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25. Okanagan Mainline Real Estate Board - media release dated October 17, 2018 - Yes to More Affordable Housing, No to So-Called Speculation Tax

Your Worship and council; thank you for allowing me to speak.

My name is Stig Keskinen and I reside at 6891 46th St. N.E. I have a petition signed by 17 individuals requesting Salmon Arm city council erect 'no parking' signs in the vicinity of the 90 degree corner located at 70th Ave N.E. and 46th St. N.E.. All but one home located on 46th St, had at least one person happily and readily sign the petition. The one home that did not sign is an RCMP officer and does not do petitions.

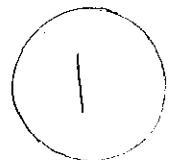
For the uninitiated, it is a blind corner. You cannot see oncoming traffic due to trees on the inside of this corner. When vehicles are parked in the roadway (sometimes both sides) in front of the homes on 70th Ave., the driver has to move into the oncoming lane on this blind corner. If there is a collision as a result of passing a vehicle which is parked on the roadway; it is the driver in the wrong lane who is at fault.

One time I met a vehicle in my lane as they were passing a parked vehicle. I had to move onto a small unpaved portion of the corner in order to avoid a collision. I have dash cam footage of this incident. I have numerous dash cam videos of vehicles parked on or near this corner showing how dangerous this is. I have 5 minutes of examples on a flash drive if you're interested.

With winter upon us, I fear this dangerous situation will become extreme. This corner is situated on a hill and in the winter you need to get a bit of a run to make this corner; especially if the road is not plowed (which is often the case). There was one significant snowfall last year when the road was not plowed for three days.

My wife was coming home from work and could not make the hill and corner because of the deep slushy snow. She managed to back down the hill and called me from the seniors centre. I tried twice myself and could not make it. As I was preparing for a third attempt, I noticed a plow truck coming down Lyman Hill. I flagged him down after he crossed the highway and managed to convince the operator to plow a lane around the corner even though it was not on his assigned route, so I could get home. I hope good things happened to him for his act of kindness.

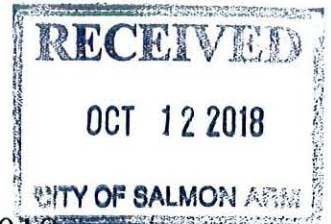
We were fortunate there was no vehicle parked on the corner while we were attempting to navigate the slippery, slushy roadway. But there are no guarantees. That is, unless no parking signs are erected in the vicinity of this dangerous corner. The signs need to be located far enough away from the corner to allow the driver enough time to return to his own lane before entering the corner. I urge your worship and council to look into this matter BEFORE there is an accident. Thank-you, and the residents of 46th St. N.E. look forward to this simple solution to a dangerous situation.



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C. H. DYKE
3690 65TH Ave NW
Salmon Arm, B.C. V1E 3A 5

July 24 2018



To: Our worthy Mayor Nancy Cooper
Once again some reminders she may have forgotten.

Our local newspaper has listed a number of options to remedy the ever tiresome isolation of the crowded northside residents of our fair town, who dwell with some peril with only limited access to their homes. This is caused by the CPR rail tracts which were well established in the 1880s. I noticed that with the possible changes mentioned, our crafty Mayor and Council failed to mention a new bypass route for both rail and #1 highway. Lets try again Madame Mayor.

#1 Separate lanes for all Trucks and semi-trailers along with a few more traffic lights. This plan would hardly help anyone.

#2 An over-head corridor for both trucks and rail to rise on East side, remain high over the city and gradually slope down on the west side. Quite expensive and I doubt that the south side, the CPR or the Feds #1 highway would ever accept to such an involved plan.

#3 The planned design for an underpass would require the complete disruption of Ross St for the public and commercial outlets for up to one year.

#4 Finally the southside with the much larger population may fear they will suffer extra taxation for a problem that they never created. Perhaps we should be checking back with the former mayor, Colin Mayes and Bates Construction who both made a few dollars when they opened up the Northside for development but left access only by way of two flat rail crossing and possibly a few empty promises. We'd all be impressed if they would help finance some of the costs for work that was not completed.

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How ever in favour of a much grander design to overcome many of the above problems, I will take the risk of incurring the heated wrath of our well tempered mayor, and again record my personal views for the valued future of our very pleasant town. Namely a causeway construction for both vehicles and CPR rail complete with a sizeable bridge for double deck boating to cross our shallow bay at possibly Engineers Point, Mallard bay or even a location further south. That's big money for a small town but the 13 Km Confederation bridge to PEI was built at a cost \$800,000 million. We should be able to cross our bay for half the price and I will now mention some of the many advantages that will reduce the costs of this most expensive plan.

1. With a clear run across the bay both CPR and all cargo trucks could barrel through at full speed. Great savings here in time and fuel. The Feds and CPR might even offer a much larger share of expenses for this fast and safer passage clear of the town.
2. The underpass under the tracks would not be necessary with a good saving in funds for the council.
3. Free of heavy traffic there might be a gain for the town in real estate and lake frontage that might lead to larger public parks on the water or improved public swimming.
4. The number of traffic lights in the town could now be reduced and main street Salmon Arm could again be a quiet and pleasant avenue for both shoppers and business. Stores that suffer business losses such as restaurants and gas stations, could be offered a special 5 year tax break to relocate on the new highway.

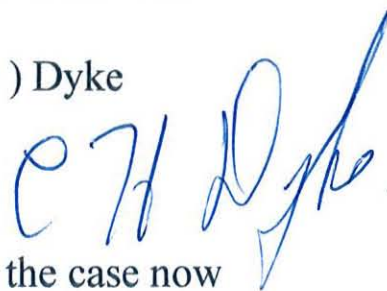
I should also mention that many other towns and cities in both B.C. and Alberta plagued by heavy traffic in their

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town centres, have had to face a relocation of the #1 Highway. This would include big-town cities like Calgary and Winnipeg where they had to build outside ring highways to bypass their busy centers. Also the small towns like Okotoks. High River, Chilliwack, Hope, Kamloops, Banff, and Lake Louise just to name a few.

If you can come up with a real Bypass of Action for our failing city Madame Mayor, you and your council will go down in history as one assembly of fame for your fine foresight and fair administration in tending well for the future of our town.

Wishing you all well, I remain C.H. (Dave) Dyke

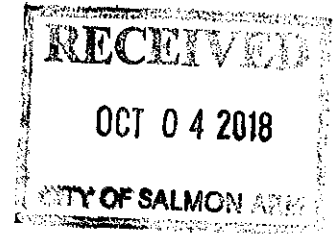


P.S. One further thought now comes to mind. As the case now stands the main street in Salmon Arm is hopelessly overcrowded with the hordes of heavy traffic mainly from Alberta and Vancouver. With some relief for SA the bypass would then handle the main volume of trucks and tracks. With the rebuilding of the Salmon River bridge the town could forgo for now the building of four lanes as proposed on the east and west sides as the crushing traffic would now be down to less than half its present volume. This could now mean a great saving of funds for the Feds who could now move the unused 4 lane sections directly on to the causeway bypass. This change would now favour all parties except as I have mentioned a number of food and gas outlets well established in SA. With the savings on the 4 lanes our Federal partner would be well able to provide some financial assistance to all effected stores for relocating to the new highway.

A big plan for a small town but one well worth considering. and thanks for your reading.

Again regards Dave Dyke

MIKE & LAURIE DEFELICE
30 - 11th Street, S.E.
Salmon Arm, BC
V1E 4J5



October 3, 2018

DELIVERED BY HAND

District of Salmon Arm
P.O. Box 40
Salmon Arm, BC
V1E 4N2

Attention: Mayor Nancy Cooper

Dear Mayor Cooper:

Re: Flooding on 11th Street, S.E., Salmon Arm, BC


I wish to bring to your attention some pictures which were taken during the recent rainfall we had in Salmon Arm on Sunday, September 16, 2018 (attached).

We have **already been flooded in August of 1994**, almost flooded again in July of 1997 and now again in September of 2018 (pictures attached from 1994 and 1997 also). Fortunately, we were home to assist in unplugging the storm drain which, is supposed to be maintained by the City (referencing letter sent to myself by C.R. Ward on December 2, 1997 and attached). You can see from the pictures that no maintenance has been made (as of recent) and resulted in the plugging of this storm drain. Our neighbour, Reta Moerike rushed to assist and she, herself, tried to unplug the unmaintained storm drain which also created an overflow of water running across 11th Street, downstream to homes on the downside. Fortunately, the storm let up and we have since put sand bags around the culvert/drainage area to try to divert future water to protect our property (temporarily).

As the Bayview Development detention pond discharge pipe runs through the middle of my neighbour's yard (which was once Daphne Winters'); creating a flowing creek (memo from Councillor Petch to Mayor – December 17, 1998), which never was prior (now is considered Riperian), leaves our property a water catchment as this culvert (in it's inability) to backflow onto our property.

We wish for proper action be taken by our District to address this drainage problem for us, and for our neighbours, due to the impact of the subdivision above which the run-off, is obviously, inefficient in its present state of drainage.

Your earliest attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Laurie DeFelice
Owners
encls.


Mike DeFelice
Owners

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Sunday, September 16, 2018 - PICTURE #1
Storm Drain (after unplugged) in front of address 210 11th Street, S.E.
Mike DeFelice and Reta Moerike in background



Sunday, September 16, 2018 - PICTURE #2
Our Front Yard from overflow of above picture #1 (30 - 11th Street, S.E.)

our
Sandbags →



Sunday, September 30, 2018 - PICTURE #3
Unmaintained Drain and Culvert 210 11th Street, S.E.)



Sunday, September 30, 2018 - PICTURE #4
Unmaintained Culvert (210 11th Street, S.E.)

TO: Mayor
Administrator
Director of Operations

FROM: Councillor Petch

DATE: December 17, 1998

SUBJECT: DRAINAGE AT 11TH STREET SE (DOUG HUGHES)

I had a conversation with Doug Hughes on December 16, 1998, about the water channel at the side of his house. He looks after the property for Mrs. Winter.

He makes the following comments:

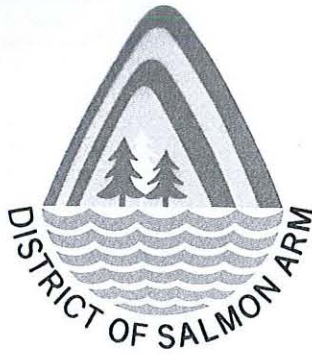
1. There never used to be a flowing creek through his yard. In the summer, it had a tennis court on it. (the culvert was recently put in by the City to address flows)
2. The City had the developer of Bayview Estates build a retention pond to collect the storm water from the Bayview Development. This pond now drains through his property.
3. Several years ago, there was a major storm that flooded the yard, the road and the neighbor's house to the west. This had never happened before.
4. The City never obtained permission from the owner, Daphne Winter, to use the property for drainage.
5. The City has put itself in a vulnerable position if there is ever another flood. He predicts a law suit with a considerable loss of taxpayers money.
6. He has shown this situation to the Mayor. There has been no change in drainage patterns.
7. He wants the City to provide for another drainage channel that does not cross the property that he looks after.
8. I would like to get back to him on this. He is waiting for a reply.

Jane Petch
Councillor

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District of Salmon Arm

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Municipal Hall (250) 832-6021 Fax (250) 832-5584
Development Services Department (250) 832-6096

02 December, 1997

File: property

Laurie DeFelice-Henderson
30 - 11th Street SE
Salmon Arm BC V1E 4N9

Dear Madam:

RE: DRAINAGE CONCERNS

Reference is made to your letter to Mayor Mayes dated 28 July, 1997.

The Engineering Department has reviewed the storm water management plan in this area and I wish to advise that the Public Works Department has made changes to the size of the discharge pipe from the Bayview subdivision detention pond by reducing same from 12"Ø to 8"Ø. I've also requested the Public Works Department to clean and maintain the ditches and culverts along the east side of 11th Street SE.

I'm not aware of any flooding problems in this drainage system since the fall of 1994. (The rainstorms associated with the aforementioned period appear to have exceeded the 1:25 year return storm frequency design parameters established by the municipality)..... these standards are established by weighing the cost of constructing huge, expensive storm sewer systems against the risk and probable damage to property due to flooding..... Salmon Arm's design criteria is higher than a lot of other communities and was amended (i.e. providing increased capacity) from 1:5 to 1:10 in 1990.

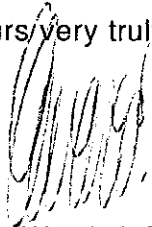
The development of the Bayview subdivision has resulted in a lot of the historical and naturally occurring drainage patterns (i.e. to allow houses to be built) in the area being intercepted by underground storm sewer pipes. This water is now directed, in a concentrated form, to the detention pond (see attached map). The purpose of the pond is to balance peak flows so that the existing downstream systems (i.e. pipes, culverts, ditches, etc.) can handle maximum flows caused by spring snow melt and intense rainfalls. The side affect of intercepting these groundwater sources and balancing is that water flow in the downstream portion of the drainage course is more constant. This could be good or bad depending on your personal views. (We have the opposite affect on

DeFelice-Henderson
02 December, 1997
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another drainage basin in the 10th Street/4th Avenue SE area where the recent installation of storm sewer systems upstream has caused the reduction of water flows..... adjacent property owners were disappointed with this particular change in the environment.)

I trust these actions by the municipality will provide some level of comfort.

Yours very truly,



C.R. Ward, A.Sc.T.
Operations Manager

cc: circulation file
Keith Wahlstrom, Manager Public Works, Utilities & Parks

enclosure

CRW:jc

FILE COPY

LAURIE DEFELICE-HENDERSON
30 - 11th Street, S.E.
Salmon Arm, BC
V1E 4N9

July 28, 1997

District of Salmon Arm
P.O. Box 40
Salmon Arm, BC
V1E 4N2

Attention: Mayor Colin Mayes

Dear Mayor:

RE: Flooding on 11th Street, S.E., Salmon Arm

I wish to bring to your attention some pictures which were taken during the recent rainfall we had in Salmon Arm.

A couple of years ago we had heavy rainfall which caused serious flooding on our street, and it would appear to the residents of our street that this problem has not been adequately attended to, and the flooding will happen again.

Picture #1 illustrates water coming out from the storm drain at 210 11th Street, S.E.

Picture #2 illustrates the height of the water coming out from the 210 11th Street storm drain in alignment with the road.

Picture #3 illustrates the intake storm drain through which the water from 210 11th Street comes from. As you can see the storm drain is totally immersed in water and you can no longer see it.

What the three pictures illustrate is the lack of proper drainage when a serious storm hits. It appears more water is running into our area due to the encroaching development above us.

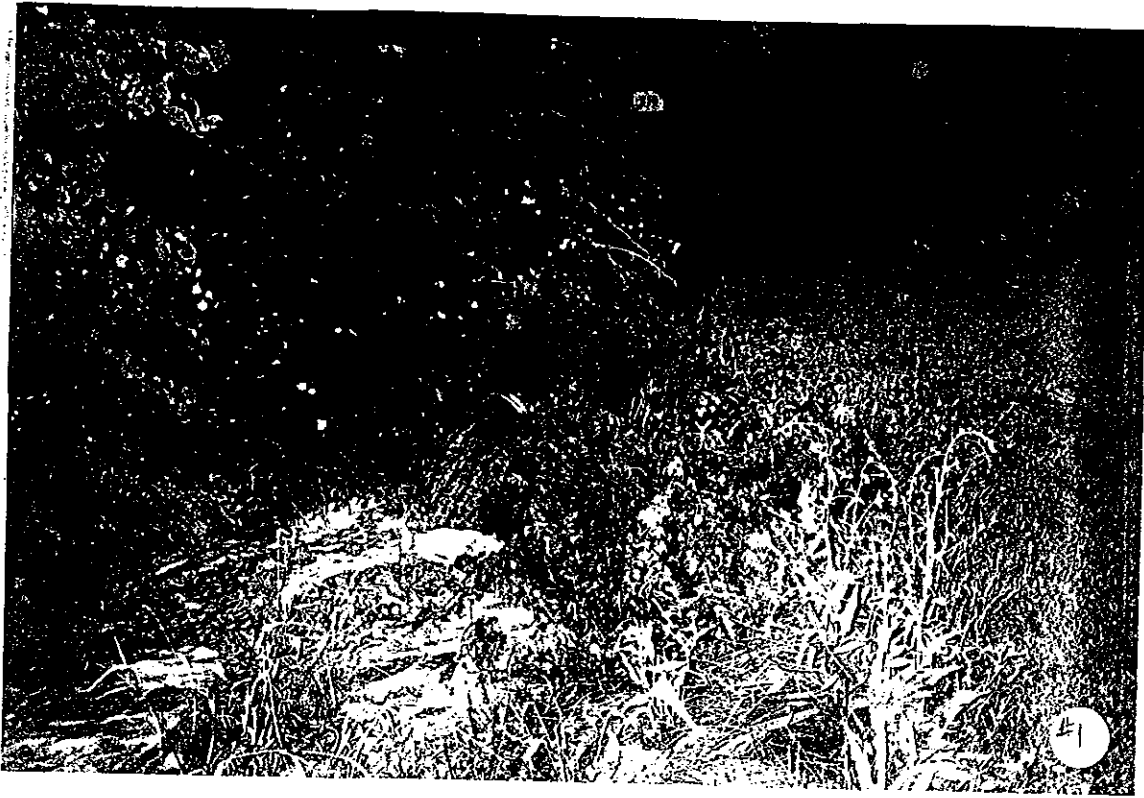
The fact that this water has nowhere to go (picture 3) due to insufficient storm drains, means that my basement, and those of my neighbors, have been flooded and will be again if sufficient action is not taken by the municipality.

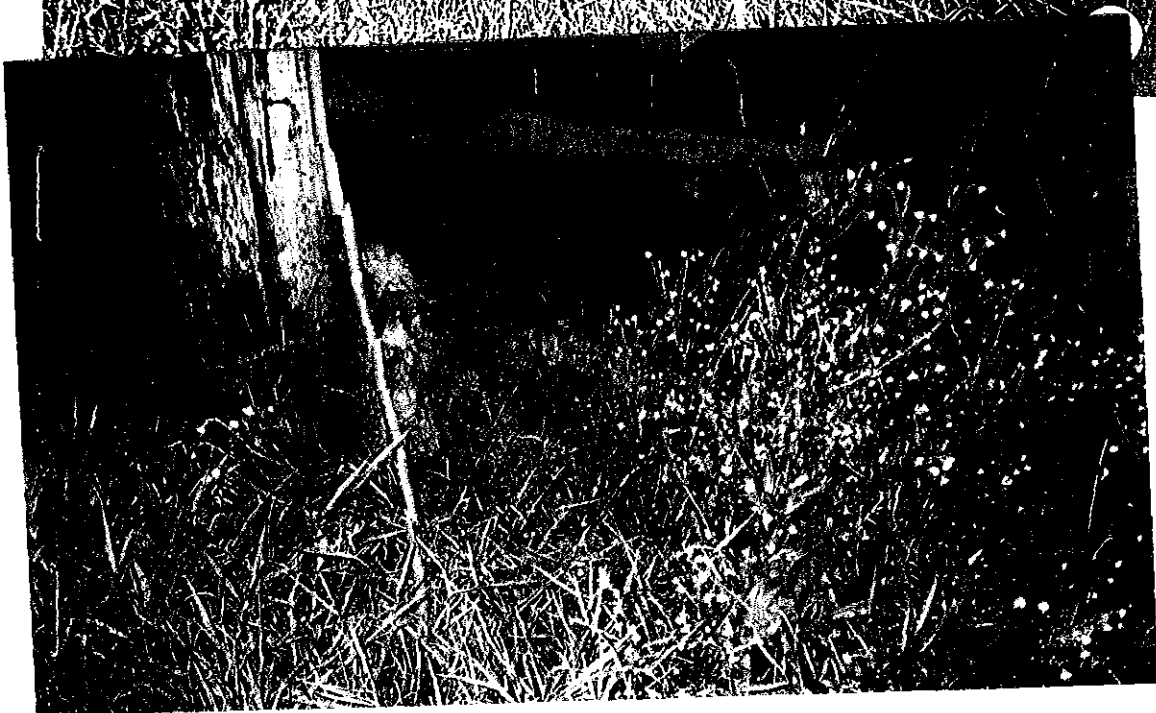
I would appreciate hearing from you or a Municipal Engineer as soon as possible. I think it is important that someone reviews the drainage system in place and the impact of the new subdivision above us, to ensure flooding does not occur again.

With summer thunderstorms and fall approaching, your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,


Laurie DeFelice-Henderson







August 16, 1994
Driveway



August 16, 1994

From: Lori Onsorge [lonsorge@gmail.com]

Sent: October 5, 2018 12:34 PM

To: Nancy Cooper

Subject: FW: Growing list of cities suing the FCC over 5G: New York, Boston, Seattle, Portland etc...

Nancy, This knowledge will be you power over your own health as well as your community. Take time to research! Best wishes, Lori

From: takebackyourpower.activehosted.com@s12.avl3.acemsrc.com

[\[mailto:takebackyourpower.activehosted.com@s12.avl3.acemsrc.com\]](mailto:takebackyourpower.activehosted.com@s12.avl3.acemsrc.com) **On Behalf Of** Josh del Sol Beaulieu

Sent: October 4, 2018 3:49 PM

To: Lori Onsorge

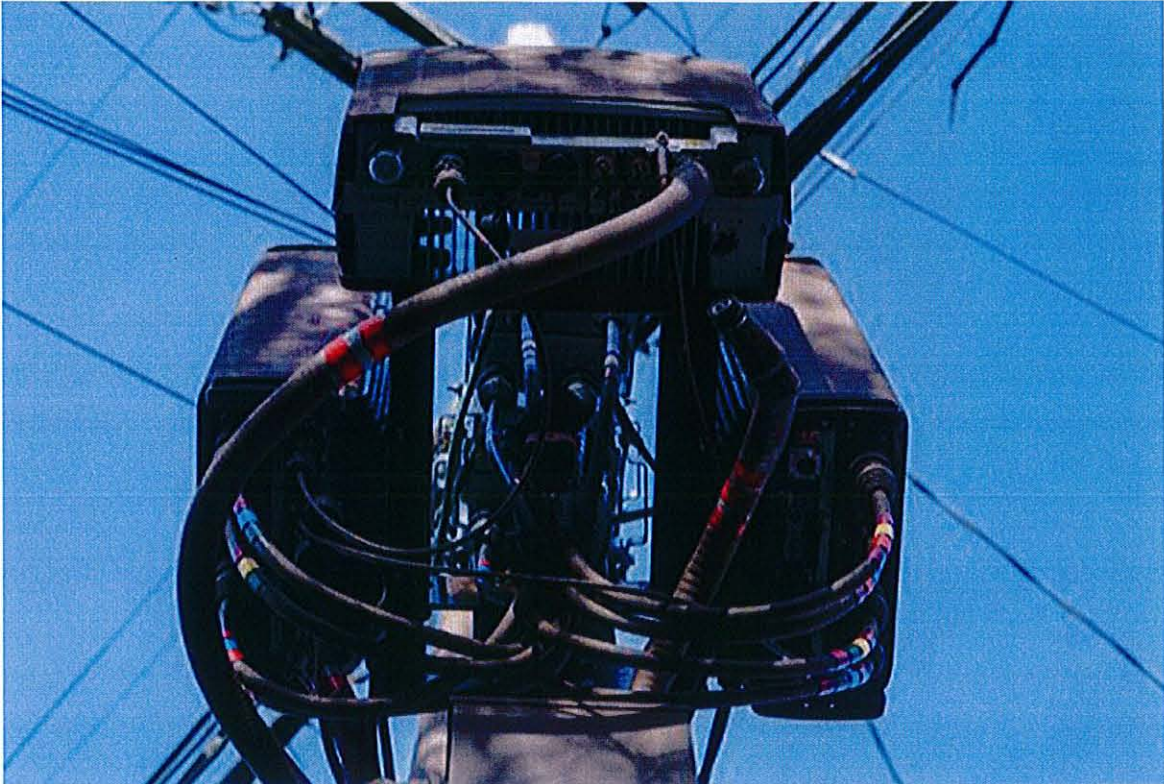
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Featured Advocacy

This call for action is from Rainer Nyberg, Professor Emeritus, Vasa, Finland. I support this action as something we can do with immediate effect, while the next phase of the InPower Notice of Liability process is currently being developed. -JDS

Dear all

ICNIRP is inviting comments on its draft guidelines, to be submitted by 9 October. Professor Emeritus Martin L. Pall has prepared [Comments on the Draft Guidelines](#) (PDF) and we are collecting signatories for a joint submission.

If you are a scientist, MD or well informed about the risks of EMFs, we invite you to support the attached (Comments Draft mGuidelines) submission to ICNIRP. **[Please fill in - by 7 October 2018 - the form here](#)**. (This will enable us to collect responses efficiently. IP addresses will NOT be collected.)

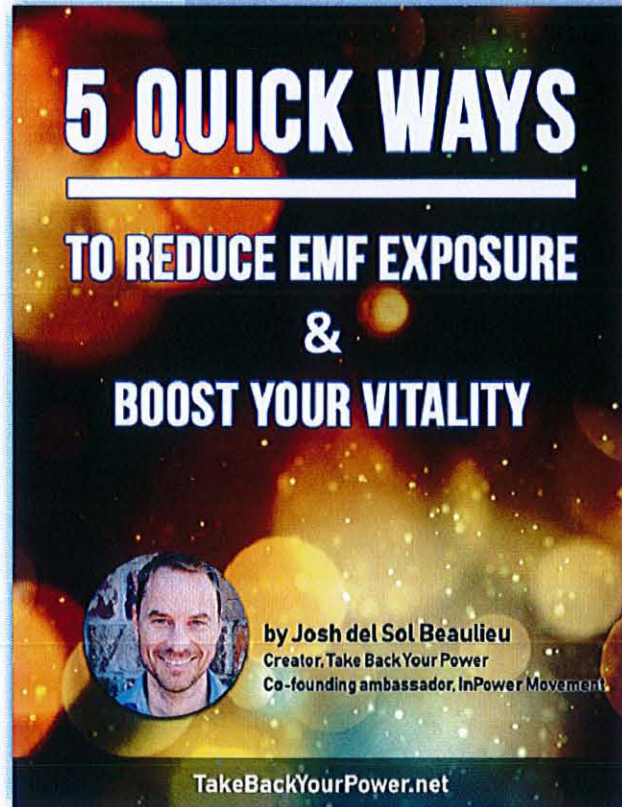
You may alternatively respond, providing the following details, directly by email to: stop5gappeal@protonmail.com by 7 October 2018: Full name, Academic degree(s), Title(s), Affiliation(s), Place of residence, Country

We will send the list of signatories to Professor Emeritus Martin Pall on October 8, for forwarding to ICNIRP to meet the deadline of 9 October.

Thank you in anticipation.

Rainer Nyberg,
EdD, Professor Emeritus
Vasa, Finland
www.5gspaceappeal.org (please also sign this one)

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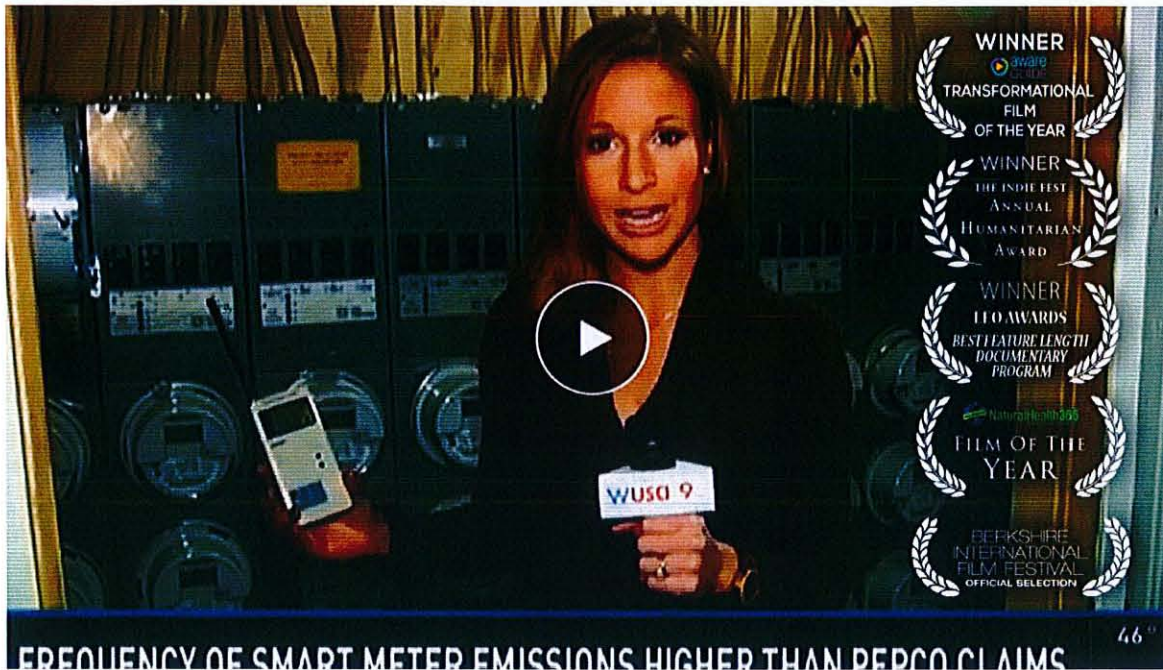


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Barb Puddifant

From: Anne Morris [willae@alumni.uleth.ca]
Sent: October-05-18 10:52 AM
To: Barb Puddifant
Subject: Fwd: Call for Group Endorsements of letters supporting Recommendation 21
Attachments: FM Chrystia Freeland letter on Rec21.pdf; ATT00001.htm; Rec 21 letter to NDDN.pdf; ATT00002.htm; FM Chrystia Freeland letter on Rec21.docx; ATT00003.htm; Rec 21 letter to NDDN.docx; ATT00004.htm

Hi Barb,

Below is my e-mail to Mayor Nancy Cooper and the notice inviting endorsements of letters to Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland urging action to implement Recommendation 21, and to the Chair of the the federal government's Standing Committee on National Defence thanking the Committee for its work in this formulating and advancing this Recommendation (letters attached).

In May, Salmon Arm Council unanimously adopted a resolution urging the Canadian government to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and to work urgently in the international community for a treaty that contains a timetable for the elimination of all nuclear weapons. Recommendation 21 is entirely consistent with that resolution.

The government is preparing to respond imminently to the Recommendation; hence, the deadline for endorsements is 9 am EDT on Tuesday, Oct. 9. Thus a decision needs to be made today as Monday is a holiday.

If the Mayor gives her approval, you could implement the endorsement by contacting Bev Delong, a Calgary lawyer and Chair of the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. E-address: <bevdelong@shaw.ca>

Thanks for your help with this, Barb.

Best wishes,
Anne Morris

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland,
Minister of Foreign Affairs,
125 Sussex Drive,
Ottawa ON K1A 0G2

4 October 2018.

Dear Minister Freeland,

As Chairperson of the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (CNANW) and on behalf of the civil society organizations listed below, I am writing today in regards to Recommendation 21 of the unanimous report¹ on Canada and NATO, tabled by the Standing Committee on National Defence on 18 June 2018. That recommendation reads:

Recommendation 21

That the Government of Canada take a leadership role within NATO in beginning the work necessary for achieving the NATO goal of creating the conditions for a world free of nuclear weapons. That this initiative be undertaken on an urgent basis in view of the increasing threat of nuclear conflict flowing from the renewed risk of nuclear proliferation, the deployment of so-called tactical nuclear weapons, and changes in nuclear doctrines regarding lowering the threshold for first use of nuclear weapons by Russia and the US.

The National Defence Committee has identified a constructive and timely approach for Canada to begin a long-overdue conversation within NATO on how to move away from the nightmare of mutually-assured destruction toward the vision of common, sustainable security grounded in the UN Charter.

As we conveyed in a separate letter to the NDDN Committee Chair, Stephen Fuhr, this pragmatic and forward-looking recommendation also reflects a proud, but too-long neglected, tradition of collaborative parliamentary work in support of Canadian leadership in global efforts for nuclear disarmament.

The ball is now in your court, Madame Minister, to ensure that our government rises to the challenge.

Accordingly, through you, we call upon the Government of Canada to respond positively and promptly to this recommendation, including sharing its vision for realizing this work

¹ Please note that the focus of this letter is only Recommendation 21. We take issue with other aspects of the report, such as the regrettable failure to call for NATO to adopt an unequivocal No First Use of nuclear weapons policy, but that is not the subject of this letter.

within NATO. This could include, in our view, identifying which NATO body should be tasked and which other NATO members Canada might cooperate with in advancing this important and urgent work.

Very sincerely,

Bev DeLong,
Chairperson of CNANW

List of supporting organizations

Canadian Pugwash Group, Chair Paul Meyer
Group of 78, Chair Roy Culpeper
Project Ploughshares, Exec Director Cesar Jaramillo
Rideau Institute, President Peggy Mason
World Federalist Movement – Canada, Exec Director Fergus Watt

Stephen Fuhr Chair,
House of Commons
Standing Committee on National Defence,
Sixth Floor, 131 Queen Street
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Canada

Attention: Stephen Fuhr, Chair
cc. Vice-Chairs James Bezan and Randall Garrison

4 October 2018.

Dear Chairman Fuhr,

In my role as Chairperson of the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (CNANW) and on behalf of the civil society organizations listed below, I wish to congratulate the Standing Committee on National Defence for Recommendation 21 of your report¹ on Canada and NATO, tabled in the House of Commons on 18 June 2018, quoted herewith:

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We have today also written to Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland, encouraging the Government of Canada to respond positively and promptly to the Committee's recommendation including sharing its vision for realizing this work within NATO. This could include, in our view, identifying which NATO body should be tasked and which

¹ Please note that the focus of this letter is only Recommendation 21. We take issue with other aspects of the report, such as the regrettable failure to call for NATO to adopt an unequivocal No First Use of nuclear weapons policy, but that is not the subject of this letter.

other NATO members Canada might cooperate with in advancing this important and urgent work.

Once again, we thank you and the Committee you chair for your important and timely contribution to global efforts, both at the government and non-governmental level, to begin to move us back from the nuclear brink onto the firmer ground of negotiated reductions, mutual confidence building and, ultimately, the realization of verifiable and irreversible nuclear disarmament.

Very sincerely,

Bev DeLong
Chairperson of CNANW

List of Supporting Organizations

Canadian Pugwash Group, Chair Paul Meyer
Group of 78, Chair Roy Culpeper
Project Ploughshares, Exec Director Cesar Jaramillo
Rideau Institute, President Peggy Mason
World Federalist Movement – Canada, Exec Director Fergus Watt

The highway corridor in Salmon Arm, observations and suggestions-

I have lived here 28 years, I ride my bike, walk and drive. I am a retired physiotherapist. I feel the safety issues center around the highway corridor NOT the rail crossing!

- The crossing times for pedestrians is NOT long enough, consider those using a walker, cane or crutches
- Advanced left turn signals at EVERY intersection travelling east and west, north and south would improve pedestrian safety as well as improving the flow. This is not only for the highway but also the intersections with lights that cross the highway. Many times the traffic is backed up over 1 full block on the Ross street crossing.
- If the lights were timed through the downtown so that the trucks could hit all the lights green they would maintain the safe speed that would enable them to get through without stopping. This has been done in downtown Calgary.
- Eliminate one set of traffic lights
- Perhaps put in a pedestrian overpass
- Advance left turn signal on TCH turning onto hwy 97 at the east end of town
- Many of the intersections in the city need sight lines improved, mostly due to vegetation. One particularly dangerous one is the crossing for pedestrians at the uptown Tim Hortons
- Please no more 4 way stops! Assess the value of some of them, eg the 3 way stop at the art gallery, the 4 way stop up from the United Church, the new one at 10th and Shuswap Ave (the "cork screw hill" is closed for 5 months of the year!), Kal tire location.
- Turns into businesses that are too close to busy intersections, eg Tim Hortons uptown, Co-op gas, the ford dealership entrance on Ross St, the Barley Station to name a few. These cause the traffic to back up into the intersection.
- More sidewalks that provide a continuous and safe walking route

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Jeanetta Zorn
gjzorn@shaw.ca

From: patricia white [<mailto:pwhite.red@gmail.com>]

Sent: October-03-18 10:13 PM

To: Jay Simpson; David Lepsoe

Cc: Angela Simpson; Nancy Cooper; Livia; sharon Noble; Oona McOuat; March Hutchinson; Kathi Cooperman; nancy parkinson; Kerry Barnhardt

Subject: Fwd: Public Health SOS: The Shadow...

This issue is being completely ignored by most of the candidates in the Shuswap area as well as the PAC members. Why? Because that is the way the Federal Government wants it; that is the way the pharmaceutical industry wants it, and that is the way the Telecom Industry wants it.

But it is deadly serious and a little research demonstrates just how serious this issue is. Once cell towers are put up in an area it is practically impossible to get them de-commissioned or removed. So the 'smart' thing to do re: 'smart cities' is not to allow them in the first place.

There are countless scientific studies available now proving the hazards of all wireless technology. Children are particularly vulnerable yet they have no protection in most homes, buses they ride in, or schools. Many private schools do not allow this. Parents groups in several areas are taking action like removing their children from the school until the technology is changed to the faster, safe hard wired systems available. Those of us who have done our research no longer have any wireless equipment in our homes; including 'smart meters' which were 'deployed' by BC Hydro without public consultation; using false information to convince people they are not only safe but would provide cheaper electricity which simply is not true.

I really hope my message hits home enough to motivate you to do some research and find out what many of us already know - and then take appropriate action to protect our communities by not permitting the new '5G' microcell technology to bring more compromise to so many of us already struggling with the so-called 'emerging illnesses'. It is a well known fact today how many 'special needs' children are in our classrooms yet people remain unaware of the biggest cause of this which is radiation weakening them day and night.

Please share this with as many concerned citizens and parents as you can. If we do not start taking care of our Air, Land and Water the next generation will be facing health problems, diseases we can't even imagine. Here in the Shuswap we are blessed with a relatively clean environment - and we have a choice today to protect it or continue destroying it by relying on industry funded 'scientists' or lobby groups whose only concern is money money money.



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To: ruth McLaren <rdconnections@telus.net>, patricia white <pwhite.red@gmail.com>, Livia <redliv50@koronko.com>, sharon Noble <dsnoble@shaw.ca>

Sounds like word is getting out, if even Amazon has these many books on the topic!

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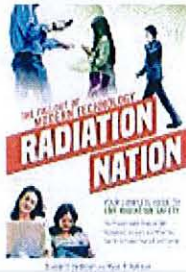


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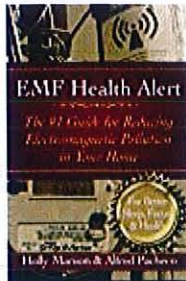


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From: Sheila Pratt [mailto:shpr@vcn.bc.ca]
Sent: October-08-18 9:16 PM
To: jay@thelake.ca; david.lepsoe@chasebc.ca
Cc: leecreekshepherd@gmail.com; Nancy Cooper
Subject: re: Fwd: Public Health SOS: The Shadow...

Dear Jay and David,

I would like to add to the letter Patricia sent you:

Do you know that fire halls in California are exempt from having to have small cell towers on or near their buildings. (<http://scientists4wiredtech.com/2018/07/firefighters-living-next-to-cell-towers-suffer-neurological-damage/>)

An interesting quote:

“Also in 2004, I co-authored Resolution 15 which was passed overwhelmingly ... urging a moratorium on the placement of cell towers on fire stations in the US and Canada.”

Please note that objection to cell towers on fire halls included fire halls in Canada.

In California, the Senate Bill 649 was passed, adding Section 65964.2 to the Government Code, relating to telecommunications. Section 2 (3) reads (https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB649):

65964.2.

(a) A small cell shall be a permitted use subject only to a permitting process adopted by a city or county pursuant to subdivision (b) if it satisfies the following requirements:

...

(3) The small cell is not located on a fire department facility.

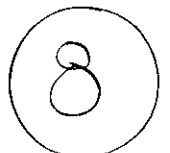
One MUST wonder why fire halls are exempted. I think if you explore both the science (provided by independent scientists, not industry supported science) and the politics (and economics) of the wireless issue, you may begin to question the safety of this technology and the wisdom of having the Precautionary Principle apply (when an activity or product raises threats of harm to human health or the environment, precautionary measures should be taken even if some cause-and-effect relationships are not fully established scientifically).

One must also wonder why Lloyd's of London will not cover any losses related to wireless technologies.

Please remember how “tobacco science” works. Not only did the industry buy the “scientific” results it wanted, but everyone who smoked not die, and disease took years and years to become apparent!

I'm hoping you've read this, and if you have, I thank you for having done so.

Sincerely,
Sheila Pratt
Maple Ridge



To Mayor Cooper and City Council

October 10 2018

Firstly, we would like to thank the City for erecting vastly improved signage for that part of 10th. Ave. S.E. , commonly known as Shoemaker Hill in an attempt to curb heavy trucks from using this route.

However, without enforcement, this signage has had no effect. The most recent incident of an overloaded asphalt truck that lost his brakes is a prime example. Had that truck not split a front tire which caused it to roll over, this vehicle would have become a missile that would have caused mayhem to either any vehicle travelling up the hill or a unit at Valley Vista as it would surely not have made the hair-pin corner at the bottom of the hill.

The days after this incident saw a continuing stream of heavy vehicles going up and down this route. These vehicles (which have been photographed) include bulk carriers for Superior Propane, Co-Op fuel supply trucks as well as numerous 53' semi trailers, the latter of which can often be heard sounding their air horns as the drivers recognize the peril of their choice.

Do we no longer have the right to feel comfortable or safe sitting in our back yard or our work place as you do?

There is much talk of the "Catastrophic incident"that might occur if the City does not provide an underpass to access the foreshore. We feel the potential for catastrophe is far greater on Shoemaker Hill.

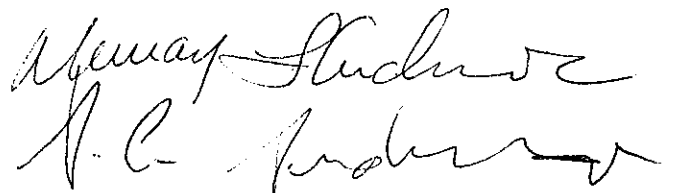
We have heard talk of construction of a road to bypass Shoemaker Hill, a road that could remain open year round to accomadate the increasing traffic flow from the rapid development of vhousing in the upper areas of the City. We feel this road would be a far more useful expenditure for the majority of residents of Salmon Arm.

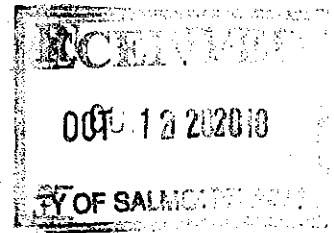
We would of course appreciate your comments.

Respectfully,

Murray and Annette Anderson

261 10th. Ave. S.E. Salmon Arm B.C.

Handwritten signatures of Murray and Annette Anderson in black ink.



Oct. 10/2018

City of Salmon Arm

Re: Christmas Lighting

On behalf of the businesses and residents along Harbourfront Dr. from Marine Dr. to Beatty Ave. , I would like to request that Christmas lighting be installed on the light standards in this area.

I have been told that only the down town core qualifies for this lighting but I am unsure what area is considered to be within the down town core as 10th St. SW past Picadilly Mall to 10th Ave. SW. seems to have met these qualifications.

Also, Harbourfront Dr. did at one time have Christmas lighting, and the light standards are already wired for this purpose.

This area is growing rapidly with businesses and residences and becoming a popular destination area not only in the summer but throughout the holiday season as well.

I believe we should be included in the light up area for the Christmas season.

Ron Clark
46 111 Harbourfront Dr. NW
Salmon Arm, B.C.

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From: Nicole N [ndmn81@hotmail.com]

Sent: October 12, 2018 5:36 PM

To: Kathy Frese; Jason Chernoff; Chad Eliason; Kevin Flynn; Alan Harrison; Ken Jamieson; Tim Lavery; Louise Wallace-Richmond; Nancy Cooper; Debra McDonald; staasmail@gmail.com

Subject: RE: Shuswap Trailrider Adaptive Adventure Society Revised Letter of Request to City of Salmon Arm

Hello,

Please see attached letter from myself, Nicole Norrish, to you all at City of Salmon Arm information and request for storage space for adaptive equipment that will allow individuals with mobility issues within our communities access to our amazing outdoors. This equipment has been acquired through fundraising efforts over the last few years, and is free to those who would like to use it. If possible we ask for a donation from users to cover the costs, but only if they can afford it.

I would appreciate you taking the time to read our revised letter, and advise either way if accommodating space to store these at the Canoe beach is something the City of Salmon Arm could do.

Thank you for your time,

Nicole Norrish
250-804-4915
STAAS Volunteer





shuswap Trailrider
Adventure

STAAS@gmail.com

Adaptive Adventure Society

Dear Salmon Arm,

This is a revision of a letter previously sent to all members of city council for review. Thank you to Louise Wallace-Richmond for coming out to one of our events and getting the ball rolling with us on this. However we have realized that the solution we thought that may have worked won't work.

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 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.)

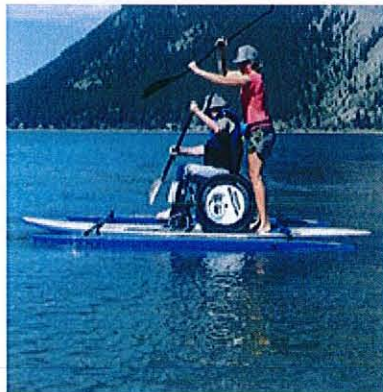
SandRider Beach Chair



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



Shuswap Trailrider
Shuswap Trailrider

STAAS@gmail.com

Adaptive Adventure Society

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 20' 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? We have looked at the Shuswap rowing club compound and after serious consideration have considered this not to be an option for our equipment, it is expensive and needs to be kept inside. We are also considering the idea of being able to employ a student for the summer, however need to carefully consider this.

These TrailRiders and the beach chair are an excellent tool for those in wheelchairs, seniors 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.

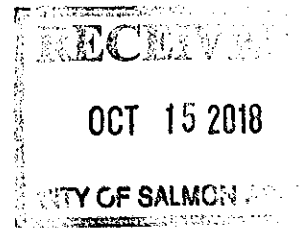
I thank you very much for taking the time to read this and consider what we are asking. Please understand, that any additional costs, requires more fundraising on top of what we already have to do.

Accessibility should be for all!

#shuswaptrailrider

Thank you for your time,

Nicole Norrish
STAAS Volunteer
250-804-4915



Dear Council Members,

I am hoping that you will support my idea to beautify the tunnel that is by Yan's Kitchen. At present it is not decorated at all. I would like to (in the Spring, since it's getting too late to do it this year) paint it with my art students at Jackson as a day project. It may be possible to involve both Chris Shielke's students and/or my Art Club as well.

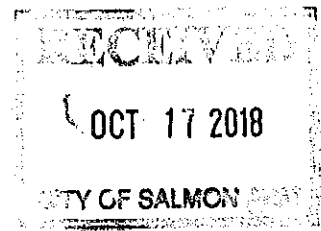
I have had great success with this project in the tunnel across from the school. Vandalism has been at a minimum, in fact, almost non-existent. Since last fall I have only had to do a few touch-ups and there has been absolutely none this summer. I regularly check it and we paint new images in the areas that need cleaning up. It is an effective way to deter vandalism as well as create a welcoming and aesthetically pleasing space.

I have had lots of positive feedback from many members of the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Elaine Holmes
250 253 2953

October 15, 2016



Mayor and Council Members,
City of Salmon Arm,
Council Chambers,
Salmon Arm. BC

Attention Road and Sidewalk Maintenance

Since moving to the downtown area, I have been able to walk to most places. I have noticed that the sidewalk on the south side of 1st Street, SW (opposite the Catholic Church) is in dire need of repair. Many senior citizens navigate this area, some in wheelchairs and some with walkers.

I draw this to your attention in the hope that you will carry out the necessary repairs in the near future.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Sinhuber".

Mary Sinhuber
#8 Alcide Place,
51 8th Avenue SW
Salmon Arm, BC.
V1E 3L9

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www.salmonarmcitizenspatrol.ca

Mayor & Council
City of Salmon Arm
500 – 2nd Ave NE
Salmon Arm, BC, V1E4N2

September 28, 2018

SACP 2019 Grant-in-Aid Request

We thank the Mayor and Council for their past endorsement and respectfully request Salmon Arm City Council for a grant-in-aid of \$5000 for the year 2019.

As you are aware, our main functions are to act as 'extra eyes and ears' for the RCMP, support ICBC and assist the City of Salmon Arm with many community events.

So far this calendar year, SACP has assisted Salmon Arm by completing 78 regular weekend patrols covering over 3,100 km of city streets. During the spring and summer SACP conducted 23 Speed Watch patrols in critical areas such as School Zones in addition to those suggested by our RCMP detachment.

We have assisted the City by volunteering at 9 events ie. CP Holiday Train – Coldest Night of the Year – Dry Grad – Canada Day – Roots and Blues – Fall Fair – Friendship Day – Spooktacular – and Treat Trail.

We have assisted the RCMP by scanning 18,298 potentially stolen licence plates and assisted ICBC and the citizens of Salmon Arm by issuing 436 Crime Prevention Notices.

Funds granted to SACP by the City of Salmon Arm allow us to upgrade equipment and continue to serve our Community for the betterment of all.

Sincerely



Paula Weir
SACP President
250-832-5046

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From: Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX [mailto:Rhea.Kuharic@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2018 2:03 PM

To: Caylee Simmons

Subject: Letter from the Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development

Ref: 239103

Her Worship Mayor Nancy Cooper and Council

City of Salmon Arm

E-mail: cityhall@salmonarm.ca

Dear Mayor Cooper and Council:

As Minister of Children and Family Development, I am honoured and delighted to once again proclaim October as Foster Family Month in British Columbia. It is the month that we acknowledge and celebrate foster caregivers for their invaluable support and commitment to children and youth placed in their care.

Foster Family Month is a marvelous opportunity to show our appreciation and thank caregivers for their incredible kindness and generosity in sharing their homes and their lives with vulnerable children and youth in care.

Since commencing my role as Minister, I have had the opportunity to travel around the province and meet with many amazing foster caregivers, as well as former and current children and youth in care. I have been continually struck by the strength of character and depth of commitment in these caregivers. They undertake heroic work which often goes unrecognized, and I invite you to help ensure these families know their work is appreciated.

The Ministry of Children and Family Development and Delegated Aboriginal Agencies provide supports and services for approximately 6,500 children and youth in care across British Columbia. Government relies on foster caregivers to provide day-to-day stability, care and support to these young people.

I encourage you to get involved – take time to host, celebrate, and participate in Foster Family Month appreciation events in your community. Please join me in recognizing the important role of foster caregivers. Extend a heartfelt thank you, express your gratitude, and acknowledge and recognize the commitment and hard work of these remarkable individuals, and their families.

A new provincial recruitment campaign was launched on October 1, 2018, and will conclude March 31, 2019. In combination with regional recruitment events, the provincial foster caregivers' recruitment campaign ensures that the ministry continues to support a vibrant and growing community of foster caregivers to meet the needs of British Columbia's children and youth in care into the future.

The campaign consists of social and digital media, radio public service announcements, and a new, streamlined Web site, FosterNow.ca, with a direct recruitment focus. The messaging emphasizes success stories of real foster families and former youth in care and how foster caregivers have supported young people to achieve their full potential.

On behalf of the Government of British Columbia, thank you for your continued recognition and support of foster caregivers in your community who care for this province's children and youth in care.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

Katrine Conroy

Minister of Children and Family Development

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October 4, 2018

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

Dear Mayor and Council:

The Province will be able to issue licences for the retail sale of non-medical cannabis on or after October 17, 2018, and we are currently in the process of assessing the applications that have been submitted to us.

Our consultations with local governments indicated you wanted to ensure that the needs of your communities were considered as part of the licensing process. We would like to take this opportunity to explain the important role local governments have in cannabis licensing.

It will be up to each municipality to determine if and where non-medical cannabis can be sold, and whether it is sold in private or government stores, or a mixture of both.

Once an application is received by the provincial government and it is deemed to contain the required information, the Province will notify the respective local government of the area where the proposed store is located.

Upon receipt of notice, local governments can:

- choose not to make any recommendation in respect of the application for a cannabis retail store licence (Note: this would end a licence application in progress because the Province cannot issue a licence unless the local government gives a positive recommendation that the licence be issued)
- choose to make comments and recommendations in respect of an application for a cannabis retail store licence.

If the local government makes a recommendation to deny the application then the Province may not issue the licence, and if a recommendation in favour of the application is made, then the Province has discretion whether or not to issue the licence, but must consider the local government's recommendation in the decision whether to issue a licence.

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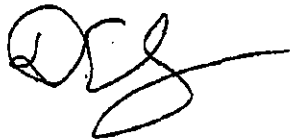
The Province will notify local governments about applications in the order that they are confirmed as complete. This ensures that you will have all the information you need to begin your process of making a recommendation.

We would also like to remind local governments that they may delegate the recommendation decision to staff.

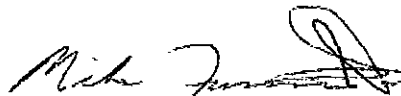
We invite you to review the enclosed Local Government's Role in Licensing Cannabis Retail Stores for detailed information that will help you navigate the recommendation process. If after reviewing this information you have any questions, please email Cannabis.Licensing@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you for your consideration in this important new process.

Yours truly,



David Eby, QC
Attorney General



Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety
and Solicitor General

Enclosure

pc: Chief Administrative Officer



Local Governments' Role in Licensing Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Stores

If you have any questions about this document, please contact the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch toll-free at 1-866 209-2111, or email cannabisregs@gov.bc.ca. NOTE: This document will be updated from time to time as additional information surrounding the regulatory framework for cannabis retail sales becomes available. (Last updated 28 September, 2018)

Non-medical cannabis retail licence

The province will be issuing licences for non-medical cannabis retail stores. A cannabis retail store must be a standalone business. This licence requires input and a positive recommendation from a local government in whose area the proposed store is located.

The province recognizes the importance of ensuring carefully regulated access to non-medical cannabis in all areas of the province, including rural areas.

As a first step, the province will open opportunities to apply for regular retail licences. Once the regional distribution of retail non-medical cannabis stores is known, the province will consider issuing licences to service rural or remote areas that are not sufficiently served by existing retail cannabis stores.

The role of local governments in the cannabis retail store licensing process

Applicants for a non-medical cannabis retail store licence must submit a licence application to the LCRB. When an application is received, the LCRB will notify the local government of the area where the proposed store will be located.

Upon receipt of notice, local governments can:

- choose not to make any recommendation in respect of the application for a cannabis retail store licence (Note: this would end a licence application in progress because the LCRB cannot issue a licence unless the local government gives the LCRB a positive recommendation that the licence be issue)
- choose to make comments and recommendations in respect of an application for a cannabis retail store licence. Note that:
 - if the local government chooses to make a comments and recommendation on the licensee's application to the LCRB, it must gather the views of residents
 - if it makes a recommendation to deny the application then the LCRB may not issue the licence
 - if it makes a recommendation in favour of the application, then the LCRB has discretion whether or not to issue the licence, but must consider the local government's recommendation.

Local Governments (municipalities, regional districts or Islands Trust local trust committees) have some or all of the following regulatory powers in respect of cannabis retail store licences:

- Impose restrictions in its zoning bylaws regarding the location of cannabis retail stores
- Regulation of business (municipalities only): by terms and conditions in its business licensing bylaw, a municipality may limit the hours that cannabis retail stores can operate or impose other conditions such specifications regarding signage
- Charge the applicant fees if choosing to assess an application.

The above process applies to all relocations of existing cannabis retail stores.

Gathering residents' views

If the local government decides to consider the notice of application and to provide comments and recommendations as to the location of the proposed retail store, it must gather the views of residents of the area if the location of the proposed store may affect nearby residents. It may gather resident's views by using one or more of the following methods:

- Receiving written comment in response to a public notice of the application
- Conducting a public hearing in respect of the application
- Holding a referendum, or
- Using another method the local government considers appropriate.

It is up to the local government to determine the area, relative to the licensee's application, where resident's views must be gathered.

Please note: Gathering the views of residents of the area/providing a recommendation to the LCRB must be unique to each provincial licence application. In other words, past recommendations cannot be used in a new licensing process. Each individual application must be considered separately by the local government.

What must the local government's recommendation include?

The recommendations and comments the local government provides to the LCRB must:

- be in writing (this may or may not be in the form of a resolution)
- show that the local government has considered the location of the proposed store
- include the views of the local government on the general impact on the community if the application is approved
- include the views of residents if the local government has gathered residents' views, and a description of how they were gathered
- include the local government's recommendation as to whether the application should be approved or rejected and provide the reasons upon which the recommendation is based.

The local government should also provide any supporting documents referenced in their comments.

What if the local government does not want to provide a recommendation?

If a local government does not want to accept the notice of application and provide a recommendation for the proposed retail location, they should notify the LCRB. A licence for a cannabis retail store will not be issued without a positive recommendation from a local government. If a response is not received, LCRB will not consider the application any further.

What if the recommendation does not meet the regulatory requirements?

If the recommendation does not meet the regulatory requirements, the LCRB will ask the local government to provide new or amended comments that address outstanding issues.

How long does the local government have to provide comments?

Unlike in the process for liquor licensing, local governments are not required to provide a recommendation on a cannabis retail store application within a specific time period. Please note that delays in the application process can have a significant impact on the applicant. If the applicant is the reason for the delay, please notify the LCRB. If the applicant is not trying to move an application forward, the application can be cancelled.

Can the local government recommend approval subject to certain conditions?

In some circumstances, the local government can recommend that the LCRB approve the application as long as certain restrictions (e.g. hours of operation) are placed on the licence. In these situations, the recommendation should clearly explain the rationale for placing restrictions.

If the local government intends to request that the LCRB impose terms and conditions on a licence, prior to sending such a recommendation the local government should consult with the LCRB so that the LCRB can determine whether it has the authority to impose the requested terms and conditions before finalizing their conditional recommendation.

The local government may also have the ability to impose other operating rules on the proposed store through the terms and conditions of the applicant's business licence, zoning or bylaw. The local government is responsible for enforcing these rules.

Floor Plans

Applicants must submit a floor plan with their licence application for approval so the LCRB can identify store features such as sales, storage and delivery areas. Unlike for some kinds of liquor licence applications, local governments are not required to provide occupant load stamps or approve the applicant's floor plans as part of the provincial licensing process for cannabis retail stores.

A municipal council or regional district board can delegate authority to their staff to provide comments and a recommendation to the LCRB

A municipal council or regional district board may delegate its powers and duties to provide comments and a recommendation to the LCRB regarding a cannabis retail store licence application. If a council or board has delegated this authority, a cannabis retail store applicant may ask for comments and recommendations made by delegated staff to be reconsidered by the local government.

Council as defined in the Vancouver Charter:

A Council, as defined in the *Vancouver Charter*, choosing to delegate to its staff must establish procedures for a reconsideration of comments and recommendations made by delegated staff, including how a cannabis retail store applicant may apply for reconsideration. In undertaking a reconsideration, the Council will have the same authority as it delegated to staff.

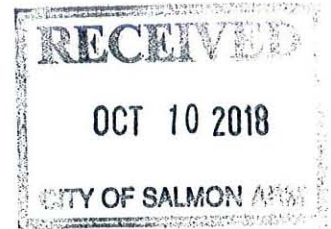
Right of reconsideration:

Delegated local government staff must advise the cannabis retail store licence applicant that the applicant has the right of reconsideration of the staff's recommendation by the council or board.

How local governments inform the LCRB of delegation:

A local government that has delegated authority to staff should send a copy of the delegation to the LCRB at Cannabis.Licensing@gov.bc.ca.

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Ref: 142853

Her Worship Mayor Nancy Cooper
City of Salmon Arm
Box 40
500 – 2 Avenue NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

Dear Mayor Cooper:

It was a pleasure to meet with your delegation at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Annual Convention (UBCM). The UBCM Convention provides a great opportunity to discuss issues of significance to your community.

We are committed to building a strong, sustainable, innovative economy that works for all British Columbians. The Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology does this by ensuring that technology and innovation benefits are felt around the province by working with rural and northern communities; investing in infrastructure; and, advocating, protecting and advancing British Columbia's (BC) interests in trade negotiations and disputes.

I would like to commend Salmon Arm's Innovation Centre as a hub for economic development in the region. By providing support and services to new and existing businesses, Salmon Arm is well positioned for growth in the technology sector. I look forward to working with our Innovation Commissioner's office to find a time where we can tour the Salmon Arm Innovation Centre and have a first-hand look at the positive work that is being done. My office can be contacted at: JTT.Minister@gov.bc.ca or by telephone at 250 356-2771.

Thank you again for meeting. I appreciate your dedication and commitment to help grow BC's economy.

Sincerely,

Bruce Ralston
Minister



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Her Worship
Mayor Nancy Cooper
City of Salmon Arm
500 2 Avenue NE
Salmon Arm BC V1E 4N2

Reference: 279876

Dear Mayor Cooper,

Re: Thank you for meeting at UBCM 2018

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me at the recent Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in Whistler. I was glad to have the opportunity to discuss the status of the Highway 1-Salmon Arm West project, and your safety concerns about the intersection of Highway 97B and 10 Avenue.

The yearly UBCM gathering is a pivotal opportunity for us to come together with local leaders and look at how we can foster positive partnerships and innovative solutions to meet the transportation needs of people around the province. I am always impressed by the outstanding level of passion and dedication shown by elected representatives like yourself, who go above and beyond to make a positive impact in their communities.

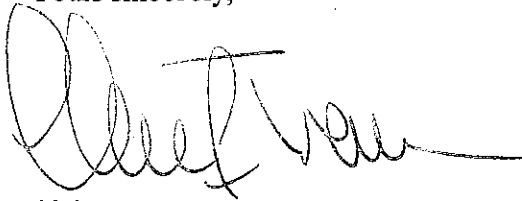
I know we share the goal of ensuring British Columbians have access to the transportation infrastructure and services they rely on to support economic growth and social development within their communities. By continuing to work together, I am confident we can succeed in delivering the improvements people want and continuing to uphold our commitment to transportation excellence.

As we discussed, ministry staff are working on a safety assessment and will be meeting shortly with City staff to discuss options. If you have further questions or concerns in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact District Manager Steve Sirett directly by telephone at 250 712-3666 or by email at Steve.Sirett@gov.bc.ca, as he would be pleased to assist you.

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Thank you again for taking the time to meet with me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Claire Trevena', written in a cursive style.

Claire Trevena
Minister

Copy to: Grant Main, Deputy Minister

Kevin Richter, Assistant Deputy Minister
Highways Department

Mike Lorimer, Executive Director
Southern Interior Region

Steve Sirett, District Manager
Okanagan Shuswap District

From: Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX [mailto:SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: October-12-18 2:08 PM

To: Nancy Cooper

Subject: 196655 Cooper SDPR Response

Ref: 196655

Her Worship Mayor Nancy Cooper
and Councillors
City of Salmon Arm
ncooper@salmonarm.ca

Dear Mayor Cooper and Council:

Thank you for our meeting at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities convention. I am encouraged by our common goals of continuing to reduce poverty and increase affordability in British Columbia.

I appreciated hearing about the growth the City of Salmon Arm has experienced over the past year and some of the effects your city is now feeling because of that growth. It was great to hear that you and your council want to take a collaborative and compassionate approach to social issues, such as panhandling.

As you know, our government is committed to developing BC's first poverty reduction strategy, supported through targets and timelines. To that end, I introduced the *Poverty Reduction Strategy Act* on October 2, 2018, and following Budget 2019, BC's first poverty reduction strategy will be released. You can read about the legislation here:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018SDPR0051-001912>.

We also had the opportunity to discuss our collaborative work with the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to develop a homelessness action plan. We completed a Provincial Homelessness Count earlier this year and have consulted with other provinces and jurisdictions around the world. All three ministries are continuing to work closely and further updates on this initiative should be available before the end of 2018.

I would also like to re-iterate my commitment to you of dedicating a Virtual Outreach worker from Terrace, BC to work closely with the agencies in Salmon Arm, with the goal of linking Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction supports to your local agencies that need them. Nancy Benzer-Ross is now in this position and agencies can reach her through her direct line at 250-638-6574.

Thank you again for meeting. I look forward to our continued partnership and would love to meet with you again on my next visit to the Salmon Arm area.

Sincerely,

Shane Simpson
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

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October 9, 2018

Ref: 241519

Her Worship Mayor Nancy Cooper
and Members of Council
City of Salmon Arm
Box 40
Salmon Arm BC V1E 4N2

Dear Mayor Cooper and Councillors:

As Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to your delegation for meeting with me, together with Jacqueline Dawes, Deputy Minister, and ministry staff at the 2018 UBCM Convention. I truly appreciate and value these meetings with community delegates to learn more about the successes and challenges facing your community.

You may also have had meetings with my Cabinet colleagues. The information gathered during these conversations is invaluable to our government as we continue to work together to make life better for everyone in British Columbia. This means working hard to make life more affordable, to improve the services you count on and to build a strong, sustainable economy. The problems facing British Columbians did not appear overnight and they will not be fixed overnight, but by learning about your communities and the challenges you face, we are setting the stage to keep working together on the issues that matter.

A follow-up letter will be prepared and sent in October to capture the content of our specific meeting and to provide additional information for items discussed that required further action. I trust this will be helpful for your council/board as they form once the local elections are completed on October 20th.

I hope you agree that it was a very productive UBCM Convention. Again, I thank you for taking the opportunity to meet with ministry staff and me, and I look forward to continuing our partnership, based on communication, collaboration and cooperation, in the following year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Selina Robinson".

Selina Robinson
Minister

pc: Carl Bannister, Chief Administrative Officer

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October 17, 2018

Ref: 205017

Her Worship Nancy Cooper
Mayor of Salmon Arm
Email: ncooper@salmonarm.ca

Dear Mayor Cooper:

I am writing to thank you for meeting with me at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention on September 11, 2018.

I am encouraged by the success of our meeting at this year's convention, themed *Communication, Collaboration, Cooperation*. With a multitude of community leaders in attendance, local governments came together to build new partnerships and collaborate on innovative approaches to solve the increasingly complex issues faced by all communities.

I appreciate you sharing your concern regarding the changes in the community of Salmon Arm and the impact on school facilities. I encourage you to continue your discussions with the Ministry of Transportation and will mention our meeting to my colleague, the Honourable Claire Trevena, at the next opportunity.

If you have any questions or concerns related to education at the local level, I encourage you to reach out and contact your local school district.

Thank you again for meeting and sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

Rob Fleming
Minister

pc: Honourable Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation
Greg Kylo, MLA (Shuswap)

Health Canada reminds Canadians of the risks of decorative contact lenses

Report a Concern
(<http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/report-signalez/index-eng.php>)

Starting date: October 12, 2018
Type of communication: Information Update
Subcategory: Medical Device
Source of recall: Health Canada
Issue: Allergy Information, Important Safety Information
Audience: General Public
Identification number: RA-67968

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Issue

OTTAWA – As Halloween approaches and many people consider their costumes, Health Canada is reminding consumers that decorative contact lenses pose health risks. It's important to use these lenses safely.

Decorative contact lenses (sometimes called "fashion," "costume," "cosmetic" or "coloured" contact lenses) don't correct vision; they change how eyes look. They are typically sold at costume and novelty shops, at cosmetic retailers and online.

All types of contact lenses, including decorative lenses, pose health risks, including:

- cuts or scratches to the top layer of the eyeball (corneal abrasions);
- allergic reactions (e.g., itchy, watery, red eyes);
- impaired vision;
- infections; and
- blindness.

Risks of side effects (also known as adverse reactions) from contact lenses are higher for smokers and people with certain health conditions, such as eye infections or dry eyes. The risk of adverse effects with unlicensed decorative contact lenses may be higher than with licensed prescription contact lenses.

To help make decorative contact lenses safer, Health Canada began regulating these products as medical devices in 2016. This means that they must be licensed by Health Canada before they can be sold. Selling unlicensed health products in Canada is illegal.

Decorative contact lenses licensed by Health Canada are assessed for safety, effectiveness and quality. Using unlicensed decorative contact lenses could pose a risk to your health. As of October 2018, the following companies manufacture decorative contact lenses that are licensed by Health Canada:

- Alcon Laboratories Inc.
- Bausch & Lomb Inc.
- Ciba Vision Corporation
- Coopervision Inc.
- Geo Medical Co., Ltd.
- Les Lesieur Enterprises Inc.
- Neo Vision Co. Ltd.
- Unicon Optical Co., Ltd.

The licence status of products changes frequently. Consumers can search the online Medical Devices Active Licence Listing database (<https://health-products.canada.ca/mdall-limh/index-eng.jsp>) to verify whether their decorative contact lenses are licensed by using the product name or company shown on the packaging, or by calling Health Canada at 1-800-267-9675.

What you should do

- Use only licensed decorative contact lenses, which you can verify by using the above link.
- Properly clean and disinfect your decorative contact lenses as directed in the product instructions.



- Wash and thoroughly dry your hands before handling and cleaning decorative contact lenses.
- Never swap or share decorative contact lenses with anyone.
- Never sleep while wearing decorative contact lenses unless they are extended-wear lenses designed for that purpose.
- Contact an eye care professional if you have used decorative contact lenses and have health concerns. If you experience any redness, blurred vision, ongoing discharge or sensitivity to light, remove the lenses immediately and contact an eye care professional. If left untreated, these symptoms could lead to blindness.
- Talk to an eye care professional if you are considering using decorative lenses this Halloween, or for any other purpose. These professionals can provide advice on the proper contact lens material, fitting design, and care regime that works best for your eyes.

Anyone with information regarding non-compliant activities or health concerns involving the use of decorative contact lenses is encouraged to report (<http://health.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/compliance-enforcement/problem-reporting/health-product-complaint-form-0317.html>) them to Health Canada.

Media enquiries

Health Canada
(613) 957-2983

Public enquiries

(613) 957-2991
1-866-225-0709

For more information

- Fact sheet: Using contact lenses safety (<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/healthy-living/your-health/medical-information/contact-lenses.html>)
- Notice to Industry (July 16, 2016): Decorative contact lenses (<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/medical-devices/activities/announcements/notice-decorative-contact-lenses.html>)
- Health Canada news release (July 29, 2015): Government adopts measures to make cosmetic contact lenses safer (<https://www.canada.ca/en/news/archive/2015/07/government-adopts-measures-make-cosmetic-contact-lenses-safer.html>)

Date modified: 2018-10-12

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October 5, 2018

SHUSWAP LOCAL AND SECWÉPEMC GOVERNMENTS CELEBRATE THE SIGNING OF COMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT

Shuswap local and Secwépe mc governments have come together in the spirit of cooperation to formally endorse a communications agreement between all parties.

A celebration of the agreement was held at the Adams Lake Indian Band Recreation and Conference Centre on Friday, September 28, including a welcome song, drumming, speeches and the official signing of the document.

The signatories included representatives of the Spltasin, Neskonlith and Adams Lake Indian Bands, as well as the local governments of the Columbia Shuswap Regional District, the Regional District of North Okanagan, the Village of Chase, City of Salmon Am, City of Enderby and Village of Lumby. It was also signed by First Nations Elders.

The signatories to the agreement are:

- Cst'el nec (Adams Lake Indian Band) Chief/Kukpi7 Clifford Arnouse
- Columbia Shuswap Regional District Chair Rhona Martin
- Salmon Arm Mayor Nancy Cooper
- Sk'atsin (Neskonlith) Councillor Louis Thomas
- Regional District of North Okanagan Chair Bob Fleming
- Spltasin Chief Wayne Christian
- Village of Chase Mayor Rick Berrigan
- Village of Lumby Mayor Kevin Acton
- City of Enderby Councillor Brian Schreiner
- Elder – Ronnie Jules

The purpose of the agreement is to establish and maintain long-term, cooperative government-to-government relationships and open communication across the Shuswap watershed.

Goals of the agreement include incorporating regular communication and joint initiatives among the signatories, providing a collective voice to the provincial and federal governments, raising awareness of Secwépe mc'ulecw and Secwépe mc traditions and offering joint education opportunities for citizens in the region.

"It is overwhelming to see how we have met over the years and talked of coming together and now we are here. It's been quite a journey. I'm grateful for the opportunity to participate and I'm grateful for the learning along this journey," said Columbia Shuswap Regional District Board Chair Rhona Martin.

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“Signing this agreement is a commitment by all of us to work together to improve the quality of life for all our people,” Martin added.

A commitment is also being made for elected officials to meet formally with each other at least once per year. It also recognizes the importance of in-person meetings as the most desirable way to build relationships.

“It is important for us to communicate together, so that we can understand one another,” stated Adams Lake Chief Clifford Arnouse. “We welcome this opportunity to work together, and move forward together.”

Photo caption: Representatives from both Shuswap and Secwépemc governments gather together at the Adams Lake Conference and Recreation Centre Sept. 28 to sign an agreement ensuring transparent communications between governments. Photo by Rock Deneault.

For further information, please contact:

Mike Simpson, Senior Regional Manager – Thompson, Fraser Basin Council at 250-299-1202.

CRIME STOPPERS is an International Organization whose primary goal is Crime Solving and Reduction by assisting the Police Department with Anonymous tips. Cash rewards are paid to successfully investigated tips resulting in arrests, recovered property, drugs or weapons.

There are many programs within Canada with our main governing body being Canada Crime Stoppers. There are many Provincial and large City Programs as well. BC Crime Stoppers is the governing board for many programs within British Columbia. North Okanagan/Shuswap Crime Stoppers is run by a volunteer board of directors who raise funds to cover costs of the Tips phone system, and payments of successful tips. Our board constantly liaise with a Police Coordinator for Tip investigation at the local Police level.

A constant priority is awareness and education for all our communities. Crime Stoppers is asking for Community involvement to help keep our communities safer for everyone.

North Okanagan/Shuswap Crime Stoppers has been in our area over 20 years, and was originally started as Vernon and District Crime Stoppers. With growth and changing times we have also had to evolve our program to regionally become North Okanagan/Shuswap Crime Stoppers, which includes: Vernon, Armstrong, Spallumcheen, Armstrong, Enderby, Salmon Arm, Sicamous, Revelstoke, Coldstream, Lumby, Cherryville and Falkland. Since our program started we have taken in over 7800 tips. These tips are investigated by our Police and as a result with their successful actions, we have paid out over \$46,000 in rewards, recovered over \$700,000 in property and most importantly seized over \$19,000,00 worth of drugs off our streets. Crime fighting efforts continue daily.

With growth comes change and as we have a large geographical area to serve, we have not only launched a new Website to bring awareness and education to all our communities, we are also launching a new sign program that is specific to each community within our Program area.

We are focusing on having several signs that will be strategically located within our Program area's and your Community specifically, that bring a better awareness and presence for all. We have two sign sizes available: 3'x4' and 4'x8'. Cost are \$224 and \$434 respectively before taxes.

If Counsel can budget costs for signs then, production and supply could be done fairly soon. If counsel does support a number of signs, but prefers that we look for other funding sources, we would then require time to look for fund raising support within your Community.

We will gladly add you to our website as a Crime Stoppers supporter for sponsoring a sign or group of signs. We would like to have a photo opportunity of an official unveiling, for both our websites and hopefully receive media coverage.

To date:

Village of Lumby orderd/received one 4'x8' sign

Predator Ridge Golf Course ordered/received one 3'x4' sign

Ministry of Highways has approved replacement of two old signs with two 3'x4' signs.

Township of Spallumcheen approved purchase of four 3'x4' signs – production pending

City of Armstrong – presentation made to City Counsel September 25th, pending.

City of Enderby – order for two signs. One 4'x8' sign for City Hall grounds and one 3'x4'.

Silver Star Mountain Resort – in discussions.

City of Vernon for additional signs – pending.

District of Sicamous – in discussions – pending.

Thank you for your consideration.

North Okanagan/Shuswap Crime Stoppers

Board of Directors.



PROOF SHEET FOR:
North Okanagan
Crime Stoppers

DATE:
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For Immediate Release**Yes to More Affordable Housing, No to So-Called Speculation Tax**

KELOWNA, B.C. – October 17, 2018. While the BC government is to be admired for attempting to tackle housing affordability, the approach taken via tabling a so-called speculation and vacancy tax neither addresses the affordability problem nor targets actual housing market speculators.

Taking aim at claims made by the NDP government about the benefits of the tax, tabled Bill 45 on Tuesday, Okanagan Mainline Real Estate Board (OMREB) President Marv Beer comments "I've not met anyone who disagrees that we need more affordable housing, but suggesting that this tax, as proposed, would somehow improve the situation is misleading to say the least."

The tax, should it come into being, targets homes worth more than \$400,000 so even if these homes were rented or sold to avoid the tax the housing supply created would not be what is generally considered affordable.

Cautioning again about the potential harm that could come from introducing yet another tax on homeowners on which no economic impact studies have been conducted, Beer notes that the provincial government already has a homeowner tax in place that it could use to further housing affordability. It's called the Property Transfer Tax and while only homeowners pay it, proceeds currently go into general revenue to benefit everyone. "If the government really wanted to make homes more affordable, it could exempt buyers of lower-cost homes from having to pay the Land Transfer Tax."

Beer contends that the proposed tax doesn't target the speculator, defined as someone who purchases and 'flips' properties within a relatively short time-frame for profit.

"Speculators, because they don't hold a property for long, would be minimally affected by this tax. Instead, it would be the long-time home owner who would pay, year over year, for choosing to spend time and money in BC," says Beer, adding "Ironically, it's possible that the tax would encourage speculators to set their sights on homes under \$400,000, competing with legitimate buyers for lower cost homes. If the government really wanted to go after speculators, it could apply a levy to homes sold within a short time of being purchased."

Beer notes the government's claim that the legislation is aimed at foreigners and those from other provinces who don't pay income taxes here. In fact, the minister responsible for this tax revealed in legislature that almost two-thirds of those who would pay the tax would be British Columbians, about 20,000 of 32,000 homes targeted.

"The good news is that the government has included a number of exemptions from the tax. The bad news is that the myriad of exemptions would create a costly administrative nightmare and still, housing affordability would not be enhanced nor speculators deterred. While measures to address both problems may be needed, this tax, as it is currently proposed, is not the answer."



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For more information, please contact OMREB at media@omreb.com.

OMREB is a member-governed not-for-profit association representing almost 1300 REALTORS® and 89 real estate offices within the southern interior region of British Columbia (Peachland to Revelstoke). The Board is dedicated to providing leadership and support to its members in their pursuit of professional excellence.