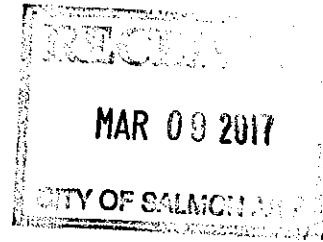


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3. J. Hauser - email dated March 13, 2017 - Foreshore Trail
4. W. Collins - letter dated March 15, 2017 - Dilkusha House
5. B. Grier - email dated March 20, 2017 - Tourism: Margaret Falls, Dilkusha
6. Shuswap Middle School (SMS) - petition dated March 15, 2017 - The Orchard House should not be destroyed or moved
7. D. Wood, President, Shuswap Community Foundation - letter dated February 20, 2017 - City of Salmon Arm Endowment
8. K. Neil, Wild Soles Trail Running Series - letter dated March 13, 2017 - Wild Soles Trail Running Race Series in Salmon Arm
9. D. Gonella, Executive Director, Salmon Arm Folk Music Society - letter dated March 13, 2017 - Street Closure/Noise Bylaw
10. D. Gonella, Executive Director, Salmon Arm Folk Music Society - letter dated March 13, 2017 - Access to Volunteer Parking Area
11. P. McIntyre-Paul, Executive Director, the Shuswap Trail Alliance - news release dated March 6, 2017 - Province Announces Funding to Grow Shuswap Trails
12. C. VanBuskirk, Terratech Consulting Ltd. - email dated March 20, 2017 - Highway Upgrading
13. R. Kariz, BC Hydro Vegetation Management Specialist -dated March 2017 - Summary of BC Hydro vegetation management within the City of Salmon Arm
14. Okanagan Mainline Real Estate Board - media release dated March 6, 2017 - Okanagan Residential Market Picks Up In February
15. B. Gerding, Reporter, Vernon Morning Star - article dated March 9, 2017 - Inspecting for invasive mussels
16. L. Facio, Mayor, Harrison Hot Springs - letter dated March 13, 2017 - Provincial Private Moorage Program
17. Shuswap Watershed Council - memorandum received March 20, 2017 - Council Meeting Highlights: March 8, 2017



To: Salmon Arm City Council  
Box 40, 500 2 Ave NE  
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

We are writing to request the support of the City of Salmon Arm for a memorial project at the Canoe ball field dedicated to Alain Boucher.

Al Boucher was a well-known member of the Salmon Arm community who died in a car accident on Friday February 17<sup>th</sup> 2017. Al was the former owner of the Blue Canoe Bakery & Café, President of the Salmon Arm's Slo-Pitch League, as well as an active member of the community in so many more aspects. Al was a huge proponent of supporting local businesses, and was always looking for ways to develop the economy of Salmon Arm. During his tenure as Salmon Arm's Slo-Pitch Leagues president, he worked tirelessly to maintain and improve the quality of the ball facility, always striving to make it something that Salmon Arm could be proud of. One of his many goals was to create a safe and fun environment for children to play while their parents were playing/watching baseball at the Canoe ball diamonds. Currently there is no such infrastructure in place.

We would like to install a playground, in Al's honor, at the Canoe ball diamonds in the area between the backstops of Diamond 1 and 2, with overhead netting running between the two backstops to protect the playground area from foul balls.

We have been in discussion with Henderson Recreation Equipment Ltd., and they have suggested that we could do a community build installation where the playground arrives and is installed via volunteers. This would be under the direction of a Henderson staff member, and would have significant cost savings.

We would like to request that the City of Salmon Arm partner with us financially to cover the costs of the playground equipment and netting. To date we have raised approximately \$10,000 that we can put towards the project, and we will be able to provide all of the labor required for installation of the playground equipment and the netting. We do have additional fundraising plans should we be required to fund the project in its entirety, but we hope that the City will be willing to commit to at least some portion of the cost, as this project will be located on property owned by the City of Salmon Arm, and will be beneficial to the entire community of Salmon Arm, not just the Slo-pitch community.

Please find attached two samples of the type of playground equipment that we are considering, with prices. We do not yet have quotes for the cost of netting.

In recognition of all of the time and effort that AI put into maintaining and improving the ball fields, we would also like to request that the City of Salmon Arm re-name the Canoe ball fields (currently William Baker Park) to The Alain Boucher Memorial Park, and re-number Diamond #2 to Diamond #22.

Thank you for considering these requests.

Yours truly,

Sheena Haines, Chelsey Adams and Krista Jonker

AI Boucher Memorial Fund trustees

Please contact us by email or telephone at:

Sheena Haines: (ph) 250-718-9617 (e) [sheena.ayla@gmail.com](mailto:sheena.ayla@gmail.com)

Chelsey Adams: (ph) 250-803-8446 (e) [adams.chelsey@gmail.com](mailto:adams.chelsey@gmail.com)

Krista Jonker: (ph) 250-517-7818 (e) [kbridge7@yahoo.com](mailto:kbridge7@yahoo.com)



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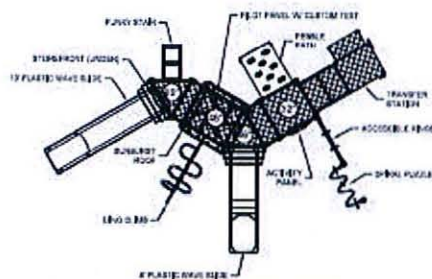
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- 1 PlayStore
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- 1 Tot Arch Bridge
- 1 1' Incline Connector
- 1 Vertical Arc Climber 4'
- 2 Canada 150 Panel
- 4 Canada 150 Balloon Topper
- 1 Non-Skid Balcony Deck
- 1 Square Deck
- 1 Open Rail
- 1 Transporter 4'
- 2 Rectangle Deck
- 1 Single Slide Plastic Hood
- 1 Double Slide Plastic Hood
- 1 Twister Slide 3'
- 1 Double Scoop Slide 4'
- 1 Transfer Station 3'

Order B303456 and receive a free buddy bench. A value of \$815.00. A limit of one per order.

Prices do not include freight, installation, border, site preparation, and all applicable taxes.

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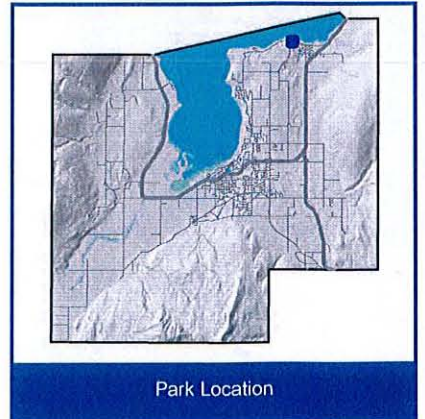
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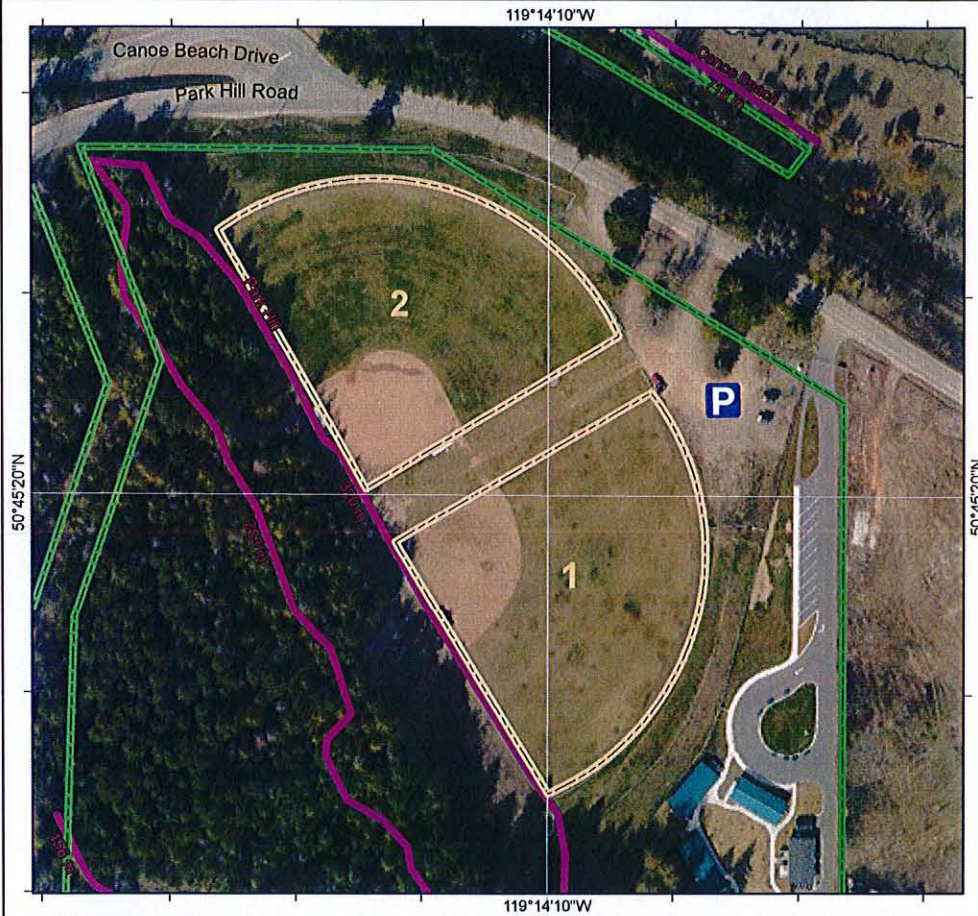
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## William Baker Park (Canoe Ball Diamond)

4290 Canoe Beach Drive NE



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Field Trail  
Park Connection  
Waterbody Wetland Stream

Created: July 2012

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## Caylee Simmons

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**From:** Michael Kluckner [mkluckner@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 09, 2017 9:56 AM  
**To:** newsroom@saobserver.net  
**Cc:** Caylee Simmons; Ineke Hughes; friam@shaw.ca  
**Subject:** Demolition of Dilkusha

Dear Editor,

"The City of Salmon Arm has scheduled [Dilkusha's] demolition for March 17, 2017 to put in a parking lot." This sounds like a lyric from Joni Mitchell's song about paving paradise, and is an astonishingly short-sighted plan. Dilkusha has all the potential of becoming a destination for culturally minded tourists in a town that isn't exactly endowed with non-natural attractions. Think economic growth and the opportunities for community development that a site such as it presents! Look elsewhere, for example in the Kootenays, to see how enriching historic buildings are for residents and visitors alike. See what the residents of Williams Lake are doing with the Potato House, <http://www.potatohouseproject.com/>. Check out the revitalization of Wells in the Cariboo with its Island Mountain Arts school: <http://www.wells.ca/profile/island-mountain-arts>. Don't demolish it! Think first! You'll never get something this valuable back again.

Michael Kluckner  
former chair of Heritage Canada Foundation  
Vancouver

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[www.michaelkluckner.com](http://www.michaelkluckner.com)

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

From: Jessica [<mailto:jessh22@telus.net>]

Sent: March-13-17 10:55 AM

To: Nancy Cooper; Tim Lavery; Ken Jamieson; Alan Harrison; Chad Eliason; Kevin Flynn

Subject: Fore shore trail

good morning Mayor Cooper and Council Members,

At about 8:30 am 13 March, I was walking to the trail in Raven subdivision and as I approached the road leading across RR line, I heard loud barking coming from the trail. I discovered city workers have the trail closed off here -due to work-related repairs. I walked down and crossed RR line and looked down trail from the work site. There I saw, unaccompanied and running quite freely, was the large white dog, barking at the poor distracted flock of geese who had taken refuge by the shoreline. I have seen this dog before, unleashed, and un-friendly nature (i.e. noisily guarding the property no doubt where he lives. This is the shoreline property with the only house to the right of the RR crossing on 47 Ave NE. The dog's breed is comparable to Great Pyrenees, or perhaps this is actual breed. While I watched, the dog went further down the trail, again, no sign of owner, and ran onto the ice in front of the geese and continued barking. No geese were harmed at this point, other than badly alarmed I'm sure. Finally, I did hear a man's voice on the porch of the property mentioned;- I heard him urgently shouting, probably to his dog, but by now fido was busily pursuing a coyote across the lake. When I last looked returning up the hill, I did not see the dog, so may he's still running loose.

It is unfortunate I have no picture for you, but if I see this again, I will definitely bring it to you attention. According to postings on the trail, your office is dedicated to being informed whenever the by-law is disregarded. This is just kind of situation that was so strongly brought forward to your Council during the Foreshore trail debate.

Thank you for your time.

Jessica Hauser  
5081 14 Street NE  
Salmon Arm. BC

March 15, 2017

Dear Mayor Nancy Cooper,

The children, parents and teachers of Salmon Arm need Dilkusha House to be preserved and not moved for two reasons:

1) For the sake of preserving local history so that young people can appreciate the people that built our community

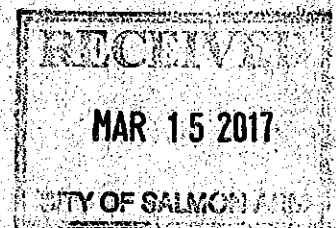
2) To provide a much needed center of activities in a safe environment for our youth to develop their potential.

As a mother and BCRMTA music teacher my children and students not only need swimming pools but they also need local historic houses. As well.

Sincerely,

Wendy Collins

(250) 832-8399



**From:** Barbara Grier [mailto:bagx2@telus.net]

**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2017 11:21 AM

**To:** Salmon Arm Observer; Friday a.m.

**Cc:** Shuswap Tourism; Caylee Simmons; Chad Eliason; Alan Harrison; Ken Jamieson; Kevin Flynn; Louise Wallace; Tim Lavery; SArm ChamberofCommerce; Salmon Arm Museum

**Subject:** Tourism: Margaret Falls, Dilkusha

The Editor

Salmon Arm Observer, Friday a.m.

copies to: SArm Chamber of Commerce, Shuswap Tourism, City of Salmon Arm, Mayor and Councillors, Salmon Arm Museum Society

1.

On last week's (March 15) VIEWPOINT page, none of the interviewees mentioned the idea which, to my mind, has the most obvious and overlooked tourism potential: promote Margaret Falls.

People **love** waterfalls, and here we have spectacular ones right on our doorstep. And yet in my 40+ years of Shuswap residency, I do not remember seeing Margaret Falls on any tourism brochure cover, and when mentioned they are more of a casual sideline than featured as a major attraction.

As well, there is not one sign on the Trans Canada Highway from either direction for Margaret Falls. They are the best kept secret of the Shuswap.

Always I take visitors there, whatever the season. After visiting all the Rocky Mountain waterfalls from Banff to Jasper, one Australian friend declared our Margaret Falls the most spectacular he'd seen in western Canada. And with the added advantages of viewers' close proximity, easy 15 minute walk access and Herald Park camping and picnic grounds nearby, they are the perfect tourist destination. Even on the hottest "40C" summer's day, there it is always refreshingly cool.

Wake up, Shuswap Tourism! We have a hidden gem in our glorious Margaret Falls. Every year they should be the major feature on all our tourism material.

2.

On the Dilkusha issue, I too, with many pleasant significant memories, will be saddened to see it demolished. However its basic structure has to be very sound to warrant restoration.

If so, and should it need relocating, then Haney Heritage Village seems to be the most suitable spot - not necessarily in the Village but easily accessible and if visible from Highway 97, an advantage.

There Dilkusha could be developed as a more "high end" restaurant including evening meals, not conflicting with the more casual, less expensive lunch Tea Room; and would be a community asset.

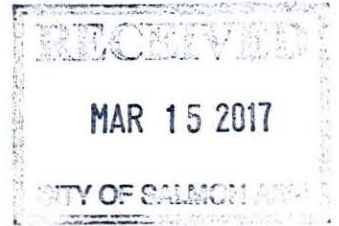
Of course our Museum Society may not have the funds or personnel to pursue this idea, but it is worth considering, particularly if the heritage-style resources mentioned in earlier letters are available from the Province or Heritage Canada.

Barbara Grier

1741 - 12th Ave SE

Salmon Arm BC V1E 2E4

250-832-4124



We people of SMS  
believe that Orchard  
House should NOT be destroyed.  
(or moved)

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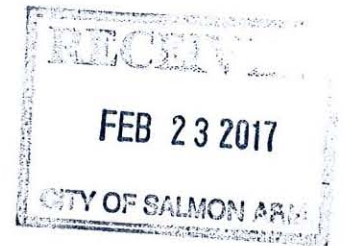
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February 20, 2017

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



Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Re: City of Salmon Arm Endowment

On behalf of Shuswap Community Foundation Board of Directors I wish you a prosperous New Year for 2017. This year will see two major changes at the Foundation, and I am writing to inform you of these recent decisions made by the Board.

For most of the history of Shuswap Community Foundation, the Board has relied on an annual corporate sponsorship campaign from local businesses to assist in the Foundation's administrative costs and their generosity has been greatly appreciated. The economic climate has cooled in the past few years and we are reluctant to continue with this practice. However, while we endeavour to keep our administration expenses at a minimum, SCF is growing!

At its meeting in December, the Board discussed how best to increase our administration income to support the additional administration expenses as a result of this growth. Since 2011 our endowed funds have grown from 83 funds to 150 endowed funds as at January 31, 2017. Also in this time period, we have gone from one granting cycle with 29 applicants to 45 grant applicants over two granting cycles. We have also undertaken new programs and initiatives, such as the Vital Signs Report, Canada 150 Community Granting Fund and, in the next few months, reinstatement of the Youth Advisory Council for the Shuswap which will increase our outreach in the Shuswap communities we service.

After careful consideration, the board has decided to increase the administration fee charged to our endowment funds from 1.0% to 1.2% effective July 1, 2017. As you are aware, SCF adds to our admin fees the 0.3% management fees charged by Mawer Investments, our discretionary investment manager. There will be no change to this fee. The total fees charged to the funds will now be 1.5% of the market value of the funds.

The second decision is related to our current office space at 450 Lakeshore Drive. It is not an ideal location as parking is limited and ingress/egress is difficult. As our current lease will expire on June 30, 2017, the Board has reached a lease agreement with Community Futures Development Corporation of the Shuswap for office space at 160 Harbourfront Drive NE (across from the Prestige Hotel). The access and parking is much more convenient and will be a better, safer work environment for our staff. We have signed a five year lease agreement which guarantees stability of location and rental costs.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter, please contact SCF staff at (250) 832-5428.

Yours truly,  
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Wood".

David Wood  
President, Shuswap Community Foundation

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Mr. Robert Niewenhuizen  
Director of Engineering and Public Works  
City of Salmon Arm  
500-2 Avenue NE  
Salmon Arm, B.C. V1E 4N2



Subject: Wild Soles trail running race series in Salmon Arm

Dear Mr. Niewenhuizen:

I am pleased to inform you that I am organizing the popular family friendly *Wild Soles Trail Running Series*. This year's series will consist of 4 events, each offering distances of approximately 2 km and 5 km on consecutive Mondays in April and May. While the races showcase some of the exceptional trails that our community has to offer, the aim is to encourage families to get outdoors and be active together.

With your permission, I will be making use of the exceptional trail systems in Park Hill – April 24<sup>th</sup>, South Canoe - May 1<sup>st</sup>, Little Mountain – May 8<sup>th</sup> and Skimikin Lake – May 15<sup>th</sup>. Last year the runs saw an average of over 150 participants per event plus volunteers and family supporters. The courses will be clearly marked and marshalled by volunteers.

I am aware that part of the South Canoe route falls within the Columbia Shuswap Regional District. Consequently, I am in the process of obtaining the necessary permissions from the CSRD as well as the Ministry of Forests. The Skimikin Lake trails are part of a Provincial Park and as such I am also in the process of obtaining permission from them to use the trails there. With your approval I will proceed with finalizing liability insurance for these events through Lakeside Insurance. The city of Salmon Arm will be named on the insurance.

In addition, the intended Park Hill course crosses Park Hill road. In order to ensure the safety of both the runners and motorists, I will have course marshals manning the road crossings with appropriate signage. If possible, I would like to again borrow reflective work vests, cones, barricades and hand held 'stop/slow' signs for the event. I am also hoping to have access to the existing washroom facilities at each of these locations for the use of the runners and volunteers.

I look forward to hearing from you and THANK YOU in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

K. Neil

Karen Neil  
250-832-0369  
([karenneil@xplornet.com](mailto:karenneil@xplornet.com))

**From:** [karenneil@xplornet.com](mailto:karenneil@xplornet.com) [mailto:karenneil@xplornet.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 12:21 PM

**To:** Jennifer Cook

**Subject:** Wild Soles Trail Running

Hi Jennifer

Due to our late spring arrival I would like to change the proposed dates of our runs this year.

Could you please be so kind as to amend my request to reflect the following dates:

April 24<sup>th</sup> – Cancelled

May 1<sup>st</sup> – South Canoe

May 8<sup>th</sup> – Little Mountain

May 15<sup>th</sup> – Park Hill

Thank you so much for assistance with this.

Sincerely,

Karen Neil

250-832-0369



## Salmon Arm Folk Music Society

Box 21, Salmon Arm, BC. V1E 1S3  
Telephone 250-833-4096 Fax 250-833-4097

March 21, 2017

Attn. Robert Niewenhuizen  
Director Of Engineering  
City of Salmon Arm  
Box 40  
100 - 30 Street SE  
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

### **RE: STREET CLOSURE/NOISE BYLAW**

Dear Mr. Niewenhuizen:

#### **STREET CLOSURE:**

The Salmon Arm folk Music Society is planning the 25th Annual Roots and Blues Music Festival to be staged at the Salmon Arm Fall Fair grounds. We once again request permission to block off 5<sup>th</sup> Street S.W. between 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 10<sup>th</sup> Ave from 8 a.m. Friday August 18<sup>th</sup> until 7 a.m. Monday August 21<sup>st</sup>, primarily due to safety reasons. This facilitates safe audience exiting and emergency access to and from Blackburn Park.

#### **NOISE BYLAW REQUEST:**

Furthermore, we request an extension to the noise bylaw until 12:00am each night of the festival from Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup> through Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>. Please note, this year the festival will have a Thursday evening concert at the Boogie 'N Barn stage from 6:30pm to 12:00am.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

  
David Gohella  
Executive Director  
Salmon Arm Folk Music Society



Salmon Arm Folk Music Society  
Box 21 Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2  
250-833-4096 fax: 250-833-4097

March 13, 2017

Attn. Robert Niewenhuizen  
Director Of Engineering  
City of Salmon Arm  
Box 40  
100 - 30 Street SE  
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

**RE: ACCESS TO VOLUNTEER PARKING AREA**

Dear Mr. Niewenhuizen:

On behalf of the Salmon Arm Folk Music Society and the Roots and Blues Festival, I would like to request the use of the old JL Jackson fields for our volunteer parking during the 25th Annual Roots and Blues Festival.

Although part of the field we use is owned by School District #83, we require the City's support to remove the two concrete blocks from the entrance on 5th Avenue, on or before, the 15<sup>th</sup> of August and can be returned, on or after, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The dates we would require the fields are August 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 to allow for set-up and a proper amount of time to restore the area to its pre-event condition. We are truly grateful for your support.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "David Gonella".

David Gonella  
Executive Director  
Salmon Arm Folk Music Society  
25th Annual Roots and Blues Festival  
PO Box 21, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2  
Phone: 250-833-4096  
Fax: 250-833-4097

## **Province announces funding to grow Shuswap trails**

**The Shuswap, British Columbia** - "The work partners throughout the Shuswap have done to enhance tourism and grow outdoor recreational opportunities is remarkable," said Shuswap MLA, Greg Kylo, announcing a funding commitment of \$98,061.43 to support new trail work in the region through the Shuswap Trail Alliance. It was a very welcome announcement on the heels of the recent Shuswap Trail Alliance AGM where an ambitious list of project targets was outlined for the coming year.

The grant comes as part of the BC Rural Dividend Program under the Ministry of Forest Lands and Natural Resource Operations. The BCRD Program supports rural communities working collaboratively to improve their economic resilience. Enhancing tourism and recreation through well designed and managed trail systems is now recognized as an important element in growing rural economies.

"I particularly like that the Shuswap Trail Alliance supports so many communities throughout the Shuswap, from Chase to Malakwa, and Enderby to Seymour Arm," said Kylo. "The alliance is also engaged with First Nations communities in developing trails to raise the profile, culture and heritage, of the Secwepemc peoples."

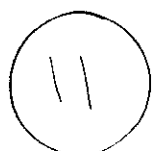
The 2017 Shuswap Trails Infrastructure Project will continue to grow and diversify regional tourism in the Shuswap, particularly into our traditional shoulder seasons, through the addition of six new four-season trails totaling 15 kilometers within our regional destination trail system for hiking, mountain biking, equestrian, and winter snowshoeing.

These include the Rubberhead Dickson mountain bike climb trail, the South Canoe Mo Bedda Mo Budda mountain bike trail, the South EQ Trail Loop Extension, the Larch Hills Traverse Top-O-the-Sic and Cedar Circuit trails, and the North Fork Wild Historic Pack Trail (Perry River Trail Big Tree Loop).

The Provincial investment leverages local funds raised through the Shuswap Trail Alliance's annual fundraising program, commitments by regional partners, and volunteer in-kind time. "We targeted completion of currently approved but unfinished trail work within the region," said Shuswap Trail Alliance Executive Director, Phil McIntyre-Paul. "Each of these build on some of the region's most visited destination trail networks."

In addition to the grant supporting new trail construction, regional partners were delighted to receive news that a smaller grant was also successful supporting new trail planning throughout the region. "Planning support has always been a challenge," said McIntyre-Paul. "Grants often favour building things, but we can only do that well with thoughtful and responsible planning."

The smaller \$9800 BCRDF grant targets support for planning upgrades to existing alpine trails in the East Shuswap, mountain bike trails at Rubberhead, regional connector trails within the South Shuswap, improved trail management around Skimikin Lake, and new trail projects in the West and North Shuswap with local trail stewards, communities, CSRD Parks, and BC Parks.



"This allows us to bring technical expertise together with local knowledge to consider truly sustainable and value-added additions to our growing destination trail network," said McIntyre-Paul. "It also allows us to expand awareness of our commitment to work together through the new Shuswap Trails Roundtable toward a more accountable acknowledgement of our place within Secwepemc Nation Territory." The Shuswap Trails Roundtable includes Secwepemc Nation leadership, municipal/regional governments, the province, trail stewardship organizations, industry, and community sectors.

For more information on the growing Shuswap Trails System, the Shuswap Trails Strategy and Roundtable, and the Shuswap Trail Alliance and its 2017 program, check out the recent AGM report posted at [www.shuswaptrailalliance.com](http://www.shuswaptrailalliance.com).

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**Photo Caption:** (Photo credit: Holly Cowan, Greg Kylo MLA Constituency Office) Shuswap MLA, Greg Kylo (right), announces a \$98,061.43 funding contribution through the Provincial BC Rural Dividend Program to members of the Shuswap Trail Alliance board (Cindy Derkatz, Brian Browning, Joan Mitchell, and Phil McIntyre-Paul). The funding is to grow and diversify regional tourism in the Shuswap, particularly into our traditional shoulder seasons, through the addition of six new four-season trails within our regional destination trail system for hiking, mountain biking, equestrian, and winter snowshoeing. It was a very welcome announcement on the heels of the recent Shuswap Trail Alliance AGM where an ambitious list of project targets was outlined for the coming year. Check it out at [www.shuswaptrailalliance.com](http://www.shuswaptrailalliance.com).

For more information on this release, contact:

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**From:** Calvin VanBuskirk [<mailto:calvinvb@shaw.ca>]

**Sent:** March-20-17 2:09 PM

**To:** Nancy Cooper; Tim Lavery; Alan Harrison; Chad Eliason; Ken Jamieson; Kevin Flynn; Louise Wallace-Richmond

**Cc:** 'Bonnie Thomas'; 'Warren Bell'; 'George & Jeanetta Zorn'

**Subject:** Highway Upgrading

Dear Mayor and Council

Recently I was asked by Bonnie Thomas to answer some questions regarding the proposed highway upgrading west of Salmon Arm.

During the meeting with Bonnie and some other community members, I was asked to comment on the location of the interchange with respect to First Nations Road. In my opinion, locating the interchange east of First Nations Road, as currently proposed, would put the First Nations Community at a disadvantage with respect to future business development opportunities as the lands in this area would become isolated from convenient, easy highway access. Accordingly, I suggested that locating the interchange at FN Road would provide for greater opportunities for the First Nations.

In addition, we did have some discussions regarding the need for round-a-bouts to manage traffic coming on and off the highway west of the Salmon River Bridge. Round-a-bouts are a very efficient manner in which to pass moderate to high volumes of traffic through intersections such as McTavish Road on the Pat Bay Highway and the recently constructed round-a-bout in Clearwater on Highway 5, however, they do require a significant amount of land and expenses to construct. They are also great for calming traffic in residential areas (the Clearwater round-a-bout appears to have a great traffic calming impact on vehicle passing through Clearwater as well). However, I do not see the volume of traffic moving through this area as sufficiently high to justify the expense and land consumption required to construct round-a-bouts. Accordingly, I did suggest that consideration could be given to simple on and off ramps with "T" junctions adjacent to the underpass. This would be similar to many interchanges constructed around BC, including numerous in much higher volume traffic areas such as Highway 97 and 97A north of Swan Lake.

In addition, I was wondering about the status of the flood mitigation measures we had discussed last year and whether these have been or will be incorporated into the highway design?

Management of confined, channelized river flows is only part of the requirement for flood hazard mitigation with regards to the construction of road and bridges. Road and bridges do need to safely directed overbank flood water back into channels (constructed or natural) to avoid causing or exasperating damage to adjacent properties upstream or downstream of the road / highway. This is well recognized and understood and was part of Dirk Nylands (MOTI) presentation during the 2015 APEGBC AGM.

It appears that the design is proposing that the City take over the existing bridge as well. There are a number of geotechnical and hydrological concerns this bridge poses to the owner and the adjacent properties (many of which we have discussed in the past). I am interested in the terms and conditions of the proposed transfer and the potential liability such a transfer would present to the City.

I would be happy to discuss these and any other issues related to the highway upgrading with you and / or the City staff at your convenience.

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**Summary of BC Hydro vegetation management within the City of Salmon Arm**  
**March 2017**  
**Provided by Rhonda Kariz, BC Hydro Vegetation Management Specialist**

**Vegetation Management Areas**

BC Hydro manages vegetation within the City of Salmon Arm along transmission and distribution power line rights of ways, the Salmon Arm substation, and the BC Hydro Salmon Arm District Office. There are four transmission lines that run through the City of Salmon Arm boundaries. The right of ways for these transmission lines account for about 15 hectares. The distribution power lines are generally located on Ministry of Transportation rights of ways along most City roadways.

**Vegetation Management Methods**

The vast majority of vegetation management work conducted by BC Hydro uses methods other than herbicides including mowing, pruning, hand slashing, girdling, and hazard tree removal. Herbicides may be used:

1. On power line corridors to reduce tall growing species that vigorously re-sprout following manual and mechanical cutting.
2. At substations within the fenced area to maintain a vegetation free environment required to protect our workers from electrocution.
3. At our office buildings within the fenced area to control vegetation and invasive/noxious weeds.

**Annual Amount (litres) of herbicide used in City of Salmon Arm**

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Transmission line corridors	0	0	0	0	0	0
Distribution line corridors	0	0	0	0	0	0
Substation	11.2	10.18	8.06	26.88	9.41	9.03
BC Hydro office building	2.54	1.80	1.44	1.06	0.89	1.82

In 2016, we did one treatment of the substation yard in October and one treatment of the BC Hydro office building yard in June. We used Banvel VM and Vantage XRT mixed with a surfactant called Xiameter that improves the herbicide absorption rate by plants and increases its efficiency.

For Immediate Release

### Okanagan Residential Market Picks Up In February

**KELOWNA, B.C. – March 6, 2017.** Residential sales across the region of Revelstoke to Peachland totaled 520 in February, an increase over January's 353 sales, yet a 9% decrease over February of last year, reports the Okanagan Mainline Real Estate Board (OMREB.)

"Clearly, market activity is picking up, which is typical of February, although sales volume is 10% lower than last year's posted sales of 572," comments Anthony Bastiaanssen, OMREB President and active REALTOR® in the central Okanagan.

Also reflective of a more active market, the average days on market (how long it takes to sell a home) was 87, representing a shorter timeframe from January's 96 days and last February's 98 days. Pricing is also on the rise at \$480,052.49, a 9% increase over January, and a 13% increase over this time last year.

Bastiaanssen points to ongoing issues with low housing inventory which puts upward pressure on pricing. "While the inventory of available properties for sale increased over January, we are still 30% lower than a year ago," he says, adding "if demand continues at current rates, we will continue to experience competition for available properties, multiple offer situations and sales prices that are higher than asking price."

"These conditions shorten the decision-making timeframe and complicate the situation which adds stress. A knowledgeable and experienced REALTOR® who is familiar with the local market can really make the difference between a satisfactory outcome and disappointment," says Bastiaanssen.

Looking at who is buying Okanagan residential property, we find a continued level of consistency with previous years' data.

"Now in our 7<sup>th</sup> year of tracking this data, we see that most buyers continue to be those who already live in the region, at 55%, followed by those from the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island at 21% and Alberta, at 12%," comments Bastiaanssen. "While Alberta buyers edged out those from the Lower Mainland in December (at 11% and 10% respectively), Lower Mainland buyers surged back in January to reclaim second position. Foreign buyers continue to be a small percentage of the buying population at 2%."

Also consistent is the type of buyer, with the top three spots swapping between two parent families with children, currently at 26%, couples without children, at 24% and empty nester or retired families at 20%. First time buyers continue to be a strong group at 21%, slightly edged out by those relocating to a similar-type property at 22% and just ahead of those downsizing at 17%.

OMREB members (the local real estate brokerages and more than 1000 REALTORS® who serve Okanagan real estate consumers) make the time to track buyer demographical information so that these statistics can be captured.



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"Your REALTOR® can not only share with you in-depth market data, including buyer trends, he or she can apply professional knowledge and local market familiarity to deliver value to your real estate decision-making," says Bastiaanssen.

OMREB serves three diverse markets within the region: the Central Okanagan Zone (Peachland to Lake Country), the North Zone (Predator Ridge to Enderby) and the Shuswap- Revelstoke Zone (Salmon Arm to Revelstoke).

For detailed statistics specific to each of the three regions served by OMREB, visit [www.omreb.com](http://www.omreb.com).

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*DISCLAIMER: Monthly Sales statistics are based on the sales reported by real estate offices on or before the last day of the month. Sales not reported by month end and collapsed sales are reflected in the subsequent month's statistics.*

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# VERNON MORNING STAR



Trained canine searches for invasive mussels attached to this small boat. -Image Credit: Contributed

## Inspecting for invasive mussels

Okanagan Basin Water Board pushes for financial commitment from Victoria, Ottawa.

- BARRY GERDING
- Thu Mar 9th, 2017 5:00am
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A defensive strategy to ward off a potential influx of invasive mussels this year still is in need of funding.

The Okanagan Basin Water Board is hoping to see last year's mandatory test inspection program returned and further enhanced to monitor all boats entering B.C. from Alberta and the U.S.

Invasive mussels rapidly multiply and can damage beaches, clog boat motors and dams, harm fish and wildlife, and cause extensive damage to infrastructure. OBWB representatives met with Stephen Fuhr, the Liberal MP for Kelowna-Lake Country, on March 1 but didn't get a funding commitment.

"We had a positive meeting for half an hour with (Fuhr) and he said this issue was on his radar," said Anna Warwick Sears, executive director of the OBWB at the board meeting on Tuesday in Penticton.

While dealing with the invasive mussel issue is a provincial government responsibility, the hope is the feds will kick in some financial assistance to off-set the cost of operating mandatory inspection stations because of potential public safety and fisheries concerns. Premier Christy Clark was also in Kelowna recently to speak to the local Chamber of Commerce about the provincial budget, and was asked at the luncheon about funding this year for mandatory testing stations.

"All she would say is to expect an announcement soon," noted OBWB chair Tracy Gray. Last year, some 24,500 watercraft were inspected for invasive quagga and zebra mussels at eight different inspection stations, manned by some 32 auxiliary conservation officers.

Seventeen boats were confirmed to have adult invasive mussels. Fourteen of the affected watercraft originated in Ontario. The remainder were from Manitoba, Michigan and Nevada.

The cost for the inspection program was covered by a funding partnership involving the province, BC Hydro, FortisBC, Columbia Power and the Columbia Basin Trust.

The OBWB is campaigning to see some of, if not all the stations can operate on a 24/7 basis rather than what was 10 hours a day.

"We're having close calls," said OBWB board member and West Kelowna Mayor Doug Findlater last summer.

"We could see someone come through once the station is closed and drop it (a boat) into the water."

In Alberta, the watercraft inspection program has already started, with 24/7 inspection stations planned for one U.S. border location and Medicine Hat.

"We are deploying the program in stages," said Cindy Sawchuk, lead for both the Alberta watercraft inspection and conservation canine programs.

"We've opened the first border inspection station due to the snowbirds returning home and a lot of them access the Colorado River system where mussels exist so we want to intercept those boats coming back home."

A second 24/7 station will open near Medicine Hat by the beginning of April, and two further Alberta/Montana border stations and another near Vermillion will be on stream by the end of that month.

All the stations remain in operation until the end of November, funded by the provincial government, with the canine support program funded by Alberta's water irrigation districts.

The canine program has three dogs which are used at the stations, trained to pick up an odour for a mussel the size of a grain of rice, Sawchuk said.



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March 13, 2017

District of Coldstream  
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Coldstream, BC V1B 1L6


**Attention: Mayor and Council**

Dear Mayor and Council:

Thank you for your letter of February 22, 2017 seeking Council's support regarding the Provincial Private Moorage Program.

At the March 6, 2017 Council Meeting, Council endorsed your resolution and supports your efforts to ensure that local government requirements are protected in relation to the construction of docks in our communities.

Sincerely,



Leo Facio  
Mayor

cc: Council  
Union of British Columbia Municipalities

**Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Paul Demenok was acclaimed as Chair of the SWC, and Larry Morgan was elected as Vice Chair. Both positions are for the calendar year 2017.

**Workplan and budget for 2017-18**

Program managers presented the proposed workplan and budget for 2017-18. The workplan and budget were approved as follows:

- Water Monitoring Initiative \$66,250
- Water Protection Initiative \$75,650
- Recreation Safety Education Program \$12,800
- Communications Program \$34,600
- Administration \$41,600
- Operating Reserve \$97,450

The new workplan and budget come into effect on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. Key activities for the SWC in 2017-18 will be increased water quality monitoring in the Salmon River; the second year of a nutrient study in the Shuswap and Salmon Rivers with UBC-Okanagan; the completion and distribution of a 2016 Shuswap Water Quality Report; a new one-year monitoring program in Shuswap Lake for nonylphenols, a substance of emerging concern; and the continuation of safety campaigns and provision of safety equipment for water-based recreation.

**Correspondence with the Province regarding aquatic invasive mussels**

Correspondence between the SWC Chair and Environment Minister Mary Polak regarding aquatic invasive mussels and the province's prevention program for such was reviewed. Program managers were directed to prepare a follow-up letter to the Minister requesting further information about the province's prevention program for 2017.

**Update from Program Managers**

Program managers reported that activities for the current year (ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017) are on-track, and they are projecting a surplus of \$79,250. Year-end reporting will be completed in April.

**Communications materials**

Program managers presented two items in the SWC communications package: an updated stock slide deck for SWC members to use in presentations, and a draft *What is the Shuswap Watershed Council?* one-pager. The latter will be complete in April/May.

**The next meeting of the SWC will be May 10<sup>th</sup> at the CSRD.**

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CSRD Area 'C'

Larry Morgan – Vice Chair  
CSRD Area 'F'

Rene Talbot  
CSRD Area 'D'

Rhona Martin  
CSRD Area 'E'

Nancy Cooper  
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