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20. M. Carr, Assistant Deputy Minister and General Manager, Liquor Control and Licensing Branch – Policy Directive dated March 28, 2018 – Updated Alcohol Sense Materials
21. A. Slater, Executive Director, SILGA – email dated April 4, 2018 – 2018 SILGA Resolutions
22. G. Paget, Chair, Board of Examiners – letter dated March 16, 2018 – Local Government Management Association of BC – C. Bannister, Professional Development Endorsement
23. Interior Health – News Release dated March 28, 2018 – Local businesses meet with Royal Inland Hospital tower hopefuls
24. Auditor General for Local Government – email dated March 21, 2018 – Office of the AGLG Releases Emergency Management Audit on the Town of Sydney
25. C. Weirmier, Executive Assistant and Divisional Coordinator – Operations, BC Transit – email dated March 22, 2018 – Invitation to the BC Transit Workshop
26. K. Kalesnikoff, Chair, Interior Lumber Manufacturers Association – email dated March 26, 2018 – Invite to April 17th ILMA reception
27. K. Creery, Protective Services Planning Analyst, Resort Municipality of Whistler – letter dated March 23, 2018 – 2018 Resolution – Collection of Unpaid Bylaw Fines
28. C. Fortin, Mayor, District of Peachland – letter dated March 16, 2018 – Cannabis Revenue Sharing



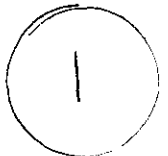
**CITY OF SALMON ARM
BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT
MARCH 2018**

LAST YEAR (2017)
CURRENT MONTH YEAR-TO-DATE

CURRENT YEAR (2018)
CURRENT MONTH YEAR-TO-DATE

		NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE
1	New Single Family Dwellings	16	3,973,270	21	5,198,270	12	3,834,999	22	6,729,999
2	Misc. Additions etc. to SFD's	4	252,500	20	795,060	12	752,829	28	1,257,633
3	New Modulares/MH's (Factory Built)	-	-	2	250,000	-	-	2	524,000
4	Misc. Additions etc. to Modulares/MH's	1	16,000	1	16,000	2	1,400	3	6,400
5	MFD's (# Units)	-	-	-	-	1 (4)	1,049,000	1 (4)	1,049,000
6	Misc. Additions etc. to MFD's	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	New Commercial	-	-	1	400,000	-	-	-	-
8	Misc. Additions etc. to Commercial	-	-	6	375,400	1	50,000	1	50,000
9	New Industrial	1	135,000	1	135,000	2	220,000	2	220,000
10	Misc. Additions etc. to Industrial	-	-	-	-	2	132,000	2	132,000
11	New Institutional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Misc. Additions etc. to Institutional	-	-	2	19,000	-	-	1	9,000
13	Signs	1	1,000	11	30,765	4	45,455	9	50,755
14	Swimming Pools, Pool Buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Demolitions	2	-	3	-	1	-	2	-
16	Temporary Trailers, A & B Permits	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
17	Misc. Special Inspections, etc.	4	-	11	-	1	-	12	-
	TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	29	4,377,770	79	7,219,495	39	6,085,683	86	10,028,787

MFD's - Apartment, Row, Duplex, Strata (# of dwelling units created)
Farm building values not included



BUILDING PERMITS - YEARLY												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
2001	585,500	11,938,550	12,265,250	12,842,790	13,534,790	14,712,550	16,330,650	17,717,625	19,031,075	19,895,255	21,318,855	21,458,195
2002	585,500	1,952,500	3,340,850	3,821,240	5,455,840	6,411,690	8,844,690	10,932,510	15,780,890	16,705,600	17,738,200	17,923,700
2003	130,110	920,780	2,974,020	4,486,120	5,993,320	13,294,120	15,555,250	17,937,005	20,318,920	22,000,340	24,005,740	24,782,360
2004	430,700	1,506,500	5,903,780	8,379,104	10,122,768	12,086,319	14,779,343	21,598,763	30,371,023	33,614,173	34,957,458	35,881,343
2005	1,072,000	2,269,650	4,344,750	6,806,152	12,110,482	28,031,457	29,985,585	34,743,645	37,600,445	42,915,856	45,525,611	47,576,746
2006	815,550	3,224,468	8,012,449	11,501,929	16,084,809	20,066,533	23,714,194	26,370,890	36,479,806	37,278,358	42,332,995	43,077,170
2007	1,531,087	3,901,669	16,148,674	22,413,118	27,232,134	32,401,472	35,657,297	42,829,750	51,945,799	55,703,387	65,885,802	66,289,555
2008	1,797,604	4,203,429	12,947,058	27,647,379	33,857,533	36,582,025	39,759,375	42,395,454	45,412,474	50,699,301	53,383,541	53,522,880
2009	409,369	864,839	2,039,460	5,207,311	6,763,615	7,800,085	9,677,455	11,579,746	18,882,737	20,713,554	23,523,664	24,337,664
2010	1,518,563	2,708,062	5,931,546	10,081,816	12,260,236	13,526,546	16,597,121	18,790,511	19,848,804	21,174,632	22,953,692	27,249,702
2011	568,645	2,003,976	5,063,837	7,449,773	9,471,416	11,761,850	12,794,028	14,222,970	18,194,801	19,682,061	30,563,013	31,934,415
2012	2,189,660	3,128,562	4,794,040	6,337,260	10,000,544	12,120,246	17,883,185	24,375,078	26,118,787	26,493,820	28,130,500	28,666,430
2013	881,740	1,440,110	13,907,060	15,814,195	17,433,454	20,194,778	23,204,628	24,180,485	26,567,302	29,195,224	30,890,086	31,231,349
2014	665,304	2,806,404	8,075,941	20,789,869	27,574,834	29,877,686	33,456,523	41,971,923	42,784,769	44,804,191	46,460,471	47,707,993
2015	1,172,285	1,853,539	3,894,754	6,750,389	8,575,425	18,388,180	20,475,407	26,442,225	29,143,303	31,248,595	35,417,465	37,368,595
2016	1,268,865	2,298,280	4,987,625	8,904,610	12,253,660	16,279,464	19,265,124	23,811,029	29,823,014	36,084,949	40,154,959	41,418,659
2017	1,183,280	2,841,725	7,219,495	11,761,657	18,136,656	23,823,576	30,793,243	36,066,891	52,130,226	59,858,542	63,366,686	64,675,041
2018	1,970,104	3,943,104	10,028,787									

From: Rob Niewenhuizen
Sent: March 26, 2018 9:44 AM
To: 'Kelsey Adam'
Subject: RE: Proposed 5K event

Thank you Kelsey

I will see that this request is added to the next Council correspondence on April 9th.

Once approved I will send you a letter outlining the terms of approval (insurance, properly supervised, clean up, etc.)

Best regards,

Robert Niewenhuizen | *Director of Engineering & Public Works* | *City of Salmon Arm*
Box 40, 500-2nd Avenue NE, Salmon Arm, BC, V1E 4N2 | P 250.803.4017 | F 250.803.4041
E rniewenhuizen@salmonarm.ca W www.salmonarm.ca



Please consider the environment when printing this email

From: Kelsey Adam [<mailto:Kelseyadamxo@hotmail.com>]
Sent: March 26, 2018 9:39 AM
To: Rob Niewenhuizen
Subject: Re: Proposed 5K event

April 14th, 1pm - 4pm
the route will be done twice
starting/finishing line and registration will be by the skatepark
I have also contacted a friend about the comprehensive general liability insurance.

The following link is for information about the organization and event
<https://twloha.com/runforit5k/>

This is the link to my personal fundraising page for the event, it entails a bit of my story and why I am doing this.
all registration fees will go directly to the cause.

<https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/1356166>

From: Rob Niewenhuizen <rniewenhuizen@salmonarm.ca>
Sent: March 26, 2018 8:47 AM
To: kelseyadamxo@hotmail.com
Subject: Proposed 5K event

Good morning Kelsey

In follow-up to my phone message regarding your proposed event.

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All activities held on City lands (Parks, etc.) require City Council approval.

The best way to initiate the process is to submit a letter or email request to Mayor and Council, which provides an outline and details of the proposed event including, purpose, times, partners, etc. You can send this email to me and I will see that it gets on to the next Council agenda (April 9th).

As a condition of approval, the City will require comprehensive general liability Insurance with a limit of not less than \$2,000,000.00 inclusive per occurrence for bodily injury (including death, personal injury and property damage with the City of Salmon Arm named as an "Additional Insured"). This can be obtained at any of the insurance agencies.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions,

Best regards,

Robert Niewenhuizen | Director of Engineering & Public Works | City of Salmon Arm
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March 27, 2018

File: 5460.08

The Wellspring Foundation for Education
PO Box 32112
Langley, BC V1M 2M3

Attention: Kristie Voth

RE: WELLSPRING LAKE 2 LAKE RIDE FOR RWANDA
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 and SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

Reference is made to your email received March 22, 2018.

I am pleased to advise, pursuant to Section 201(4) Traffic Regulation Bylaw No. 1971, that permission has been granted to use the roadways on Saturday, September 15 and Sunday, September 16, 2018 *within the jurisdiction of the City of Salmon Arm* as per the following routes:

Saturday, September 15, 2018

- Enter City of Salmon Arm via Auto Road
- Connect onto 30th Street SE
- Turn left onto Okanagan Ave East
- Turn right at Alexander Street NE
- Turn left at Lakeshore Drive
- Slight left onto spur road
- Turn right onto Hwy #1 for 69 km.

Sunday, September 16, 2018

- Enter City of Salmon Arm via TransCanada Hwy 1
- Turn right onto 40th Street SW (Salmon River Rd)
- Connect onto 10th Ave SW
- Turn left onto 50th Street SW
- Turn right onto 50th Ave SW
- Turn left onto 70th Street SW
- Turn right onto 70th Ave SW
- Turn left onto 80th Street SW
- Leave City of Salmon Arm and connect onto Salmon River Road

The event is subject to standard traffic restrictions i.e. signage, etc. and adequate supervision and Comprehensive General Liability Insurance with a limit of not less than \$2,000,000.00 inclusive per occurrence for bodily injury (including death), personal injury and property damage with the City of Salmon Arm named as an "Additional Named Insured". **Please forward a copy of your insurance prior to event.**

Any route markings placed on paved roads **must be** of "chalk-based" aerosol type paint. The Wellspring Foundation for Education, as the sponsoring organization is entirely responsible for

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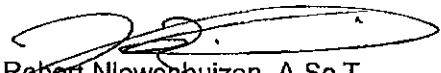
the conduct and safety of all participants, traffic control, signage, marshalling, etc. Special attention **must be** paid to traffic control at intersections to ensure the safety of all cyclists.

Please contact the RCMP, Ambulance Officials and Fire Department relative to the event.

If you require barricades, traffic cones etc. please contact Rob Hein, Manager of Roads & Parks at 250-803-4087 to make necessary arrangements.

Best Wishes for a successful event.

Yours truly,



Robert Nlewenhuizen, A.Sc.T.
Director of Engineering and Public Works

cc. Rob Hein, Manager of Roads & Parks
Cam Gerow, Operations Clerk
Donna Flatman, SASCU Community Centre
RCMP/Ambulance Officials/Fire Department
Peter Cocker, Ministry of Transportation
Council Information Correspondence



Lake2Lake Ride for Rwanda September 15 & 16, 2018

The Wellspring Foundation for Education will be hosting our 9th annual Ride for Rwanda Lake2Lake Ride. This ride will travel through various areas of within the City of Salmon Arm. We are requesting permit approval and have affixed the information you requested in order to proceed.

When: September 15 & 16, 2018

Route September 15, 2018

- Entering city of Salmon Arm heading north via **Auto Road**
- Continue north onto **30th Street SE**
- Turn left onto **Okanagan Ave East**
- Turn right at **Alexander Street NE**
- Turn left at **Lakeshore Drive**
- Slight left, then right onto Hwy #1 & riders will travel along for 69km

Estimated Time:

- Leave Vernon Christian School at 9:00am (slow riders) - 10:00am (fast riders)
- Complete traveling through City of Salmon Arm by 10:30am
- Arrive at Eagle Bay Camp between 1:30pm (fast riders) – 4:30pm (slow riders)

Route September 16, 2018

- Enter city of Salmon Arm via **TransCanada Hwy 1**, travelling south
- Turn right off TransCanada Hwy and onto **Salmon River Road**
- Turn right onto **10th Ave SW**
- Turn left onto **50th Street SW**
- Turn right onto **50th Ave SW**
- Turn left onto **70th Street SW**
- Turn right onto **70th Ave SW**
- Turn left onto **80th Street SW**
- Leave city of Salmon Arm and continue onto **Salmon River Road**

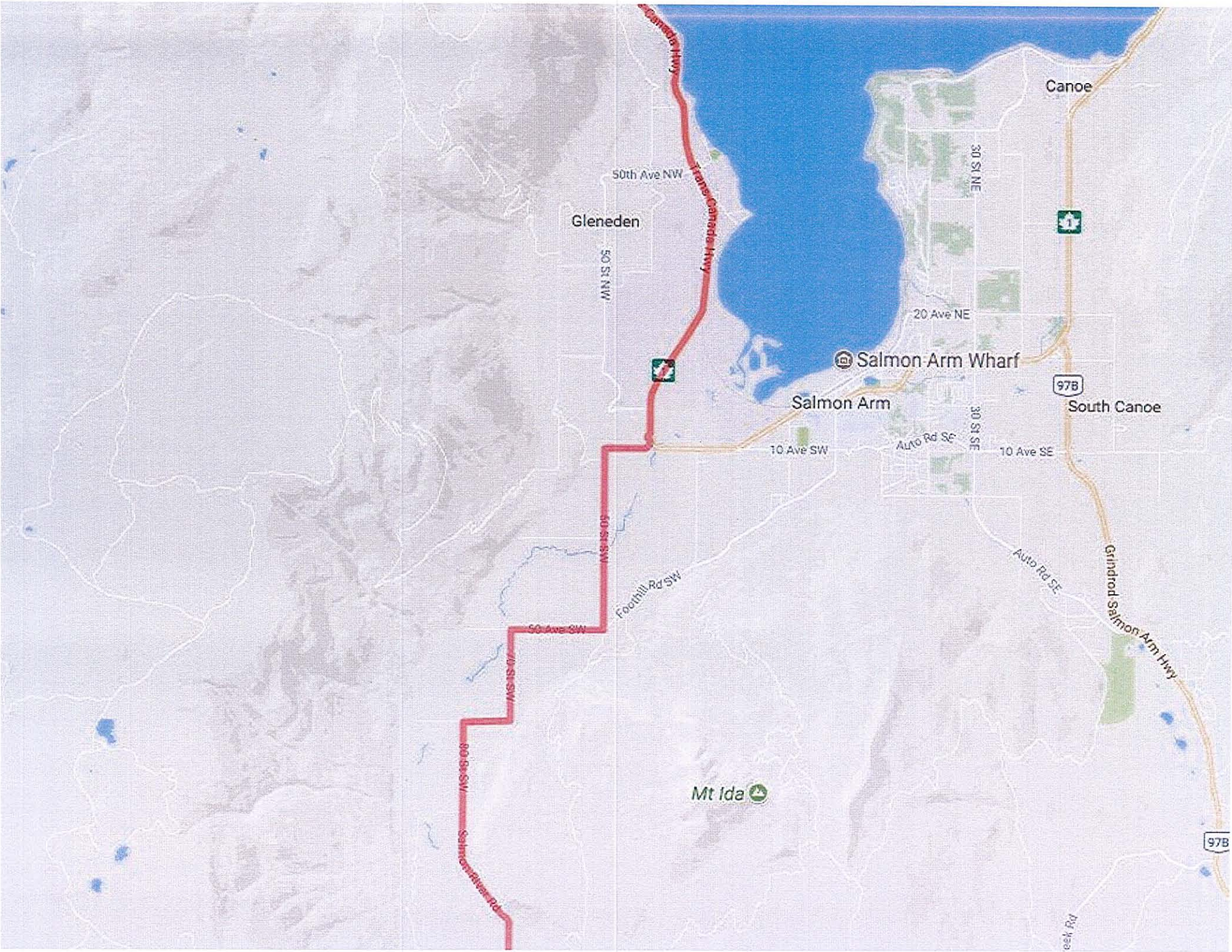
Estimated Time:

- Enter City of Salmon Arm between 12:00noon - 3:30pm
- Arrive at Vernon Christian School between 12:30pm - 4:00pm

Estimated Number of Participants: We anticipate between 75 – 100 participants.

Other information about the ride

- RCMP will be made aware of ride
- Paramedic mobile unit participation
- Various rest stations with water, snacks & washrooms
- Rider support vehicles & baggage transport
- Signage & volunteers along route & intersections
- No traffic barriers or road stoppages



Gleneden

50th Ave NW

50 St NW

Salmon Arm Wharf

Salmon Arm

10 Ave SW

Foothill Rd SW

50 Ave SW

10 St SW

30 St SW

30 St SW

30 St SW

Mt Ida

Canoe

30 St NE

20 Ave NE

30 St SE

10 Ave SE

97B

South Canoe

Auto Rd SE

Grindrod Salmon Arm Hwy

97B

reek Rd

Barb Puddifant

From: Kirk Gennings [refreshlandscape@outlook.com]
Sent: March-22-18 3:01 PM
To: Barb Puddifant
Subject: Fire Dept. washing down parking lots

To Mayor and Council,

I'm writing to express concern about the City Fire Departments activity of cleaning parking lots and washing them down in to the catch basins and storm drains. I would like to first say that I wholeheartedly support the training and extra activities that the FD conducts in order to raise money. My main concerns are as follows;

1. As a small business owner, who sweeps private parking lots as part of my annual income, this takes away from my stream of income as well as my employees.
 - a. We have started recycling the material for a number of things, 2 of which are to reuse the collected material to fill in low spots of dirt lots, and well as bedding material for irrigation conduit.
2. Washing the silt and aggregates may clean the parking lot, but it fills the catch basins up unnecessarily and makes this the problem of the city or remains the problem of the property owner where they must hire a vac truck to then clean the catch basin out.
 - a. My understanding is that one of the members of the fire department owns a vac truck business and I find this to be an unsettling conflict of interest.
 - b. I did call the fire department directly last year and inquire about their practices and they said they shovel up the heavy material with shovels, but my observations are that this is not done as diligently as it should/could be.
3. Although contaminants will always be present on roadways and parking lots, and continuously be washed into our storm drains, this practice moves a substantial amount of the contaminants directly into the storm drains at one time. It's my belief that many of the contaminants from the winter are trapped in the layers of silt and aggregates and when the parking lots are mechanically swept many of the contaminants are removed with it. If this material is used as backfill it is redistributed and allowed to filter at a slower rate. This may seem minor, but every step counts.
4. It's an unnecessary use of a resource.
 - a. One could argue this helps to flush water mains supplying the hydrants, but the volume necessary to wash a parking lot seems to be in excess of the volume needed to adequately flush mains.

I would like to re-iterate that I support our fire department and their fundraising efforts, however I have made an effort to promote greener practices in my own business and in conjunction with competition for one of my income streams I would like to have a closer look at the other impacts this is having. One potential solution would be to work with the private contractors and have them remove the heavy sediment and aggregates and the fire department could come in afterwards and wash down the fine silt. Although rainwater generally washes these fine silts away naturally.

Thank you for taking the time to review my letter.

Kind Regards,

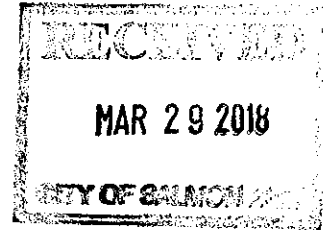
Kirk Gennings

Refresh Home & Yard Renovations

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March 27, 2018

Mayor Cooper and Members of Council
Box 40
Salmon Arm, B.C. V1E 4N2



Dear Mayor Cooper and Members of Council;

Re: Salmon Arm Tennis Club – Project and Funding Update

The Salmon Arm Tennis Club is pleased to provide City Council and Staff with an update regarding the construction of the new three (3) court indoor tennis facility as we move into 2018 having commenced construction in November of 2017. Our goal is to complete the facility in 2018 and we are asking Council to approve two (2) funding requests which are summarized below.

As you can understand, we had hoped to complete the project with as little funding from the City as possible and this looked very realistic and probable up until some external factors such as rising steel and lumber prices which resulted in an additional financial burden of \$300,000.00. You can imagine the strain this has placed on our fundraising efforts.

The additional resources needed to complete the project were unanticipated and attributed, for the most part, to our inability to purchase the building package in an outright and timely fashion in the fall of 2017. The overall success of the project now hinges on additional funding beyond those raised to date. Essentially, this \$1.5 million dollar community asset is short \$300,000.00.

Update

Fundraising for the project has gone very well and we have experienced solid support from the community. We have raised \$225,000.00 from donations, building sponsorships and other various fundraising activities. Despite our success thus far in raising funds, we are experiencing donor fatigue and this coupled with the recent unsuccessful Tennis Canada and Provincial Gaming grant decisions have affected our ability to raise additional significant funds.

In September, 2017 the membership voted to commence construction and remit to the City the required Development Cost Charges (DCCs) and Permit Fees, in the amount of \$115,000.00, to avoid impending BC Building Code changes that would further escalate costs. The decision was made to proceed with the knowledge that we needed to raise approximately \$150,000 additional funds to complete construction.

Letter – Mayor Cooper and Members of Council
Re: Salmon Arm Tennis Club – Project and Funding Update

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In addition to the payment of \$115,000.00 in City related fees, \$85,000.00 has been invested into the project to fund soft costs such as professional fees, site clearing, hydro connections and pole, and underground water services.

Over the 2017/2018 winter months, one (1) of our goals has been to purchase and fabricate the steel package to prepare for the summer's construction window. However, getting a jump start on the BC Building Codes issues which triggered the payment of DCCs and building related fees resulted in a restriction to our working capital. Consequently, we have been unable to purchase the steel and lumber required to undertake the fabrication, not to mention the price increases associated with tariffs and U.S. cost factors.

Having said this, an opportunity now exists to purchase the steel for a firm price of \$400,000.00 if we purchase it by mid April, 2018. Following this date the price will certainly rise due to market conditions beyond our control. The remaining resources required are in place to complete construction of the building in 2018.

Funding

Estimated Building Costs	\$1,500,000
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Less:

SATC Donations (Received)	225,000
Court Naming Rights (Confirmed)	50,000
Funding Raising (2018)	75,000
Contractor's Line of Credit	100,000
SASCU Loan	<u>750,000</u>
Shortfall	\$300,000

Project Benefits

A review of the benefits to the community of this three (3) court indoor tennis facility is important in light of our funding request:

- It is a community amenity which will draw people to Salmon Arm as a vibrant, healthy place to live;
- It is a year round recreation opportunity which enhances the quality of life in the community;
- It will be open to the public and not restricted to just members, similar to the Squash Facility;
- It brings economic opportunities that align with MRDT funding to create more visitors and tourism dollars invested in the region;
- It encourages youth participation through exposure to School District 83's students;
- It increases community recreation capacity for future events such as the BC Summer Games, Provincial and National Tennis Tournaments, and other opportunities;

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- It promotes active healthy living for all ages and levels of fitness. Tennis is truly a lifetime sport that promotes physical and social development for both young and older participants;
 - Tennis is a growth sport coupled with the success of male and female players internationally and perhaps one (1) of Canada's future prospects may come from Salmon Arm!
 - The tennis community across the country is watching Salmon Arm in hopes that they can model, build and operate a first class indoor facility. We are the model of collaboration between a municipality and a non profit organization in a market the size of Salmon Arm for an asset of this scope.

This will solidify Salmon Arm as a regional facility and draw players from all over the Columbia Shuswap and North Okanagan.

Request for Funding

The Salmon Arm Tennis Club respectfully requests that Council consider the following requests:

1. Provision of a contribution in the amount of \$125,000.00 from the Recreational Amenity Reserve; and
2. Provision of an interest free loan in the amount of \$175,000.00 repayable by the Salmon Arm Tennis Club over 25 years.

In closing, the Salmon Arm Tennis Club has been working on the indoor court tennis facility project since 2010. Factors and circumstances have led us to this unique opportunity to complete this project with the funding as anticipated above. We are very close to making this project a reality and the time is right to commit all available resources and complete the project by the fall of 2018.

We see the City of Salmon Arm as an important partner - and it is only with its assistance that this facility become a reality. This new facility will be a complementary recreational amenity to the proposed adjacent Track and Field Facility identified in the City's Corporate Strategic Plan, Debt Strategy and Capital Plan and will certainly be viewed favourably by both the Salmon Arm residents and the visiting public. Together, the facilities will put another dot on the recreation map for Salmon Arm.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Winston Pain
Salmon Arm Tennis Club



Ken Hecker
Salmon Arm Tennis Club

Chad Eliason

March 19, 2018

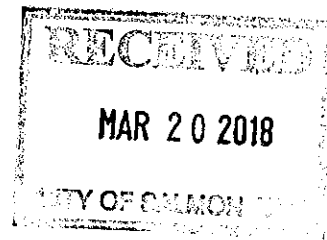
- I have forwarded a Global News story on the city of Kelowna recognizing the dangers of human beings being exposed to Landfill toxins. The citizens of Salmon Arm are counting on you for our safety

The 50 m buffer zone is the length of a sheet of curling ice. Montreal health study- indicates increased risk of certain types of cancer, including bladder and leukemia. London School of Hygiene found babies born to mothers who live near landfills have a greater risk of birth defects. Institute for Health New York-children living near waste sites are hospitalized more frequently with acute respiratory infections. The Lancet pollution is the largest environmental cause of disease and premature death in the world. WCB report compost workers exposed to air born biohazards, fungal bacteria, endotoxins, glucan-aspergillus fumatus. Health New York- Hydrogen Sulfide Chemical Information Sheet-health complaints near landfills eye, throat and lung irritation, nausea, headache, nasal blockage, sleeping difficulties, weight loss, chest pain and asthma attacks. Protection for humans should be the #1 priority for all government decisions DO US NO HARM!

RESPECT GOVERNMENT LANDFILL SITING CRITERIA!

Sincerely,

Linda Williamson



Massive housing development near Kelowna landfill too cost risky say city planners

By Blaine Gaffney Global News

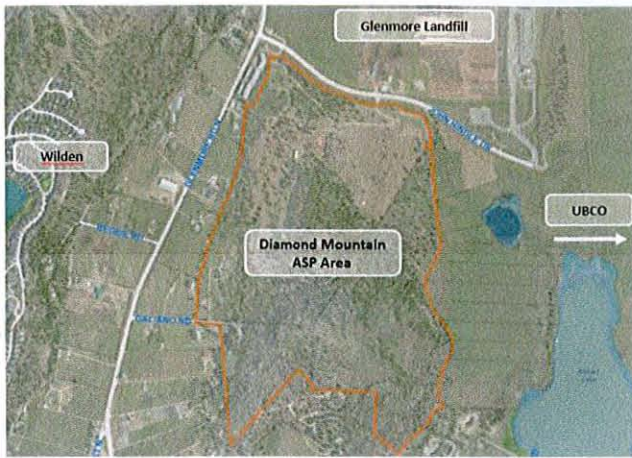


Kelowna planners say the proposed Diamond Mountain project is too risky for city taxpayers.

Photo/Troika Management

A Kelowna developer says it will be the city's loss if it can't build a huge housing development in the Glenmore Valley neighbourhood.

But city staff disagree and are recommending council not consider an application to amend land use designations in the Official Community Plan.



Troika Management Corp. wants to build about 1,000 housing units on 219 acres of land known as Diamond Mountain immediately south of the Glenmore Landfill.

City planners say there's too many possible negative consequences for the city of having the development so close to the dump which has an operations expectancy of 75 years.

"It has been concluded by accredited technical experts and staff that residential development as proposed will be negatively impacted by visual, odour, noise and dust nuisances created by landfill and composting operations. This is likely to result in complaints to Council and the Ministry of Environment adding pressure to either spend significant tax dollars on modifications, relocate or close City facilities," states a staff report council will consider at its Monday night meeting.

Troika says it want to develop "the greenest subdivision in Kelowna" for families "of all shapes, stages and scales of income."

"If the Area Structure Plan isn't approved, the property is already zoned for Agricultural 1 (A1) so we would proceed with developing seventeen 10-acre lots that only the wealthy could afford, and the public parks, lookouts and trails would be lost," says company CEO Renee Wasylyk in a news release.

Troika appears to have the support of the University of BC. Its Kelowna campus is just east of the landfill.

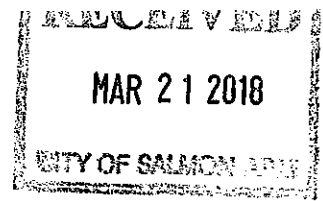
"We believe affordable, mixed housing development in proximity to the campus is in the interest of the community," says UBCO Principal Deborah Buszard in the release.

City staff say the direct cost to Kelowna taxpayers could range from \$28 to \$52 million to mitigate nuisance impacts from composting operations and much more if the landfill is closed sooner than planned.

“The risks to residential quality of life and City operations are too great to allow the proposal to proceed as-is,” says the report to council.

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March 21, 2018



Dear Mayor Cooper,

I have enclosed an article that displays a municipal government that recognizes the danger of landfill toxins on the humans living next door. On March 16th 2018 we voiced our concerns at the CSRD budget meeting stating the concerns on the over payment of funds on Salmon Arm Landfill Expansion. We supplied Directors with a petition of 198 signatures against purchase and rezoning and change to OCP. We will continue to collect signatures and share information with you and tax payers. We have forwarded copies of this petition to BC Government Environment Climate Change- Minister George Heyman, Kirk Phair, and Luc Lachance.

Sincerely,

Linda Williamson





Kelowna council 'dumps' Diamond Mountain development proposal

Location near city's landfill prompts council to refuse to approve area structure plan for the land

ALISTAIR WATERS / Mar. 20, 2018 5:00 a.m. / LOCAL NEWS / NEWS

Saying it wanted to protect a major city asset—Kelowna's dump—council rejected a plan to move forward with a project that could have seen up to 1,000 homes built just south of the Glenmore Landfill.

In a 5-2 vote Monday, council refused to allow an area structure plan for the 88-acre site that would have housed the proposed Diamond Mountain development. Diamond Mountain would have been a planned community featuring a mix of single and multi-family housing types, as well as parks and trails, said developer Renee Wasylyk, CEO of Troika Developments.

Council killed the project after city staff recommended against it, citing a number of nuisances future residents of Diamond Mountain would have faced from the nearby dump, including odour, dust and noise.

"Putting people in a sea of nuisances is, in my opinion, not good planning," said Mayor Colin Basran, who voted with Councillors Maxine DeHart, Mohini Singh, Luke Stack and Ryan Donn to reject the area structure plan. Coun. Brad Sieben, who said he would have liked to have seen the issued deferred so more information could be gathered about future operation of the landfill, and Coun. Tracy Gray voted against rejecting it. Couns. Gail Given and Charlie Hodge were both absent.

Despite claiming the landfill is well run and meets all provincial standards, city engineer Kevin Van Vliet said it is not the type of operation that should be located beside a residential development. He said it is not the best neighbour because of the nuisances it produces, all inherent with dealing with the city's solid waste.

And a majority of council agreed.

Coun. Luke stack said if you were to ask people on the street if it was a good idea to build 1,000 homes next to the landfill, instinctively, they would say no.

"Why would you do that? he asked. "It just doesn't make sense."

Fearing complaints from future residents of Diamond Mountain that the city felt could affect the landfill's operation or even lead to it closing down before its planned 2090 closing date, council made its decision.

[Read more below](#)



In a lengthy presentation to council, Van Vliet argued it could cost the city millions if the landfill had to close early and the city had to find a new way to deal with its garbage. The Glenmore Landfill is the only dump in the Central Okanagan.

Several councillors referred to the landfill as a "jewel," and compared it in terms of importance to Kelowna to the city's airport and Okanagan Lake.

But Wasylyk accused council of making its decision not based on science but on fear. She claimed the development would not be affected by odour, dust and noise to the extent the city claimed.

"The science is clear," Wasylyk said. "Diamond Mountain is safe. Diamond Mountain has no health issues. Diamond Mountain is the least affected area in the entire North Glenmore corridor. And, there is no scientific or regulatory reason for Diamond Mountain to not move forward."

She told council that when it came to areas affected by nuisances caused by the dump, the nearby residential neighbourhood of Wilden is the most affected, followed by the UBC Okanagan campus, the McKinley area, the city's airport, and the Quail Ridge development, according to a city-commissioned study.

"We are the least affected," she said.

But her impassioned presentation was not enough to sway a majority of council members, who were told by Van Vleit that if the dump had to close early because of public complaints to the province, it could cost the city between \$30 and \$50 million dollars just to close down the operation. It could also also cost taxpayers an additional estimated \$3 billion over the remaining life of the dump in lost revenue.

The Diamond Mountain lands are currently zoned to allow 17 10-acre properties and Wasylyk said that is what will now be built there.

...are expected to be big and expensive. In her presentation to council, she described that option as a "millionaires Mecca."

Following the council meeting, Wasylyk accused the city council of bias, saying only Sieben and Gray seemed interested in her side of the argument.

She said while city staff were given more than 2 1/2 hours to speak and answer questions, she only had 30 minutes.

"It was a very biased process and that, I would say, is part of what I'm most disappointed about," said Wasylyk outside city hall.

"There was not a lot of interest in listening. I would say Coun. Sieben and Coun. Gray were the most inquisitive. There was a very biased procedure that happened in there today."

Wasylyk said she had been working on the area structure plan for Diamond Mountain since 2011.

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From: Marijke Dake [<mailto:marijkehd@gmail.com>]
Sent: March-21-18 3:41 PM
To: Nancy Cooper
Cc: Tim Lavery
Subject: coal dust petition

Hi Nancy,

I collected the coal dust petitions from The Pink Cherry and The Hive a few weeks ago. I can give you a copy of the petition or the original whichever you prefer. There are 340 signatures.

My most recent presentation was to the Naturalist Club on March 6 which was also advertised to the community.

Last week, I had a good visit with Dr. Geoff Newell (retired) and Barbel Newell. They are very concerned about coal dust, both on their property and on their health. They moved to Ravencroft 4 years ago and were not aware about the coal dust from CP trains. Over the years, they have observed a great deal of black coal dust on their decks, windows and even on their coffee table inside when the screens are on. Dr. Newell sent me an email regarding the effects of coal dust on the lungs and said it was okay to forward it to you. (see next email)

I hope that we will receive a response from CPR in the very near future with their solution to the problem of coal dust through Salmon Arm.

Kind regards,

Marijke

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From: **Barbel Newell** <barbelnewell@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 16, 2018 at 12:10 PM
Subject: coal dust
To: Marijke Dake <Marijkehd@gmail.com>

Hi Marijke, a few thoughts about breathing coal dust.

The lung disease it causes is called 'anthracosis'. This is considered a lesser form of 'pneumoconiosis'. It is one of the many causes of COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease). Patients suffering from this disease that I saw in England 55 years ago would not have been happy to describe it as a lesser form of anything.

The main issue with regard to lung disease is you may not miss the loss of function until it is gone. At rest a normal breath in an adult is about half a litre and the respiratory rate about 10 to 18 breaths a minute for average volume of 6 litres of air breathed per minute. The maximum breath volume at the maximum rate moves from 120 to 170 litres of air per minute. A sedentary person will not be symptomatic (ie short of breath) until maximum breathing capacity is reduced to level only slightly higher than the resting minute volume.

Lung function reaches a maximum in a young adult and then declines at a fixed rate and without any other influence would be adequate to live to about 120yrs of age. Smoking cigarettes or inhalation of other particulates will cause an increase in the rate of decline of function. After a person stops smoking the decline of function returns to the normal rate. The extra loss of function due to smoking however is never recovered. Life expectancy may be significantly reduced.

What this means is that you can develop significant loss of lung function from inhaling coal dust and be totally unaware of it. You just die sooner than you would have if not exposed to the pollutant. It might be possible with advanced pulmonary function testing to show an increase rate of decline in function with serial testing over a long period of time but isolating coal dust as the cause would still be very difficult. Unfortunately this also means it would be difficult to convince authorities scientifically that there is a health hazard here. I believe it is a health hazard and I am very happy that you are trying to deal with it.

Geoff

Newell

From: Susan Mackie [<mailto:info@salmonarmmuseum.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2018 2:14 PM
To: Erin Jackson
Subject: R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum

Hello Erin
Do you have spring fever yet?

I am looking at my calendar for the season and would like to extend an invitation to host the Annual City of Salmon Arm Council Meeting and Dinner.
Let me know what would for the City. We open for the season May 16.
Thanks for your support.
Susan

Susan Mackie
General Manager
Come and Explore!

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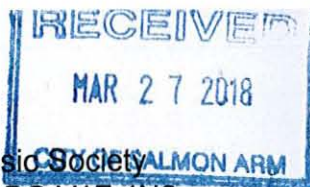


R.J. Haney
Heritage Village & Museum





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



March 22, 2018

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 26th Annual Roots and Blues Festival.

Although part of the field we use is owned by School District #83 and requires use approval from them, we require the City's support to remove the two concrete blocks from the entrance on 5th Avenue, on or before, the 14th of August and can be returned, on or after, August 23rd.

The dates we would require the fields are August 15^h to 23rd, 2018 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 blue ink handwritten signature, likely of David Gonella, consisting of a large loop and a long horizontal stroke.

David Gonella
Executive Director
Salmon Arm Folk Music Society
26th Annual Roots and Blues Festival
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March 22, 2018

Attn. Robert Niewenhuizen
Director Of Engineering
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RE: NOISE BYLAW VARIANCE REQUEST

Dear Mr. Niewenhuizen:

The Salmon Arm folk Music Society is planning the 26th Annual Roots and Blues Music Festival and we would like to request an extension to the noise bylaw until 12:00am each night of the festival from Thursday August 16th through Sunday August 19th.

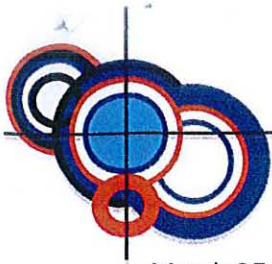
Please note, for the third year in a row the festival will have a Thursday evening concert and other activities planned for the Jack Daniels Barn Stage and Beverage Garden, starting at 5:00pm and the music will end at or before 12:00am on this evening.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Gonella'.

David Gonella
Executive Director
Salmon Arm Folk Music Society
26th Annual Roots and Blues Festival
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Phone: 250-833-4096
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March 25, 2018

To: Mayor and Council, City of Salmon Arm

Re: The Optimist U18 Provincial Curling Championships Final Report and Financial Statement

At the Regular Council Meeting held on January 30, 2018, Council approved a one (1) time contribution of \$750.00 to assist in the costs associated with the Under 18 Provincial Junior Curling Championships.

I am pleased to report back to the Council that the event was a resounding success. From our banquet and opening ceremonies through the curling draws to the televised final game (by Shaw TV) we have heard nothing but complements from the curlers, coaches and parents. With your contribution, we were able to train much needed officials and then provide the curlers with an experience that we hope they will never forget. The curling club and its volunteers (approximately 80) were able to showcase how an event can be planned and executed. We extended the warmest welcome to all involved and that warmth was returned.

From an economic impact perspective, the event started on March 12 and ended on March 18 for a total of 6 nights and 7 days. For 5 of those 6 nights all of the teams and associated supporters stayed in Salmon Arm. After the bronze medal game on Saturday, many of the teams had started their trek home. In total, 16 teams (90 individuals) plus at least 2 set of parents per team (estimated at 64 parents) and several grandparents (estimated at 8) were accommodated and fed in Salmon Arm. I believe that this event was a benefit to our local community. With information provided by Shuswap Tourism and with the many gifts provided by our local sponsors we were able to showcase what our region has to offer and the businesses that make the city hum.

Please find attached the near actual financial results for the event. One or two items are still estimated but the others are complete. In summary, the event experienced a forecast net loss of \$300, with revenues of \$22,110 and expenses of \$22,410. The financials include the many contributions from our local in-kind supporters of \$10,009. I have included the budget for comparison purposes, simply to note how difficult it is to plan and manage an event of this size with no prior experience and in a very short period of time. Plus one last statistic: our volunteer hours have been tallied at over 2400 hours for 79 individuals.

I cannot tell you how important it is to have wonderful sponsors for these events. Thank you so much for considering and then providing an opportunity to receive a contribution from the City.

Yours Sincerely,

Brenda M'Clellan
Chairman, 2018 U18 BC Curling Championship
250 833-1593 (res); mcwalk@telus.net

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Optimist U18 Provincial Curling Championships
Curl BC Event hosted by Salmon Arm Curling Centre
Event dates: March 12 - March 18, 2018
Near actuals to March 25, 2018

		Expected final costs	Budget
Revenues			
Curl BC Funds		\$ 4,300	\$ 4,300
Sponsors			
City of Salmon Arm		750	750
Economic Development		1,500	1,000
Others		4,100	1,500
subtotal		<u>6,350</u>	<u>3,250</u>
Fund Raising	[1]	1,451	1,060
In-Kind		<u>10,009</u>	<u>4,753</u>
Total Revenues		<u>22,110</u>	<u>13,363</u>
Expenses			
Banquet		3,483	3,225
Curlers Lunches		1,530	680
Team Hospitality & Decorations		394	200
subtotal		<u>5,406</u>	<u>4,105</u>
Ceremonies		275	200
Officials Training		336	750
Advertising (inc. Shaw & thank you to sponsors)	[2]	1,163	-
Event Administration costs	[3]	2,217	1,463
Event Photography		1,025	500
Ice Staff (Overtime + 2 event staff)		1,800	1,600
Most Valuable Player Trophy		179	-
subtotal		<u>6,995</u>	<u>4,513</u>
In-Kind		<u>10,009</u>	<u>4,753</u>
Total Expenses		<u>22,410</u>	<u>13,371</u>
Net Income		<u>(300)</u>	<u>(8)</u>

Note(s):

Outstanding items:

- [1] Includes near final count of raffle and program sales. Includes \$197.50 of unclaimed and expect not to be claimed.
- [2] Includes estimate for Thank you advertisement (est'd at \$500).
- [3] Includes estimate for Thank you wind up for the volunteers to be shared with the curling centre (est'd at \$500).

March 28, 2018

Dear Salmon Arm,

I am writing to tell you about the Shuswap Trailrider Adaptive Adventure Society (STAAS), and the leading individual behind it all. This individuals name is Debra McDonald, president of the STAAS, and advocate to get those who can't get out of their houses, and into the wilderness and onto the beaches and lakes that surround us. STAAS has just received a grant from BC parks for the Revolution board, which can help those physically disabled to get out on the Shuswap and surrounding lakes on adaptable Paddleboard that has been specifically built with out Riggers and accommodations for a wheelchair. STAAS has already managed to purchase two TrailRiders and a SandRider beach chair. Pictures below show what these look like (Revolution board may look different than what appears.)

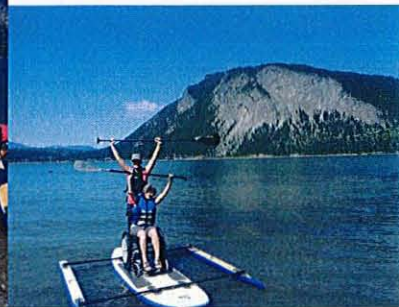
SandRider Beach Chair



TrailRiders (2)



Revolution board



Debra has MS and has very limited mobility. At one time in her life, Debra was a very outdoorsy person, at heart she still is. After being diagnosed with MS, and losing her ability to experience the wilderness as she pleased she followed a dream of obtaining one trail rider to experience the outdoors once again. An idea that has not only come true but expanded. Through careful planning and assistance from volunteers, Debra has done this all from the living room of her house in her wheelchair, with only the use of her left hand. I also might add, what an incredible job she has done.

You are probably wondering why I am writing to tell you about Debra, and STAAS. Well, it is because, we are hoping that the City of Salmon Arm will assist those who are physically disabled along with Debra and her team, to make these pieces of equipment more accessible by providing a safe place at Canoe Beach for this equipment to be stored. Having the two TrailRiders, SandRider beach chair and the Revolution board at the beach will allow those who are unable to pick up due to vehicle size, the ability

to use it. The beach is right there, and there are trail systems near the beach as well. The TrailRiders and beach chair are borrowed either for free or a donation to STAAS if possible, making them accessible to all.

Not much space would be needed to store the TrailRiders, beach chair, and the equipment that goes with them, and Revolution board. If there is not a space at the beach that could be used and locked currently, would the city consider putting up a fenced area, or a 10' container? For free, or maybe a small fee each year? At the very least, if STAAS could fundraise for a secure container would the city allow STAAS to keep it at the beach, again for free or a small yearly fee?

These TrailRiders and the beach chair are an excellent tool for those in wheelchairs, or those less mobile. It allows for inclusion, for people to go out and enjoy our beautiful beaches, lakes, and trails surrounded by their families. The beach chair is excellent on the sand and provides accessibility to the water and beaches for those who can't bring their chairs out for various reasons. I invite you out to view the equipment and ask Debra questions. The other option would be to bring Debra, and her dream to you, and have a meeting at city hall. You can also view the website www.shuswaptrailrider.com.

You can contact Debra at 250-832-1353 or myself Nicole Norrish at 250-804-4915.

I thank you very much for taking the time to read this and consider what we are asking. Please understand, that any additional costs, requires more fundraising on top of what we already have to do. We are currently in the midst of getting insurance lined up. #shuswaptrailrider

Thank you for your time,

Nicole Norrish
STAAS Volunteer
250-804-4915

March 16, 2018

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 3 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 30th, South Canoe - May 7th, and Little Mountain – May 14th. Even with the extremely rainy conditions last year the runs saw an average of 80 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. 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
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(karenneil@xplornet.com)



Emergency ManagementBC

March 15, 2018

Salmon Arm Fire Department
141 ROSS STREET NE
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Chief Brad Shirley,

On behalf of Emergency Management BC, the Office of the Fire Commissioner wishes to acknowledge the support that your department provided during the 2017 Wildfire season. In this unprecedented fire season we saw over 1.2 million hectares burned without loss of life or serious injury, which is a tribute to all of the responders involved.

As the scope and scale of the fires escalated, it became necessary for the OFC to deploy personnel, Engines, Tenders and Command units in addition to Structure Protection Units. These requests for additional resources were filled by fire departments that were able to offer their apparatus and personnel to meet the identified needs.

The professionalism of those responding enabled departments to work seamlessly in extremely challenging circumstances. The varied skills of both career and volunteer fire fighters were evident as urban and rural departments shared their knowledge and skills in their respective areas of expertise.

In closing, please accept this plaque in recognition of your department's contribution during the 2017 wildfire season.

Yours truly,

Gordon A. Anderson
Fire Commissioner





Emergency Management BC

Presented to

Salmon Arm Fire Department

With our thanks and appreciation
For your contribution and support during
Seasonal Hazards Response 2017

#83 Newsline

/ North Okanagan-Shuswap School District #83 /

March 14, 2018



Tobias (left) and Austin (right) consider their options and strategies during a match up at the district elementary tourney. Tobias went on to capture second place in the Grade 3 competition.

Elementary chess tourney

Some 68 students from Highland Park, Bastion, South Broadview, Hillcrest and Parkview took part in the district annual elementary chess tournament on March 7 at South Broadview Elementary.

One of the participants in the tourney, Owen, said his interest in chess started at home as his mom and dad both play. He said he joined the chess club at his school and plays at lunch time. "I'm having fun and I like playing chess," he says with a smile.

After many hours of chess, at the Grade 5 level, Ryan Greenhough of Bastion won with second place going to Jayden Babisky (South Broadview). Third place went to Taylor Watson (South Broadview) and fourth to Connor Scott (Highland Park).

Chay Hutchinson (Bastion) topped the division for Grade 4 students with second going to Rylan Siegel (Bastion). Third spot was claimed by Andre Groenewald (South Broadview) and fourth to Brendan Hughes (Bastion).

Grade 3 Division Ari Hutchinson (Bastion) claimed first with second going to Tobias Ryder (Hillcrest). Keira Cadden (Bastion) was third with Marshall Luttmerding (Highland Park) taking fourth.

Elementary schools with chess clubs take part in the annual tourney. This year the clubs were led by Neil Caves, Tony Benge, Geoff Styles, Matt Purdon and Shawn Weeks, who coach the students in the strategies of chess!

Five trustees

When elections for a new School District No. 83 Board of Education are held in October, the North Okanagan-Shuswap area will be electing five trustees.

Minister of Education Rob Fleming notified the district on Thursday that he had signed a Ministerial Order changing the composition of the board to five trustees from the former nine. The decision is in keeping with Official Trustee Mike McKay's recommendations. The order also outlines each of the areas that trustees will represent:

- North Shuswap/Sorrento/Carlin - one trustee
- Salmon Arm - two trustees
- Sicamous/Malakwa/Enderby/Grindrod - one trustee
- Armstrong/Spallumcheen/Falkland/Silver Creek/Ranchero - one trustee

"I'm pleased with the Minister's decision. The school district's communities now know what the structure of the board will be, and individuals interested in standing for office can begin planning and moving forward," stated McKay.

McKay added he has directed district staff to develop sessions for people considering running for trustee. Information will be shared through the website and media when details are finalized.

"With the work that has been done to meet the recommendations of the Watson Report, I am confident that the district will be in a good place for the incoming board to take on its governance role."

To arrive at his original recommendation, McKay held discussions with local area government agencies, First Nations Band representatives, and considered options at the Partner Group Table through a Working Group sub-committee. Face-to-face meetings were held and feedback was also invited from the general community on-line.

"Throughout the feedback process, it became clear that there wasn't a single option that was universally supported," said McKay. "But after much consideration, I felt this option would best serve the communities of our district."

CONGRATS ALF BAND . . .



Congratulations to the A.L. Fortune Secondary Grade 8 Concert Band and teacher/director Michelle Reed, for the just-received invitation to MusicFest Canada.

The band recently participated in the Okanagan Concert Band festival and did so well that they were presented with an invitation to attend the Nationals, which is an invite only, Canada-wide festival. Only three bands from the festival were given invites and A.L. Fortune one of them!

Unfortunately, Nationals are in Toronto this year so the band will not be able to go but the invite is good for two years so, in the event that it comes west again, they would be eligible to attend in 2019.

STEW AND BANNOCK



Recently students in the Indigenous cooking club at Jackson Campus of Salmon Arm Secondary made moose stew and bannock, reports Support Worker Melanie Jansen. "I'm so proud of them."



Another successful Elementary art fair . . . as well as the amazing displays, over 300 students had the opportunity to work with local artisans on March 7 at Piccadilly Mall taking part in 10 different workshops, such as acrylic painting, loom beadmaking, two different types of pottery, Japanese calligraphy, pen and ink drawing and more. This event, which is in its 24th year, is organized by Corrinne Langston and Jeff Abbott with elementary schools from throughout the district taking part.



Close to 250 people attended workshops presented by Kim Barthel on February 23-24 at the DESC

Full house for Kim Barthel

Internationally known and respected mental health occupational therapist Kim Barthel led two workshops at the District Education Support Centre (DESC) on Feb. 23-24.

The first day was for SD83 staff and focussed on Classroom Strategies for Students with Complex Behaviours.

The second was open to staff and community and focussed on Trauma Informed Practices.

Both days were a huge success in regards to the number of participants attending as well as the impact Barthel had on the participants and their learning, reports Laura Paiement, who was part of the organizing committee.

Paiement reports Barthel, who teaches internationally on such specialties as attachment, trauma, addiction, sensory processing, movement, and learning, shared many touching stories on the struggles of students and adults who she has worked with, and their growth through the connections they made with teachers and therapists in their lives.

Paiement noted some key learnings for participants of the workshops are:

- *Having one key adult in students lives* who are able to listen, show com-

passion, and are there for that student, has a huge impact on helping that student develop resiliency towards life's struggles.

- *Even though students don't fully develop* the awareness and ability to self-regulate until their cortex is fully developed (age 25-30) we need to start teaching and practicing these skills early and throughout our lives. (awareness and positive coping strategies)

- *To attend, concentrate, and perform tasks* in a manner suitable to the situation, one's nervous system must be in an optimal state or arousal (alertness). Arousal is the foundation of behaviour and is impacted by cognition (language, thinking), sensation (movement, sensory) and emotion (feelings).

- *The non verbal communication* (face, body language) we use with our students is the tool that provides the fastest path to change alert levels for our students. Language (telling students what to do) is the slowest path to change. Also, the number one trigger of challenging behaviour is us, our non verbal communication. Therefore, our self-regulation is so important. We must be kind to ourselves and look after our

own needs so we can be AWARE of how we use non-verbal communication. And use it in a way that helps to calm students, build trust with students, and helps to develop relationship that is vital in adults helping students to regulate, grow, and learn.

- *Behaviour is communication.* Knowing that there is a reason for the behaviour allows us to have more compassion for the student which improves the relationship but also helps to lowers our own stress. (Both get oxytocin hit)

- *There is only one person you can change – YOU.*

- *Currently one in 38 births have autism spectrum disorder* world wide. One epidemiologist believes this statistic will be one in two births by 2025.

- *One in two people have a history of trauma*

- *Strategies – relationship, curriculum, and environment*

She discussed the importance of diverse movement environments is growing (including research which shows our brains are 80% more competent when we are standing and discussed the mobile work environments in many corporations).

More info at: www.kimbarthel.ca



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North Okanagan-Shuswap Synopsis

Highlights of the March 13, 2018 School District No. 83 Board Meeting

District Calendar

The calendar for the 2018-19 school year was approved by Official Trustee Mike McKay at the regular meeting of the board on Tuesday at the DESC.

At the meeting McKay approved the calendar, which remained the same as the draft except for a change on January 28. This date was to be a semester turnaround day, however the decision was made to take it off the district calendar and have it later determined by secondary schools (which are the only ones affected).

Mindful of the March 30th deadline to have the calendar to the ministry, McKay noted that although the full 30 days of consultation are not quite over, he didn't feel an extra-ordinary meeting needed to be called. "I will pass it tonight. I am requesting that the Superintendent and Director of Instruction alert me if there is anything of substance which would cause us to make an amendment. We have the ability to make adjustments if necessary but the 'big bits' of the calendar won't change."

The first day of schools will be September 4, 2018. Winter break will be December 24 to January 4 with students back in session on Monday, January 7, 2019. Spring Break is March 18 to March 29 with students back in session on April 1. The final day of school for students is Thursday, June 27, 2019.

Jory said the district received comments on the survey from 129 parents, 43 employees and four students. He noted some parents and some employees questioned the placement of winter break, but that is actually one of the dates set by the Ministry.

He noted both parents and employees had comments for and against having professional development days tied in with long weekends (clustering), to give a slightly longer time off. There were also some suggestions on various placements.

He added there were several comments about the number of professional development days. He noted many years ago the school year was expanded so the professional development days could be included during the year with no loss of instructional time.

There is an exception this year as the Ministry added one extra professional development day for curriculum implementation.

Selling excess property

McKay also gave approval to initiate a 30-day public consultation period to dispose of 4.7 acres of property (with one permanent structure and three modular buildings) located below Shuswap Middle School, off of Okanagan Ave.

Secretary-Treasurer Nicole Bittante noted that the original intent of subdividing the property off of SMS was to declare the excess property surplus to the educational needs of the district and to sell it. "As enrolment is increasing and many of the downtown Salmon Arm schools are at or near capacity, it is prudent to ensure that this property would not have any educational value before disposing of it."

Bittante and McKay both noted that due to the topographical nature of the property (steep north west slope, four prominent benches and a trail system) it would not be conducive to expansion of SMS or educational purposes.

With McKay's approval the district will now follow the steps set out by the Ministry for disposal of excess property. This includes the 30 day consultation period, adopting

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a Board Bylaw declaring the property surplus to the needs of the district, consulting local government, getting approval from the Ministry and then listing the property for sale at fair market value.

A tentative date of April 10th has been set for the public meeting.

During question period North Okanagan-Shuswap Teachers' Association President Brenda O'Dell questioned if any thought had been given to how the disposal of this property would impact traffic flow at the school.

McKay responded they had looked at it. "The patterns and congestion at Shuswap Middle School is bad now and when some of the bus route adjustments are made it will likely get worse. My request to Nicole (Bittante) and Trevor (Bettcher) is that they meet with the city to make something better and different."

Transportation Changes

McKay reported that a transportation working group meeting was held yesterday and discussed some of the pressures on the district's transportation system and the recommendations coming from the transportation department to deal with the pressures. He noted over the years routes have been extended, accommodations have been made, and now there are eligible riders who can't get on the bus because courtesy riders have filled it.

"One of the concerning things that I heard is that in one instance the bus routes is 45 additional minutes each way because of add-ons."

He stated that work is now being done to "resize and re-adjust" routes and make recommendations on reshaping transportation. These recommendations will be presented and discussed at the April 11 meeting of DPAC. The recommendations will then come forward to the board for consideration.

"When we 'right size' this, there will be some advantages and some costs. Some people will not be happy. But we just can't afford to do it anymore," McKay added.

National Day of Mourning

Schools will be asked to include some type of announcement or activity to raise awareness around worker safety to mark the National Day of Mourning on April 28. Because the 28th is a Saturday, and the 27th is a professional development day it was decided that some type of activity or announcement should take place in schools on the 26th.

Tammie Koroluk, CUPE representative and a member of the district's Occupational Health and Safety Committee, spoke passionately about embedding some form of annual learning/educational activity in schools and at the district level in recognition of the day.

She said her family has personally been affected by this as her aunt, who was a flagger, was killed on the job. "We are asking that some time be set aside on the Thursday (April 26) to talk to our students, the future workers, about this important topic and provide them with information on work safety."

McKay agreed this is important and proposed that principals be asked for a commitment to do something at their schools on the 26th and to ensure teachers have access to resources on this subject. He added that information should also be put on the district and school websites.

Education Performance

A comprehensive program to track student achievement, and interventions which will be put into place if students are not keeping up or are drifting away, will be a district focus reported Jory at the meeting.

Jory showed the six year graduation rates of overall students and of Indigenous students for B.C. as well as for Central Okanagan, Greater Victoria, Sea to Sky and Kootenay-Columbia school districts. In just over a ten year period these districts have substantially improved their six year graduation rates for all students and for Indigenous students, as well as closed or in one case even eliminated, the graduation rate gap between all students compared to Indigenous students.

"These districts have one thing in common, a comprehensive program to track students."

Jory then showed SD83 results which over the years have been above provincial averages but have "softened a bit". He said the drop is a concern and he wants to focus on it.

"I'm putting it out there. Our intention to improve our six year graduation rate and to close or eliminate the gap for Indigenous students. I think it is very do-able."

"I appreciate the fact that we are having this conversation publicly," stated McKay. "We need to get a focus and do good work. Those school districts have achieved those good results because they have a culture that focuses on relentless improvement. We need to do that as well."

This data can be found at: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reporting/systemperformance>

Healthy Schools initiatives

Building relationships with community partners, offering programs for students and resources for teachers are just a few of the things that keep Laura Paiement, the school district's healthy schools and self-regulation co-ordinator, busy.

Paiement, whose position is funded by Interior Health Maternal Child and Youth Programs and the school district, updated McKay about the program at the board meeting on Tuesday.

One of the focuses of the district is healthy eating, physical activity and social-emotional wellness. She highlighted a couple of the activities going on in those areas including updating policies on nutritional and sexual health education, organizing activities for schools such as Move and Groove Challenge, G.O. 30:30, and The Zones of Regulation.

She discussed a popular program which was piloted at Sorrento Elementary last year, dubbed Cook it, try it, like it! "This is a five week cooking program developed by Interior Health Dietitians along with the revisions made by Sorrento Elementary teachers when they piloted it last year," explained Paiement. "It's been a huge hit and the bins are booked until the end of the school year. Kids want to learn how to cook."

Paiement talked about the ongoing efforts for the district's composting and recycling program as well as Outdoor Awesome (a program facilitated by outdoor learning teachers which has travelled to every area except for two, Falkland and M.V. Beattie, which will happen this spring).

She is also doing a physical literacy series and in-class professional development for interested teachers on Teaching Dance for Understanding, and self-regulation.

Paiement stressed the importance of community partners and how these partnerships have benefitted students. Partnerships include Shuswap Local Action Team-CYMHSU collaborative (parent education sessions, the now opening Wellness Centre at Sullivan Campus, professional development for SD83 staff), the bike club (bringing back Bike to School), grant writing with numerous community agencies (for potential \$100,000 for at-risk youth and preventing violence against women), SASCU rec centre (family snow show night and professional development for teachers for physical literacy), public health nurses (health fairs and healthy schools activities, DASH school readiness, healthy living days), and Service Clubs such as Sorrento Lions and Shuswap Rotary, who have made substantial donations.

Paiement commented Shuswap Rotary donated 13 brain bikes to SD83 students and have now committed to another \$20,000 to \$40,000 for brain bikes by September 2018.

McKay thanked Paiement for her inspiration and enthusiasm and for helping the district create an organic, dynamic learning environment where kids can thrive. "Your excitement and passion is contagious."

Policy update

McKay approved 11 new policy initiations, all in preparation for a new board of trustees to be elected this fall. The policies will set out the Role of the Board, Board Delegation of Authority, Monitoring Board Performance, Trustee Code of Conduct, Trustee Conflict of Interest, Trustee Remuneration and Expenses, Trustee Professional Development, and Trustee Attendance.

Bittante, in initiating these policies, noted the district's current policy manual does not include a lot of policies that she, and other associations, feel should be in place to guide trustees in their role.

She added the next three policy initiations are being required by the Ministry and need to be in place by the end of June, these are Budget Reporting and Monitoring, Accumulated Operating Surplus (Reserve), and an Audit Committee.

McKay said he was happy to see the Ministry putting some of these things in place. "You will remember that it was my suggestion as I looked at the Watson recommendations that some could be handled at the Ministry level, in the absence of that we need to address these others ourselves."

McKay also gave first reading to a policy on student suspensions. The policy sets out that the district's philosophical statement around student suspension. The policy, in part, states The Board recognizes that, from time to time, it may be necessary to suspend students from educational programs as part of a progressive discipline model and relies on its Superintendent, or designate, to administer this discipline in accordance with Regulation 1030.01 Student Suspensions. It is expected that other strategies will be used whenever possible, and that suspensions will be issued for only the most serious behavior infractions.

First reading was given to a policy on Employee Hiring Practices. This policy sets out the philosophical piece, with regulations being developed for each employee group, Jory explained to McKay.

A policy on Field Trips and Travel also received first reading. The Board of Education of School District No. 83

(North Okanagan-Shuswap) recognizes that student field trips and travel can be beneficial in enhancing curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular programs and provide opportunities for students to develop their intellectual, social, and physical capabilities. The Board recognizes its responsibility in ensuring that students and staff travel in a manner that is safe in accordance with the administrative regulation (8030.06R) on field trips.

Again, Jory noted, the district has a regulation but no philosophical policy to attach with it.

February Operating Fund Projections

Bittante updated McKay on the year end projections for the operating budget, or the so called "burn rate".

She noted that as year end approaches, the projections will be more accurate, but at the moment she is projecting a \$1.4 million surplus. "Hopefully we won't have to spend any more in the snow removal budget," joked McKay.

Announcements

To start off the meeting Jory reported that district student Natalie Wilkie, who is competing at the Paralympics in Korea finished sixth in her first race and won a bronze medal in her second! He added a race viewing party is being held at the SASCU rec centre on Friday for another of her races and everyone is invited to come out and show their support for Natalie.

He also noted that A.L. Fortune's Grade 8 Concert Band received a coveted invitation to MusicFest Canada, an invitation only event. "Unfortunately it is in Toronto and they are unable to attend this year but it is good for two years so perhaps they will be able to attend next year."

Jory mentioned that another successful district elementary art fair, the 24th wrapped up last week. He added on the Wednesday over 300 students had the opportunity to take part in workshops with local artists. He expressed his thanks to the artists and to organizers Corrinne Langston and Jeff Abbott for all the work that goes into providing this great opportunity for students.

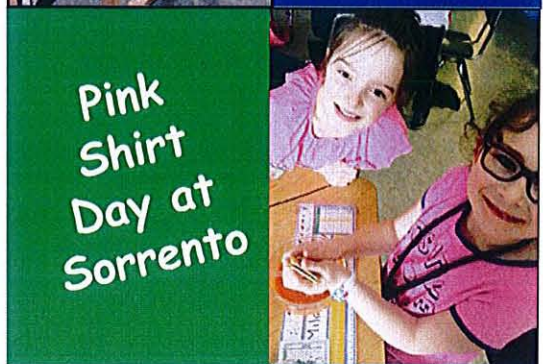
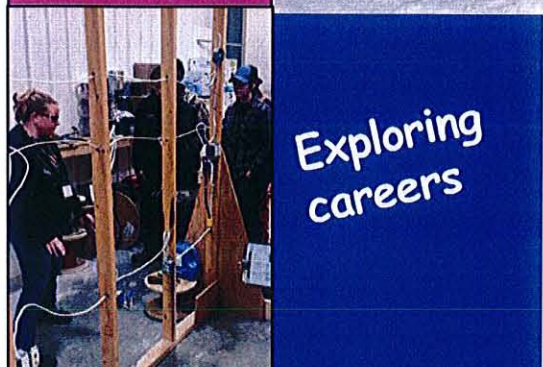
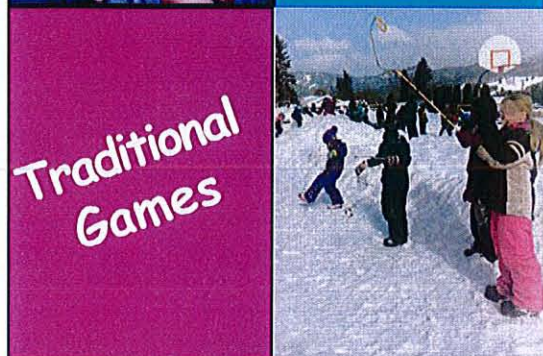
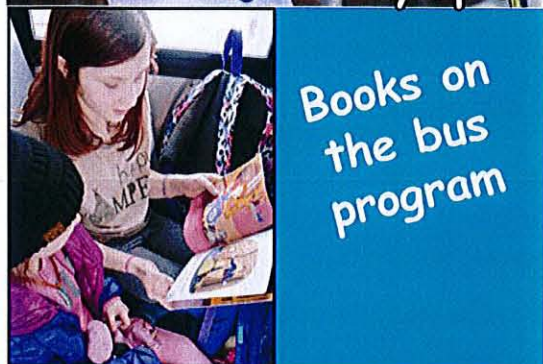
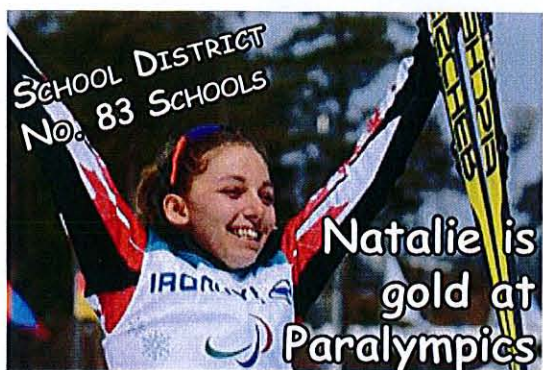
Jory was also happy to announce that the Student Wellness Centre at the Sullivan Campus of Salmon Arm Secondary is opening Thursday from noon to 3:30 p.m. He added the official opening is planned for April 5.

Next meeting

The final day of school before Spring Break is March 16. Students head back to school on Tuesday, April 3.

A public budget consultation meeting will be held Monday, April 16th at 6 p.m. at the DESC.

The next regular meeting of the board will be on April 17 at 6 p.m. at Eagle River Secondary in Sicamous.



To North Okanagan-Shuswap School District Community and Staff Members:

Welcome back to school after Spring Break and the Easter weekend. Our district and its communities continue to feel pride in Natalie Wilkie's remarkable Paralympic Games success. As school returns, the celebrations and honours will likely continue. Congratulations, Natalie!

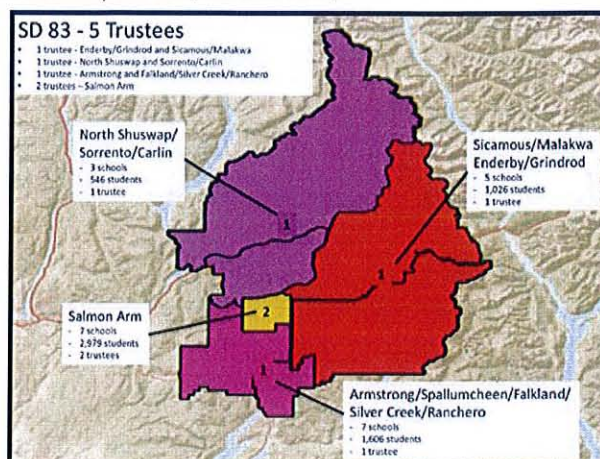
With the final term in progress, we know that the rest of the school year will go quickly – and there is lots to accomplish in classrooms and at the district level. I am pleased to provide you with some key information and dates that will be of interest to our community.

Prospective Trustee Orientation:

As you know, the Minister of Education has agreed to my recommendation that the Board of Education be made up of five trustees as of the Oct. 2018 election. (Please [click here](#) to read the complete report and recommendation or go to the district's website and click on the box for Important Upcoming Public Meetings.)

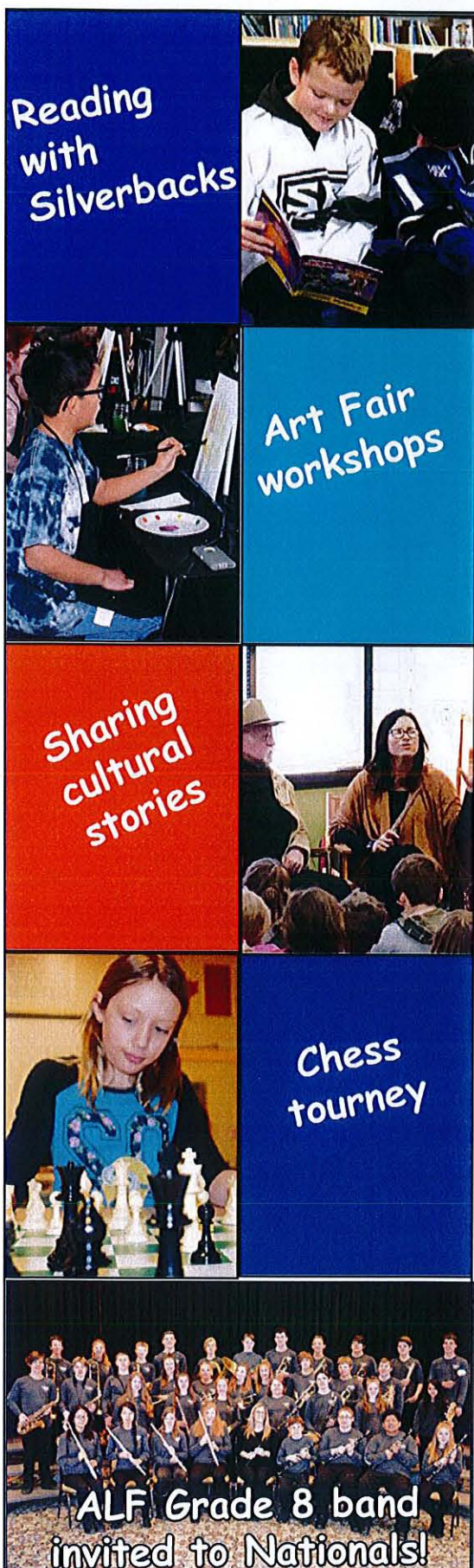
We are pleased to offer an information/orientation session for those who may be interested in running for election. That session will share information and respond to questions regarding the role of trustees, the current priorities in the district, local and provincial challenges and other areas of interest. I look forward to working with senior staff to provide a comprehensive and engaging session. Please note the date, time and location as follows:

Prospective Trustee Orientation
Monday, May 7 at 6 p.m. at the DESC
(341 Shuswap St. SW, Salmon Arm)



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Community Consultation Re: Proposed Property Sale

In keeping with provincial requirements, the district is holding a public information and consultation process regarding the proposed sale of a district-owned property adjacent to Shuswap Middle School. We believe the funds realized from such a sale can be used to provide enhanced facilities to support student learning in one or more of our venues. We also believe that the site being proposed for sale is not appropriate as a potential location for a new school or for expansion to Shuswap Middle School.

Please click [here](#) for further information on this meeting and proposed sale. If this link doesn't work for you, please go to the district website (at www.sd83.bc.ca) and click on the box called Upcoming Important Public Meetings.

Property Disposal Consultation Session
Tuesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at the DESC
(341 Shuswap St. SW, Salmon Arm)

SITE VIEW



Transportation Report and Recommendations

In response to the need for a Transportation review, this project has been completed and the report and recommendations can be found by clicking [here](#).

With increased enrolment across the district and greater ridership needs for students eligible for bus transportation to and from school, it is essential that the district revises and "right sizes" its bus routes in order to:

- provide assurances for eligible riders that there will be available space every day;
- give adequate notice to "courtesy riders" regarding their participation in district transportation;
- decrease ride times for eligible students where possible (note that expansion over the years to the transportation routes have resulted in

some students being on school buses for up to 45 additional minutes each way);

- continue to monitor and respond to issues of safety in addition to those related to ridership availability outlined in district policy (please [click here](#) to read Policy 5040.02R).

We recognize that the recommendations included in the attached report will result in significant changes – both positive and negative – for some children and families currently using the district's bus service. We are working with the City of Salmon Arm regarding options for local transit route changes or enhancements that may be helpful in mitigating the service limitations from school district buses.

After reading the report, you may be interested in attending an information meeting at which district staff will provide a summary of and rationale for the recommendations and be available to respond to questions.

The meeting will be held at:

Transportation Review Session

**Wednesday, April 11 at 6 p.m. at Shuswap Middle School library
(171 – 30 St SE Salmon Arm)**

I will be considering the recommendations for adoption at the May 22, 2018 public board meeting.

Budget 2018/19

District staff is working with Partner Group representatives and with me to develop a preliminary budget for the coming school year. We have received the funding announcement from the Ministry of Education, so we can anticipate the resources we will have to support programs and services, pending actual enrolment in September 2018. Proposals for program/service enhancements are being received and considered over the next several weeks in anticipation of the adoption of a preliminary budget at the May Public Board Meeting. There will be an opportunity for members of our communities to participate in this process as follows:

Public Budget Consultation Meeting

**Monday, April 16 at 6 p.m. at the DESC
(341 Shuswap St. SW, Salmon Arm)**

Outdoor Learning Program

I want to provide you with a quick update to let you know that registration requests for the Outdoor Learning Program of Choice have resulted in a full enrolment for the upcoming school year. We await permission from the Agricultural Land Commission to re-open South Canoe Elementary School in order to provide the program in 2018-19 and beyond. That application process is in the hands of the Commission and they are aware of the timelines within which we are operating.

In closing, I want to thank you as always for your support for and engagement in the education of our young people. I appreciate the essential roles taken on by the Partner Group organizations (parents, employee groups, Indigenous reps) as they provide advice and perspectives as we work toward the best possible options for students and their success – today and in the future.

Respectfully,

Mike McKay

Mike McKay, Official Trustee

Questions? Feedback? Please send me an email at trusteefeedback@sd83.bc.ca

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Barb Puddifant

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Date: March 28, 2018

To: All LCLB staff
All Industry Associations
All Local Government, First Nations, and Police Agencies

Re: **Updated Alcohol Sense Materials**

Introduction

The mandatory display program requires licensees and liquor retailers to display social responsibility material, provided by government, in a prominent location in their establishments.

New materials have been developed that expand on the message of moderation. Additional information on Canada's Low Risk Drinking Guidelines is available on the Alcohol Sense website <https://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/home/articles/topic/alcohol-sense>.

The new materials have been developed in consultation with the Mandatory Display Advisory Committee, which includes representatives from industry, health organizations and government.

New Mandatory Display Material

There are now different versions of the material being mailed out, depending on whether the establishment provides on-premises consumption or is a retail store. Each establishment will receive 2 posters and 2 tent cards.

Licensees and liquor retail stores have until May 01, 2018 to display at least one of the new posters or tent cards, in a prominent location, until further notice. Old materials that have been previously provided as part of this program may be taken down or left up, at the discretion of the establishment.

Version 1: On-premise consumption establishments

Establishments where patrons are permitted to consume liquor on the premises will receive material with the heading "Take it Slow" and contains a new tag line "**Not too much. Not too often. Only when safe.**" This version is being mailed out to and must be displayed in the following establishments:

- Food primaries;
- Liquor primaries and liquor primary clubs; and
- Manufacturing establishments.

These posters are also available for download on the LCLB website, at the following link: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/business/liquor-regulation-licensing/publications-resources/signs-and-posters-for-bc-liquor-establishments>

Version 2: Retail stores and other licensed establishments

Retail stores and other establishments will receive material with the heading "Moderation Counts" that contains new information on the daily and weekly consumption limits for both men and women according to Canada's Low Risk Drinking Guidelines. This version is being mailed out to and must be displayed in the following:

- Licensee retail stores;
- Wine stores (with the exception of sacramental wine stores);
- Special wine stores;
- Rural agency stores;
- Duty free stores; and
- U-Brew and U-Vin establishments (also known as Ferment-on-Premises).

These posters are also available for download on the LCLB website, at the following link:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/business/liquor-regulation-licensing/publications-resources/signs-and-posters-for-bc-liquor-establishments>

Version 3: BC Liquor Stores

The Alcohol Sense material that has been distributed to BC liquor stores is identical in content to that which is being mailed out to private retail stores, but is slightly different in format.

All BC liquor stores are required to display the materials as follows:

Material	Per Store	Location	Display Timing and Duration
COM signs	A=6, B=4, C=2, D=8	1 per checkout	Until end of May 2018
Tent cards	2 per store	1 at customer service	Permanent until further notice
SR Beer Corral/Rail Signs	A= 10, B=6, C=4, D=10	In beer sections, one per side of beer corrals	Permanent until further notice

Further Information

Further information regarding liquor regulation and licensing in British Columbia is available on the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch website at <http://www.gov.bc.ca/liquorregulationandlicensing>. If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch toll free in Canada at 1-866-209-2111 or 250 952-5787 if calling from the Victoria area.

Original signed by

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Assistant Deputy Minister and General Manager

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Subject: 2018 SILGA resolutions
Attachments: SILGA 2018 Resolutions with UBCM Comments.pdf

Good morning,

Please find attached the 2018 SILGA resolutions, complete with UBCM comments, that will be debated at the 2018 AGM in Revelstoke.

This file is also available on the SILGA website at the following link:

<http://www.silga.ca/convention/resolutions/>

Thanks, Alison

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2018 SILGA RESOLUTIONS

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(1) TITLE: Community Gaming Grant Funded by eGaming Revenues

SPONSOR: District of Lillooet

WHEREAS the British Columbia Lottery Corporation (BCLC), pursuant to its Corporate Social Responsibility Charter, was created to benefit the lives of British Columbians;

AND WHEREAS according to the 2016/17 BCLC Annual Service Plan Report the provision of gambling services through traditional channels such as casinos and community gaming facilities is maturing and close to meeting existing market demand while eGaming business performance was very strong with double digit growth in revenue;

AND WHEREAS host local governments received \$95.8 million and non-profit community organizations received a further \$134.8 million from gambling revenue in fiscal year 2014/15;

AND WHEREAS small communities are unlikely to be host local governments and have proportionally fewer non-profit community organizations that may not have the sophistication to apply for community gaming grants creating a structural inequality between large urban communities and small rural communities with respect to the sharing of gambling revenues;

AND WHEREAS eGaming is an activity engaged in province wide and not restricted by geography:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the province of British Columbia be encouraged to establish a Community Gaming Grant program to financially support communities with populations of less than 25,000 to be funded from BCLC eGaming revenues.

SILGA recommendation: endorse

UBCM COMMENTS:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting the provincial government to establish a Community Gaming Grant program to financially support non-host communities with populations of less than 25,000 to be funded from BCLC eGaming revenues.

The UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2013-B100, requesting the province increase the percentage return from gaming revenues to host local governments. At that time, the provincial response identified that profits from eGaming made up only 1.5 % of BCLC's total net income in 2012/2013.

(2) TITLE: Provincial Funding for Volunteer Fire Departments

SPONSOR: Thompson-Nicola RD

WHEREAS volunteer fire departments provide emergency firefighting response services to communities throughout British Columbia while struggling to meet the increasing costs driven by expanded regulations and compliance requirements, increasing demand for services and changes in the legal environment;

AND WHEREAS the Province of BC does not contribute directly to the delivery of fire services by local volunteer fire departments making service delivery very challenging for small fire departments and communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia set up a program to provide ongoing funding to all volunteer fire departments to assist in the annual operating costs associated with purchase and maintenance of capital infrastructure and equipment, training, and administration of the fire service.

SILGA Recommendation: endorse

UBCM COMMENTS:

The UBCM membership has not previously endorsed a resolution requesting the Province to establish a program to provide ongoing funding to volunteer fire departments.

UBCM membership has recently endorsed several resolutions requesting provincial and/or federal funding for fire equipment and services, including 2017-B61 and 2015-B3.

Endorsed resolution 2017-B61 requested the provincial government establish grants for emergency vehicles and equipment, and make them available to local governments at a cost share of no less than 50-50. In response, the provincial government discussed current funding opportunities available to local governments, as well as the newly created Community Emergency Preparedness Fund.

(3) TITLE: Mutual Aid Agreements Between Regional/Local Fire Departments & BC Emergency Health Services

SPONSOR: Village of Lumby

WHEREAS British Columbia Ambulance Service (BCAS) is the sole ambulance service and provider of pre-hospital emergency care in the province of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS British Columbia Ambulance Service is managed by British Columbia Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) and falls under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA);

AND WHEREAS local or regional fire departments are funded by local governments who have limited financial resources;

AND WHEREAS calls from BC Ambulance for assistance have increased over the years and come at a cost to local governments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BC Emergency Health Services initiate and enter into mutual aid agreements with paid on call regional/local fire service authorities so that each party can be fairly compensated when called upon for support.

SILGA Recommendation: no recommendation

UBCM COMMENTS:

While the UBCM membership has not previously requested mutual aid agreements with paid on-call regional/local fire service authorities, UBCM members have consistently endorsed resolutions seeking compensation for local government provision of first response services (2014-A2, 2012-A6, 2009-B14, 2004-B26, 2001-B4, 1999-B7, 1995-B74, 1994-B16).

In response to resolution 2014-A2, the Province advised that participation in the First Responder program is voluntary, and that some municipalities have chosen to have first responders continue to attend both urgent and routine (non-emergency) calls, but others have elected to have first responders attend only urgent calls where a patient's condition will benefit from initial care.

The Province noted that BC Emergency Health Services has several working groups in place that were created to help resolve concerns that may arise for first responders with respect to the services they provide. They also provide reimbursement for initial training costs for new first responder agencies, as well as reimbursement for all medical supplies for first responder agencies serving small communities (under 25,000).

(4) TITLE: Transportation Equity

SPONSOR: City of Vernon

WHEREAS a range of transportation options should be available to all British Columbians—including those who live in smaller communities, as well as children, older adults, people of diverse abilities, non-drivers, and people with low incomes;

AND WHEREAS providing world class transit and active transportation options throughout BC will greatly facilitate access to education, employment, shopping, health services, recreation, culture, and social connections by a diversity of British Columbians:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southern Interior Local Government Association urge the Province of British Columbia to ensure transportation funding is allocated more equitably across the province recognizing the infrastructure deficits for pedestrian, cycling and transit modes as well as recognizing limitations faced by rural, remote, geographically isolated and small communities, as outlined in the Communities on the Move Declaration.

SILGA recommendation: endorse

UBCM COMMENTS:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution that asks the Province to ensure transportation funding is allocated more equitably across the Province.

However, the membership has sought a public transportation strategy with solutions leading to the sustainability of public transit in all rural communities (2017-B8); funding for local and intercommunity transportation in rural communities (2015-B9); and provincial funding for cycling infrastructure (2012-B63).

Additionally, the membership has endorsed resolutions that ask the Province to:

- provide provincial assistance with the development of bicycle and walkway projects within a municipal system (1991-B54);*
- establish of highway shoulders when highway upgrading projects are undertaken near communities to promote walking and cycling (2006-B140, 2007-B14, 2007-B99);*
- fund commuter highways for non-greenhouse gas emitting transportation (2006-B110);*
- fund sweeping of road shoulders and cycle lanes in order to remove gravel and debris and thus create safer cycling (2008-B108);*
- fund improvements to major roads that intersect the provincial highway system, including improvements related to capacity increases as well as pedestrian and cycling facilities associated with those roadways (2009-B83); and*
- undertake a BC Cycling Development Program (2010-B17).*

The Resolutions Committee would suggest removing the reference to Communities on the Move in the enactment clause.

(5) TITLE: Transportation Services

SPONSOR: RD of Okanagan-Similkameen

WHEREAS the availability of transportation services provided to many small, rural and remote communities across BC has declined;

AND WHEREAS there exists a need for a socially-mandated intercity bus transportation program to provide essential transportation services for small, rural and remote citizens:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government initiate a "Connecting Communities Fund", made available to eligible municipalities, to address significant transportation challenges for citizens and taxpayers who reside in small, rural or remote communities with a view of providing them with access to transportation hubs located on primary transportation corridors.

SILGA recommendation: endorse

UBCM COMMENTS:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution to initiate a fund to address significant transportation challenges for those living in small, rural or remote communities to provide them with access to transportation hubs on primary transportation corridors.

However, membership has endorsed resolution 2015-B9, calling for adequate funding to support local and intercommunity transportation in rural communities.

In addition, membership has endorsed wide-ranging resolutions aimed at improving transportation infrastructure in rural and remote areas, including:

- 2009-B15, 2012-B38 and 2014-B9 requesting supports for medical transport;*
- 2012-B115, 2013-B15 and 2017-B8 addressing public transportation and taxis in rural communities; and*
- 2007-B15, 2008-B17, 2009-B16 and 2014-B54, calling for funding and improvements to rural roads and highways.*

See also Resolution (4) TITLE: Transportation Equity.

(6) TITLE: Information Technology Security Program & Funding

SPONSOR: City of Penticton

WHEREAS local government has become reliant on use of information technologies including the Internet, wireless technology and smart devices to advance communications and citizen services and create operational efficiencies;

AND WHEREAS protection of privacy and security of digital and physical assets and services is critical to local government in a situation where rapidly evolving technology poses significant risk of theft and damage to hardware, software and information:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia establish a program that supports local government and provides grant resources for information technology security audits and information technology security system upgrades.

SILGA recommendation: endorse

UBCM COMMENTS:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting the province to provide grant resources to information technology. The sponsor has provided the following background information:

Every online connection is associated with security risk, and as the City's use of technology advances, the risks increase. To provide fundamental services such as water, sewer and electricity the City relies on information technologies to efficiently manage and maintain them. On top of this, the City hold records with personal information that we are required by law to protect.

Given the potential damage that could result from a security breach, local governments need to conduct security audits to mitigate risk. Security audits are costly and the risk remediation identified is urgent and can be very costly, well beyond an annual budget allocation.

The province has recently taken the initiative, through the Corporate Supply Arrangement, to identify service providers for public sector entities for:

- *Incident handling*
- *Incident response*
- *Digital forensics*
- *Data recovery*
- *Vulnerability assessment*
- *Penetration testing*

Identifying resources is helpful, however, monetary assistance may be necessary. A provincial grant program to assist with IT security audits and critical remediation is imperative to safeguarding our citizen's assets and services.

(7) TITLE: Cannabis Tax Revenue Sharing Model

SPONSOR: City of West Kelowna/Squamish-Lillooet RD

WHEREAS legalization of recreational cannabis sales is occurring in 2018 in Canada and the federal government has committed to sharing tax revenues collected as a result of those sales with provincial governments;

AND WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia will create its own framework model including the role of local governments leading to additional resources needed to regulate land use, to monitor businesses and respond to bylaw issues, and for RCMP and fire department resources:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the provincial government to establish a revenue sharing ratio of fifty per cent of the tax revenues received from cannabis sales with local governments.

SILGA recommendation: no recommendation

UBCM COMMENTS:

The UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions related to the equitable distribution of cannabis taxation revenue, including resolutions 2017-LR1 and 2016-A3.

In response to resolution 2017-SR1, the Province cited the current work of the Joint Provincial-Local Government Committee on Cannabis Regulation (JCCR), and committed to working with local governments to address issues such as revenue sharing, and costs experienced by local governments as a result of cannabis legalization. The JCCR provides a forum for local governments to share their experiences and knowledge, and discuss issues of interest or concern with the Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Secretariat. Since October 2017, local governments and the Province have worked collaboratively to develop a BC framework for non-medical cannabis legalization, and in the process gain understanding of local government responsibilities and costs associated with legalization. Once a thorough understanding of these costs and responsibilities has been achieved, UBCM will engage the provincial government regarding cannabis excise tax revenue sharing. The UBCM Executive has endorsed a principled approach that focuses on the following:

- 1) Cannabis legalization should not result in additional local government funding by property taxpayers.*
- 2) Local governments should be reimbursed for costs associated with the implementation of legalized cannabis.*
- 3) Local governments should be reimbursed for any additional policing costs resulting from cannabis legalization.*
- 4) Remaining excise tax revenue (after taking out expenses incurred as part of principles 1-3 and the federal share) should be shared between the Province of British Columbia and local governments.*

In response to resolution 2016-A3, the provincial government noted that the issue of cannabis taxation would be addressed after the regulatory framework was completed; and that any transfer of taxation revenue to local governments must first consider the Province's need to fund the regulatory framework and essential services impacted by cannabis.

It is currently unclear if non-medical cannabis will be legalized by July 2018 or at a later date in 2017, given the need to approve federal legislation (Bills C-45 & C-46) and provide a transition period (estimated at 8-12 weeks) to allow stakeholders to prepare for legalization.

(8) TITLE: BC Conservation Officer Service

SPONSOR: Town of Princeton

WHEREAS the provincial government is responsible for managing conservation service, with underfunding having a negative impact on the ability of the BC Conservation Officer Service to meet the needs of the communities served;

AND WHEREAS the British Columbia Conservation Officer Service has not been able to adequately address public safety, focus on natural resource law enforcement, off road vehicle enforcement, illegal dumping, human wildlife conflicts prevention, or respond to wildlife human conflict:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be required to provide adequate funding, offices and staffing to fully support the BC Conservation Officer Service to be more active and proactive in effectively managing conservation services.

SILGA recommendation: endorse

UBCM COMMENTS:

The UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions asking the provincial government to adequately fund and staff the BC Conservation Office Service (2017-B29, 2016-B30, 2015-B26, 2012-B21, 2012-B22).

The sponsor submitted a similar resolution in 2017, which was endorsed by the membership. Resolution 2017-B29 asked the government to adequately fund and staff the BC Conservation Service to provide public education and partnerships with local communities, deliver awareness training to the RCMP and municipal forces and review their risk assessment models and call centre response criteria.

In response to this resolution, the Province advised that they are committed to hiring additional conservation officers, and that funding for this would be confirmed in the February 2017 budget.

(9) TITLE: Medicines for Life-threatening Conditions

SPONSOR: RD of Okanagan-Similkameen

WHEREAS thousands of British Columbia residents face life-threatening conditions which can trigger imminent death if not treated immediately, such as allergic reactions, asthma and type 1 diabetes, creating a hardship for many families that must choose between meeting their basic needs and paying for these lifesaving medications;

AND WHEREAS Naloxone and other drug overdose reversing medications are covered free of charge by the Province:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government develop an equitable system that would make available, free of charge, all medications which could halt immediate death.

SILGA recommendation: endorse

UBCM COMMENTS:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the Province make available, free of charge, all medications which could halt immediate death.

The membership did, however, endorse resolution 2016-B122 which asks the provincial and federal governments to develop and implement a national pharmacare program to improve the health outcomes of citizens, ensure fairness in access to medicine, and provide for greater efficiency and effectiveness in Canada's health care system.

(10) TITLE: Emergency Management Incident Commander

SPONSOR: Village of Lumby

WHEREAS Emergency Management BC is the Province of BC's lead coordinating agency for all emergency management activities, including training, testing and exercising, to help strengthen provincial preparedness;

AND WHEREAS Emergency Management BC works in collaboration with local governments, First Nations, federal departments, industry, non-governmental organizations and volunteers during emergency response efforts;

AND WHEREAS local governments with a population under 5,000 people, make up more than half of the 162 municipalities in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS local governments with a population under 5,000 often do not have the capacity during an emergency event to coordinate with Emergency Management BC and also cannot afford to incur a financial obligation that is later disputed and not reimbursed through the Provincial Emergency Program administered by Emergency Management BC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Emergency Management BC make available to small, micro communities with populations under 5,000, Provincial Incident Commander(s) to make the critical on-site decisions during emergency events.

SILGA recommendation: endorse

UBCM COMMENTS:

The UBCM membership has not previously endorsed a resolution requesting Emergency Management BC make Provincial Incident Commanders available to communities under 5,000 in population for the purpose of making decisions during emergency events.

UBCM membership has endorsed numerous resolutions requesting provincial assistance with the provision of emergency services, including 2017-B86, 2016-B56, 2015-B78, 2015-B77, 2015-B7, 2014-B76, 2013-B44, and 2013-A1.

Endorsed resolution 2017-B86 requested the Province increase its share of emergency recover costs to 90%, with local governments paying the remaining 10%. In response, the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General the funding already available to local governments through the current cost-sharing model, as well as ongoing disaster mitigation reviews.

In 2016, as part of the provincial review of the Emergency Program Act, UBCM made a submission to Emergency Management BC (EMBC). UBCM's submission outlined feedback provided by BC local governments, while also providing recommendations for consideration. Recommendations included the need for further local government consultation; caution against the transfer of additional responsibilities to local governments; and, a desire to maintain the current level of local government authority. It is unknown whether the current provincial government plans to continue this review.

(11) TITLE: Ongoing Provincial Funding for First Nations Reconciliation & Relationship Building

SPONSOR: Squamish-Lillooet RD

WHEREAS current provincial programs offer some financial assistance to advance reconciliation and relationship building efforts, they generally support “one off” events as opposed to more systemic and sustained engagement efforts;

AND WHEREAS funding under such provincial programs is far less than the actual cost of convening multi-party collaborative processes, resulting in the contribution of funding by local governments;

AND WHEREAS funding under such provincial programs is not stable, on-going funding and results in large amounts of staff time to apply for these programs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia develop stable, ongoing funding programs with systemic, inclusive, and collaborative approaches to assist with First Nations reconciliation and relationship building efforts.

SILGA recommendation: no recommendation

UBCM COMMENTS:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution for the province to develop stable, ongoing funding programs to assist with First Nations reconciliation and relationship building efforts.

Membership has endorsed resolutions to support local government - First Nation dialogue in specific contexts:

- resolutions calling for inclusion of local governments within Strategic Engagement Agreements between the province and First Nations groups (2009-B143, 2012-B32); and*
- funding for Treaty Advisory Committees (2011-A7).*

Note that since 1999, both the Province and Federal Governments have provided funding in most years for the Community to Community Forum program administered by UBCM. This program supports the convening of meetings between First Nations and local governments to discuss common goals and opportunities for joint action.

(12) TITLE: Local Police Services – Amendments to Service

SPONSOR: City of Vernon/City of Penticton

WHEREAS the Local Government Contract Management Committee (LGCMC) is intended to be a “forum for consultation, analysis and communication between local government and the Province regarding the management of the Municipal Police Unit Agreement;”

AND WHEREAS the LGCMC is to “receive and disseminate information to local governments about issues that may impact the cost, quality, governance or capacity of the RCMP to deliver local police services;”

AND WHEREAS the LGCMC is to “consider changes proposed by the Province, the Federal Government and/or the RCMP in relation to any aspect of the delivery of local government police services;”

AND WHEREAS the RCMP British Columbia (“E”) Division consistently makes unilateral changes to the costs and delivery means of police services for local governments, with little or no consultation and clearly without advising the LGCMC:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM appeal to the Solicitor General to require the RCMP “E” Division to provide one calendar year notice to local governments when there will be a change in means of service delivery that will have a substantial budget impact greater than 0.5% of the total RCMP Service Contract to the local government beyond historical costs.

SILGA recommendation: endorse

UBCM COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously endorsed a resolution requesting that the RCMP “E” Division provide one calendar year notice to local governments for any changes to service delivery that have a budget impact of greater than 0.5% of the total RCMP contract to local governments.

UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2010-SR1, RCMP Police Costs & Accountability, requesting, among other things, “the need for increased accountability for the RCMP” with respect to the increasing cost of police services. In response to this resolution, the provincial government indicated support, while the federal government noted the cost pressure on all orders of government as a result of increasing policing costs, and the need to address accountability in upcoming RCMP contract renewal discussions.

The RCMP Local Government Contract Management Committee (LGCMC) has repeatedly raised the issue of RCMP accountability with respect to consultation, service delivery, and increasing costs, among other issues. Most recently, UBCM was not meaningfully consulted during the process to amend the Auxiliary Program, despite requests to be included as a primary stakeholder.

(13) TITLE: Business Licensing

SPONSOR: RD of North Okanagan

WHEREAS regional districts do not have business licensing powers;

AND WHEREAS it is imperative to regulate and manage businesses to enhance economic development, fire fighter safety and community planning within electoral areas of regional districts:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to recommend an amendment to the *Local Government Act* to provide business licensing powers to regional districts.

SILGA Recommendation: endorse

UBCM COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution C4 in 1992, which asked the Province to amend the then-Municipal Act to grant business licensing powers to regional districts.

The Province responded by stating that regional districts can request the service as an extended service, so it is at the discretion of the regional district. Regional districts continue to have this ability today.

It is not clear whether the sponsor is seeking to require all regional districts to take on the licensing of business. The Committee is concerned that the resolution makes a blanket request on behalf of all regional districts, some of which may have deliberately decided not to take on this service within their regional district.

(14) TITLE: Business Case for a Provincial Police Force

SPONSOR: City of West Kelowna

WHEREAS local governments contract with the Province of BC for law enforcement services using the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP);

AND WHEREAS the current arrangement has resulted in escalating contract costs, unanticipated budget requests, lack of local priority setting and unbalanced municipal to provincial integrated unit ratios and is no longer a sustainable or affordable solution:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General to undertake a business case for a BC provincial police force.

SILGA recommendation: no recommendation

UBCM COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously endorsed a resolution requesting that the provincial government undertake a business case examining the option of a provincial police force.

UBCM membership has not previously endorsed resolutions related to the idea of a provincial police force, but has endorsed resolution 2013-B89, which requested that the Police Act be amended to allow for another more affordable tier of policing in addition to RCMP policing.

(15) TITLE: Fibre Optic Infrastructure Funding

SPONSOR: Village of Keremeos

WHEREAS many small and rural communities lack the financial resources to invest in the infrastructure to provide fibre optics;

AND WHEREAS fibre optic infrastructure is increasingly necessary to provide advanced technology in community-sustaining sectors such as business development, health, education, government, and emergency response management:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the Province to provide funding programs that enable small and rural communities to invest in fibre optic infrastructure.

SILGA Recommendation: endorse

UBCM COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that UBCM members have consistently supported resolutions calling on the provincial and federal governments to ensure the availability of broadband internet service for all communities in BC (2013-B61, 2011-B72, 2009-B57, 2006-B54, 2003-B35, 2002-B23).

Members also endorsed resolution 2005-B160, which called on the federal government to cease plans for termination of the Community Access Program (CAP) and its ongoing support for public internet access and training through library and community networks. And in 2012, B49 was endorsed calling for the reinstatement of federal funding to CAP.

(16) TITLE: Expanding the Definition of Utility to Include Telecommunications

SPONSOR: Squamish-Lillooet RD

WHEREAS the federal government, through the Connecting Canadians program, has the goal of providing high speed Internet to an additional 280,000 underserved Canadians by 2021;

AND WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has the goal of 100% of its residents having access to high-speed Internet services by the end of 2021;

AND WHEREAS when approached by local Internet providers for assistance with capital costs associated with expanding their Internet services to underserved communities, local governments are constrained by the statutory prohibition on providing assistance to industrial, commercial or business undertakings (section 273 of the *Local Government Act*);

AND WHEREAS local governments wish to have the flexibility to consider providing capital funding to initiatives that support the development of high speed Internet and cell coverage across their regions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia consider an amendment/update of Section 275 of the *Local Government Act* so as to specifically list telecommunications (i.e. internet, broadband, cellular) as a utility for which a regional district may operate the service of providing capital financing.

SILGA recommendation: no recommendation

UBCM COMMENTS:

Refer to Resolution (17) TITLE: Exception to the Prohibition Against Assistance to Broadband Service Providers.

(17) TITLE: Exception to the Prohibition Against Assistance to Broadband Service Providers

SPONSOR: District of Lillooet

WHEREAS a purpose of the *Community Charter* is to provide municipalities and their councils with the authority and discretion to address existing and future community needs and the flexibility to determine the public interest and to respond to the different needs and changing circumstances of their communities;

AND WHEREAS the availability of high speed broadband service has become critical to economic development, education and communication, and has recently been declared a 'basic' service by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC);

AND WHEREAS there may not be a viable business case for a commercial or business undertaking to provide high speed broadband service to a community; and in particular, to rural communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be encouraged to amend the *Community Charter* to create an exception to the general prohibition against assistance to permit municipalities to operate the service of providing capital financing for services provided by a broadband service provider.

SILGA recommendation: no recommendation

UBCM COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that a similar resolution was endorsed in 2010-B72 which asked UBCM to "petition the provincial government to amend Section 797.1(3) of the Local Government Act by adding broadband as a service for which capital financing can be provided."

In its response the Province indicated it was awaiting a more detailed proposal from the CAOs and Chairs Forum but that it was willing to engage in further discussions.

In 2017, B37 was endorsed referencing the request but asking to amend "Section 275 of the Local Government Act by adding broadband as a service for which capital financing can be provided." Ministry staff have advised that they are willing to consider the request.

The Committee notes that members have also endorsed a number of resolutions calling on the federal government, provincial government, and industry to ensure that every community in BC has access to broadband service, in order to develop economic growth opportunities (2013-B61, 2011-B72, 2009-B57, 2006-B54, 2003-B35).

(18) TITLE: Commitment to Road Safety

SPONSOR: City of Vernon

WHEREAS the design and rules of the road should ensure that all British Columbians can arrive at their destination safely and recognizing that traffic fatalities and serious injuries are preventable;

AND WHEREAS the Province of BC has the goal of having the safest roads in North America by 2020:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southern Interior Local Government Association urge the Province of British Columbia to prioritize safety measures for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists and those in wheelchairs and mobility devices as outlined in the Communities on the Move Declaration.

SILGA recommendation: endorse

UBCM COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that UBCM membership has consistently supported resolutions on improving road safety (2017-B90, 2016-B10, 2015-B12, 2015-B10, 2012-B63, 2009-B64, 2008-B108, 2007-B14, 2007-B102), including those focused on vulnerable road users (2013-B91, 2015-B103), and calling for continued funding for road safety (2007-B80).

The Committee would however recommend removal of the reference to the Communities on the Move Declaration in the enactment clause.

(19) TITLE: Allowable Parkland Uses of Development Cost Charge Reserve Funds

SPONSOR: City of West Kelowna

WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* legislates the manner in which local governments may collect, hold and use development cost charges (DCCs) for the capital costs of parkland;

AND WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* permits the use of DCC money for landscaping on parkland, allowing for the construction of playing fields including such items as levelling ground, planting grass and other plant material, the legislation does not contemplate different forms of playing field surfaces such as manufactured surfaces and artificial turf which promotes water conservation, is environmentally friendly, and requires less maintenance:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to broaden the allowable uses of development cost charge reserve funds to include alternate recreation and field surfaces.

SILGA recommendation: endorse

UBCM COMMENTS:

The UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2010-B23, which called on the provincial government to amend Section 935.3(b)(ii) of the Local Government Act (now Part 14-Division 19) to include synthetic turf fields. The UBCM membership also endorsed 2016-SR1 whereby it was resolved that UBCM continue to work collaboratively through the Province's Development Finance Review Committee to seek changes to the existing development finance system that will address the present challenges facing local governments

In response to 2010-B23, the provincial government identified that development cost charges (DCCs) are based on the principle of 'user pay' – the cost of the infrastructure should be paid by those who utilize and benefit from it. The province stated that upgrading these facilities beyond basic improvements provides a benefit to the wider community, and should be shared by all property owners. In response to 2016-SR1, it was stated that the province will continue to work collaboratively on issues of development finance with local governments and the broader development community.

The UBCM Resolutions Committee notes that there are new and emerging challenges in providing services needed to accommodate development and growth. Alternative and/or innovative ways to address the development-related demands on infrastructure and service requirements should and are now being considered. As an example, water conservation infrastructure has recently been considered as a DCC capital expense in lieu of traditional drinking water DCC infrastructure to increase development related demand. Similarly, improvements like artificial turf (and lights) can have the same outcome as the creation of an additional park by increasing the usability (more hours per day and longer season) while having the further benefits of reduced operation, maintenance and water conservation.

(20) TITLE: Customer-supplied Containers for Residential Recycling

SPONSOR: RD of Okanagan-Similkameen

WHEREAS rural areas within the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen have unique challenges associated with curbside collection of recyclable materials including many long rural driveways, concerns of animals getting into unsecured materials and higher than average senior population;

AND WHEREAS the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen has determined that the use of clear bags and other customer supplied containers allows for the most efficient collection of residential recycling in their existing collection areas by increasing ease of use, increasing the volume of materials collected, reducing total program costs, reducing contamination as compared to cart collection, limiting windblown litter and protecting recycling from rain and snow;

AND WHEREAS RecycleBC intends to require that all participating local governments ban the use of clear bags and other customer supplied containers for their residential recycling by July 2020:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Environment intervene with RecycleBC in allowing clear bags and other customer supplied containers to remain an option for existing local government collection programs.

SILGA recommendation: endorse

UBCM COMMENTS:

The Resolution Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that Recycle BC allow clear bags and other customer supplied containers to remain an option for existing local government collection programs.

(21) TITLE: Resourcing Collaborative Planning on Provincial Crown Land

SPONSOR: Columbia Shuswap RD

WHEREAS cumulative development pressures and conflicts on provincial Crown land continue to escalate in a context of outdated land use management plans, most of which have not been updated for approximately 15 or more years;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government has recently stated its intent to modernize land-use planning and sustainable management of BC ecosystems in collaboration with stakeholders:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development be urged to take a leadership role and immediately provide sufficient funding and resources to enable effective, community-based, collaborative land use planning for Crown land which includes First Nations, local governments, provincial government agencies, industry sectors, interest groups, and local residents.

SILGA recommendation: endorse

UBCM COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that requests for community-based, collaborative land use planning have been consistently endorsed by UBCM members.

Recently, UBCM members have asked the Province to provide resources to complete LRMPs for the entire province (2003-B24). The membership has also sought better consultation and engagement with the Province and industry on activities that affect the land base (i.e. forestry, mining, IPP projects and aquaculture) and have the potential to impact community watersheds (2017-B31, 2017-B114, 2014-B88, 2013-B80, 2010-B94, 2009-B138, 2008-B38, 2003-B88).

Earlier in 1992, members endorsed B48 requesting the Province “to develop a comprehensive land use plan to manage all provincial lands, with this planning to allow public involvement at the local, regional and provincial levels.” In 1992, the Province responded noting the establishment of the Commission on Resources and Environment (CORE) process; which later led to the development of the Land and Resource Management Planning LRMP) process.

In 1989 member endorsed A12 that requested the Province “to develop a comprehensive land use strategy for the province of British Columbia involving a review of Crown and private lands in order to protect energy, forestry, tourism, water quality and community watersheds, and other sustainable values, and that for lands within a local government's boundaries, the local government be involved in developing the land use strategy.” The Province at that time referred the matter to the Roundtable on Environment and the Economy.

(22) TITLE: Active Transportation Corridors & Greenway Plans – Highway Projects

SPONSOR: Columbia Shuswap RD

WHEREAS it is believed that adding active transportation corridor and greenway plans into all current and future highway projects would greatly benefit communities, residents and visitors as the corridors can be used for non-motorized forms of transportation or recreation such as cycling and walking;

AND WHEREAS pre-planning of highway and bridge designs that incorporate bike lanes and sufficient road rights-of-way for paved shoulders, sidewalks, or pathways can:

- (1) allow for the safe movement of pedestrians and cyclists, and improve public safety;
- (2) provide opportunities for more physical activity, and social and health benefits; and
- (3) be more cost effective than adding this type of infrastructure afterwards:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure incorporate active transportation corridors and greenway plans into all future highway planning projects.

SILGA recommendation: endorse

UBCM COMMENTS:

Refer to Resolution (23) TITLE: Active Transportation Corridors in Current & Future Highways Projects.

(23) TITLE: Active Transportation Corridors in Current & Future Highways Projects

SPONSOR: Village of Chase

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia and local governments continually encourage people of all ages to be more physically active;

AND WHEREAS the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) promotes active transportation and healthy living by encouraging cycling, and contributing funds to cycling infrastructure projects such as bike lanes, separated bike paths, shared roadways, shoulder bikeways, and bicycle/pedestrian overpasses;

AND WHEREAS the 2017/2018-2019/2020 MOTI Service Plan includes a commitment to make life more affordable for British Columbians, and to build a strong, sustainable, innovative economy that works for everyone:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure be compelled to retain and improve existing active transportation corridors and incorporate new active transportation corridors into all current and future highways projects.

SILGA recommendation: endorse

UBCM COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that UBCM Membership has not previously considered a resolution to retain and improve existing active transportation corridors and incorporate new active transportation corridors into all current and future highways projects.

Membership has however endorsed many similar resolutions that are less comprehensive in scope, including those calling for:

- bike lanes where possible (2006-B140);*
- bike lanes on numbered highways (2007-B99);*
- increased shoulder width of highways (2010-B16);*
- priority for bicycle lanes within regional districts limited by a single highway (2016-B9); and*
- refurbished shoulders for safe travel by pedestrians and cyclists adjacent to communities (2007-B14).*

Members have also endorsed Resolution 2016-B57, requesting that regional governments have the option of participating in the planning and development of regional walking and cycling networks and infrastructure within Ministry road rights-of-way. Resolution 2013-B66 was endorsed requesting that permit conditions for construction and maintenance do not create a deterrent to local governments wishing to expand active transportation networks.

See also Resolution (23) TITLE: Active Transportation Corridors in Current & Future Highways Projects.

(24) TITLE: Three-year Civic Term of Office

SPONSOR: Village of Lytton

WHEREAS the term of office was increased to a four-year term at the last election cycle and membership was not united in that decision and in previous conventions had defeated such change;

AND WHEREAS the four-year term is viewed by many as a barrier to participation in that three years may be a more attractive time commitment for candidates especially in smaller and rural communities and a four-year term provides electors less opportunity to express opinion on the performance of their local elected officials;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the provincial government to return the interval between civic elections to three years.

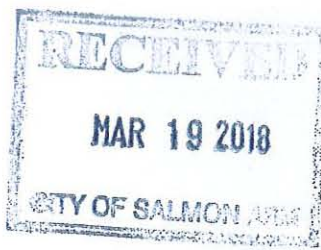
SILGA Recommendation: no recommendation

UBCM COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2013-B94 requesting that the term of office be extended to four years, and that legislation be passed to do so in time for the 2014 election.

In response to the 2013 resolution, the Province brought forward legislation in March 2014 to implement four year terms, effective for the 2014 local elections.

Prior to 2013, the UBCM members' position on terms of office changed over the years. Members considered, but did not endorse, resolution 2010-A2, which called on the provincial government to extend the term of office for local government elected officials to four years. In 2007 members endorsed resolution B95, which requested the provincial government to "increase the interval between civic elections from three years to four years." However, in the previous year, 2006, members considered resolution A9 with the same wording, but did not endorse the resolution.



March 16, 2018

Carl Bannister
Chief Administrative Officer
City of Salmon Arm
PO Box 40, 500 2 Avenue NE
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Dear Carl:

Recently you provided the Local Government Management Association of BC with documentation in support of your application for a Professional Development Endorsement, available under the Board's Certificate in Local Government Executive Management. The LGMA has verified the information you provided and forwarded it to the Board of Examiners.

At the Board's March 13 meeting, the documentation you provided to the LGMA was reviewed. As a holder of the Certificate in Local Government Executive Management it is my pleasure to issue you this Professional Development Endorsement, which recognizes not only the commitment you have made to professional learning and development but also your role as a leader and mentor in sharing your knowledge and expertise with others.

As you know, one of the Board's goals is to improve the professional skills of local government employees through our Certification and Scholarship Programs. We are committed to the ongoing learning of local government staff and one of the ways in which we do this is through the Board's scholarship programs.

The Board is very appreciative of the work our partner agencies and educational institutions undertake in supporting our goals. Chief Administrative Officers, as the

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leaders in local governments, also play a key role in creating and fostering a work environment which encourages and supports the ongoing learning of local government staff.

Congratulations Carl on receiving this Professional Development Endorsement.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'GP' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

Gary Paget, Chair
Board of Examiners

Enclosure

pc's: ✓ Mayor Nancy Cooper
City of Salmon Arm

Nancy L. Taylor, Executive Director
LGMA

For Immediate Release | March 28, 2018

Local businesses meet with Royal Inland Hospital tower hopefuls

KAMLOOPS – The new patient care tower project at Royal Inland Hospital (RIH) promises to have an economic benefit to the Kamloops construction and trades industry.

On March 27, local businesses, contractors, and suppliers attended a business-to-business (B2B) networking session, where they met with each of the three teams shortlisted to build the new hospital tower.

"The RIH patient care tower project represents an important investment in health care in the Kamloops region and presents a significant opportunity for the local construction industry to benefit by being involved," says Health Minister Adrian Dix. "The B2B session gave the Kamloops business community a chance to demonstrate their experience and expertise in major project construction to each of the shortlisted proponent teams."

The three proponent teams (and their construction partners) that have been shortlisted to design, build, partially finance and maintain the new patient care tower at RIH are: EllisDon Infrastructure Healthcare (EllisDon Construction and Building Services); Inter-River Healthcare Partners (Bird Construction); and Plenary Health (PCL Construction).

In order to guarantee equal time with each proponent team, the B2B session was held in a "speed-meeting" format. Participants had three minutes to promote their companies, services and experience to each proponent team.

A total of 51 individuals representing 37 companies attended the B2B session held at the Coast Kamloops Hotel and Conference Centre.

"It was great to see how many local companies came out to the B2B session," says David Fowler, Director, Major Capital Redevelopment at Interior Health. "They were excited and enthusiastic, and they really took advantage of the chance to promote the services their companies offer."

The B2B session was held by Interior Health in partnership with the Southern Interior Construction Association (SICA) and the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce.

"Co-hosting this B2B event was a great opportunity for us to help connect our members to the proponent teams vying to build the new patient care tower," says Jason Henderson, Chief Executive Officer, Southern Interior Construction Association. "Facilitating these meetings could ultimately lead to contracting opportunities for our members and other small businesses in the region."

"We were pleased to welcome the proponent teams to Kamloops. It was a great opportunity to show them what our local Chamber members have to offer," says Joshua Knaak, President, Kamloops Chamber of Commerce. "I'm optimistic that the RIH patient care tower project will bring great benefit to the community."

The estimated \$417-million patient care tower project includes mental health and medical/surgical beds; a new surgical suite; a perinatal centre with labour and delivery rooms, obstetrics and postpartum beds;

and a neonatal intensive care unit. The new tower will include a rooftop helipad and underground parking. Construction is expected to begin in fall 2018, with the tower to open in 2022.

To follow the progress of the new patient care tower at RIH, visit www.buildingpatientcare.ca.

Interior Health is committed to promoting healthy lifestyles and providing a wide range of quality health-care services to more than 740,000 people living across B.C.'s vast interior. For more information, visit www.interiorhealth.ca, follow us on Twitter [@Interior_Health](https://twitter.com/Interior_Health), or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/InteriorHealth.

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The following photos are attached:

Photo 1 – RIH B2B session_Henderson_Knaak_Fowler

A business-to-business (B2B) networking session to share information about Royal Inland Hospital's new patient care tower project was co-hosted by (from left) Jason Henderson, Chief Executive Officer, Southern Interior Construction Association; Joshua Knaak, President, Kamloops Chamber of Commerce; and David Fowler, Director, Major Capital Redevelopment at Interior Health on March 27 at the Coast Kamloops Hotel and Conference Centre.

Photo 2 – RIH B2B session_Brent Kruschel

Brent Kruschel, Interior Health's Chief Project Officer and Corporate Director for Capital Planning, shows where the new patient care tower will be located at Royal Inland Hospital during a business-to-business (B2B) networking session on March 27 at the Coast Kamloops Hotel and Conference Centre.

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Sent: March 21, 2018 1:50 PM

To: AGLG Info AGLG:EX

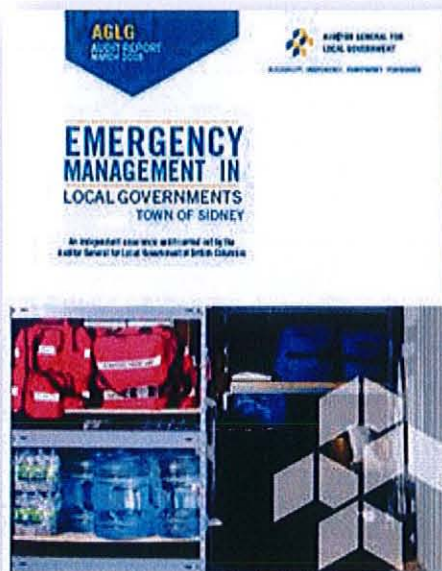
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AUDITOR GENERAL FOR
LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Office of the AGLG Releases Audit on the Town of Sidney

Today the office of the Auditor General for Local Government released an Audit Report on the Town of Sidney, "Emergency Management in Local Governments."



Audit Topic: "Emergency Management in Local Governments."

The report, released today, outlines our findings in assessing Sidney's emergency management. This report is not an audit of causes of past emergency events or an evaluation of previous emergency event responses.

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We welcome your feedback and comments. Please email

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From: Hermus, Chelsea [mailto:Chelsea_Hermus@BCTransit.Com] **On Behalf Of** Weirmier, Cara
Sent: March-22-18 10:50 AM
Cc: Fudge, Chris; Moore, Myrna; Williams, Rob; Trotter, Lisa; Schubert, Kevin
Subject: Invitation to the BC Transit Workshop

Sent on behalf of the Regional Transit Systems Team

Mayors and Council,

Each year, BC Transit hosts an informative and engaging workshop to discuss industry trends and share best practices. Over 160 participants from across the province come together for two days of collaboration, representing transit systems of all sizes.

We'd like to extend to you an invitation to attend the BC Transit Workshop on June 5 and 6 at the Tigh-Na-Mara resort in Parksville on Vancouver Island. We know your time is valuable, so we wanted to inform you that the format has changed this year to focus the first day on topics that may be of particular interest to elected officials and senior staff.

On Tuesday June 5, the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure will provide an opening address and senior staff from the Ministry will then facilitate a strategic discussion on how best to address key trends, including inter-regional transit, youth busing and funding. After lunch, Jennifer Keesmaat, Former Chief Planner for the City of Toronto, will discuss innovative and collaborative approaches to city planning that embrace the inclusion of public transit. The balance of the day will include strategic discussions on how best to respond to the increasing pressures of door-to-door transit, known as handyDART.

We know that transit is an increasingly important component of your community's expectations. We welcome hearing your perspectives. This is an excellent opportunity to voice your opinions to senior staff at the Ministry of Transportation as well as to BC Transit. It is also a great venue for sharing best practices and lessons learned with your colleagues from across the province.

For the workshop program, accommodation information and registration, please visit <https://bctransit.com/victoria/business/workshop-2018>.

We hope to see you there!

On behalf of BC Transit,
Regional Transit Systems Team

Cara Weirmier

*Executive Assistant and Divisional Coordinator – Operations
Assistant to the Victoria Regional Transit Commission*

BC Transit

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TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION

Addressing Industry Trends



You are invited!

Don't miss this opportunity to share ideas and consult on major transit initiatives.

- **Register Today!** Register for the workshop and book your room at the Tigh-Na-Mara Seaside Spa Resort & Conference Centre.
- **Register by April 6, 2018** for Early Bird registration rates.
- **Book hotel room by May 11, 2018** for guaranteed hotel room rates.
- **Nominate a Transit SuperStar by April 20, 2018**
Do you know a Transit SuperStar? Nominate someone for a Transit SuperStar Award and make them a star!

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BC TRANSIT 2018 WORKSHOP



From: ILMA [<mailto:interiorlumbermanufacturers@gmail.com>]

Sent: March-26-18 1:37 PM

To: Nancy Cooper

Subject: Invite to April 17th ILMA reception

Dear Local Elected Official:

The Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association represents family-owned, independent, and long-term economic generators across the Southern Interior. With eleven member mills and more than one hundred associate member companies, we have a huge impact when it comes to jobs and prosperity in your region.

The evening before the official start of the AKBLG this year, we'd like to invite you to a hosted reception at the Max Dining Room at the Park Place Lodge in Fernie. It's a chance for an informal, mix-and-mingle with the ILMA and local elected officials.

To help us plan food and beverage, please let us know if you're able to attend.

April 17, 6:30 p.m., Max Dining Room - Park Place Lodge, Fernie

An invite is attached; please feel free to share this!

Regards,
Ken Kalesnikoff,
Chair, ILMA

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Interior Lumber
Manufacturers'
Association

Imagine...

... a high-tech, community-based industry bringing thousands of jobs and more than **\$110M in payroll to your communities.** It's not a proposal, and it's not about 'potential economic development'.

In fact, you don't even have to imagine it.

The innovative, creative, and independent companies of the Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association deliver those results today.

Please join us for a hosted reception:

AKBLG

Park Place Lodge, Fernie

Max Dining Room

Tuesday, April 17, 6:30 p.m.



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THE RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER

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File: 4700.50

Sent via email

March 23, 2018

Re: 2018 Resolution – Collection of Unpaid Bylaw Fines

Please be advised that the Resort Municipality of Whistler submits the following resolution for the 2018 LMLGA Annual General Meeting:

**Collection of unpaid bylaw fines
Resort Municipality of Whistler**

WHEREAS municipalities loses a significant amount of non-tax revenue annually because of unpaid bylaw fines;

AND WHEREAS non-tax revenue sources such as a bylaw fines help offset costs to municipal services and reduce the property tax burden on residents.

AND WHEREAS the current methods available to Municipalities for the collection of bylaw fines are slow, expensive and labor intensive;

AND WHEREAS the collection of bylaw fines with the cooperation of the Province and the Insurance Corporation of BC will ensure prompt payment of any unpaid bylaw fines;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province and the Insurance Corporation of BC collect outstanding bylaw fines on behalf of municipalities at the time of auto insurance and/or driver's licence renewal.

The background report: Collection of unpaid bylaw fines is included for your information.

Thank you.

Original Signed on file

Kevin Creery
Protective Services Planning Analyst



REPORT | ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENTED: March 20, 2018
FROM: Corporate and Community Services
SUBJECT: LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION – COLLECTION OF UNPAID BYLAW FINES

REPORT: 18-029
FILE: 4700.50

COMMENT/RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

That the recommendation of the General Manager of Corporate and Community Services be endorsed.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the draft resolution attached to this report as Appendix “A” to be sent to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association regarding the collection of unpaid bylaw fines; and

That Council endorse that a letter be sent to the Insurance Corporation of BC regarding the collection of unpaid bylaw fines in response to the Insurance Corporation of BC Rate Fairness Survey.

REFERENCES

Appendix “A” – Draft LMLGA 2018 resolution
“B” – Draft letter to ICBC Rate Fairness Survey

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with a proposed resolution to be submitted by the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) for consideration by the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) at their annual conference taking place May 9 to 11, 2018. Council is also asked to consider sending a proposed letter to the Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC) regarding the collection of unpaid bylaw fines in response to the ICBC Rate Fairness Survey.

DISCUSSION

COLLECTION OF UNPAID BYLAW FINES

Staff have discussed the limited options available to local governments to collect unpaid bylaw fines during the development of the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw. Collection of unpaid bylaw fines is a significant issue for local governments in British Columbia. The Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) has raised concerns in the past with the Province regarding collection of unpaid fines. The City of Vancouver has close to 6 Million dollars in unpaid fines as of 2016. Unpaid bylaw fines are an issue relevant to a number of local governments in British Columbia.

If bylaw fines are unpaid after 90 days, staff can send the unpaid fines to collection agencies. The collection agencies split the fines recovered by taking a percentage of the unpaid fine amount. There is no guarantee that the fines will be collected by a collection agency.

Under Sections 260 to 262 of the *Community Charter*, municipalities have broad authority to recover unpaid amounts, including prosecution and enforcement by civil court proceedings. Small claims court is an option as well and a payment hearing through the courts can be arranged to require a debtor to repay any unpaid bylaw fines. Staff can file payment hearing requests online but they still have to serve the debtor in person which adds to costs. These payment hearings have to be filed individually and this process takes 2-3 days of staff time to complete including attending the payments at the North Vancouver courts.

If a person has multiple parking tickets and does not pay their fines, bylaw staff can request that the vehicle is towed if the vehicle is parked on public property. The person would then owe the tow fee to recover their vehicle.

Staff would like to request that ICBC collect any unpaid bylaw fines on behalf of municipalities at the time of auto insurance or driver's licence renewal. This would lead to more bylaw fines being collected and would increase the non-tax revenue for the municipalities. A revenue sharing agreement with ICBC could be entered into where the revenue from collected unpaid bylaw fines would be shared between ICBC and the municipalities. This would ensure that there is some revenue generation for ICBC and also there would be no additional financial burden on ICBC with the proposed changes. Another option would be that ICBC charge an administration fee to cover costs that the debtor would pay at the time of insurance or driver's licence renewal.

ICBC currently has a "Rate Fairness" survey that the RMOW can provide comments regarding our above request. Staff has drafted a letter in Appendix B to suggest the above request as an official comment from the RMOW in the "Rate Fairness" survey.

The purpose of submitting this resolution to LMLGA and letter to ICBC is to collect any unpaid bylaw fines. The LMLGA conference is May 9-11, 2018 in Whistler. Deadlines for resolutions to LMLGA is March 23, 2018.

Based on the above, and in accordance with the LMLGA's submission requirements for resolutions, Staff have prepared a draft resolution for Council's consideration attached in Appendix A. A draft letter to ICBC from the Mayor is attached in Appendix B.

WHISTLER 2020 ANALYSIS

W2020 Strategy	TOWARD Descriptions of success that resolution moves us toward	Comments
Finance	Resort community partners work together to identify shared spending priorities, share resources, and leverage funds and financing opportunities.	There is an opportunity for an increase in non-tax revenue in collecting unpaid bylaw fines.

The draft resolution and letter to ICBC does not move our community away from any of the adopted Whistler2020 Descriptions of Success.

OTHER POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

None.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

There are no budget considerations.

SUMMARY

Collecting unpaid bylaw fines through ICBC would help improve bylaw compliance and increase non-tax revenue. The purpose of submitting the LMLGA resolution and letter to ICBC is to collect unpaid bylaw fines owed to BC municipalities including the RMOW.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Creery

PLANNING ANALYST

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

For

Norm McPhail

GENERAL MANAGER OF CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

APPENDIX A – Draft LMLGA 2018 Resolution

COLLECTION OF UNPAID BYLAW FINES

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ICBC Rate Fairness Survey
Sent via email:
citizenengagement@gov.bc.ca

March 20, 2018

David Eby
Attorney General of BC

Dear Minister Eby,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the ICBC Rate Fairness Survey.

The Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) would like to offer a solution to generate some additional revenue for the Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC). Municipalities lose a significant amount of non-tax revenue annually because of unpaid bylaw fines. Non-tax revenue sources such as bylaw fines help offset costs to municipal services and reduce the property tax burden on residents. The collection of bylaw fines with the cooperation of the Province and the Insurance Corporation of BC will ensure prompt payment of any unpaid bylaw fines. We request that the Province and the Insurance Corporation of BC change legislation to allow ICBC to collect outstanding bylaw fines at the time of auto insurance or driver's licence renewal.

A revenue sharing agreement with ICBC where the collected unpaid bylaw fines would be shared between ICBC and the municipalities would be beneficial to each organization. In addition, ICBC could charge an administration fee to debtors to recover any costs associated with collecting unpaid bylaw fines.

Partnering with the Province and ICBC to recover unpaid bylaw fines would help generate some additional non-tax revenue for both ICBC and Municipalities to ensure rate fairness. We would be happy to discuss our request further with the Province and ICBC at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Mayor
Nancy Wilhelm-Morden
Resort Municipality of Whistler



The Corporation of the District of Peachland

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March 16, 2018

The Honourable Selina Robinson
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Robinson,

Re: Cannabis Sales Revenue Sharing

As expressed by other local governments, the District of Peachland has concerns related to the fair distribution of the revenue generated by the sale of cannabis, among all orders of government including local governments.

The potential costs and responsibilities related to the legalization of cannabis without a confirmed source of additional funding could place a large burden on local governments. A Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) paper is stating that the impact may affect policing, fire services, building codes, city planning, municipal licensing and standards, public health, social services and communications. Current discussions regarding revenue sharing involve the federal and provincial governments with no inclusion of local governments.

The District of Peachland respectfully requests your support in providing fifty percent (50%) of the provincial share of the cannabis tax sharing formula, as an adequate and equitable share to support costs and services incurred by local governments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cindy Fortin
Mayor

c: UBCM Member Municipalities