose not to speak out now, our politicians will NOT ACT. Now that you know the facts, please hold your MLA accountable. Only by working together can we make a difference!

Please visit to our website at: www.bcheros.org or go to our Facebook page for more information.

To see how other EMS jurisdictions deliver prehospital care / ambulance services, watch this video, you will be shocked. There is no reason why we can't have this same level of care in all parts of BC:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hq5VVuJVTBA>



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Honourable Mike Farnworth
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Dear Minister Farnworth:

RE: Revenue from Cannabis Sales – Equitable Share between Province and Local Governments

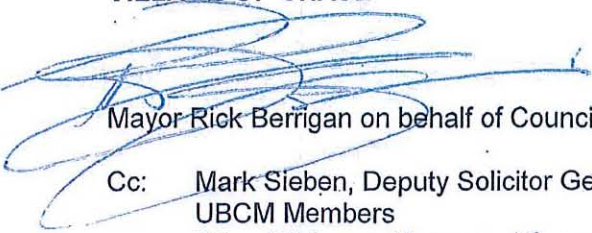
As the decriminalization of cannabis by the Federal Government is fast approaching, Local Governments in British Columbia have been discussing and developing draft regulations that will dictate land use, business operations and enforcement activities necessary to properly manage the sale and use of cannabis in our communities.

We understand the arrangement has been set by the Federal Government to share 75% of the sales revenue with the Provinces and Territories. We fully understand that the Province of BC will have significant costs associated with the creation and implementation of distribution processes and procedures for both wholesale and retail sales.

Local Governments in BC will also have significant costs in the creation and administration of various bylaws, policies, and procedures to ensure the safe and appropriate siting of sales outlets, the administration of sales and usage as well as the ultimate enforcement of these activities.

We respectfully request that you as Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General urge your colleagues in Cabinet to consider sharing the revenues received from the Federal government equally between the Province and the Local Governments as a 50/50 split. We support other communities' requests for the same revenue sharing formula, and are of the opinion that this is equitable and appropriate to cover the costs associated with the responsibilities of each level of government in BC.

Sincerely,
VILLAGE OF CHASE


Mayor Rick Berrigan on behalf of Council

Cc: Mark Sieben, Deputy Solicitor General ✓
UBCM Members
City of Kelowna Mayor and Councilors ✓

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Mayor Nancy Cooper and Councillors,

You are invited to join us in welcoming
Adams Lake Indian Bands new Chief and Council

Friday, March 9th, 2018

Time: 5–8 pm

At the Adams Lake Recreation and Conference Centre

6349 Chief Jules Dr

Chase, BC V0E 1M0

We would also like to honor the former Chief and Council
for all of their hard work and dedication to the Adams Lake Indian Band.

Please RSVP to Stacey Berryman by **March 1, 2018**

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