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21. B. Miller, Chair, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako – letter received July 10, 2018 – Support of the Province of B.C.'s Caribou Recovery Program
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June 29, 2018

Attention Mr. Carl Bannister

Dear Carl:

Further to our discussion last evening regarding the Ross Street underpass, I will vote for it despite the fact that I have reservations about the transferring of money from the contingency funds. I have always been proud that our City was forward thinking and had contingency funds available for unexpected but necessary expenditures.

This project should be sold on its merits, and the approximate $2.5 million be added to borrowed funds.

I liken it to the couple who have faithfully put money away each month in their daughter's education fund, but when she turned 16, she whined and manipulated her parents to use much of it to purchase a car. Then, when she turned 18 , she announced she wanted to study to be doctor with little money left in that education fund!

We are raiding our contingency fund for the wrong expenditure!

Secondly, I feel that if we want this vote to be positive, it will require a rethink of how it is being presented. My wife, our neighbor, and I went to last evening's "Ross Street Underpass Information Session" feeling we would get a presentation and a question/answer time rather than the numerous wordy posters we were faced with. While we found it useful to speak with City staff and to see the picture of the proposed underpass (to the left of the doorway), we left feeling dissatisfied especially since many of the facts listed on the posters need further explanation for the typical citizen to fully understand.

My strong suggestion would be to hold PowerPoint presentations and question periods in Canoe, Elks Hall, 5 Corners and Gleneden. These areas see little value in this project and need to be brought along.

If you continue to rely on the poster set-up, I suspect you won't get the positive vote you are seeking.

Best Regards
Hugh

Hugh Chalmers
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CC Mayor Nancy Cooper

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July 4, 2018

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Dear Mayor Cooper and Council,

We are three families in Salmon Arm who have privately sponsored a refugee family from the Central African Republic. Moussa, his wife and six children will be arriving in Salmon Arm on August 1st. Moussa is a nurse who has worked with both myself (local family and ER physician) and Daniela Widmer (local community care nurse) when we volunteered with Doctors Without Borders / MSF in the Central African Republic in 2009-2010. After our departure, with the outbreak of civil war, Moussa and his family had to flee their home in the Central African Republic for Cameroon. We are very excited that they will be arriving in Canada soon!

We have heard that in the past, City Council has generously donated transit passes to some of our recent newcomer families from Syria. As we explore all of our options to support Moussa and his family, I am writing to ask if a similar offer might still be possible?

Thanks kindly for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard Currie
(and fellow sponsors Callum Reid, Nadia Widmer, Alyson Stone, Daniela Widmer, & Damien McCombs)

From: Vivian Morris [mailto:vivianpyka@gmail.com]
Sent: July-12-18 11:02 AM
To: Nancy Cooper
Cc: celiason@salmonarm.ca; kflynn@salmonarm.ca; aharrison@salmonarm.ca; kjamieson@salmonarm.ca; tlavery@salmonarm.ca; Louise Wallace-Richmond
Subject: Foreshore trail

To Mayor and Council.

I wrote the below letter weeks ago but decided to send it today after seeing the devastation on the north end of the foreshore trail; it is truly shocking what the flood and winds did. Please take the time to check out the north end of the trail and then ask yourself whose responsibility is this?

The OCP is our community developed vision of Salmon Arm. I was involved in its evolution. One of the key priorities is the trail network in Salmon Arm and specifically the foreshore trail. Yet, I do not see the same amount of staff or council energy being given to it as to the tunnel. It is clearly evident from the huge support that the Trail Alliance has and the fact that the largest club in Salmon Arm, with close to a 1000 members, is the Larch Hills Ski Club that Salmon Arm citizens love their trails. We are an outdoors loving population. It has long dismayed me that the city largely leaves the maintenance of one of our most beautiful assets, the foreshore trail, in the hands of volunteers. They do a wonderful job but are hampered by money and an aging group of volunteers. And I feel that Council somehow thinks the Trail Alliance has mandate to manage our trails. They are an important voice but the vision, resources and commitment need to come from you. The foreshore trail is in our OCP and needs to be properly developed. After the wooden walkway the trail deteriorates and is often flooded. It is not an even surface and not really adequate. It's time to consider another walkway and to move forward with the east and west trail extensions. It needs to be the priority in the minds of counsel that it is in the citizens of Salmon Arm. It has been well over a decade now since the idea of extending the trail east was proposed. Why is this not a priority? If you look at Vancouver, Kelowna, Harrison Hot Springs, and Nakusp, to only name a few, you see cities and towns that have made their waterfronts priorities.
What I am asking you is to please align yourself with the OCP and the wishes of the people and make the foreshore trail as much of a priority as the tunnel. I would love the foreshore to receive the kind of attention that has been given to the tunnel and Canoe Beach. Our foreshore should be the crowning jewel of the Shuswap. It is not.
Regards,

Vivian Morris

Barb Puddifant

From: Anne Morris [willae@alumni.uleth.ca]
Sent: July-09-18 12:05 PM
To: Barb Puddifant
Subject: Is this version less distorted than the earlier one?

Your Worship and Members of Council,

In keeping with your recent unanimous endorsement of a resolution on the topic of nuclear weapons, I encourage you to sign this petition, either as members of Council or as individuals.

Ceasefire.ca is a project of the Rideau Institute, a public policy research and advocacy group based in Ottawa. Peggy Mason, a former Canadian diplomat, is its President.

In solidarity for a world without nuclear weapons,

Anne Morris

Presidents Reagan and Gorbachev at 1987 Washington Summit. Photo: Wikimedia (1987 Reagan–Gorbachev Summit i Washington)

Send your message: NATO Summit should call for nuclear rest and dialogue!

Dear Anne -

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Ceasefire.ca has called on Prime Minister Trudeau to resist Trump's bullying over yet more defence spending and to the Final Communiqué from NATO leaders contains no support for American proposals to lower the threshold for first nuclear weapons. See: Trudeau must hold the line again at upcoming NATO Summit (Ceasefire.ca, 29 June 2018).

Yet this is the absolute minimum Canadians should expect!

Please send your message to Prime Minister Trudeau:

Sign: NATO Summit should call for nuclear restraint and dialogue!

The NATO Summit in Brussels is taking place just days before the first ever formal meeting between President Trump President Putin. It is hard to overstate the positive role that Canada and other NATO leaders can play in ensuring the Putin Summit is a successful one for arms control and global stability.

In particular NATO states should call on President Trump and President Putin to eliminate tactical nuclear weapons fr rather than installing expensive and dangerously destabilizing upgraded versions, as is currently planned.

"The 11–12 July 2018 NATO summit offers a unique opportunity for the European Allies to take the initiative again an from the US a negotiation that would lead to the withdrawal of both American and Russian tactical weapons from Eur soil…" – Marc Finaud, IDN.

Beyond this important measure, Canada and other NATO members must champion a new era of nuclear restraint, dé disarmament. This is in keeping with the location chosen for the Summit — Helsinki, Finland — the birthplace of the H Final Act and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

As noted by Alyn Ware, Global Coordinator for Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament, the accords, signed in 1975, affirmed the obligation to resolve conflicts peacefully, non-intervention in internal affairs of o respect for human rights, and the obligation to achieve arms control and disarmament. And these agreements also st the European mechanisms for conflict resolution and common security, culminating in the creation of the OSCE:

"As such, holding the summit in Helsinki signals a step-back from the conflicts and mutual threats between Russia an and the possibility of a stronger focus on dialogue, détente and disarmament."

Canada must join with European leaders to move the global community away from the nuclear brink and toward a ne common security for a sustainable and nuclear-free world.

Peggy Mason

Peggy Mason, President of the Rideau Institute and Ceasefire.ca

P.S. Please send your message to Prime Minister Trudeau: "NATO Summit should call for nuclear restraint and dialogue" https://rideauinstitute.wufoo.com/forms/take-action-now/

LETTER OF COMPLAINT

July 16, 2018

Mr. R. Niewenhuizen
500-2 Ave. NE
Salmon Arm, BC

LETTER OF COMPLAINT

Dear Mr Niewenhuizen,

Please accept this letter as one of Complaint regarding the excessive speed of vehicles travelling both South and North bound on 10 Street SW between 10 Ave and Foothills. I have observed vehicles and motorcycles travelling well in excess of 100 KPH in this 50 KPH zone. There appears to be no set time period of these occurrences but the problem worsens after approximately 1:00 PM with the highest speeds for the most part, occurring after 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM.

Would you kindly pass this letter/information onto the RCMP with a request for speed enforcement to be conducted on 10 St SW.

Thank-you very much for your attention to this concern.

This letter is issued on behalf of the Hopkins Meadows Strata Council and residents, EPS 3551.

C. Pringle,

President,

Hopkins Meadows Strata Council

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SALMON ARM MUSEUM & HERITAGE ASSOCIATION AT

R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum

751 Hwy. 97B NE • P.O. Box 1642 • Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4P7

19th Annual Classic Antique Car Show

The 19th Annual Classic Antique Car Show will take place on Sunday, August 12 at R.J. Haney Heritage Village, a favourite among car collectors and spectators from far and wide. The show is the largest in the Shuswap and features over a hundred classic and antique automobiles on display throughout the Heritage Village. Gate admission is Adults: $8.00, Ages 6-12: $6.00, 5 and under: FREE. This Car Show is fun for the whole family!

Everyone's welcome to participate. If you are interested in displaying your vehicle, free registration is from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Registered cars and trucks will receive a commemorative Car Show ribbon to display and have the opportunity to win in the "People's Choice Awards".

Attendees can pick up a ballot in the Museum to vote for their favourite vehicles in the "People's Choice Awards". The "People's Choice" categories include Antique pre-1916, Vintage Pre 1942, American- Stock Only to 1969, American Stock Only 1970 and up, (Modified Hot Rods and Custom up to 1969), Modified (Hot Rods and Custom 1970 and newer) and Foreign. 1st and 2nd place ribbons will be awarded in each class. People's balloting will close at 1:00pm with ribbons being awarded at 1:30pm.

Musical entertainment on the main stage at the car show starting at 10:00am is old time classic country artist Abe Zacharias and at noon is the smooth sound of jazz-pop artist Peter Clark.

Come early and start your day at the outdoor kitchen with a delicious pioneer pancake breakfast for $6.00. Enjoy a BBQ lunch with all the fixings from $3.50. Marjorie's Tea Room will be serving a lunch special for $8.99. R.J. Haney Heritage Village is located at 751 Highway 97B Salmon Arm across from Driver Car & Truck Sale. For more information call 250-832-5243, visit our website *www.salmonarmmuseum.org* or like us at *facebook.com/Haneyheritage*.

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From: Pearl Hiemstra [mailto:pearl@focusability.ca]
Sent: June-26-18 11:23 AM
To: Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX
Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; greg.kyllo.mla@leg.bc.ca; mel.arnold.c1@parl.gc.ca; cindy@cindyderkaz.ca; Nancy Cooper; mike.lake@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Re: 194644 Hiemstra SDPR Response
Importance: High

Dear Shane Simpson,

Thank you for your response. If, as you suggest, CLBC and WorkBC are doing such a great job with employment supports for those with Autism, then why are the unemployment rates for those with Autism so very high? (over 70% https://www.autismspeaks.ca/news/blog1/aging-out-a-cliff-or-a-new-horizon/)

It is surprising that with the upcoming labour shortage and rising rates of diagnosis in the higher functioning adult world (now 1 in 59 as released by the CDC centre) that the government is not already doing more about this issue. Perhaps this video (only 4 minutes long) https://youtu.be/XwwR-ONQcpc will help truly understand this issue from the perspective of people with Autism. I would like to draw your attention to the attached paper written by University of Calgary on emerging autism costs (PDF attached as Emery-Autism-Costs, link=https://www.policyschool.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Emery-Autism-Costs.pdf), which outlines the issues quite well for support costs and the varying degrees of supports needed. There are two categories of people with Autism from the DCM5 (level 2 & 3) that our government already supports financially. For the other group (level 1, High Functioning ASD), the costs fall on the parents completely and most cannot afford it, especially for those fighting to keep the disability tax credit https://globalnews.ca/news/3889160/cra-disability-tax-credit-autism/ .

We have formed a company to make sure that "person C" (page 17 from *The Value of Caregiver Time* article attached) does not get left out since his/her IQ is too high to qualify for support from CLBC. I would also like to reference the UBC report on WorkBC working with people with disabilities (attached), and how they only appear to be trained in physical disability accommodations, not ASD supports such as sensory and social adaptations. The WorkBC experiences at various offices throughout BC described by adults with High Functioning Autism (HF ASD) are not very complimentary. One was told by his caseworker to come back when he can be more "normal", and then they could help him get a job. Another has had eight different caseworkers in the last two years of employment seeking and has given up on using WorkBC services, and yet another spent an entire year with WorkBC only to be told they could be a dishwasher at a restaurant even though this was not a possibility for this person.

There does not appear to be enough CESS (Certified Employment Support Specialists) trained in these WorkBC locations. WorkBC employees seem ill-equipped to deal with clients with Autism (unlike CLBC employees). However, some clients with HF ASD only qualify for supports from WorkBC and not CLBC and only if they have been on EI in the recent past. Physical adaptations are much easier for WorkBC to handle than the challenge of sensory or social adaptations that those with HF ASD require. WorkBC employees who came to the job with prior knowledge of ASD do fairly well because they came to the job with that knowledge. Unfortunately, most of their co-workers did not come with that knowledge. We are not blaming WorkBC but rather trying to change a system that lacks disability services for this high-functioning autism group.

In regards to your suggestions on how to fix this issue, neither STADD nor AIS BC actually provide services; instead, they are a referral service only. Both do a good job of listing services for those under the age of 19 with ASD or those over 19 with more severe disabilities. However, at the last

BC Autism Conference, the panel of experts was asked how many worked with those over 19 who were High Functioning, and they all said "no" because *they are not funded*. The one place that these people can find social supports is the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA); however, they do not provide employment support services.

Please find attached *the t-shirt design* we plan to have printed up and given out to every family member and person with Autism in BC. With social media, we are hoping this message will spread like wildfire! Then, perhaps governments will acknowledge that not enough is being done to support this group from being free of PWD supports and becoming a tax paying member of society. We believe HF ASD people have the ability to achieve the goal of employment and/or professional careers in order to be a contributing member of society that is beneficial to everyone.

Sincerely,

Pearl Hiemstra
Attachments: 3

----- Message from "Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX" <SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca> ---------
Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2018 19:36:50 +0000
From: "Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX" <SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: 194644 Hiemstra SDPR Response
To: "'pearl@focusability.ca'" <pearl@focusability.ca>
Cc: "OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX" <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Ref: 194644
Pearl Hiemstra, ESS
Chief Executive Officer
Focus Ability WorkAble Solutions
pearl@focusability.ca

Dear Ms. Hiemstra:

Thank you for your email of February 19, 2018, regarding funding for employment supports and services for adults who have high functioning autism (HFA). Your correspondence has been forwarded to me by the Honourable John Horgan, Premier. I am pleased to respond.

I appreciate you writing to raise your concerns, and I commend your advocacy on behalf of people with HFA.

As you indicated in your email, the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction supports individuals with disabilities to find employment in two primary ways, either through Community Living BC (CLBC) or WorkBC programs.

CLBC provides supports to adults who meet eligibility criteria for a developmental disability; or, who have Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and have significant challenges with daily living. In addition to providing employment supports for eligible individuals, CLBC is working through its Community Action Employment Plan to engage government; community partners; employers; and, individuals and families to build awareness and capacity to improve inclusive employment practices throughout the province.

Additionally, the Employment Program of BC, which is administered through the WorkBC Employment Services Centres (ESCs), supports British Columbians in accessing a range of services and supports to help achieve sustainable employment. For clients with disabilities, including adults with autism, WorkBC ESCs provide a variety of specialized services and supports to assist clients in achieving employment.

WorkBC staff work with job seekers to assess their needs; and, provide supports and services related to the individual client's needs. Some of the supports available include access to specialized assessments conducted by qualified assessors, employment planning support, customized employment services, job development services and job coaching services, as well as longer term job maintenance supports, which are available for individuals who require them to achieve their employment objectives.

Should an individual not be successful in retaining employment on their first attempt, they can be supported to secure additional employment through their local WorkBC ESC, including additional customized employment or job development support.

As you noted, transitioning to adulthood can be particularly challenging for youth with developmental disabilities and their families. To help make that transition easier, government introduced the Services to Adults with Developmental Disabilities (STADD) program to help youth and families plan for the future and connect them with the broad range of government and community services in British Columbia. CLBC also works in collaboration with youth and their families; and, other government organizations and ministries to support youth transitioning to adulthood.

STADD offers navigator services for CLBC-eligible transitioning youth with developmental disabilities, ASD, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and their families. STADD navigators act as the primary point of contact for individuals, and coordinate transition planning; and, access to supports and services through the transitional period of 16–24 years old. Further, the STADD navigator can assist in areas such as housing; employment; education; community inclusion; health and wellness; and, other goal areas identified by the youth. For more information about STADD, please visit https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/services-for-people-with-disabilities/transition-planning-for-youth-young-adults.

You may also be interested to know that Autism Information Services BC (AIS BC) is a new provincial information centre for autism and related disorders that provides information and supports to families, service providers and community professionals across BC.

AIS BC can assist by providing information on assessment, diagnosis and best practice treatment options. AIS BC can also help individuals learn about and navigate the Autism Funding Program, and can assist with completing paperwork; finding and hiring professionals; identifying and accessing provincial and local-level community supports and services; and, managing transitions across infancy, preschool, school-age and emerging adulthood. To learn more about AIS BC, please visit http://autisminfo.gov.bc.ca/.

I would like to assure you that I am committed to doing what I can within my mandate to continue to support these efforts to improve employment outcomes for those we serve.

I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know that my mandate from the Premier includes developing a poverty reduction strategy, and public community consultations are being held to inform the development of the strategy. More information on ways to participate is available on the poverty reduction strategy website at https://engage.gov.bc.ca/bcpovertyreduction/.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Shane Simpson
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

cc: Honourable John Horgan, Premier

From: Pearl Hiemstra [mailto:pearl@focusability.ca]
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 1:01 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: The Growing Crucial Funding Gap here in BC
Importance: High

Dear John,

I have been trying to contact you by writing, telephone, and email to convey this important issue for lack of crucial funding for those adults in BC with uneven cognitive abilities such as (Asperger's Sydrome, High Functioning Autism, Non-Verbal Learning Disorder, Dyslexia, Bipolar Disorder, Schizophrenia, and many more).

Please find attached the letter and information that was sent to you by mail last month. Please contact me at your earliest convenience to discuss how we can best help the people in our province who fall into the "funding gap" of "falling off the support cliff" in life.

Sincerely,

Pearl

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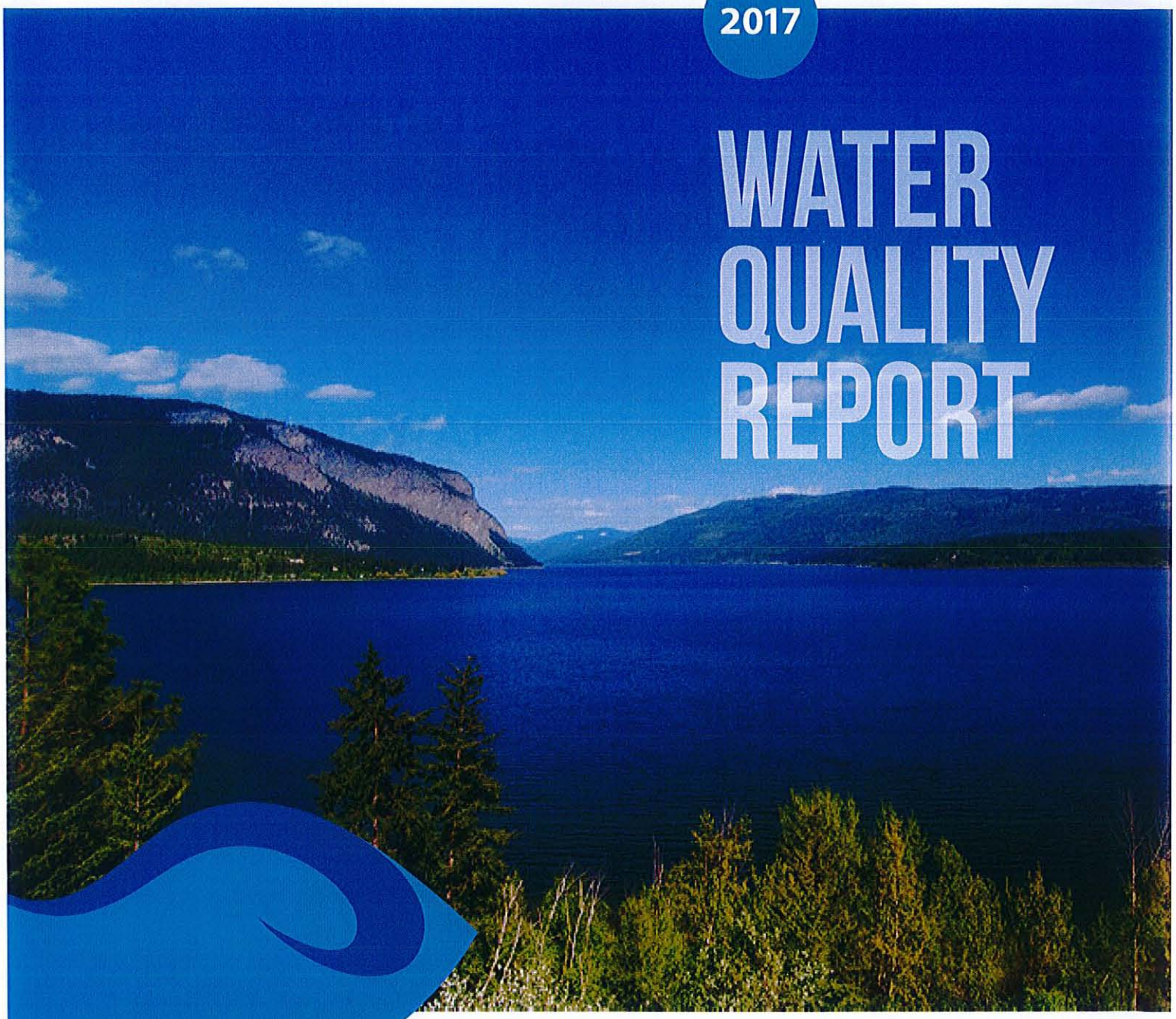
WATER QUALITY REPORT



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SHUSWAP watershed council

Water quality is monitored throughout the Shuswap watershed—at lakes, rivers, in the shallows and the deep, at beaches, at effluent outfalls and more—at different times of the year, and by different organizations for different reasons.

The Shuswap Watershed Council (SWC) is **a partnership of many organizations** with an interest in or responsibility for **monitoring and enhancing water quality** in this region. The SWC is pleased to present a summary of water quality monitoring results and water quality improvement projects on behalf of its partners for 2017.

In this second annual report on water quality from the SWC you'll find results and information about:

- Shuswap Lake, Mara Lake, Mabel Lake, Gardom Lake, White Lake, and Adams Lake
- Shuswap River and Salmon River
- Water quality at popular beaches
- Nutrient research in the Shuswap River and Salmon River
- Nonylphenols and Shuswap Lake
- Canoe Creek
- Algal blooms
- Water quality improvement and stewardship initiatives
- Keeping invasive zebra and quagga mussels out of the Shuswap

What is a Watershed?

A watershed is an area of land that is defined by where water flows. Watersheds receive precipitation—rain or snow—and over time, water drains to a single point of convergence such as the outlet of a river or a lake. The Shuswap watershed includes all the land and bodies of water that drain to the outlet of Little Shuswap Lake.

This is a simplified map of the Shuswap watershed. It shows the large lakes and rivers, and the locations of select water quality monitoring locations that are reported on the following pages.

Select Water Quality Sample Locations

1. Sugar Lake
2. Mabel Lake—South End
3. Mabel Lake—Tsuius Creek
4. Shuswap River
5. Mara Lake
6. Salmon River—Adelphi Creek
7. Salmon River—Falkland
8. Salmon River—Glenemma
9. Salmon River—Hwy 1 Bridge
10. Salmon River—Silver Creek
11. Shuswap Lake—Tappen
12. Shuswap Lake—Canoe Point
13. Shuswap Lake—Marble Point
14. Shuswap Lake—Broken Point
15. Shuswap Lake—Encounter Point
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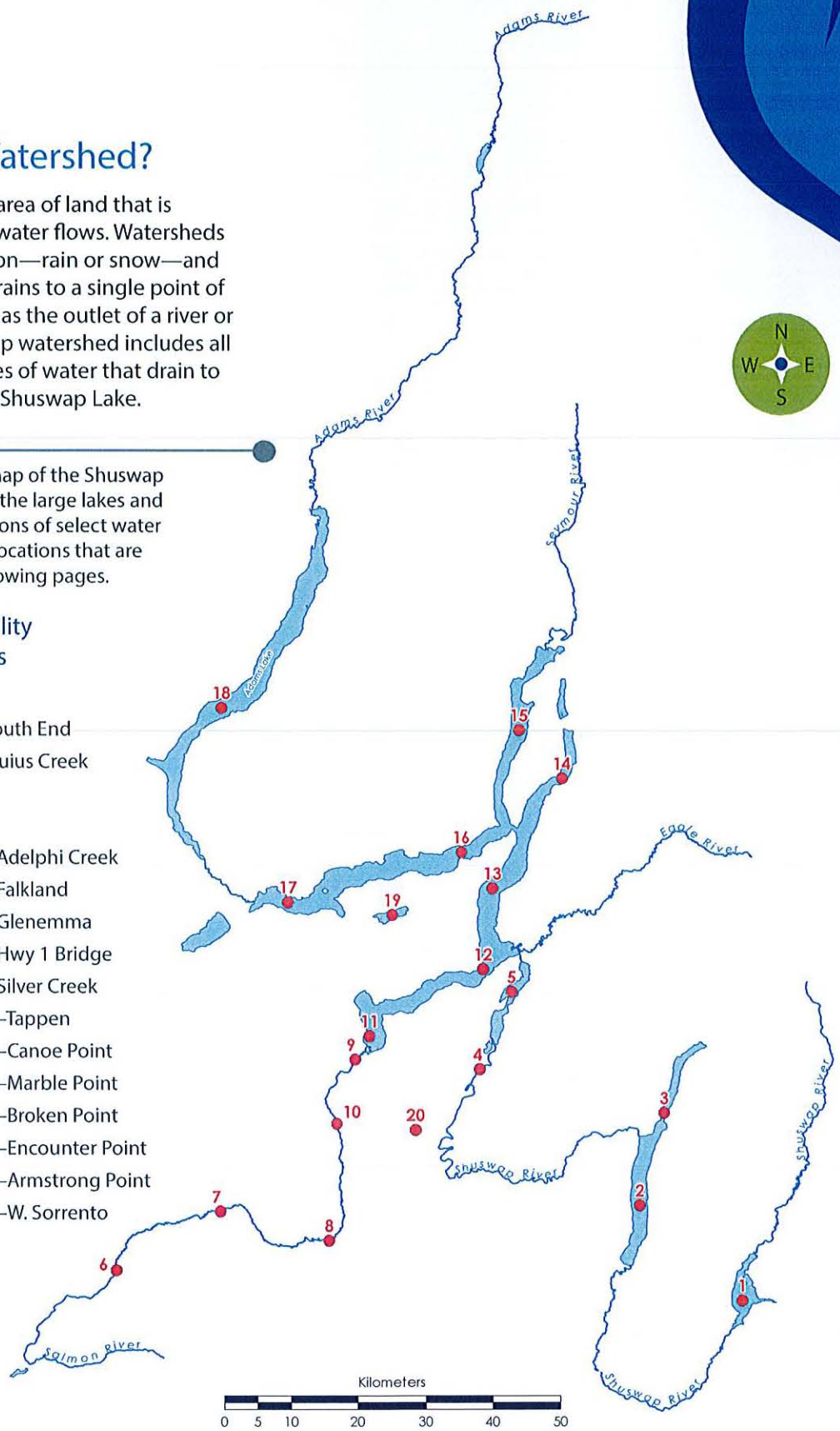
17. Shuswap Lake—W. Sorrento
18. Adams Lake
19. White Lake
20. Gardom Lake



The BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy monitors water quality at the lakes covered in this report twice per year, in the spring and fall, at several locations. Here is a snapshot of water quality monitoring results from 2017.

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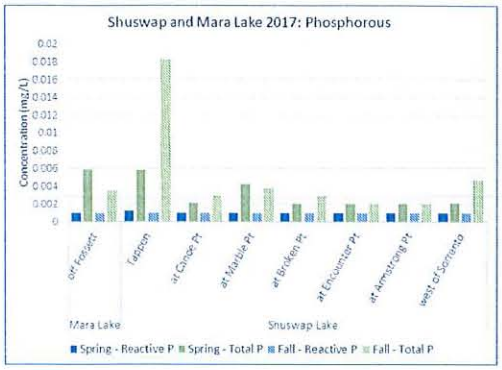
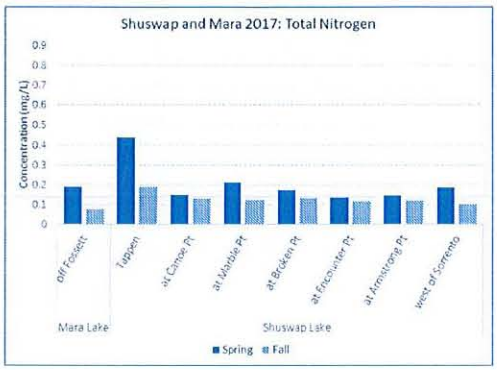
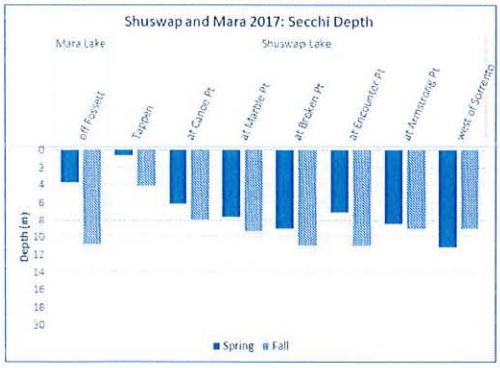
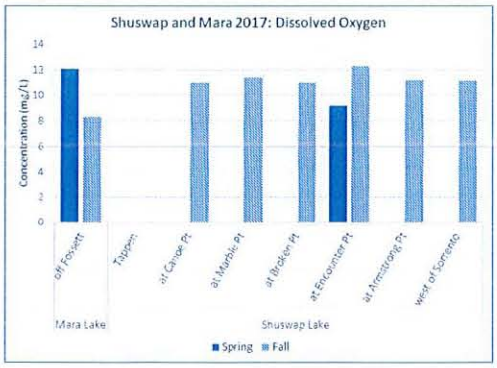
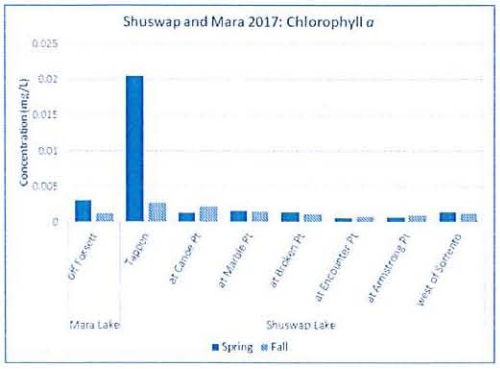
Shuswap and Mara Lakes











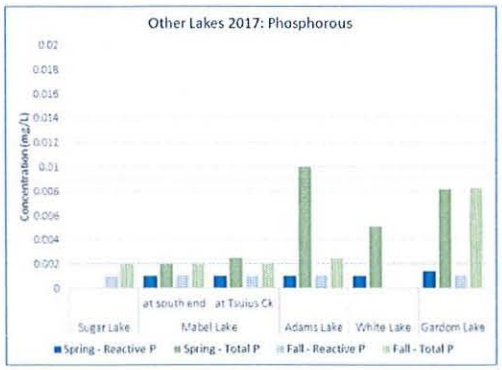
Shuswap and Mara Lakes are part of a larger province-wide network of lakes that the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy samples each year. The data from all the lakes provide valuable information about current conditions, climate change, and trends across the province.

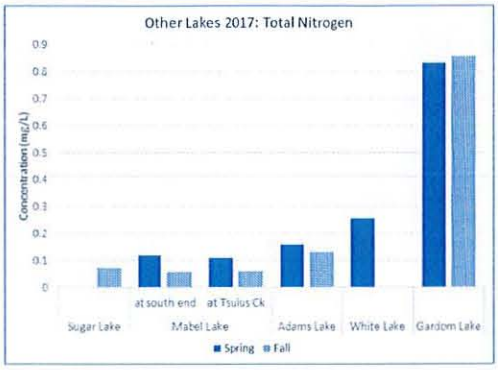
Phosphorus (P) and **Nitrogen (N)** are important to monitor because they are key nutrients in an aquatic ecosystem for productivity. Aquatic life such as algae, invertebrates and fish need these nutrients to grow and reproduce. Therefore, nutrients are important for supporting a healthy ecosystem. But, excessive nutrients and algae growth can reduce water clarity, create odours, and reduce the quality of water for drinking and recreation.

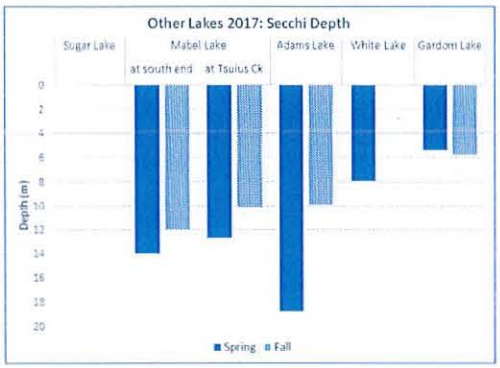
There are two types of P reported: **Reactive P and Total P**. Reactive P is a form of phosphorus that's immediately available (also known as 'bio-available) to plant life (i.e., algae and aquatic plants). Therefore, Reactive P is the form of P that has the potential to trigger an algal bloom. Total P is a measurement of all forms of phosphorus, including reactive P, particulate P (bound to soil particles), and other forms.

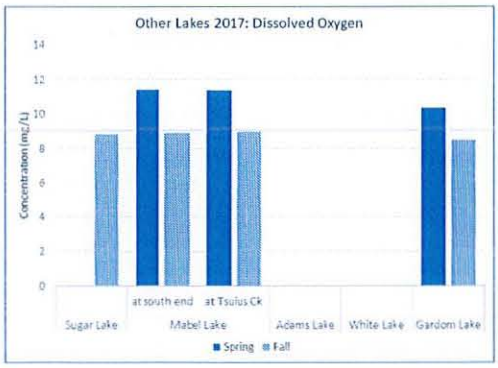
A volunteer with the Gardom Lake Stewardship Society prepares to set out and collect oxygen and temperature data on Gardom Lake. Photo credit: Gardom Lake Stewardship Society

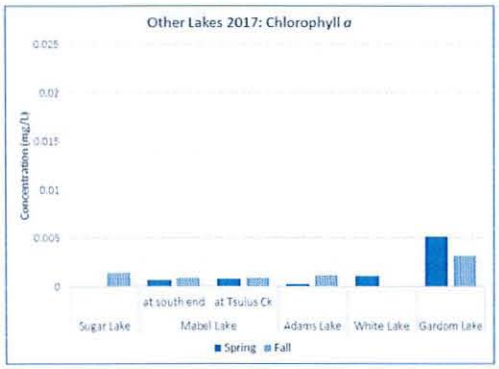
Sugar Lake, Mabel Lake, Adams Lake, White Lake and Gardom Lake











Wondering where these monitoring sites are located? Check the map on Page 4 to find out.

Living by Water

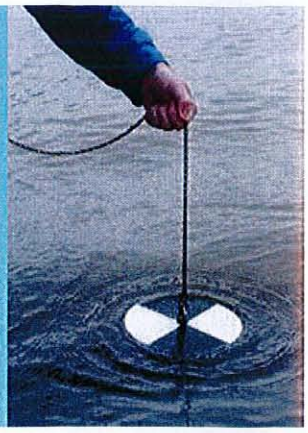
The Gardom Lake Stewardship Society is a group of volunteers who have been involved in water quality monitoring since the 1990s, as well as encouraging stewardship practices to maintain and improve the health of the lake. Gardom Lake is part-way through a lake 'aging process', which happens over geologic time as lakes silt in and become more vegetated. Here are some suggestions for living by water to minimize impacts and not speed up the aging process:

1. Protect riparian vegetation and keep it intact
2. Keep fertilizers and manure from going into run-off, ditches and creeks
3. Keep a well-maintained septic system

What's a Secchi Depth measurement?

Secchi depth is a relative measurement of water clarity. A Secchi disk—a circular disk with alternating black and white wedges—is lowered in the water on a rope until the contrasting black and white wedges are no longer visible beneath the water. At this point, the depth of the Secchi disk is recorded: this is the Secchi depth measurement. The higher the measurement, the clearer the water.

Generally speaking, a lake's water clarity can be reduced by a number of factors such as fine silt, algae, or dissolved compounds such as tannins. Shuswap and Mara Lake typically have high Secchi depth measurements in most locations. The spring measurements tend to be smaller due the influence of spring run-off on water clarity, particularly at the Tappen site which is relatively shallow and influenced by the Salmon River.



Understanding the data—Reflections from an impact assessment biologist

Spring sampling is conducted early in the season, just after surface ice melts and before the surface water temperatures begin to rise. This is known as "spring turnover". This is the period when lake water circulates: upwelling currents bring nutrient-rich water from the deep areas of the lake to the surface, and return oxygen-rich waters to the bottom. Water and algae samples collected during this period are used to predict growing season productivity (i.e., algae, plankton and fish) and the ecological health (known formally as "trophic condition") of the lake.

Fall samples are collected late in the growing season, before the surface temperatures cool and the lakes are still stratified (distinct layers of warm and cool water). The samples collected at this time indicate how the lake reacted to the spring nutrient inputs, algae, seasonal weather effects, and oxygen levels. Data collected over a number of years provides information on trends in water quality, algal growth, and potential impacts of climate.

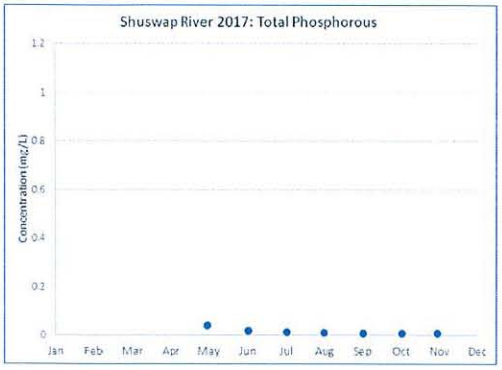
The monitoring results for 2017 on these pages show nutrients, algae (represented by Chlorophyll *a*), and water clarity (represented by Secchi depth). The highest total phosphorus levels were noted during fall sampling at Tappen in Shuswap Lake, while the highest total nitrogen and Chlorophyll *a* concentrations were seen during the spring sampling at this site. Although these were the highest values in 2017, they are significantly lower than the results from the 2016 monitoring program. There is less concern for the reported high fall values for total phosphorus because the other measurements—low values of reactive phosphorus, total nitrogen, and Chlorophyll *a* and reduced water clarity—suggest that this may be particulate phosphorus associated with turbid inflows from the Salmon River following fall rain events. All other Shuswap Lake sites showed very low nutrient and algae in 2017; furthermore, they are lower than the results in 2016. Secchi depths were similar at all sites to the results in 2016, except at Tappen where turbid inflows from the Salmon River and algal growth reduced the water clarity.

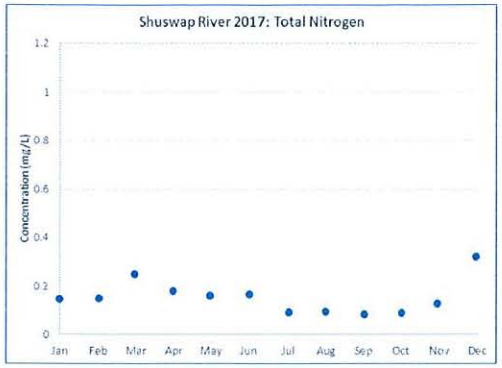
In other lakes—including Adams, Gardom and White (reported on p. 6)—the highest spring values for total phosphorus likely represent a similar situation as at Tappen: low values for reactive phosphorus, total nitrogen, and Chlorophyll *a* suggest that it is likely particulate phosphorus making up the total phosphorus values, and is not bio-available. In Gardom Lake, the 2016 total phosphorus concentrations in the surface waters were relatively low while Chlorophyll *a* data was slightly higher than other years. Secchi depths were similar to historic values, indicating that the lake is in the mesotrophic range (medium productivity) (ref: Sokal, 2017). Conditions in White Lake were quite similar indicating it is also mesotrophic (ref: Harding, 2017). Water monitoring sites on Mabel and Sugar Lakes show much lower concentrations of nutrients and algae than White and Gardom Lakes, more similar to parts of Shuswap Lake. In general, the data suggest that Adams, Sugar and Mabel are in the oligotrophic range (low productivity), similar to the outer arms and main body of Shuswap Lake. By comparison, White, Mara and Gardom Lakes are slightly more productive.

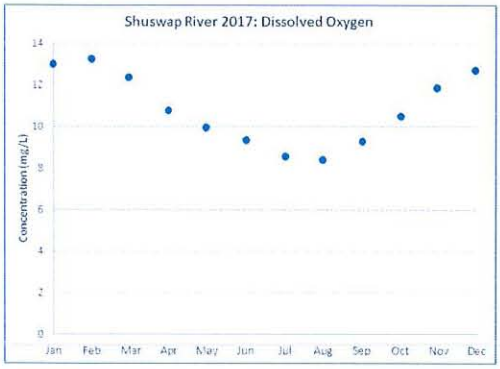
The long-term trends for total phosphorus and Chlorophyll *a* during the spring and fall samples generally indicate that concentrations in water are higher during the warmer growing season of the fall samples, than the cool spring conditions. With the exception of the Tappen site, the values for total phosphorus during the growing season are low—within the oligotrophic range. The higher total phosphorus concentrations at Tappen in the Salmon Arm Bay likely reflect contributions from the Salmon River, White Creek, and Tappen Creek, and to a lesser extent contributions from the Salmon Arm Wastewater Treatment Plan (ref: Tri-Star Environmental Consultants, 2014). The higher concentrations of Chlorophyll *a* in Mara Lake during the fall sampling period likely reflect the late season nutrient inputs from the Shuswap River.

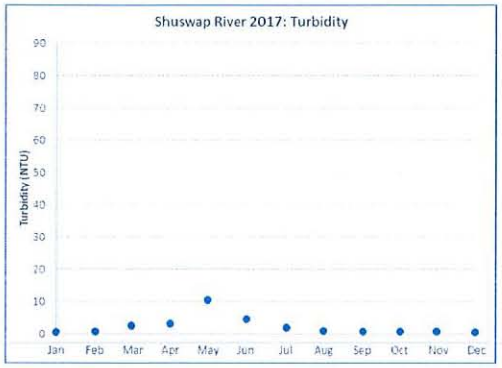
—submitted by Dennis Einarson, R.P.Bio

Shuswap River









Notice the scale on the y-axis (vertical axis) of these charts. We chose to use the same scale for both rivers, for easy comparison. The Shuswap River, by volume, is a larger river than the Salmon River but has much lower concentrations of nutrients.

These data are collected from a long-term monitoring site located at Rosemond Road. See the map on p. 4.

Nutrient research underway in the Shuswap watershed

Nutrients have long been of interest in the Shuswap because of their importance to lake health and productivity, and their ability to trigger an algal bloom. Water quality monitoring in our region has indicated that generally water quality is good in most locations at most times of year. Monitoring has also revealed that the largest loads of nutrients to the lakes are coming from the Shuswap and Salmon Rivers (see more on this on p. 5).

The Shuswap Watershed Council has entered into **a three-year research partnership with UBC–Okanagan** to determine the sources of nutrients in the rivers. This project entails collecting and analyzing water quality from 20 different sites on the two rivers. The SWC is committed to this research project because the results will help answer the following questions:

- *Are there excess nutrients in the rivers that are not from the natural environment?*
- *If so, where are they coming from and how are they getting into the rivers?*

Having answers to these questions will help inform decisions to protect our water quality. The project is now in its third year, and results are anticipated in Spring 2019.

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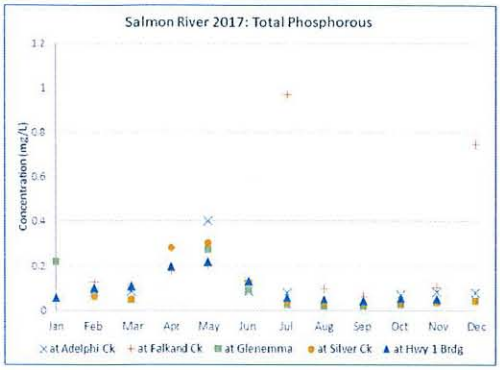
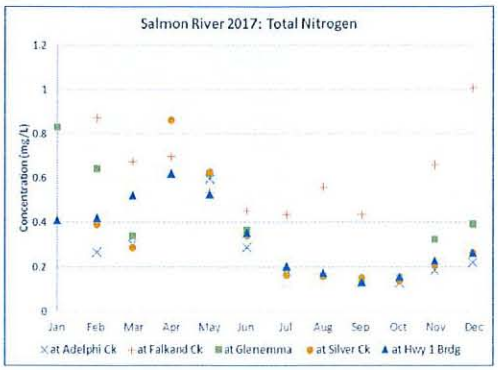
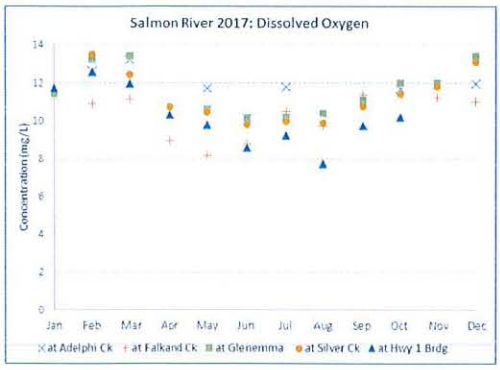
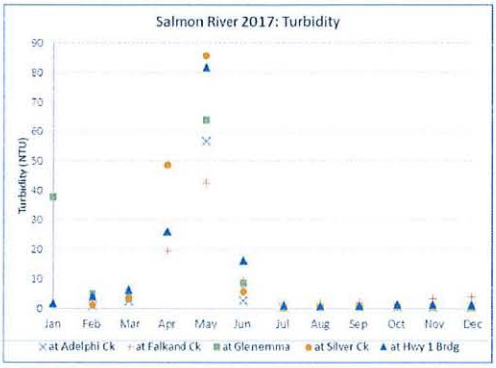
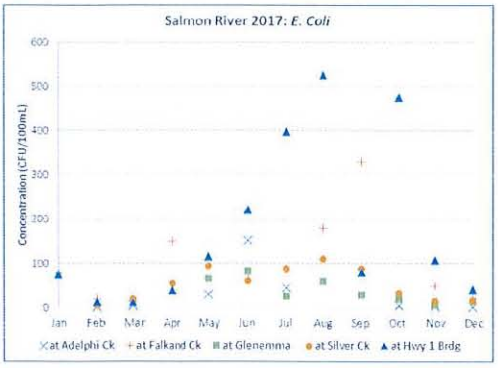
Salmon River

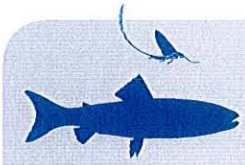












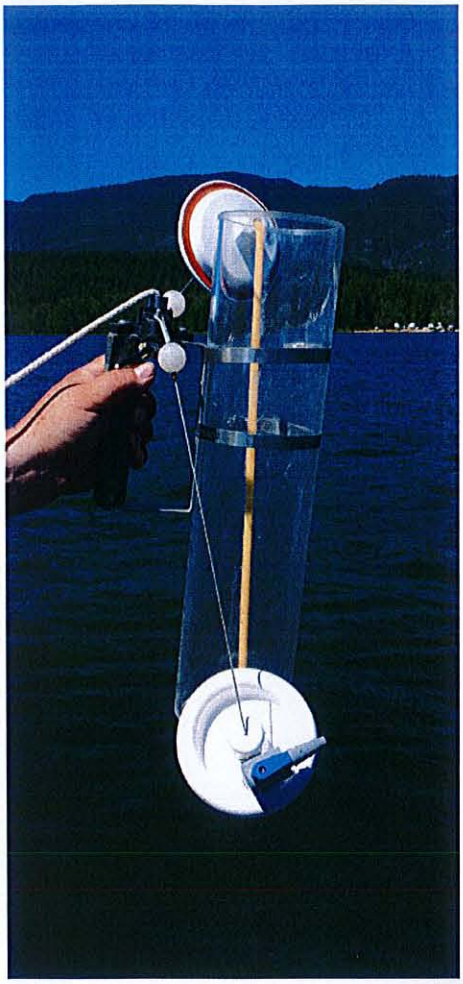
Dissolved oxygen is important to monitor because it is crucial to gill-breathing animals such as fish and invertebrates. It's also important for some of the chemical processes that take place in an aquatic ecosystem.

Photo credit: City of Salmon Arm

Canoe Creek Monitoring Program

Canoe Creek flows through 11 km of the City of Salmon Arm before entering Shuswap Lake. It provides water for farms, homes, industries and institutions; it also recharges groundwater and supports fish and wildlife.

An important component of the City's Liquid Waste Management Plan was to establish a monitoring program on Canoe Creek to ensure that public health and environmental values were being protected. A water quality monitoring program on Canoe Creek was implemented by the City in 2012 to test for anthropogenic (human caused) impacts from nearby septic systems. Test results consistently came back negative—indicating that anthropogenic pollution couldn't be detected in Canoe Creek—and in 2016 the City concluded the monitoring program.



This "Van Dorn" sampler is used to collect deep water samples

Nonylphenols—not in the Shuswap

In 2017 the Shuswap Watershed Council initiated a special water quality monitoring project in Shuswap Lake to test for nonylphenols. **Nonylphenols are a group of synthetic compounds that occur in many industry and consumer products such as detergents, shampoos, cosmetics, lubricants, plastics, rubbers, paints, and more.** They can be toxic and persistent in the environment, and harmful to aquatic life such as algae, invertebrates and fish. Because of the occurrence of nonylphenols in consumer products, it's possible that household wastewater contains small amounts of the substances.

The SWC, working in partnership with the City of Salmon Arm and the BC Ministry of Environment, tested water samples for nonylphenols from spring to fall 2017.

The results are good! **Nonylphenols were not detected in any samples collected from the lake**; a trace amount of one type of nonylphenol was detected in the City's wastewater treatment plant effluent.

These results suggest that nonylphenols are entering the lake via treatment plant effluent, but in minuscule amounts that are undetectable. The *Canadian Water Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Aquatic Life* sets the guideline for nonylphenols in fresh water at 1 microgram per litre, and Shuswap Lake is well within that limit.

About algal blooms

Algae are a natural and important part of an aquatic ecosystem. An algal bloom occurs when the number of algae rapidly increases, usually due to a change in environmental conditions such as an influx of nutrients or increased sunlight. There are many different species of algae, with different impacts. An algal bloom can discolour the water and create an unsightly scum; in a worst-case scenario, an algal bloom can produce toxins harmful to people, pets, and wildlife.

It's not uncommon for small isolated pockets of algae to occur in Shuswap Lake, especially in spring and early summer when water levels rise and a fresh supply of nutrients enters the lakes. That time of year there can also be organic debris in the lakes, which can make identifying algae a challenge.

If you suspect you've encountered an algal bloom, call the Provincial RAPP line at **1-877-952-RAPP** (7277).

Are you curious about how water quality monitoring in the Shuswap is done? We wrote a blog about that! Look for it on our website.

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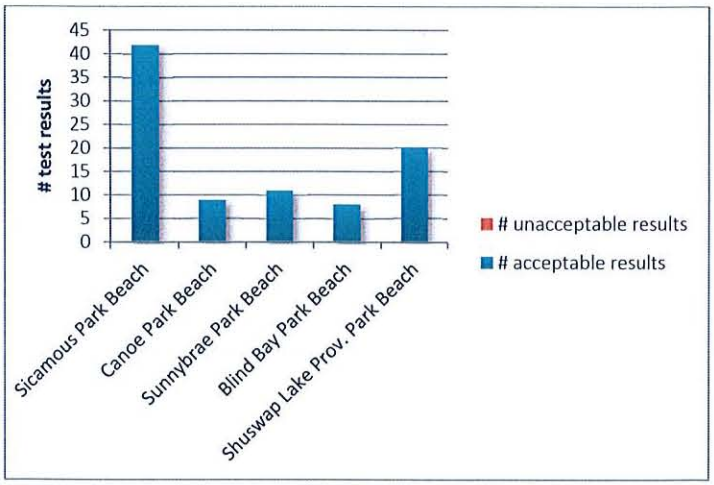
DID YOU KNOW

Shuswap Lake is one of only a few large lakes in BC without a dam or flow control structure on the outlet? The lake level fluctuates three to four metres annually. Average residence time of the water—from the time water flows into the lake and then out again—is approximately 2 years. That means that over two years, all the water in the lake is completely refreshed.

Swimming Beaches

Interior Health Authority is the regulatory agency that oversees water quality monitoring at popular swimming beaches in the Shuswap. Water samples are collected and tested throughout the summer months for *E. coli*, a type of bacteria that is an indicator of water contamination. Here are the results from their beach sampling program in 2017.



What is an acceptable or unacceptable result?

There are federal guidelines for water quality for swimming and recreation. They recommend that a safe bacteria level is less than 400 *E. coli* in a 100 mL sample, or an average of less than 200 *E. coli* in five consecutive 100 mL samples collected on a weekly basis. Above this, a swimming advisory may be issued.

Some beaches are tested more frequently than others. **All the water quality samples collected at these five popular beaches met the federal water quality guideline for swimming and recreation in 2017.**

Above: Fencing crew at Alderson Creek
Photo credit: Yucwmenlucwu

Below: One of the recently restored sites at Alderson Creek, with new livestock fencing and riparian shrubs and trees.
Photo credit: Yucwmenlucwu

Improving water quality in the Shuswap

The Shuswap Watershed Council has been pleased to support water quality improvement projects in our watershed. Since the SWC began its programs in 2016, it has provided two grants of $10,000 each toward two different water quality restoration projects.

The SWC partnered with **Yucwmenlucwu**, a resource management company owned and managed by Splatsin Indian Band, to install livestock exclusion fencing and riparian vegetation at Alderson Creek which is a tributary to Fortune Creek and ultimately to the Shuswap River. These restoration techniques **will reduce erosion, siltation, and fecal pollution by livestock, as well as stabilize the stream banks** and provide more shade and cover.

In 2017, the SWC entered into an agreement with the **Gardom Lake Stewardship Society** and is contributing $10,000 toward a wetland restoration project being led by the Society. Once complete, the wetland will improve water quality flowing into Gardom Lake.

Wetlands are exceptional at improving water quality because they capture nutrients and sediment. Size for size, small wetlands —such as this one will be—are the most effective.

A volunteer with the Gardom Lake Stewardship Society is marking out where a wetland will be established near Gardom Lake.
Photo credit: Gardom Lake Stewardship Society

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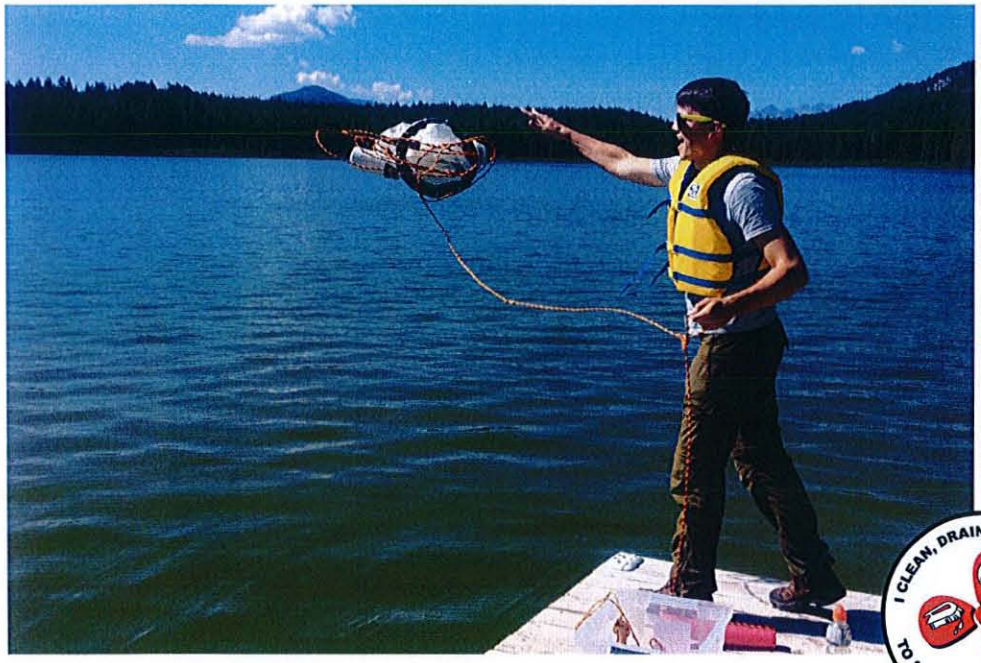
Keeping invasive Zebra and Quagga Mussels out of the Shuswap

Zebra and quagga mussels are small freshwater mussels native to Eurasia with tremendous destructive potential due to their ability to cling to, colonize and completely encrust any and all hard surfaces under water: boats, pilings, water supply and irrigation systems, docks, and more. They litter beaches with their small razor-sharp shells, they produce foul odours, and they pollute water quality putting the lake ecosystem and drinking water at risk. The cost to property owners and tax-payers for dealing with these impacts would be tens of millions per year.

Fortunately, zebra and quagga mussels are not known to be present in the Shuswap, or anywhere in BC. The Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society has monitored several sites throughout the Shuswap for invasive mussels for the past three years. All their test results have come back negative, meaning the mussels have not been detected. **The Society will continue with its monitoring program in 2018, with additional support from the Shuswap Watershed Council.**

We all need to do our part to keep BC free of zebra and quagga mussels. Watercraft owners, in particular, need to be vigilant. This is because the primary way the mussels spread is by 'hitch hiking' on watercraft and fishing gear from one waterbody to another. Anyone bringing a watercraft of any kind into BC is required to stop at watercraft inspection stations where potentially infested watercraft will be inspected and decontaminated. Additionally, watercraft owners need to 'Clean, Drain and Dry' their watercraft every time they move it from one waterbody to another.



Here, a CSISS staff person deploys monitoring equipment to check for zebra and quagga mussel larvae, which are tiny and free swimming. To date, zebra and quagga mussels—adult or larvae—have not been detected in the Shuswap watershed. Photo credit: Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society

This unidentifiable object has been in infested water and is now encrusted in a thick layer of invasive mussels. Photo credit: Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society

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Help keep the Shuswap clean

Here's what you can do as a resident of the Shuswap to help maintain our water quality:

- Make sure you know where your wastewater goes. Is your household on a septic system, or connected to sewer? If it's septic, you're responsible for keeping it in good repair. The Septic Smart Homeowner's Guide is a good place to start: **csrd.bc.ca/septicsmart/homeowners-guide**
- Properly dispose of unused medications. Don't throw them out or flush them—return them to a pharmacy
- Don't ever flush personal care products such as wipes, floss, swabs and hygiene products —not even if it says "flushable" on the package!
- Don't put fats, oils or grease down the drain. Cool it, scrape it, and dispose of it in your garbage. Large quantities of liquid fats and oils should be dropped off a hazardous waste facility (e.g., Salmon Arm landfill).

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What do you think?

Would you like share your feedback on this water quality report with us? Please contact the SWC, care of the Fraser Basin Council in Kamloops:

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Photo Credit: Darren Robinson Photography

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Who We Are

About the Shuswap Watershed Council

The SWC was established in 2014 as a watershed-based partnership to enhance water quality and safe recreation in the Shuswap. There are 17 members that represent three regional districts, two municipalities, the Secwepemc Nation, two provincial government agencies and Shuswap communities. The SWC is a collaborative, non-regulatory group. It works alongside organizations that have regulatory roles in managing the Shuswap watershed, complimenting their work and carefully avoiding duplication.

Staff

The Fraser Basin Council, a provincial non-government organization, provides staff services to the Shuswap Watershed Council.

Our Vision

Enhanced water quality that supports human and ecosystem health and the local economy in the Shuswap watershed.

What We Do

Our Objectives

The SWC's objectives are to maintain and enhance water quality in the Shuswap watershed through collaboration with water quality monitors; to coordinate and report on water quality in the Shuswap; to inform residents and visitors about water quality in the Shuswap, and advocate for good practices to prevent water quality degradation; and to encourage safe behaviour by recreationists on and near water.

The Work

The SWC's work on water quality and safe water-based recreation is guided by its five-year plan.

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Interior Health
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Community Recognition

City of Kelowna approves Journey Home & Healthy Housing Strategies

Congratulations to the City of Kelowna for taking big steps to eliminate homelessness and improve housing affordability, diversity and supply.

The Journey Home Strategy is a 5 -year plan focused on building a system of care that is projected to support more than 2,100 individuals into housing or support programs by 2024. Kelowna council has committed to $435,000 funding through 2020 to support the creation of a "backbone organization", a neutral non-profit society aligned with the City of Kelowna tasked with ensuring the plan moves forward.

The Healthy Housing Strategy is a 5-year plan, as part of the Healthy City Strategy, to promote and protect rental housing, reduce barriers to affordable housing, and diversify housing supply.

Both Strategies were developed through community partnerships and collaboration and will rely on these partnerships going forward.

City of Kelowna approves Community Climate Action Plan

Another big congratulation to the City of Kelowna for developing and approving a Community Climate Action Plan! The Plan addresses the major sources of emissions in Kelowna and outlines a series of actions that when implemented, provides opportunities for the community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

City of Merritt & Surrounding Bands Striving to Strengthen their Connections

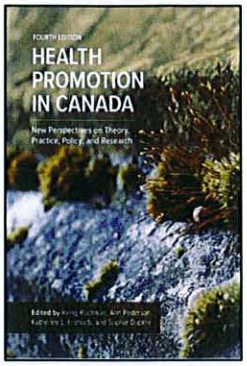
For the first time, Nicola Bands that surround the City of Merritt met with the City Council for a community to community feast and roundtable. Moving forward, this strong connection hopes to promote working together with all of the surrounding bands and the City Council.

City of Rossland, Town of Oliver & District of Invermere Go Smoke-Free

This summer in Rossland, Oliver and Invermere, residents and visitors can enjoy smoke-free parks, beaches and other outdoor spaces! City of Rossland, Town of Oliver and the District of Invermere both passed smoke-free outdoor spaces bylaws in recent weeks. We congratulate municipal leaders for creating healthy environments for all citizens to enjoy!

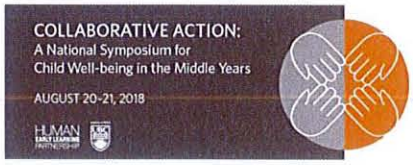
Events and Learning Opportunities

Webinar: Promising practices in Indigenous community health promotion July 24, 2018 10-11:30 PST



The National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health (NCCDH) and Health Promotion Canada (HPC) are collaborating on a series of webinars to highlight several chapters of the newly released book *Health Promotion in Canada 4th edition: New Perspectives on Theory, Practice, Policy, and Research.* The goal is to explore how various themes in this book apply to public health action on health equity by pairing the authors' content with practitioner perspective on application to public health practice. For details and registration click here

Collaborative Action: A National Symposium for Child Well-being in the Middle Years



Register today for *Collaborative Action: A National Symposium for Child Well-being in the Middle Years*. Hosted by the Human Early Learning Partnership at the University of British Columbia from **August 20-21st 2018**. This special two day event is designed to inspire, motivate and strengthen participant's leadership skills by focusing on child well-being through a systems-thinking lens. It will gather together leaders in the field of child well-being from across Canada to share research and practice, to learn from each other, and to generate new ideas. Those from various levels of government are welcomed to familiarize themselves with the national landscape of child well-being and current initiatives. Register here

Canadian Rural and Remote Housing and Homeless Symposium 2018

Save the date! The Alberta Rural Development Network, in conjunction with the Alberta Rural Coalition on Housing and Homelessness (ARCH2), is hosting the first national symposium dedicated to rural and remote housing and homelessness issues. The Symposium will be held **October 24 - 26, 2018** at the Coast Canmore Hotel & Conference Centre in Canmore, Alberta. Please visit this website for more information.

Let's Get #healthybynature in BC

On July 21, we are coming together to get outside with health care professionals across the province to celebrate Parks Day and learn more about how nature can benefit our kids health, and our own. Join one of the 100 walks across the province! Register here for a walk near you.

Municipal Natural Assets Initiative Watershed roll-out in BC

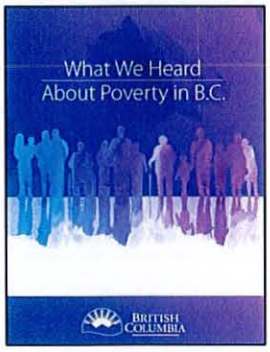
The Municipal Natural Assets Initiative (MNAI) offers a methodology and support for local governments to integrate natural assets into core asset management and financial processes using the same systems as for engineered assets. MNAI is now offering a watershed-level program in BC focussed on the needs and capacities of smaller/rural local governments, in a single geographic region. Additional details and the Request for Expressions of Interest (due date: August 17) can be found here

Making the Links 2018: Climate change, Community Health, & Resilience

Join leading thinkers and other community leaders this fall for two days of learning and creating strategies for collaborative action on some of the most pressing issues of our time: climate change, health, and resilience. This symposium promises to deliver inspiring workshops, cross-sector dialogue, speakers, and community stories that together will help us uncover shared approaches to tackling climate change right here in Canada - approaches that will not only protect, but improve, our community health and well-being! This event is on **November 5 & 6**, Kelowna. Please visit this page for more information.

Healthy Public Policy Resources

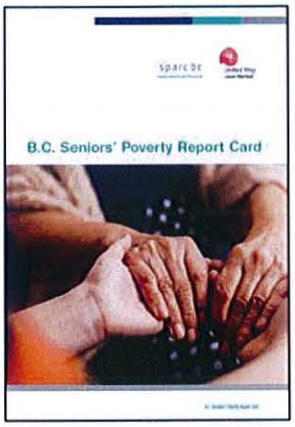
What We Heard About Poverty in B.C. Report - JUST RELEASED



To inform BC's first poverty reduction strategy, the government engaged in a broad, province-wide consultation process that asked British Columbians to share their experiences with poverty, their solutions, and their visions for a better, more inclusive province. The government received a lot of input from stakeholders and people about ideas to reduce poverty in B.C. Check out the What We Heard report to see the thoughts and ideas that were shared at these meetings. In the Interior Health region, meetings were held in Williams Lake, Kamloops, Kelowna, Nelson, Cranbrook and Revelstoke.

B.C. Seniors' Poverty Report Card - JUST RELEASED

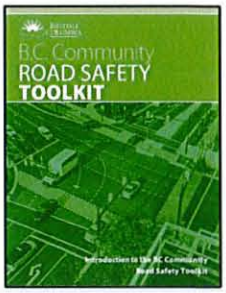
British Columbia is experiencing a rapid ageing of our population. Based on BC Stats Population Projections, the number of seniors (65+ years old) in British Columbia is expected to double between 2015 and 2041. The Report Card, released June 12, 2018, consists of 13 fact sheets illustrating the scope of seniors' poverty in British Columbia. The report is a cooperative and collaborative complement to the work by United Way/Better At Home program & SPARC BC partners on poverty reduction advocacy and policy. Read it here



B.C. Climate Action Toolkit

This database of tools consists of a variety of resources for planning, implementation, training, and funding for reducing GHG emissions! You will find a range of effective tools appropriate for different local government targets, timeframes and budgets. Check it out here

Expanded Toolkit Supports Making Local Roads Safer



The Province has released an expanded toolkit to help local governments interested in making their streets and related features safer, no matter how people get around. Two new modules and an introduction round out the BC Community Road Safety Toolkit, which discusses and illustrates some of the safest, most innovative road design features from around the world. Read it here on RoadSafetyBC's website.

Toward Healthy Homes for All: RentSafe Summary and Recommendations

This report offers research results from Ontario-based initiative RentSafe, a project that seeks to address the underlying circumstances that contribute to unhealthy housing and identify potential solutions and actions that will lead to healthy housing for all. A link to the summary document is here.

Funding News

Community Poverty Reduction Grants

Local governments interested in poverty reduction are invited to apply to the Community Poverty Reduction Fund. This $7 million program is administered by the Vancouver Foundation and is designed to address the root causes of poverty by supporting socially innovative projects identified by communities. There are 3 types of grants available under this program. The next funding intake is July 2018. Please see this link for more information.

BC Rural Dividend Intake

Applications for funding in the fifth intake of the BC Rural Dividend program will be accepted June 1 to July 31, 2018. This is the only application window for 2018-19. Please visit this webpage for more details.

Intake for Core Infrastructure Funding

A new infrastructure program will commit up to $243 million in federal and provincial funding for drinking water, wastewater and solid waste programs in British Columbia. Local governments and Indigenous communities are eligible to apply. The intake to the Environmental Quality Program is open now until August 29, 2018. Through this program, the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia will contribute up to 73.33% cost sharing for approved projects. Find more information here

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Your Healthy Communities Team
Contact us at: healthycommunities@interiorhealth.ca

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For Immediate Release | July 13, 2018

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Take precautions when skies are smoky

KAMLOOPS - A large grassfire on the south side of Thompson River in Kamloops Thursday serves as a reminder to all residents to look after their lung health when they are living in close vicinity to a fire.

Wildfires are a regular part of summer in British Columbia. With wildfires comes the potential for wildfire smoke pollution in and around communities across the Interior. The best way to deal with smoke pollution is to be prepared and take measures to reduce your exposure to smoke.

Smoke affects each person differently, based on his or her health, age and exposure. Smoke exposure can be particularly concerning for infants, the elderly and those who have underlying medical conditions such as lung conditions (asthma/COPD) or heart disease as well as pregnant women.

These individuals should watch for any change in symptoms that may be due to smoke exposure. If any symptoms are noted, affected individuals should take steps to reduce their exposure to smoke and if necessary see their physician or local walk-in clinic. People with severe symptoms should present themselves to the nearest Emergency Department

The following can reduce the health risks associated with wildfire smoke:

- Reduce outdoor activity on smoky days.
- Find a clean air shelter such as large public buildings like libraries, community centres and shopping malls as they often have cleaner, cooler air than smaller buildings or the outdoors.
- Consider purchasing a commercially available HEPA (high efficiency particulate air) filter and creating a filtered air room in your house.
- Travel to areas with better air quality – conditions can greatly vary across geographic areas and elevations.
- People with asthma or other chronic illness should activate their asthma or personal care plan.
- Pay attention to local air quality reports and the conditions around you as smoke concentrations may vary and change over short periods and over small distances. A heavy bluish-white haze, possibly accompanied by the smell of smoke, is an indication smoke concentrations are higher than usual. Check the Air Quality Health Index in your area.

For general information about smoke and your health, contact HealthLinkBC toll free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 8-1-1.

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, or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/InteriorHealth.

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IH's position on improperly discarded needles

Effective retrieval of improperly discarded needles is a priority for Interior Health's Harm Reduction program. Roughly 99% of the needles distributed in our communities in 2017 were properly disposed of by Interior Health. All Interior Health public health centres, mental health & substance use and primary care clinics, as well as all community agencies who distribute harm reduction supplies also properly dispose of needles.

Interior Health is working with municipalities to install new large industrial sharps bins in hot-spot areas to increase easy access to safe disposal options. The number of personal sharps containers being distributed throughout communities has also been increased substantially.

Collaboration with municipalities, community agencies, and concerned citizens is essential to minimize any impact of improperly discarded needles in the community. Interior Health appreciates innovation and encourages communities to develop programs tailored to address their needs. Regarding the recently developed needle buyback programs, it is the experience of other communities across our province that such a program wasn't feasible for the following reasons:

- Examining and counting individual needles is not recommended, as it increases the possibility of needle poke injuries.
- Placing a monetary value on used needles may result in people stealing or breaking into sharps containers that are being placed to increase access to safe needle disposal. Not only does this put people at risk of being poked by a needle, it may actually result in more drug-related litter left behind.
- Concerns that people may request and then return unused needles for the purpose of generating a profit.

We want to thank organizations and individuals seeking out ways to make improvements, and invite them to discuss their ideas with their Community Action Teams (CAT), Harm Reduction Agencies, local governments or directly with Interior Health at harmreduction.coordinator@interiorhealth.ca.

- Dr. Silvina Mema, Medical Health Officer, Interior Health

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Shuswap Home & Community Care Building Temporarily Closed

SALMON ARM – Roof repairs have forced an unexpected closure of part of the Interior Health Shuswap Home & Community Care building at 2770-10th Ave., NE.

The repairs were ordered by the landlord after a water leak in the roof two weeks ago. The work was initially expected to cause minimal disruption. However, an inspection by the roof repair company indicated the section of the building where the Adult Day Program and Community Bathing services are located should be empty while at least the initial work is complete.

Laboratory services are not affected by the repairs and remain open.

Clients who normally receive baths at the site have been contacted and will be offered bathing services in their homes by community health workers until further notice.

The Adult Day Program is cancelled for this week (July 16-20). Clients and families are being contacted by IH staff. IH will work with program clients and families to provide alternate supports wherever possible.

Some employees who work in 10th Avenue offices have been relocated to other IH buildings until further notice.

Clients or families who have questions about services may call 250-832-6643.

Interior Health regrets this unexpected change to normal services and will update the community when additional information about the repairs is available.

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Media, for information:

During regular business hours:
Media@interiorhealth.ca
1-844-469-7077

After hours on-call line for urgent inquiries:
1-855-851-4195

From: Claudia Chan [mailto:cchan@miabc.org]
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 9:19 AM
To: Erin Jackson
Subject: MIABC Voting Delegate

The 31st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Municipal Insurance Association of BC's (MIABC's) subscribers is scheduled to take place from 4:00pm - 5:30pm on Tuesday, September 11th at the Maury Young Arts Centre, located at 4335 Blackcomb Way in Whistler Village. This year, the five Director-at-Large positions are up for election.

In accordance with Article 6.13 of the Reciprocal Insurance Exchange Agreement, the following delegate and two alternates have been registered with the MIABC to vote your interests at this year's AGM. If you would like to change the delegate and/or two alternates, please forward a resolution of your Council/Board directing these changes to the MIABC by September 7th, 2018.

The AGM Booklet with further voting information will be distributed by August 15th, 2018.

Voting Delegate: Mayor Nancy Cooper
Email address: ncooper@salmonarm.ca

Alternate #1:
Email address:

Alternate #2:
Email address:

Regards,
Claudia Chan

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch
POLICY DIRECTIVE
No: 18 – 03

Date: July 11, 2018

To: All LCRB Staff
All licensees
All industry associations
All local government, First Nations and police agencies

Re: Miscellaneous *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* changes

In April 2018, amendments to the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* (LCLA) were proposed to resolve some minor omissions and inconsistencies that have surfaced since the new LCLA was passed in 2015. Additionally, amendments to the LCLA were proposed to ensure consistency with the *Cannabis Control and Licencing Act* (CCLA).

The amendments listed below, and some minor housekeeping amendments such as updating definitions, clarifying certain requirements, and removing incorrect references, have now been passed. These changes are effective immediately.

For more specific information on these amendments, please view the bills at the links provided below.
Bill 24 – Miscellaneous Statues Amendment Act (No. 2), 2018
Bill 30 – Cannabis Control and Licensing Act

1. Employment of minors

Current Policy
Minors may only be employed by a licensee or permittee as set out in the regulations.

New Policy
The General Manager (GM) can set minor employment provisions by terms and conditions.

Explanation
This change provides future flexibility for the GM regarding the employment of minors and is consistent with how the GM sets terms and conditions relating to when minors may be allowed entry into establishments and special events.

2. Due diligence defence for minors

Current Policy
A licensee or permittee, an employee of either of them, or a person who sells liquor in a liquor store contravenes the LCLA if they are found to have admitted or employed a minor in an establishment, service area or event site where minors are not permitted.

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New Policy
A licensee or permittee, an employee of either of them, or a person who sells liquor in a liquor store does not contravene the LCLA if they admit or employ a minor in an establishment, service area or event site where minors are not permitted if they have required the individual to produce identification, which they have examined and believe to be authentic.

Explanation
This change ensures a licensee or permittee, an employee of either of them, or a person who sells liquor in a liquor store receives the same due diligence protection for admitting or employing a minor in an establishment, service area or event site as they do for selling or supplying liquor to minors.

3. Disclosure of information or records

Current Policy
The current LCLA allows information or records to be disclosed to another person if the disclosure is for the purposes of administering the LCLA.

New Policy
The LCLA now allows information or records to be disclosed to another person for the purposes of administering and enforcing both liquor and cannabis-related legislation, including the *Liquor Distribution Act* , the *Cannabis Distribution Act* and the CCLA and associated regulations under those Acts.

Explanation
This will allow the branch to share information internally in the event that a person holds a both a liquor and cannabis licence and/or an agreement.

4. Ownership and agreement requirements

Current Policy
An applicant must own or lease the place or premises tied to the licence or the proposed licence.

New Policy
The GM has the authority to accept alternative ownership arrangements, such as a sublease, provided the arrangement gives the applicant adequate control over the establishment.

Explanation
It is not always practical for an applicant to own or lease a space. This change provides the GM with the flexibility to accept alternative arrangements beyond owning or leasing a premise or place where a licence is or will be issued.

Further Information

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

Original signed by

Michelle Carr,
Assistant Deputy Minister and General Manager

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July 6, 2018
Ref: 545246

Carol Bannister
Box 40
Salmon Arm BC V1E 4N2
Email: cbannister@salmonarm.ca

Re: Provincial Government Staff Meetings at This Year's UBCM Convention

Dear Ms. Bannister:

As you know, this year's Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention will be held in Whistler from September 10th to 14th. Similar to previous Conventions, senior staff from Police Services Division (PSD), Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General will be in attendance and available to meet with Convention delegates to discuss issues and share information with respect to topics on policing. I consider these meetings very valuable and an integral forum for dialogue between Police Services Division and local governments.

Meeting times with senior PSD staff are available Tuesday, September 11th through Thursday, September 13th in the Cheakamus Room of the Hilton Whistler Hotel. If a delegation from your Municipality is attending the UBCM Convention and would like to have a meeting with my staff to discuss policing in your community, please send a request through the on-line Provincial Appointment Book process:

https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/UBCMMeetingRequest/Staff

The deadline for advance on-line meeting requests is **Friday, July 27, 2018**. After this date, delegates may also only make meeting requests at the Convention through the Provincial Appointments Desk. Please note that meeting requests made in advance are preferable as this will ensure that PSD staff are prepared to answer your questions and allow for more fulsome discussion.

For any questions, please contact UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator, Laura Smith by e-mail at: MAH.UBCM.MeetingRequests@gov.bc.ca

Yours truly,

Clayton J.D. Pecknold
Assistant Deputy Minister
and Director of Police Services
Policing and Security Branch

Barb Puddifant

From: MacPherson, Laura MCF:EX [Laura.MacPherson@gov.bc.ca] on behalf of Barry, Jonathan MCF:EX [Jonathan.Barry@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: July-06-18 9:45 AM
Subject: Childcare BC New Spaces Fund Announcement

Dear Mayor and Council:

I am writing to let you know that the Province has announced details of its Childcare BC New Spaces Fund, one of several initiatives outlined in the Childcare BC plan aimed at increasing the number of licensed child care spaces in the province.

The Childcare BC New Spaces Fund replaces the Child Care Major Capital Funding program, although similarities remain in that the new funding program will continue to fund the building of new child care facilities, along with renovations that add new child care spaces to existing facilities. The New Spaces Fund includes significant enhancements — with more under development — that will be of particular interest to school boards and municipalities.

The Childcare BC New Spaces Fund will support the creation of 22,000 new licensed child care spaces in B.C. with an investment of $221 million over three years. This marks the single-largest investment to improve child care accessibility in B.C. history.

Other highlights of the new program include:

- An application process that is open year-round, based on availability of funds within a fiscal year.
- Priority on applications creating licensed infant and toddler and group 3-5 spaces, and child care spaces in underserved and vulnerable communities.
- A requirement for funding recipients to commit to deliver affordable child care.
- Higher maximum funding amounts, including up to $1 million for public sector/non-profit partnerships.

Maximum funding amounts available include:

- Up to $1 million per facility to public sector partnerships with non-profit child care providers.
- Up to $500,000 per facility to school boards, Indigenous communities, Child Development Centres and not-for-profit child care providers.
- Up to $250,000 per facility to private child care providers.

As the new program builds momentum and applications are submitted — especially those involving public-sector partnerships — it is anticipated that the New Spaces Fund will be vital in supporting the creation of a universal, quality, accessible and affordable child care system.

In the near future we will release a second funding stream targeted to organizations like yours that will further increase funding maximums for multi-facility projects. This responds to requests from many past applicants, and will allow communities with robust child care plans to quickly move forward with a significant expansion of their child care services.

Please watch for further details in the near future.

To learn more about the Childcare BC New Spaces Fund, including how to apply, funding guidelines and FAQs, visit www.gov.bc.ca/childcare/newspacesfund.

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Please note that we have scheduled an informational call for interested applicants on July 16, 2018, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. To participate, call 1-877-353-9184 and use passcode 41532# to listen in and ask your questions.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Barry
Executive Director – Child Care Capital, Community, and ECE Registry Services
Ministry of Children and Family Development

Barb Puddifant

From: CPAB_BC_Communications_CB [CPAB_BC_Communications_CB@hc-sc.gc.ca]
Sent: July-06-18 10:38 AM
Subject: Health Canada - Recall: Buy Buy Baby recalls Ellen Degeneres Coveralls with Cap

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Consumer Product Recall

Buy Buy Baby recalls Ellen Degeneres Coveralls with Cap

What you should do

Consumers should immediately return the recalled coveralls to the place of purchase for refund.

For more information, consumers may contact **Buy Buy Baby** by telephone at **1-800-462-3966**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or by **email**. Consumers may also visit the **Buy Buy Baby website**.

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Please note that the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act prohibits recalled products from being redistributed, sold or even given away in Canada.

Health Canada would like to remind Canadians to report any health or safety incidents related to the use of this product or any other consumer product or cosmetic by filling out the Consumer Product Incident Report Form.

This recall is also posted on the OECD Global Portal on Product Recalls website. You can visit this site for more information on other international consumer product recalls.

We hope this information and related link will be useful to you.

If you do not wish to receive these health-related messages, please let us know in your reply to this e-mail.

Thank you.

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From: CPAB_BC_Communications_CB [CPAB_BC_Communications_CB@hc-sc.gc.ca]
Sent: July-13-18 12:26 PM
Subject: Health Canada: Statement on event sponsorship and other promotional activities by federally licensed producers of cannabis

Health Canada Santé Canada

Statement

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From: CPAB_BC_Communications_CB [CPAB_BC_Communications_CB@hc-sc.gc.ca]
Sent: July-06-18 2:28 PM
Subject: Health Canada : Health risks of asbestos

Health Canada Santé Canada

Could asbestos be hiding in your new home?

Asbestos may be found in:

- Cement and plaster
- Building insulation
- House siding
- Floor and ceiling tiles
- Furnaces and heating systems

Before doing any renovations, hire a professional to test for and manage or remove asbestos around your home.

Learn more: **Health risks of asbestos**

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Thank you.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR **JACK FROESE**

July 10, 2018

File No. 0400-20

Honourable John Horgan, Premier of B.C.
West Annex Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

email: premier@gov.bc.ca

Dear Premier ~~Horgan~~: John

Re: Moratorium - Facilities Growing Cannabis on Township of Langley Lands

As the Mayor of the Township of Langley, I am writing on behalf of Council with respect to large scale facilities that are or will be growing cannabis on properties in the Township, located in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and their impact upon our residents.

At the June 25, 2018 Regular Evening Council meeting, the following motion was passed:

Whereas Agricultural Minister Lana Popham announced in January that an independent commission will consult with farmers and stakeholders across B.C. on the revitalization of the Agricultural Land Reserve; and

Whereas the highest and best use on agricultural land should be agricultural food production;

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Langley write to Premier John Horgan and Minister Lana Popham to place a moratorium on cannabis production on ALR land until the Province consults with farmers, municipalities, industry, and the public.

And be it further resolved that the letter be copied to local governments throughout the province requesting support, as well as to Members of the Legislative Assembly, Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities.

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The Township is receiving numerous complaints regarding federally approved and licenced cannabis production facilities being established in the Township, particularly large-scale facilities containing thousands of plants. The repeated complaints are regarding smell and noise in relation to these facilities. Also, the Township has serious concerns about the possible negative heath impact of these facilities on nearby properties and residents. Therefore, we request that a moratorium on cannabis production be implemented immediately until a full consultation, by the Province, is complete. Thank you for any assistance, should you wish to discuss this issue in more detail, I may be reached at **604.533.6000** or **jfroese@tol.ca.**

Sincerely,

Jack

Jack Froese
MAYOR

copy: BC Members of the Legislative Assembly
Lower Mainland Local Government Association
Union of BC Municipalities

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY NECHAKO

"A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN OUR REGION"

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Canada
200 Sacré-Coeur Boulevard
Gatineau, QC
K1A 0H3

Attention: The Honourable Catherine McKenna
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada

Dear Ms. McKenna,

RE: Support of the Province of B.C.'s Caribou Recovery Program

The Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN), would like to request that Ottawa support the Province, in collaboration with all relevant local interests and inclusive of local governments, to develop and implement Caribou Recovery Program to maintain and recover BC's caribou herds.

The RDBN agrees with Minister Donaldson, FLNRORD's opening remarks, in the *Provincial Caribou Recovery Program Discussion Paper*, that it is important to "reduce threats to caribou, while balancing the needs of all British Columbians, including Indigenous communities, industry and recreation enthusiasts."

We cannot understate the need to balance socioeconomic needs while developing plans to maintain and recover caribou. Forestry, mining, and recreation are important values that must be considered concurrently with the caribou recovery. The Province has advised that it aims to include local governments in developing predictable zonation and thresholds to provide certainty to affected natural resource users.

The RDBN is committed to work with the province to plan natural resource utilization that supports our local communities and minimizes impacts to local caribou herds. Minister Donaldson has committed to involving local governments in the caribou recovery to ensure that local knowledge and priorities are incorporated as we move forward.

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We support the Province's ongoing efforts to compile current and accurate data reflecting caribou use as the most recent updated scientific information, including spatial representation of habitat, as an essential step to achieve the objectives of protecting caribou herds while balancing the socioeconomic impacts and the needs of other species, including moose habitat and predator management.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bill Miller
Chair
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

cc: The Honourable John Horgan, Premier, Province of B.C.
The Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
The Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
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Subject: USA government report on Human trafficking and their focus on local communities to stop it

Importance: High

Dear Mayors, City councillors,
The USA Government just released this TIP report on their anti Human Trafficking work:
https://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/2018/index.htm

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Their theme for this year is a focus on LOCAL COMMUNITIES addressing this crime.
My ASK is that City Councils in BC learn about this pandemic and address it, and ask the Provincial Government to address it as Ontario has.

Please note that Ontario is singled out as a Special Topic of Interest and Example in this report.
British Columbia needs to "step up" to Ontario's example.
Sincerely, Cathy Peters anti-human trafficking educator, speaker, advocate
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