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**CITY OF SALMON ARM
BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT
OCTOBER 2017**

LAST YEAR (2016) **CURRENT YEAR (2017)**
CURRENT MONTH **YEAR-TO-DATE** **CURRENT MONTH** **YEAR-TO-DATE**

| | | NO. | VALUE | NO. | VALUE | NO. | VALUE | NO. | VALUE |
|----|---------------------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|
| 1 | New Single Family Dwellings | 11 | 3,313,700 | 75 | 20,900,690 | 19 | 5,504,200 | 119 | 35,908,825 |
| 2 | Misc. Additions etc. to SFD's | 11 | 814,150 | 106 | 4,116,255 | 16 | 434,335 | 118 | 4,411,408 |
| 3 | New Modulars/MH's (Factory Built) | 4 | 558,260 | 26 | 3,473,585 | - | - | 16 | 2,595,000 |
| 4 | Misc. Additions etc. to Modulars/MH's | 1 | 6,000 | 12 | 129,200 | 1 | 10,000 | 15 | 166,435 |
| 5 | MFD's (# Units) | 1 (24) | 1,500,000 | 4 (35) | 2,690,000 | - | - | 4 (16) | 3,418,000 |
| 6 | Misc. Additions etc. to MFD's | - | - | 1 | 50,000 | 1 | 19,000 | 2 | 21,000 |
| 7 | New Commercial | - | - | 2 | 1,695,000 | 1 | 285,000 | 6 | 825,000 |
| 8 | Misc. Additions etc. to Commercial | 1 | 5,000 | 21 | 774,250 | - | - | 18 | 984,900 |
| 9 | New Industrial | - | - | 3 | 406,080 | 1 | 230,000 | 3 | 380,433 |
| 10 | Misc. Additions etc. to Industrial | 1 | 15,000 | 1 | 15,000 | - | - | 2 | 14,500 |
| 11 | New Institutional | - | - | 2 | 1,200,000 | 1 | 1,200,000 | 2 | 10,900,000 |
| 12 | Misc. Additions etc. to Institutional | - | - | 8 | 210,000 | 1 | 6,000 | 5 | 35,200 |
| 13 | Signs | 5 | 9,825 | 35 | 107,889 | 4 | 39,781 | 33 | 112,841 |
| 14 | Swimming Pools, Pool Buildings | 1 | 40,000 | 9 | 317,000 | - | - | 2 | 85,000 |
| 15 | Demolitions | 1 | - | 21 | - | 2 | - | 16 | - |
| 16 | Temporary Trailers, A & B Permits | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | 2 | - |
| 17 | Misc. Special Inspections, etc. | - | - | 25 | - | 3 | - | 20 | - |
| | TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED | 37 | 6,261,935 | 355 | 36,084,949 | 50 | 7,728,316 | 383 | 59,858,542 |

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

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BUILDING PERMITS - YEARLY

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

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From: Jan Naylor <jlaylor44@gmail.com>
Date: 11-05-2017 9:57 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: Nancy Cooper <ncooper@salmonarm.ca>
Subject: Wheelchair accessible transportation

Hello

I have a friend, Betty Trautman, who is 85 and confined to a wheelchair because of ongoing deterioration due to an accident many years ago. She is of sound mind and loves to get out to events in the town, although she must live in Mt. Ida Mews for the care they can offer her.

Last Saturday, five choirs joined together for a wonderful afternoon and evening of music at the Community Center. We were required to be there at 10:30 to rehearse, back at 1:30 for the afternoon performance and again at 6:30 for the evening.

As the Handy Dart is not available on Saturday, Betty called the taxi company and was told that they also were not available on Saturday. She was beside herself, as she sings with the Revellers and absolutely intended to sing in the concerts that day. I was stunned to learn that there was no public transportation available on a Saturday. We have used the taxi service on a Sunday before so thought there would be no problem.

When the event we want to attend is downtown, I push Betty there in her wheelchair, but there is no way I could push her up Okanagan!

Fortunately, we found a person with a private wheelchair accessible van who was willing to lend it to us for the day. I was able to take Betty back for a rest and supper and to get her to and from the community center safely.

Is this something that you could look into? There should be transportation available every day, and in the evenings as well. If the taxi company only has one qualified driver, perhaps funding could be found to train a second or third person as well.

I don't think that people like Betty should be excluded from getting out just because they can't get in and out of a car.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Jan Naylor

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From: Len and Sue [<mailto:le8235@telus.net>]
Sent: October-27-17 12:45 PM
To: Nancy Cooper
Subject: Bus service

Hi Nancy,

It has been brought to my attention that with all the new houses on 10th St. ,S.W., there is once again a demand for bus service on the Foothill loop, or at least up 10th to Foothill and back down around the little loop at the top to the west.

I have 2 neighbours on Foothill that don't drive either , and could easily walk over to 10th to catch the bus , as could the people in the big subdivision on Foothill.

I would use the bus myself everyday if it were available .

Please tell me what I need to do to help get this to happen Thanks, Sue Bagley

Sent from my iPad

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Nov. 5, 2017

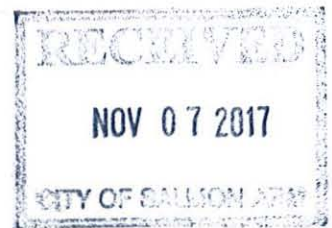
To Mayor Nancy Cooper and City Council.

It has been brought to my attention that there are a number of people on Foothill Rd., and in the new subdivisions on 10th St. S.W., in need of bus service.

We would appreciate it very much if you would consider reinstating the Foothill Loop in the near future.

Thank you,

Susan Bagley
800 Foothill Rd. S.W.
Salmon Arm B.C.; V1E 1T6
Ph. 250-833-2588



From: Jake Jacobson [<mailto:jakejacobson@telus.net>]
Sent: October-22-17 8:55 AM
To: Nancy Cooper
Subject: Gleneden road improvemnt.

Hi Nancy,

I have an idea!! The road to Gleneden coming past Fischers Funeral home on 1st. Ave. N.W. has always been a problem. It is steep and has a very sharp curve. Would it be possible to re-route it so that it has less of a curve and a lower grade? Please see the attached map. It would be a lot easier to maintain and you would only have to keep the old road open to the pump house.

The road is heavily used by gravel trucks that not only have a hard time with the grade but slow down the traffic flow. There have been a few times that the Fire trucks have been caught behind a slow moving dump truck.

Thank you for considering this road improvement.

Jake

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Home of the Jewels & Golds

2018 BC School Sports Mountain
Bike Provincial Championships
% Salmon Arm Secondary School
551 14 Street NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 3C9

October 20, 2017

Re: Letter of Request for Permission to use City Land

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am excited to inform you about the upcoming 2018 BC School Sports Provincial Mountain Bike Championships being hosted in Salmon Arm on May 26, 2018. This event will showcase our area's fantastic trail networks to approximately 225 competitors and their supporting families and coaches.

The purpose of this event is to determine multiple overall age-group champions as well as the overall provincial champion school team. The championship will be decided based on individual and team placings in both all-mountain (endurance) and enduro (downhill focused) race disciplines.

While the exact race routes have yet to be determined, our organizing group is focused on showcasing the best trails within the South Canoe Trail system. In order to accommodate our various age groups and race formats we will be choosing extensively from various trails throughout the South Canoe network. We would also like to utilize the area adjacent to the South Canoe parking lot as a staging area in a manner very similar to the Salty Dog Enduro Race.

At present we are working with various community and provincial partners including the Shuswap Trail Alliance, South Canoe Trail Advisory Committee, Sites and Trails BC, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, City of Salmon Arm Economic Development, Shuswap Tourism, School District 83 and various local businesses.

Our provincial championship, currently in its 20th year, is sanctioned and insured through BC School Sports. This includes a \$5 million insurance policy to cover liability issues should they arise. The City of Salmon Arm would be included on this policy as 'Additional Insured'.

Box 1000 Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4P2
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e-mail: sas@sd83.bc.ca

Jackson Campus: 551 – 14th Street NE
Sullivan Campus: 1641 – 30th Street NE

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In closing, we seek permission from the city to use city lands at the South Canoe Trail system. We look forward to working closely with you in making this event a memorable competitive experience for youth and families from across the province.

Sincerely,

Chris Stromgren
Event Director - 2018 BCSS Mountain Bike Provincial Championship

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e-mail: sas@sd83.bc.ca

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North Okanagan-Shuswap Brain Injury Society (NOSBIS)

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Salmon Arm, B. C. V1E 4N8

PH: 250-833-1140 FAX: 250-833-1173

*We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia,
the United Way, and Caring Community Members*

October 16, 2017

Hi, Barb,

Attached is our brochure and information that will be available as a handout at our open house, in case Mayor Cooper finds it interesting in advance of the ribbon cutting on Wednesday.

We'll be making a presentation to the two founding members...is that something Mayor Cooper would like to be involved in? No doubt the recipients would be a lot more thrilled to receive their award from Mayor Cooper than from me!

Any chance you'll have time before 4:00 p.m. to join us or should we send some cake back for you with Mayor Cooper?

Best regards,

Carlene Ducek

President of the Board of Directors

North Okanagan Shuswap Brain Injury Society (NOSBIS)

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Salmon Arm, British Columbia V1E 4N8

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Email: carlene@nosbis.ca

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An Acquired Brain Injury is
defined as:

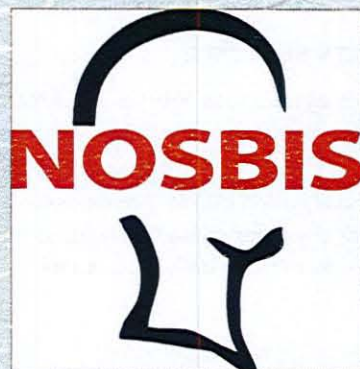
*Damage to the brain, which occurs
after birth and is not related to a
congenital or a degenerative
disease. These impairments may be
temporary or permanent and cause
partial or functional disability or
psychosocial maladjustment.*

- World Health Organization
(Geneva 1996)



MISSION STATEMENT:

To enhance quality of life by
empowering survivors of Acquired
Brain Injury (ABI) to rebuild the
essential skills necessary to re-
acquire their independence and
regain control over their lives, and
as well, to educate our
communities in order to prevent
brain injury in the first place.



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INJURY SOCIETY



OUR PROGRAMS &
SERVICES



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NOSBIS OFFERS A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TAILORED TO THE NEEDS OF THE SURVIVORS OF ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY (ABI) AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.



CASE MANAGEMENT

Case management is the first point of service, where the Case Manager meets with individuals who have been diagnosed with ABI to determine the optimal level of support that is needed. The initial intake is followed up with appropriate referrals, implementation of various strategies to develop coping skills, advocacy, assistance with sourcing funds for mobility aids (scooters, leg braces, etc.), home and community support, housing solutions and services to ensure the overall health, welfare, safety and security of the individual. This program is delivered at the NOSBIS office.

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LIFE SKILLS SUPPORT:

Life skills support services assist brain injury survivors in regaining or sustaining independence, improving self-esteem and learning coping strategies. This program is completely individualized for each person and is delivered in the community, through a referral from the NOSBIS Case Manager.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT:

In-home visits by a Support Worker assist many people with ABI who are unable to learn the skills necessary for independent living, or who are unable to perform certain functions of daily living due to mobility issues, physical restrictions or any other cause that restricts the ability of the individual to perform daily routine tasks.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION:

Safety and education are essential to the prevention of Acquired Brain Injury (ABI). NOSBIS offers a "Brain Injury 101" information session which highlights the effects and common causes of Acquired Brain Injuries as well as practical prevention strategies. Please call our office for more information.

SUPPORT GROUPS:

Support groups are a safe space for people to meet, talk and learn from one another. We currently offer three support groups: ABI support group, Walk & Talk peer support group and a Family and Caregiver support group. Please call our office to inquire about dates and times.

RECREATION:

Recreation is an important part of the healing process and can help ensure a well-balanced recovery. Recreational activities offered by NOSBIS include bowling, yoga classes, meditation coloring groups, social outings, day trips, and art groups.



Yoga & meditation help with focus and balance



Social outings are essential to building connections

83 Newsline



School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)

October 18, 2017



Grade 3 students Paxton, Rayne and Lindon show that the recycling and composting bins are being used but the garbage is usually empty, or close to it, at Sorrento Elementary School!

Composting introduced at schools

Recycling and composting are taking off in School District No. 83 schools!

Students and staff around the district are recycling, composting and reducing the amount of garbage that goes from our schools to the landfill.

Over at Sorrento Elementary the results are already being seen!

"My mom gives me fabric bags and I put snacks and crackers in it. It means I don't have to throw plastic into the landfill," said Rayne.

Lindon is studying about pollution

and what kids can do to help and added that he tries to make his lunch garbage free!

Paxton reported that he is doing a lot of composting and makes sure that he recycles whatever he can. "I wash my fruit cups out and recycle them and then put only the tinfoil lid in the garbage."

"Anything with silver on it goes in the garbage expect for straight tinfoil," they explained.

All three of these students are an ex-

ample of the leadership being taken by all the students at Sorrento Elementary, commented principal Jodi Garries.

"Our custodian Barb Scafe, has reported that with the new composting program she is only collecting about half a bag of garbage a day, which means that instead of having to empty the dumpster once a week we'll be able to do it once every two weeks!" she said.

"Not filling the dumpster means there is less going to the landfill and gives it more

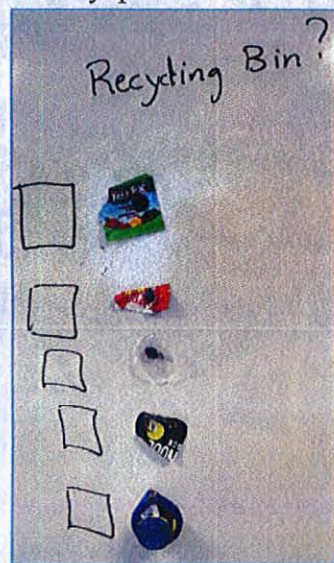
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Composting in schools

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time to to break down," added Rayne. Garries explains that because the grade three class taught by Carmen Dawkins reduced their garbage by so much the usual large garbage can was taken out of the classroom and replaced by a small one!

All the classes in the school are now working to achieve this, she reports. Teacher Carmen Dawkins said she is very proud of her students and



their efforts. Sometimes it is confusing, even for adults, what goes in to which bin.

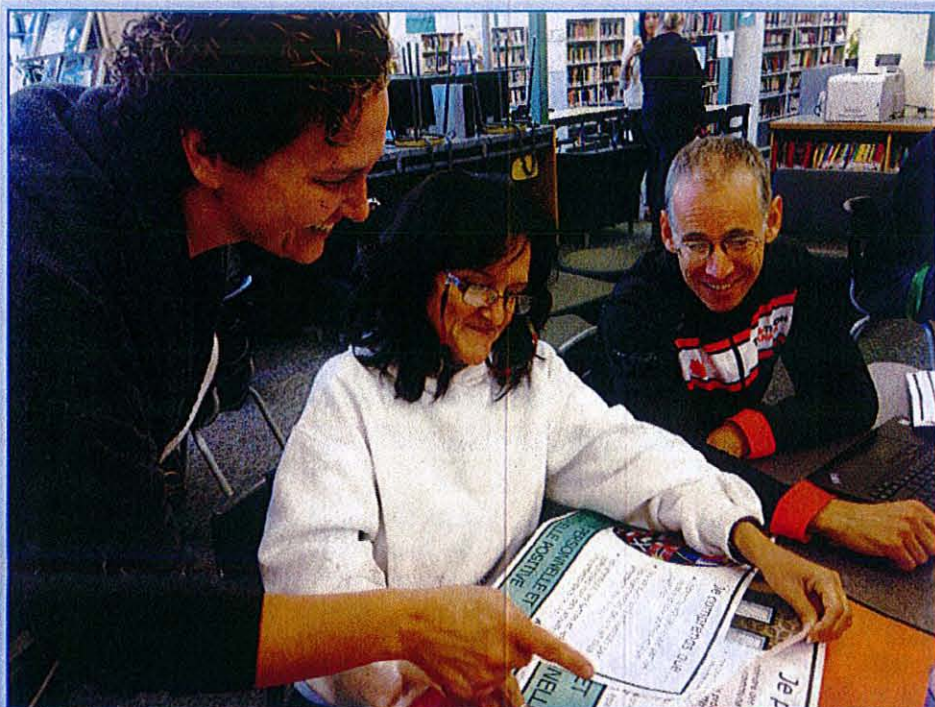
She says sometimes recycling or garbage

gets put in the wrong place so she will take it out, tape a small piece on the board. The class will put a check mark or x to indicate it if it should be recycled or not and then they will discuss where it should be put.

The students said they find this very helpful and fun!

In an effort to reduce the amount of garbage going to the landfill from district schools, last year the school district instituted a district wide recycling program and this September added a composting program.

"We are seeing good results in many of our schools," reports Building Services Manager Bev Snow.



What DO teachers do on pro d days?

How students learn and what they are learning is continually evolving in B.C. schools.

"It is important for teachers to consider new research and teaching strategies that might better suit our diverse learners, and new curriculum," explains Peter Jory, Superintendent of Schools/CEO of School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap).

Jory, who is passionate about how increasing staff knowledge and skills truly benefits students, comments the two recent professional development days were well used.

Numeracy, robotics, physical literacy, outdoor learning, MyBlueprint, literacy benchmarks and 21st Century Competencies were just some of the areas School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) teachers delved into on the curriculum implementation day (Sept. 15) while on the next professional development day (Sept. 18) school staffs focussed on areas of interest and concern in their schools. "These new ideas and skills are then taken back to the classroom to help their students," adds Jory.

For example the renewed curriculum includes the incorporation of coding across all grades and a new and redesigned applied design, skills and technologies (ADST) component to improve students' abilities to solve problems and think creatively. "Coding is also a base skill for many current and anticipated future career opportunities for our students."

Coding also, it turns out, might supply good life lessons for students as they find out that failure is not the end, is not even negative, it just means they need to look at the problem in a different way.

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Teachers studying renewed curriculum

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Coding will now start in kindergarten through exploratory and purposeful play that is designed to stimulate an aptitude for ADST. As they progress through school, students will learn about computational thinking and various aspects of programming.

The myBlueprint session introduced teachers to a new comprehensive inquiry-based education and career planning process that meets the learning needs, interests, and aspirations of all students. With this program, students actively learn about their interests,

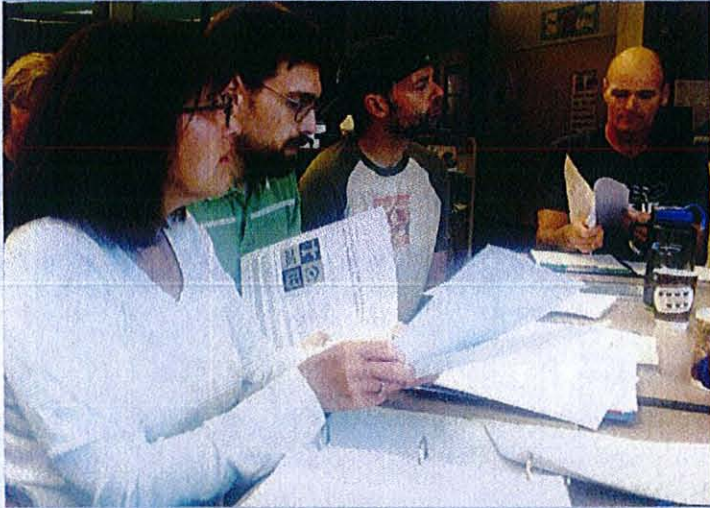
On the September 18 professional development day, teachers continued their focus on the curriculum as a school staff.

For example at Rancho Elementary there was good discussion and thinking around the core competencies. Staff focused on how they can use the competencies, specifically personal awareness and social responsibility.



Jory commented that professional development days are not a loss of instructional time for students, as these days were added to the school calendar. "The inclusion of professional development days in the school calendar increased the number of days of work for teachers with no loss of instructional days for students."

He added that teachers use this time to work with colleagues to further their skills and engage in a broad range of professional development activities, such as attending a provincial conference, a locally-based workshop or a school-based discussion group.



Over at M.V. Beattie part of the day focussed on applied design, skills and technology curriculum. They looked at the "Maker Kits" (roller cart toolboxes full of supplies which each school has been supplied with). Staff shared lesson

skills, passions, and feelings, then document what they discover about themselves in pictures, videos, and journals.

This program includes interests inventory, post secondary program requirements, planning skills and budgeting.

plans that support the ADST curricular competencies. Time was spent learning about the importance of this new curriculum.

At Falkland staff spent time working on numeracy and practices to promote engagement.





Connecting students to school!

A classroom door at Pleasant Valley Secondary School (PVSS) is a whole lot more colourful now and visually and vividly presents the message of the work taking place inside!

Students who are being supported through "Connect" recently drew and coloured this "Be the Change" poster, which was then displayed for all to see.

At PVSS "Connect" is the name given to a support for high school students who, for a variety of reasons, need more engagement and connection to further their educational and personal success.

"This support is an example of services available to students provided by our collaborative team of educational professionals," comments Director of Student Learning Dianne Ballance.

She explains the team of professionals (including the principal, counsellors, learning resource teacher and others) may recommend the "Connect" supports for a particular student, depending on their needs. They also oversee the support and ensure it is a good fit

for the students taking part.

The typical education of a student being supported through "Connect" is supplemented as much as twice a week in a variety of engaging ways that will enable him/her to navigate their school experience with increased success.

"We want them to look forward to school every day, enjoy themselves and at the same time experience personal growth. Academic success usually follows," comments Connect educational support worker Michelle Howe.

"The goal is simple, to create meaningful learning experiences in a way that positively engages these students and keeps them in school. This may involve such things as circle discussions with peers, journaling, arts and crafts (with specific goals threaded throughout i.e. motivation, staying on task, completion, engagement and following instructions).

Students in the program may also be involved with volunteering in the community, taking part in wellness activities (walks, ski trips,



gym, yoga, or perhaps connecting with positive people) and homework support. There are also 'inclusion' activities such as collaborative projects with typical students, open room at lunch with activities, guided interactions with other students in the student center, presentations and more.



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Director of Instruction, Student Learning

North Okanagan-Shuswap Synopsis

Highlights of the October 17, 2017 School District No. 83 Board Meeting



Me to We Ecuador Trip

Grade 12 student Allie Landy and teacher Lisa Coombs Smith reported on the district's Me to We program and on the service trip to Ecuador where 12 district students helped build a school in Kanambu. They discussed how through Toonie Tuesday and Water Walks over \$118,000 has been raised by students and how this money has been used to help children both locally and globally. The District Student Me to We committee, which makes the decisions on which projects to support, has representatives from district middle and high schools and is student-run. The next service tour, set for March 2019, will be in Nicaragua.

Surplus spending plan

Official trustee Mike McKay gave approval to a spending plan for the approximately \$360,000 unrestricted surplus from the 2016-17 operating budget, commenting that the process for determining how to spend the surplus was both deliberate and transparent.

"Every item on this list, and many that did not make the list, are extremely valuable to our kids."

Secretary-treasurer Nicole Bittante explained the district finished the 2016-17 year with an operating surplus of \$1,279,663. The majority of the surplus was restricted (already committed but not yet spent) to such areas as balances of individual school budgets (\$236,547), student learning grants (\$257,143), Aboriginal education (\$166,241) and technology (\$140,000). This left an unrestricted amount of just approximately \$360,000.

After discussions, the senior leadership team recommended, and McKay passed, that \$100,000 of the unrestricted surplus go towards new curriculum facilitation, \$7,500 to MyBlueprint (career development program delivery to students), \$7,500

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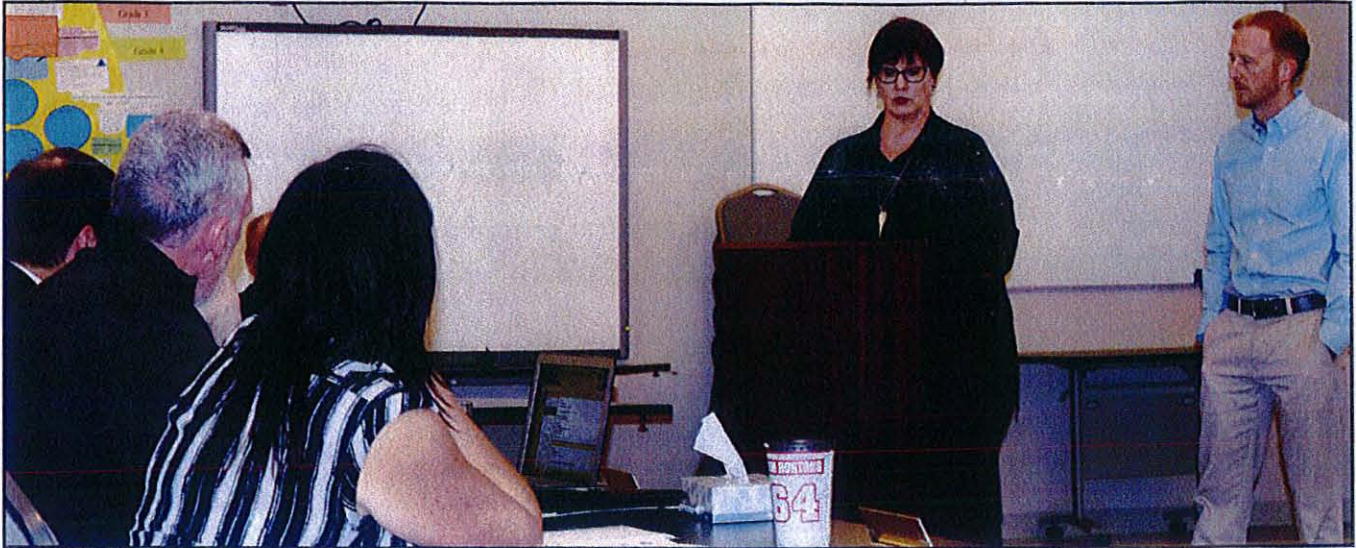
to emergency procedures program resource, and \$15,000 to support Carlin Learning Commons/Hub initiative.

A further \$25,000 was earmarked for the numeracy program, \$30,000 for the literacy intervention program, \$9,000 for classroom action injury projects, and \$10,000 for a curriculum leader (Ed Tech).

The motion also sees \$60,000 go towards a PVSS initiative for support to vulnerable students, \$5,000 for outdoor student learning activities, \$10,000 for resources to support ISP programs (LWM & ALF), and \$20,000 for the report card initiative.

A total of \$55,000 was put in reserve for education assistants costs and a \$10,000 contingency was also established.

McKay noted that a comment from the DPAC reps at the partner group table about additional literacy support was heard and that as funding is finalized any additional funds received will be considered to see if they can go towards that.



Monica Kriese and Dr. Richard Currie presented at the board meeting on Tuesday asking that Official Trustee Mike McKay consider the establishment of a wellness centre at Sullivan Campus of Salmon Arm Secondary (SAS).

Wellness Centre at Sullivan

A Youth Wellness Centre is one step closer to being established at the Sullivan Campus of Salmon Arm Secondary School (SAS).

At the meeting on Tuesday, Director of Student Learning Dianne Ballance, Monica Kriese and Dr. Richard Currie made a presentation about the possibility of establishing a wellness centre at the school so that services could come to students. This request was approved by McKay. "I endorse this, approve this and celebrate this," said McKay.

He added youth mental health is one of the top issues in the province right now and that hopefully this collaboration of services within a community will receive the support it needs to be sustainable.

Kriese explained the Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use (CYMHSU) Collaborative and the Shuswap Local Action team (LAT), which includes representatives from the school district and multiple community partners, have been working to establish the Youth Wellness Centre at Salmon Arm Secondary Sullivan campus for some time now.

Kriese added she has not seen such cohesion and collaboration of community services as they all work towards establishing the wellness centre. "Everyone is coming together."

The intention of the wellness centre is to support students in having their health and wellness needs met in a multi-disciplinary school-based centre, which will run one day a week. Potential service providers who would, on a rotating basis, provide services at the centre would include doctors, public health nurses, mental health and substance use clinicians, community support workers, and a wellness centre coordinator. Ballance explained the services, which would include assessment, treatment, and referral to other programs and services as needed.

Kriese commented that the idea is to make services more easily accessible to students. Just as an example, she said approximately 20 per cent of students at SAS rely on busing to get to and from school and so medical appointments or mental health support can be difficult to access.

"We want to build services that wrap around students."

Currie said health and mental health issues are affecting many young people. "We see the issues in our clinics,

Initiate one policy, repeal another and a friendly amendment

McKay gave first reading to initiate a policy on the distribution of materials to students and staff.

In recommending that this policy be developed, Superintendent/CEO Peter Jory noted the district receives frequent requests to distribute information/materials to students and staff. "With no policy or regulation in place to guide this distribution process, the decision to distribute materials is left to the discretion of the individual receiving the request. Developing a policy statement and corresponding regulation would guide this process in a fair and consistent manner."

McKay noted that with Jory being new to the district he looks at everything with a fresh set of eyes. "That's helpful."

McKay also approved the repeal of Policy 3040 School Planning Councils. The Ministry of Education no longer requires districts to have School Planning Councils. The School Act has been amended to reflect this change so the policy is no longer required.

McKay noted the need to encourage the culture of communication and collaboration. "It's not something you can legislate."

The district's policy 1060, smoking, tobacco and vapour products, was also slightly revised to reflect the updated language in the Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act.

Criminal record checks for staff and volunteers

The Official Trustee gave second reading to a draft policy on criminal record checks for staff and volunteers. The district has long had a policy requiring criminal record checks for employees but this change will expand the policy to include volunteers in the schools, however not all volunteers.

The checks would specifically be for volunteers potentially having unsupervised access to children. Volunteers having unsupervised access to children may include anyone coaching a sports team, driving to and from field trips or other school events, or accompanying students on overnight field trips. The result of this check must be provided to the office of the Secretary-Treasurer and must be satisfactory under the Act. This policy will now go out to the public for feedback.

Whistle blower protection

The Official Trustee gave third and final reading to the district's policy on whistle blower protection.

Jory reported to McKay that no feedback had been received when it was sent out for partner group consultation.

Drinking water tests

In 2016 the Ministry required that all school districts must test all their facilities for lead in the water once every three years. The Ministry required a "single source" test where after one minute of the water running the water was tested. All of the school district sites which were tested passed this test.

In 2017 Interior Health developed a new guidelines for testing at each site, which included a test of "first water out" of the fixture and then again after 30 seconds.

In March 2017, the district tested Armstrong Elementary, Bastion Elementary, Falkland Elementary, Grindrod Elementary, Len Wood Middle, North Shuswap Elementary, South Broadview Elementary, and Salmon Arm West Elementary.

In a report to the Official Trustee, Director of Operations Steve Bennett noted that all of the 30 second tests passed but not all passed the "first water" test.

He reports all drinking fountains that did not pass at first water have been closed. All classroom sinks that did not pass at first water have been posted (as per IHA guidelines) with "Run water for one minute before drinking". If drinking fountains or classroom sinks do not pass at 30 seconds, they will be closed. In sink fixtures that did not pass testing, the District has been changing out to new lead-free fixtures. They are tested again before they are put into service. For drinking fountains that do not pass will be closed and lead filters will be installed. Once installed, the fountains will be tested. The remaining sites to be tested in the next year are Hillcrest Elementary, J.L. Jackson Secondary, Parkview Elementary, M.V. Beattie Elementary, and the Works Complex.

School budget reports

Earlier in the meeting during the discussion about the district's operating surplus, it was noted the district had an approximately \$900,000 "restricted" surplus. A substantial part of this restricted surplus is from funds which schools carry over from one year to another.

at the emergency room and teachers see it in their schools. Some parents are living it every day."

He noted that there are things that can be done to help. "But you can't help the kids you don't see and the barriers for some kids are enormous."

The Wellness Centre proposal is modelled after several centres/hubs throughout the province, but would be tailored to the local area to reduce barriers to those youth needing services, who are unattached or unable to access services, as well as create a culture that is proactive regarding health and wellness.

Currie said he talked to doctors in other areas of the province that are part of a similar program to the one proposed and they say the model seems to work well.

Kriese noted there is also a plan to form a Youth Advisory and Council and a Family Advisory Council to address needs and concerns and ensure sustainability.

Before approving the request McKay inquired about the costs to the school district (no funding costs but rather to provide space for the centre in the Sullivan Campus, to communicate to students and parents about the Wellness Centre, and to provide support and participation as a key stakeholder of the Wellness Centre team) and sustainability.

Later in the meeting, North Okanagan-Shuswap Teachers' Association president Brenda O'Dell asked, with the space pressures at Sullivan Campus, if learning spaces would be used for the centre. Ballance noted that, although they were waiting on approval before beginning those conversations, they were not considering learning spaces for locating the wellness centre.

"It will have to be somewhere with appropriate access and privacy," commented McKay.

Trustee Variance Process

One of the recommendations in the Special Advisor's Report of June, 2016, was to consider a reduction in the number of elected trustees on the Board of Education. McKay noted that at recent partner group meetings he has started the work to consider what such a plan would look like and he hopes to have a recommendation together for the Minister by December.

He commented some of the options could be maintaining the status quo of nine trustees from the seven "wards" across the school district, reducing the size of the Board to seven trustees, or reducing the Board to five trustees. He noted that a Board of three trustees is also an option under provincial legislation but he just couldn't see that working.

He noted just one of the meetings to discuss this will be with local government from throughout the school district on November 21. He will also be meeting with local First Nations Bands.

He added in addition to discussions regarding how the electoral ward system might look with smaller Board, he feels it important to highlight that while trustees in SD 83 are elected from specific areas/wards, their responsibilities are as members of a corporate board with responsibilities for the governance of the entire district.

"They are not there to just advocate for their area. They must consider the entire district in their decision making."

Information on this process will be posted on the district website and shared out as it is finalized.

Strategic Plan check in sessions

Five "check-in" sessions focussing on the school district's draft strategic plan are being held in various areas of the district Oct. 16-23 to give stakeholders a look at where the plan is now, ensure it reflects their earlier input and make recommendations for possible fine tuning.

The sessions are being held in different locations throughout the school district from October 16-24 and will include an overview of the draft strategic plan as well as discussion about each of three major areas of focus, Students First, Organizational Efficiency and Culture of Health and Wellness.

The sessions started out in Silver Creek on Oct. 16th, were at Sullivan Campus of Salmon Arm Secondary on Oct. 17, at A.L. Fortune on Oct. 18, Pleasant Valley Secondary on Oct. 19 and Eagle River Secondary on Oct. 23. All sessions start at 7 p.m.

McKay added the strategic plan was this one of the recommendations out of the Special Advisor's report but it is not just an exercise in compliance.

"This will be our roadmap for education. When it is formally endorsed it will something that we use to determine resourcing, program initiatives and other important decisions."

"Thanks to the community members and all who are providing input into this important plan."

The district doesn't give schools money and then at the end of the year scoop it all back again, explained McKay. Schools get a yearly allocation (based on enrolment and grades) which they use for such items as equipment purchases, resources and field trips.

Each year any school that still has more than 10 per cent of its yearly budget allocation (as of June 30) or is in a deficit position must submit a report on why the surplus or deficit occurred and how the school intends to spend the surplus or eliminate the deficit in the following year.

This year 15 schools were over 10 per cent with one school in deficit. For example A.L. Fortune reported a 30 per cent surplus (\$39,774), which was due to a number of capital projects (millwork in hallway, LCD projector installation) that could not be completed by year end. It was noted the surplus is already committed including new resources for science and social studies, a theatre lighting upgrade, and a sound system and wrestling mats for the gym.

At Eagle River Secondary, which had a 46 per cent surplus (\$48,348), the surplus was due to the school not spending funding on resources as the Grade 10-12 curriculum was delayed another year. A large purchase of equipment also happened after the end of the budget cycle. The surplus will go towards learning resources, technology, classroom equipment, field trips/experiences and enhanced Grade 7 and 8 transitional support.

Highland Park had a 54 per cent surplus (\$18,795) due to budgeting conservatively including anticipating new classroom costs in 2017-18. The surplus will be used for new classroom costs, learning resources, and tech upgrades.

Silver Creek Elementary posted a deficit of \$2,192. This was due to equipment purchases and will be addressed this current year.

"This report is a responsible and transparent way to communicate," comments McKay.

The complete report is available on the district's website at http://www.boe.sd83.bc.ca/Regular%20Agendas/Board_Meeting_Agenda%20%E2%80%93%20October%202017,%202017.pdf?plugin=RWD&templates=RWD&printversion=2

Announcements

Jory started the meeting with a few highlights of educational activities around the district.

He noted a successful Orange Shirt Day district assembly was held at Shuswap Middle School with presentations by several speakers including Chief Wayne Christian, who talked about the work we all have to do to create change and reconciliation, along with a local knowledge keeper, Gerry Thomas, who spoke on his experiences at residential school in Kamloops.

Jory also shared information about a new 'girls only' shop class at Pleasant Valley Secondary, which is running this semester. He explained that staff noticed that not a lot of girls were taking any shop classes and had conversations with students about why. The "girls only" class is the result and it is full. Students taking part will have the opportunity to learn everything from how to change a tire or oil in their car, basic woodworking and carving, and home inspection tips.

Jory provided an update on the strategic planning sessions and also information about a meeting on November 7 for all parents who are interested in learning more about a possible outdoor learning school at South Canoe. He noted a survey conducted by the school district saw 900 parents indicate an interest.

He wrapped up by thanking local fire departments who took the time to come into many of our elementary schools during fire prevention week and share their knowledge and safety tips with students.

This year's campaign focussed on Every Second Counts and teaching children two different ways out of each room in their home in case of a fire.

Enrolment

At the September 30 deadline, the district had 6,171 full time equivalency (FTE) students. This is up about 100 students over September 30, 2016 reported Bittante. "It's good news for the district."

Radon Testing

During question period teacher Carolyn Farris, who is involved with the District Health and Safety Committee, asked if it would be possible to, similar to lead testing, report on the district's radon testing. Bittante said she would speak to the Director of Operations and find out where the district is with that and report back on it.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting of the board will be on November 21 at Pleasant Valley Secondary School in Armstrong at 6 p.m.



Early Learning Fairs are taking place in communities throughout the school district.

Pictured here is the recent Early Learning Fair at Parkview Elementary School in Sicamous.

Parents and their youngsters are invited to these fun and informative events to connect with community resources, including the district's StrongStart programs and school services.

"NEW MATH"

A NIGHT FOR PARENTS!

Do you understand the "new math" concepts your child is bringing home? Learn the "why" and the "how" behind how math is being taught with BC's leading numeracy expert!

CAROLE FULLERTON, works with teachers around British Columbia (and beyond!) in the area of numeracy. She will lead parents through the basics of K-8 math in a fun, engaging and interactive workshop. A definite "must attend" if you would like to understand math better!

Everyone welcome!



Carole Fullerton
mindfull.wordpress.com

Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 6:00PM
ARMSTRONG @ Highland Park Elementary School

Thursday, February 22, 2018, 6:00PM
SALMON ARM @ the District Education Support Centre

CHILD CARE is available at no charge with prior arrangement.
Please email sd83DPAC@gmail.com 1 day in advance of the workshop

A parent education night hosted by:



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DPAC NORTH OKANAGAN-SHUSWAP
EMAIL: SD83DPAC@GMAIL.COM

Outdoor Learning School in School District No. 83

WHAT? WHERE? WHEN? HOW? WHY?

Come have your questions answered:

NOVEMBER 7, 2017

6 P.M. AT SULLIVAN CAMPUS
SALMON ARM SECONDARY



The school district recently completed a parent survey showing overwhelming interest in the school district forming an Outdoor Learning School... so now what?

Come learn more specific details about what Outdoor Learning is, how the B.C. curriculum is taught through nature's lens and what this will mean for your child, program requirements and commitments and possible grade configurations.

After the session parents will have the opportunity to INDICATE THEIR INTEREST in registering their child(ren) for an Outdoor Learning School. This information will form part of the presentation to the Board of Education asking for approval to proceed with a school for September 2018.

Know the Invaders!

One of the first steps to preventing the spread of invasive species is being able to identify them. Below are some high priority species in our area:



Photo credit: US Fish & Wildlife Service

Zebra Mussel



Photo credit: T. Anderson

Yellow Flag Iris



Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons

American Bullfrog

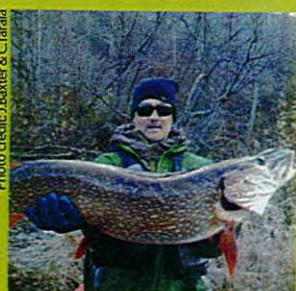


Photo credit: J. Baxter & C. Tarala

Northern Pike



Photo credit: C. Frankcom

Fragrant Water Lily



Photo credit: T. Woolf

Flowering Rush

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ALL Watercraft & Equipment!



CLEAN off all plants, animals, and mud from watercraft & related equipment (e.g. waders, fishing gear, life jackets)



DRAIN onto dry land any item that can hold water (e.g. bilge, ballast, wells, buckets)



DRY all items completely before launching the watercraft into another body of water

Report Invaders

- Contact columbiashuswapinvasives.org
- Use 'Report-Invasives BC' & 'Report-a-Weed' Apps
- Call RAPP line 1-877-952-RAPP for zebra and quagga mussels and fish
- Call provincial hotline 1-888-WEEDSBC

For more information



CSISS
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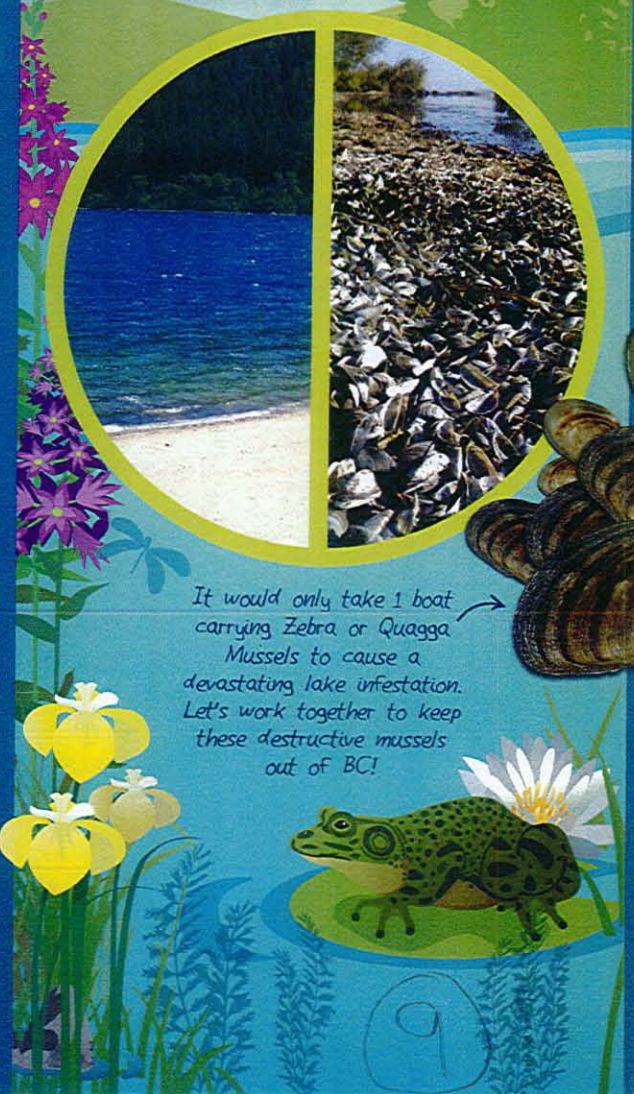
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Protect Our Waters

from aquatic invasive species!



It would only take 1 boat carrying Zebra or Quagga Mussels to cause a devastating lake infestation. Let's work together to keep these destructive mussels out of BC!



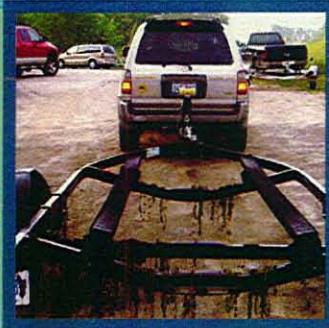
Visit columbiashuswapinvasives.org to learn more about the other high priority species in the in the Columbia Shuswap.

What are Aquatic Invasive Species?

► **Aquatic Invasive Species** are non-native plants and animals that have been introduced into an ecosystem where they **do not belong**. They are able to reproduce and spread quickly through waterways causing negative

impacts on our environment, communities and infrastructure. **Humans are the #1-way invasive species are introduced and spread.** Learn what simple actions you can take to protect our waters!

How do they spread?



Unwashed watercraft & equipment

Invasive species like Zebra & Quagga Mussels can travel undetected on boats and trailers. *Even their larvae can survive up to 30 days in standing water.*

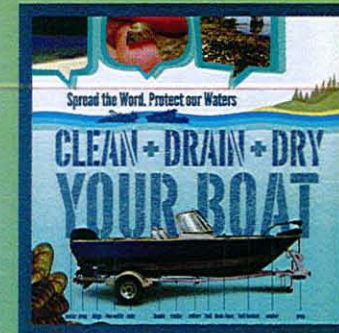
What are their impacts?



Environmental

- Cause toxic algae blooms
 - Introduce parasites & diseases
 - Reduce biodiversity & weaken aquatic ecosystems
 - Out-compete native species for space and resources
- Bullfrogs will eat ANYTHING that fits in their mouths, destroying natural ecosystems.*

What can I do to help?



Clean, Drain, Dry

- Properly clean ALL your watercraft AND equipment
- Remember to drain any standing water in hoses, tanks or bilges
- To find a boat wash location near you contact us at: columbiashuswapinvasives.org

Releasing pets & plants into natural environments

Invasive species drastically disturb the natural web of life when people dump their aquariums into the "wild". *Releasing pets into the wild is both inhumane and dangerous.*

Economic

- Decrease in tourism
 - Higher utility bills, taxes, & maintenance costs
 - Reduce waterfront property values
- Infestations can cause massive damage to infrastructure like this hydro-electric dam pipe clogged with invasive mussels.*



Don't Let it Loose!

- Know a pet's long-term needs before purchase
- Find a new home for your unwanted pets
- Drain aquariums on dry land
- Find alternatives to release by contacting us at: columbiashuswapinvasives.org

Planting invasive species & improper disposal of garden waste

Invasive species can quickly spread along waterfronts and creek banks. *Even tiny plant clippings can spread unwanted plants.*

Social

- Contaminate drinking water
 - Reduce swimming, fishing & boating opportunities
 - Threaten local fisheries
 - Cause health problems
- Dense patches of invasive species can make it difficult to fish, swim or even paddle a canoe.*



Be PlantWise!

- Choose non-invasive plants for your garden
- Never compost invasive plants
- Dispose of invasive plants responsibly
- For proper disposal methods contact us at: columbiashuswapinvasives.org

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Has Your Watercraft Been Outside BC in the Last 30 Days?

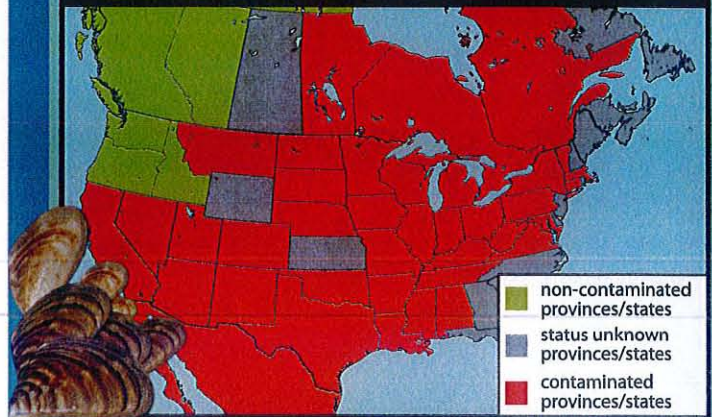
 IF NO, SEE OTHER SIDE

 IF YES, then your watercraft might be transporting invasive zebra or quagga mussels. Help protect BC waters from these devastating aquatic invasive species.




Has Your Watercraft Been in a Mussel-Infested Province or State in the last 30 days?

Zebra and Quagga Mussel Distribution
(Map Updated March 2017)



Report It. It's the Law!

 If you have visited a red or gray shaded province or state in the past 30 days, **DO NOT** attempt to clean the watercraft yourself. Your watercraft may require decontamination. Call 1-877-952-7277 (RAPP line)

For more information:



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Has Your Watercraft Been Outside BC in the Last 30 Days?



IF **YES**, SEE OTHER SIDE



IF **NO**, avoid transporting aquatic invasive species around BC by cleaning your watercraft at these locations:

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| Golden | Downtown Auto Wash, 520 8th Avenue N. |
| Revelstoke | R Carwash, 203 Hwy 23N. |
| Sicamous | Sicamous Truck and Car Wash, 1602 Maier Road |
| Salmon Arm | Petro Car Wash, 915 Lakeshore Drive W. |
| Salmon Arm | Xcalibur Car Wash, 2321 Trans-Canada Hwy |
| Salmon Arm | Salmon Arm Truck and Car Wash, 801 5 Avenue SW. |
| Salmon Arm | Gateway Car Wash, 2801 10th Ave NE. |
| Blind Bay | Blind Bay Carwash, 2793 Fairway Hills Rd |

Aquatic invasive species can have negative impacts on the environment, economy, and public health. They can damage local fisheries, increase taxes, and cause health problems.



CLEAN off all plants, animals, and mud from watercraft and related equipment (e.g. waders, fishing gear, life jackets)



DRAIN onto dry land any item that can hold water (e.g. bilge, ballast, wells, buckets)



DRY all items completely before launching the watercraft into another body of water

For Immediate Release

Okanagan Residential Sales Typical for Fall Time

KELOWNA, B.C. – November 6th, 2017. Residential sales posted to the Multiple Listing Service (MLS®) for the Okanagan region of Peachland to Revelstoke totaled 736 in October, comparable to last month's 740 and just 6% lower than this time last year reports the Okanagan Mainline Real Estate Board (OMREB).

"Not unusual for this time of year, October sales and new listing volumes were both slightly lower than previous months, with both indicators in the range of what we were seeing this time last year," comments OMREB President Tanis Read, adding "The average number of days on market rose over previous months, also typical as we head into the winter months."

New listings were 898 in October, compared to 1118 in September, whereas the average number of days it took to sell a home in October was 83 as compared to 78 in September and 92 this time last year.

Read notes that average price, at \$526,418, was a bit of an irregularity, likely due to the mix of properties sold as compared to the previous month. October's average price was 6% higher than September's and up 16% over this time last year.

"While a lack of available homes for sale continues to be a problem and a major contributor to pricing, the good news, at least for some parts of the region we serve, is the number of new, multi-family residences that are closing in on completion. This, coupled, with a surge in housing starts, could mean good news in terms of availability and affordability," comments Read.

More housing supply offers benefits not only for prospective buyers but those looking to rent and even those considering selling. While a seller's market, where there are fewer homes for sale to a larger pool of buyers, can be attractive for those considering listing, it can also pose challenges for those same sellers when they look to find a new home at a price they can afford.

"Even within a local real estate market, conditions can differ within particular sub-regions or the various types of housing product," says Read, encouraging buyers and sellers to consult a local real estate professional to ensure they have comprehensive data to inform their decision-making.

Turning to buyers of homes in the region, results compiled from monthly OMREB buyer surveys year to date (January through September, 2017), indicate that first time buyers accounted for 20% of purchasers, with move-up buyers at 17%. Those moving within the region were 56%, followed by those from the Lower Mainland/Vancouver Island at 18% and Alberta at 11%. The 84-month average has first time buyers accounting for 20% of buyers and move-up buyers at 22%. Those moving within the region were 57%, followed by buyers from Alberta at 14% and Lower Mainland/Vancouver at 12%.

"It's encouraging that first time buyers continue to be a strong force within the region as they stimulate the chain of housing ownership", says Read, noting that move-up buyers tend to rely on first time buyers to purchase their existing homes.



MEDIA RELEASE

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

For detailed statistics specific to each of the three regions served by OMREB, visit www.omreb.com.

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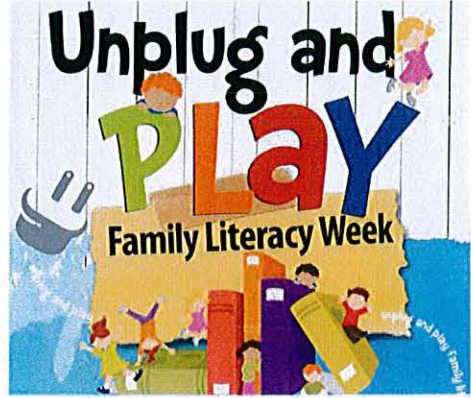
DISCLAIMER: Monthly Sales statistics are based on the sales reported by real estate offices on or before the last day of the month. Sales not reported by month end and collapsed sales are reflected in the subsequent month's statistics.

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January 20th to 27th, 2018

Dear Community Member/Organization,

We would like to invite you to participate in the North Okanagan-Shuswap's "Unplug and Play" Family Literacy Week from January 20th to 27th, 2018. The Literacy Alliance of the Shuswap Society (LASS) is planning the 7th annual community celebration of events that encourages families to build literacy by reconnecting and playing.



We will be creating and distributing Unplug and Play passports for all elementary students in the school district. You have a great opportunity to ensure your organization or business is highlighted. On each passport, there is a daily checklist to record screen-free activities and a schedule of free events for families throughout the North Okanagan-Shuswap. For possible event ideas, please refer to the attached passport from last year. In January 2017, over 2500 people participated in Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week events throughout the region. Don't miss out on this opportunity to highlight what our communities have to offer to engage people of all ages.

If you plan to do something special for Family Literacy Week this year, please send us the information below by **Friday December 1st, 2017** so we can include your event in the Unplug and Play passports and in our promotional campaign. We look forward to your participation.

Please email the following information to admin@shuswapliteracy.ca

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| Name of Organization _____ |
| Contact person _____ |
| Email address _____ |
| Phone number _____ |
| Name of event _____ |
| Description of Event _____ |
| Location of event _____ |
| Date and time of event _____ |

For more information please contact:
Darcy Calkins, Literacy Outreach Coordinator
250-463-4555 / admin@shuswapliteracy.ca



My Activity Log

SATURDAY
Jan. 21

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I read. | <input type="checkbox"/> I watched less TV. |
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SUNDAY
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FRIDAY
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Unplug and PLAY
Family Literacy Week

Challenge 2017

JANUARY 21 - 28, 2017

NAME: _____ AGE: _____
PHONE: _____ SCHOOL: _____

YES! I accept the challenge! I am participating in the Unplug & Play challenge from Saturday, January 21 to Saturday, January 28, 2017.

I pledge to:

1. Have less screen time (TV, iPad or tablet, smartphone, computer etc.)
2. Spend more time playing unplugged. For example: walking, skating, swimming, board games, baking, listening to audio books etc.
3. Have more family time!
4. Read more!

Hand in your completed Challenge Sheet to your neighbourhood school office by Friday, February 3, 2017 for a chance to win some great prizes.

Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week January 21 to 28 2017

For full event details visit: shuswapliteracy.ca.

All Week

"Jam the GM" Children's Book Drive

- > SALMON ARM GM and PICCADILLY MALL
- > SICAMOUS HEALTH UNIT, ARENA and RESOURCE CENTRE
- > ENDERBY LIBRARY BRANCH

Bring a Book to Work Week

- > ALL COMMUNITIES

Drop-In Story Walk™

- > ARMSTRONG VISITOR CENTRE

Saturday, January 21

Armstrong Have Fun With Dance

- > ARMSTRONG DANCE ACADEMY
- > CREATIVE MOVEMENT (AGES 3-4) 9:30AM - 10AM
- > PRE-BALLET (AGES 5-6) 10AM - 10:30AM
- > DANCE SAMPLER (AGES 7-8) 10:30AM - 11:15AM
- > DANCE SAMPLER (AGES 9-12) 11:15AM - 12NOON

Pre-registration required, contact Armstrong Dance Academy at 250-546-0308.

Family Storytime

- > ENDERBY LIBRARY BRANCH 10:30AM
- > SALMON ARM LIBRARY BRANCH 3:30PM

Salmon Arm Theatre Fun

- > SHUSWAP THEATRE 10:30AM - 12:30PM

Sicamous Family Yoga

- > 1 AM YOGA SHUSWAP 10:30AM

Family Games Day Drop-In

- > FALKLAND LIBRARY BRANCH 1PM - 4PM

Create with Keva Planks

- > SOUTH SHUSWAP LIBRARY BRANCH 2PM

Sicamous Family Arts & Crafts: Garden Fairy Sign

- > EAGLE VALLEY ARTISAN SHOP 2PM - 4PM

Family Puzzle Hour

- > ENDERBY LIBRARY BRANCH 2:30PM - 3:30PM

Sunday, January 22

Unplug & Play Family Swim

- > SALMON ARM RECREATION CENTRE 1PM - 4PM

Supported by:

Armstrong Curling Club
Armstrong Dance Academy
Armstrong/Spall Parks & Rec
Bastion PAC
Carlin PAC
City of Salmon Arm

CYMHSU Collaborative
District of Sicamous
Eagle Valley Artisan & Gift Shop
Enderby Curling Club
Enderby Recreation Services
Enderby Resource Centre
EZ Rock 91.5FM

Hillcrest PAC
Hunters Range Snowmobile Club
I Am Yoga Shuswap
Ken Jamieson
Kidz & Company
Lakeside Bowling
Literacy Alliance of the Shuswap Soc.

NSS Community Resources
Okanagan Boys & Girls Club
Okanagan Regional Library
Pleasant Valley Health Centre
Salmon Arm Curling Club
Salmon Arm ECD
Salmon Arm GM

Salmon Arm Observer
Salmon Arm Recreation
Salmon Arm Silverbacks
School District No. 83
SD #83 District PAC
Shuswap Children's Association
Shuswap District Arts Council

Shuswap Events
Shuswap Theatre Society
Shuswap Youth Soccer Assoc.
Sicamous & Malakwa ECD
Sicamous Eagles
Sicamous Health Unit
Sweet Freedom Yoga

Enderby Family Ice Skate

- > ENDERBY ARENA 2:30PM - 4PM

Armstrong Family Rollerskating

- > HASSEN ARENA ARMSTRONG 3PM - 4:30PM

Sicamous Family Arts & Crafts: Painted Snowman

- > EAGLE VALLEY ARTISAN SHOP 3PM - 5PM

Armstrong Family Ice Skate

- > NOR-VAL RECREATION CENTRE 3:45PM - 5:45PM

Enderby Adult Shiny

- > ENDERBY ARENA 6:30PM - 7:45PM

Monday, January 23

Enderby Mother Goose

- > ENDERBY RESOURCE CENTRE 10AM - 11PM

Silver Creek Elementary Ice Fishing

- > WHITE LAKE 10AM - 12NOON

Sicamous StrongStart Outdoor Playday

- > PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 10:45AM - 11:15AM

Salmon Arm Bowling

- > LAKESIDE BOWLING 3PM - 6PM
- Kids under 18 bowl free! Lane reservations recommended, call 250-832-3946.

Sicamous Family Arts & Crafts: Paint & Stencil

- > EAGLE VALLEY ARTISAN SHOP 3PM - 5PM

Winter Fun Play in the Park

- > SORRENTO BLIND BAY PARK 4PM - 5:30PM

Family Curling Night

- > SALMON ARM CURLING CLUB 4PM - 5:30PM

Bring clean indoor shoes.

Salmon Arm Early Years Fair "Pirate Party"

- > DISTRICT EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE 5PM - 7PM

Tuesday, January 24

Enderby Family Skate

- > ENDERBY ARENA 12NOON - 1PM

Sicamous Crazy Hat Skate

- > SICAMOUS RECREATION CENTRE 2PM - 3:30PM

Sicamous Family Arts & Crafts: Painted Snowman

- > EAGLE VALLEY ARTISAN SHOP 3PM - 5PM

Enderby Youth (13-17) Shiny

- > ENDERBY ARENA 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Salmon Arm Family Fun Yoga

- > SWEET FREEDOM YOGA 4PM - 5PM

Magic Show with Leif David

- > SALMON ARM LIBRARY BRANCH 4PM

Sicamous Painting Class

- > RED BARN ARTS CENTRE 4PM - 6PM
- Pre-registration required by Jan. 20, contact Jamie Sherlock at 250-836-2477 or jsherlock@sicamous.ca.

Carlin Winter Celebration

- > CARLIN ELEMENTARY-MIDDLE SCHOOL 6PM - 7:30PM

Bastion PJ Storytime

- > BASTION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Wednesday, January 25

Armstrong Mother Goose

- > PLEASANT VALLEY HEALTH CENTRE 8:30AM - 9:30AM
- > PLEASANT VALLEY HEALTH CENTRE 10M - 11AM

Sicamous Eagles Gym Fun at StrongStart

- > PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY 9:55AM - 11:15AM

Malakwa Parents & Tots Snow Play Day

- > MALAKWA PRESCHOOL 10AM - 12NOON

Enderby Coffee Talk - Yoga with Tessa

- > ENDERBY RESOURCE CENTRE 10:15AM - 11:15AM

Family Storytime

- > SALMON ARM LIBRARY BRANCH 10:30AM

Enderby Adult Shiny

- > ENDERBY ARENA 11:30AM - 12:30PM

Enderby Family Skate

- > ENDERBY ARENA 12:45PM - 1:45PM

Enderby Lego Building

- > ENDERBY LIBRARY BRANCH 3PM - 4:30PM

Sicamous Family Arts & Crafts: Paint & Stencil

- > EAGLE VALLEY ARTISAN SHOP 3PM - 5PM

Armstrong Learn to Curl

- > ARMSTRONG CURLING CLUB 3:30PM - 6PM

Booksmack & Marshmallow Club

- > SALMON ARM LIBRARY BRANCH 3:30PM - 4:30PM
- Pre-registration required, contact Salmon Arm Library at 250-832-6161.

"Free Range Kids" Community Presentation

- > SALMON ARM SECONDARY - SULLIVAN 6:30PM - 8PM
- Pre-registration required, childcare available. Sign up at: lass-freerangekids.eventbrite.ca

Thursday, January 26

Enderby Kidz & Company Cardboard City

- > ENDERBY DRILL HALL 9AM - 11:30AM

Salmon Arm Toddler Storytime

- > SALMON ARM LIBRARY BRANCH 10:30AM

Drop Everything & Read with Parent/Caregiver

- > HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1:15PM

Enderby Youth (7-12) Shiny

- > ENDERBY ARENA 2:30PM - 3:30PM

Skating and Books with the 'Backs

- > SHAW CENTRE 2:45PM - 4:15PM

Sicamous Family Arts & Crafts: Painted Snowman

- > EAGLE VALLEY ARTISAN SHOP 3PM - 5PM

Come Try Family Dance PL3Y!

- > ENDERBY DRILL HALL 3:15PM - 4PM

Enderby Come Try Curling

- > ENDERBY CURLING CLUB 3:30PM - 5PM

Salmon Arm Lego Club

- > SALMON ARM LIBRARY BRANCH 3:30PM - 4:30PM
- Pre-registration required, contact Salmon Arm Library at 250-832-6161.

Enderby Family Skate

- > ENDERBY ARENA 3:45PM - 4:45PM

Under the Lights Family Snowshoe Night

- > LITTLE MOUNTAIN SPORTS FIELDS 5PM - 7PM
- Bring snowshoes and headlamps if you have them. Some snowshoes will be available.

Friday, January 27

Aboriginal Storytelling Event

- > STRONGSTART AT PARKVIEW SCHOOL 8:45AM
- > STRONGSTART AT MY BEATTIE 10:30AM
- > SOUTH SHUSWAP LIBRARY BRANCH 3:15PM

Fun with Physical Literacy Recharge & Reconnect

- > ARMSTRONG FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 9:30AM - 11:30AM

Sicamous Parents & Tots Snow Play Day

- > EAGLE VALLEY RESOURCE CENTRE 10AM - 12NOON

Sicamous Family Skate

- > SICAMOUS RECREATION CENTRE 12:30PM - 1PM

Sicamous Family Arts & Crafts: Paint & Stencil

- > EAGLE VALLEY ARTISAN SHOP 3PM - 5PM

Sicamous Family Board Game Night

- > SICAMOUS LIBRARY BRANCH 5PM - 7PM

PJ Storytime

- > SALMON ARM LIBRARY BRANCH 6PM
- > ARMSTRONG LIBRARY BRANCH 6:30PM

Salmon Arm Family Fitness

- > HILLCREST SCHOOL 6:45PM - 7:30PM

Saturday, January 28

Family Storytime

- > ENDERBY LIBRARY BRANCH 10:30AM
- > ARMSTRONG LIBRARY BRANCH 11AM
- > SALMON ARM LIBRARY BRANCH 3:30PM

Enderby Family Snow Day

- > RIVERSIDE PARK 11AM - 3PM

"Build a Book" Project at Family Saturdays

- > SALMON ARM ARTS CENTRE 11AM - 3:30PM

SYSA Family Footy (Soccer)

- > SALMON ARM INDOOR SOCCER ARENA 1PM - 3PM
- Bring indoor cleats or clean running shoes.

Sicamous Family Arts & Crafts: Garden Fairy Sign

- > EAGLE VALLEY ARTISAN SHOP 3PM - 5PM

Enderby Family Puzzle Hour

- > SALMON ARM LIBRARY BRANCH 2:30PM

For Immediate Release | October 28, 2017

Illicit Drug Alert: Kelowna and Kamloops

Interior Health is urging residents using or considering using drugs to take extra caution in the wake of an increased number of fatal overdoses in the Lower Mainland on Friday, which may be an indication that more lethal illicit drugs are also present in Interior Health.

While not using drugs at all is the best way to avoid overdose and other health impacts, health-care providers recognize some people will continue to use drugs.

The following tips can help reduce the risk:

- Don't mix different drugs (including pharmaceutical medications, street drugs, and alcohol)
- Don't take drugs when you are alone. Leave door unlocked. Tell someone to check on you.
- Use less and pace yourself. Do testers to check strength - take a small sample of a drug before taking your usual dosage.
- Keep an eye out for your friends – stay together and look out for each other.
- Carry a Naloxone kit and know how to use it. A list of locations to get a kit can be found on the Interior Health [website](#).
- Recognize the signs of an OD: Slow or no breathing, gurgling or gasping, lips/fingertips turning blue, difficult to rouse (awaken), non-responsive.
- If someone thinks they may be having an overdose or is witnessing an overdose, follow the [SAVE ME steps](#) and call 9-1-1 immediately, do not delay.

Interior Health has Mobile Supervised Consumption Services available in both Kelowna and Kamloops. More information on these services is available at:

<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/AboutUs/Leadership/MHO/PHEmergency/Pages/Mobile-ODPS.aspx>

For more resources and links related to overdose and substance use, visit:

<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/AboutUs/Leadership/MHO/Pages/PHEmergency.aspx>

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Media, for information:

Karl Hardt, Communications Consultant, Interior Health
250-354-3030

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Proposed Federal Tax Changes

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- Small Business



PROPOSED FEDERAL TAX CHANGES – SMALL BUSINESS

WE STILL HAVE WORK TO DO

Chambers across the country, in collaboration with the BC Chamber of Commerce and Canadian Chamber of Commerce have been diligently petitioning the federal government to re-visit the proposed small business tax changes and to discuss the detrimental ramifications these proposed changes would have to Canadian small business. We must remind government that small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) are the engine of the Canadian economy – estimates range from 85 to 90% of all businesses in Canada are SMEs and as such the proposals must be challenged.

Key Issues

Are you a business owner?

If your business is incorporated, then you could be facing a larger tax bill and big compliance costs from the government's new proposals to change the way corporations are taxed.

Do you employ family members?

The government wants to scrutinize their compensation to apply a much higher tax rate on income they consider "unreasonable".

Do you invest the profits from your business?

The federal government is proposing to tax that income at an effective rate of 70%.

Do you want to pass your business on to your children?

Tough new rules make it difficult for younger kids to get the capital gains exemption. They could be double-taxed.

The chamber network, as well as other advocacy organizations, have used its collective voice on this issue and the efforts have reaped some reward by way of reductions to certain proposed tax changes. ***However, there is still much more work that needs to be done.***

Your voice must continue to be heard in support of fair tax regulations for small business.

The Salmon Arm Chamber of Commerce will be distributing a petition to our members in the first part of November as part of these continued efforts.

In the interim, we encourage you to send a message to our MP today

communicating this tax reform will harm businesses of all sizes.

Mel Arnold, MP North Okanagan - Shuswap

3105 - 29th Street, Vernon BC V1T 5A8

E-Mail: Mel.Arnold@parl.gc.ca Phone: 1 250 260-5020



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**PROPOSED FEDERAL TAX CHANGES TO SMALL BUSINESS
ADD YOUR VOICE - SIGN THE PETITION**

BC Chamber at Work

The federal government's consultation period on proposed tax changes has ended, but our advocacy has not.

The BC Chamber of Commerce encourages all Chambers and private business owners to sign a petition asking the government to put these changes on hold.

Petition Challenge

Our Chamber petition has been live for a number of days and we need your help. We encourage you to sign the petition by clicking on the following link:

<http://bit.ly/2fuq0BL>.

We also invite you to share this link with your business associates and suppliers and ask them to participate in sharing the voices of Canadian business owners.

#PROTECT GROWTH - A CHAMBER NETWORK ADVOCACY INITIATIVE



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**Delicious food, complimentary beverages,
great company and a fabulous place to
mingle!**

**Thu. Nov. 16 | Lakeside Manor
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm**

LAKESIDE MANOR



Retirement Living
Redefined

*Complimentary
beverages &
appetizers created
by Chef Rob Sen-
gotti and his talent-
ed team!*

Chamber of Commerce November Business Mixer

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2017 | 4:00 — 6:30 pm

Lakeside Manor — 681 Harbourfront Drive NE



RSVP admin@sachamber.bc.ca | (250) 832-6247

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BC Chamber of Commerce

Know what's on BC's mind.

COLLECTIVE PERSPECTIVE SURVEY

The BC Chamber is back at it, trying to find out what is on BC's mind.

Our 2016 province-wide Collective Perspective survey captured results from 1,200 businesses of all sizes representing all sectors of the economy, and from all regions of the province. We discovered a strong confidence among the business community in both the current health of their businesses and their future outlook on the economy.

This year, we are drilling down deeper into the issues to see if anything has changed. Insights gathered from this survey feed directly into the BC Chamber's advocacy efforts.

So we want to hear what's on YOUR mind, so we can use and share this data with our members, making BC a province wired for insight.

Here's the official survey link: <http://ca.surveygizmo.com/s3/50008416/Study>



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Her Worship Mayor Nancy Cooper and Council
City of Salmon Arm
E-mail: cityhall@salmonarm.ca

Dear Mayor Cooper and Council:

As the new Minister of Children and Family Development, I am honoured and delighted to proclaim November as Adoption Awareness Month. This annual proclamation offers an opportunity to celebrate the many families in the province who have opened their hearts and their homes through adoption, and to highlight the need for more families to consider adopting.

In your community and across the province, there are young people hoping for a permanent home to call their own. There are approximately 1,000 children and youth in foster care waiting for a permanent home. Some are part of a sibling group, some have special needs, and some are teens. Regardless of their personal circumstances, each and every child deserves a family to belong to, a stable place to grow up, help and guidance preparing for the challenges of adulthood, and someone to rely on for support, encouragement and love.

There are many ways to celebrate adoptive families and help raise awareness of the need for more adoptive families in British Columbia. Your council could proclaim Adoption Awareness Month in your community, you could create an adoption display in your office, use a copy of the Provincial Proclamation, invite Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) Adoption Social Workers to set up an information booth, have your community newspaper feature articles on adoption and invite local adoptive parents to a "meet and greet". If you are interested in exploring these ideas please contact MCFD staff at: MCF.AdoptionsBranch@gv.bc.ca.

The Adoptive Families Association of British Columbia (AFABC) has been supporting adoptive families in British Columbia for forty years. The AFABC's representative for your area can provide you with information on events in your community and on adoption in general. Their contact information, as well as contact information for the four licensed adoption agencies in British Columbia, can be accessed at: <http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/adoption/index.htm>.

Last year the Ministry of Children and Family Development launched the *Adopt BC Kids* Web site; the portal allows citizens to complete an adoption application online 24/7. Since its inception, more than 340 prospective adoptive families have registered on *Adopt BC Kids* and 97 families have submitted applications to adopt. Please take a look at the site and encourage community members who are interested in adopting a child in foster care to register at www.gov.bc.ca/adoptbckids.

On behalf of the Ministry of Children and Family Development, thank you for helping us raise awareness about adoption and working with us to find homes for British Columbia's children and youth.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Katrine Conroy
Minister of Children and Family Development

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Sent on behalf of the Minister by:



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Ministry of Children and Family Development

From: AGLG Info AGLG:EX [<mailto:info@aglg.ca>]

Sent: November 1, 2017 12:06 PM

To: AGLG Info AGLG:EX

Subject: Auditor General for Local Government Announces New Auditees



Auditor General for Local Government Announces New Auditees



The Auditor General for Local Government (AGLG) has identified new auditees under the audit topic “Emergency Management in Local Governments” and “Local Government’s Role in Ensuring Clean Drinking Water”, said Auditor General for Local Government, Gordon Ruth.

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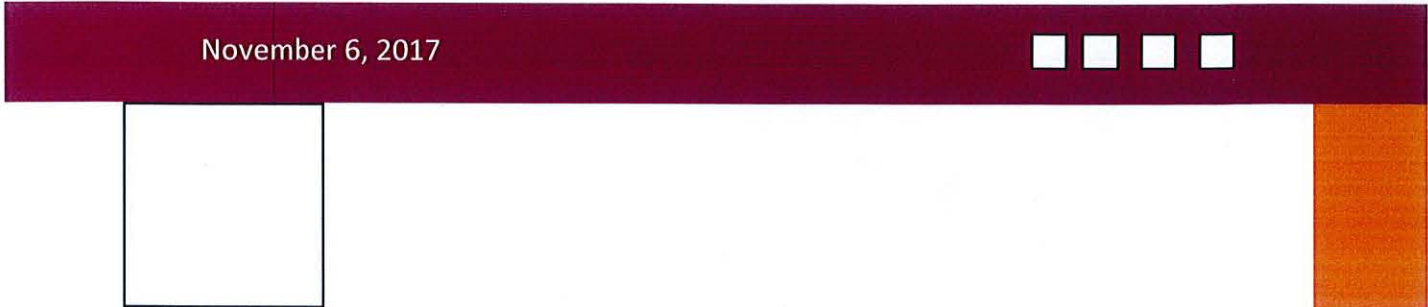
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Barb Puddifant

From: Carl Bannister
Sent: November-06-17 6:33 AM
To: Barb Puddifant
Subject: FW: FCM's 2018 Annual Conference: Book your accommodation

From: FCM Hotels [mailto:hotels@fcm.ca]
Sent: November 5, 2017 9:01 PM
To: Carl Bannister
Subject: FCM's 2018 Annual Conference: Book your accommodation



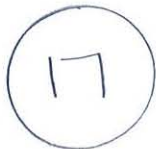
FCM's 2018 Annual Conference: Book your accommodation

You will be able to book your hotel rooms for FCM's 2018 Annual Conference and Trade Show, May 31 to June 3 at the new Halifax Convention Centre starting on **Tuesday, November 7 at 1 p.m. Eastern Time.**

FCM has negotiated discounted room rates at a number of Halifax hotels. These rooms will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The [list of hotels](#) will only be available at 1 p.m. ET on Tuesday.

The deadline to cancel reservations is **Friday, March 2, 2018**. Cancellations made after this date may result in a penalty equal to one night's room and tax. This policy is enforced regardless of the individual hotels' standard cancellation policies.

Please [contact us](#) with any questions related to hotel accommodations for the event.



We look forward to seeing you in Halifax!!



Barb Puddifant

From: CPAB_BC_Communications_CB [CPAB_BC_Communications_CB@hc-sc.gc.ca]
Sent: October-26-17 12:11 PM
Subject: Health Canada Recall: - Mattel Canada Inc. recalls Fisher-Price Soothing Motions Seat



Health Canada Santé Canada

Consumer Product Recall

Mattel Canada Inc. recalls Fisher-Price Soothing Motions Seat



What you should do

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled products and contact Mattel for instructions on how to obtain a refund for the Soothing Motions Seat models listed above.

For more information, consumers can contact **Mattel** toll free at **1-800-432-5437** from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or [online](#) and click on Recalls & Safety Alerts.

Consumers may view the release by the US CPSC on the [Commission's website](#).

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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October 25, 2017

Salmon Arm City Council
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Re: TRU Funding Re-evaluation

Dear honourable members of the Salmon Arm City Council,

We are writing you to request a letter of support for the 'Fund the Future' initiative that calls on the provincial government to re-evaluate the Thompson Rivers University funding formula.

Since TRU became a university in 2005 it has expanded significantly in the number of students it serves as well in as its importance to the broader region. But the level of government funding that TRU receives per student has eroded at the same time, moving TRU to rank 20th out of 25 post-secondary institutions in BC in per student funding. This means that in the last five years alone TRU has been underfunded by more than \$80 million compared to the average post-secondary education institution in BC.

Despite this level of underfunding TRU is the 4th largest employer in the Kamloops region and contributes an estimated \$355 million to the regional economy and \$655 million to the provincial economy with only \$64 million in government funding. With appropriate government funding that reflects TRU's expanding role in the province this economic impact could be much higher.

As a result, the TRU Students' Union is requesting a letter of support from the Salmon Arm City Council to support a full re-evaluation of the Thompson Rivers University funding formula.

Sincerely,

Cole Hickson, Vice-President External
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Barb Puddifant

From: Campaigns Coordinator [campaigns@trusu.ca]
Sent: October-25-17 3:33 PM
To: Erin Jackson
Cc: Barb Puddifant
Subject: Re: Presentation Request - City of Salmon Arm
Attachments: LetterofSupportRequest.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Hi Erin,

Thanks for getting back to me - that sounds great. I've attached a letter of request below - the letter is signed by our VP External. Let me know if you need anything else from me or anything else included in the request letter.

Thanks,
Leif



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October 27th, 2017

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Dear Mayor Cooper and Council Members,

Following discussions with Mr. Kevin Pearson and Councillor Tim Lavery, we are submitting a synopsis of a wildfire protection proposal for Salmon Arm and local First Nations lands.

Sk'atsin Resources Ltd. of the Neskonlith Indian Band, in partnership with Silvatech Consulting Ltd., would like to propose to council a joint application to the UBCM Strategic Wildfire Initiative (SWPI) program for funding to develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The Salmon Arm/Shuswap area is a particularly vulnerable community for wildfire risk because of forest types that result in heavy fuel loading in the adjacent forests, forests that extend down to the valley bottoms, and a relatively high incidence of lightning in the Shuswap area. Given the global incidents of wildfire devastation in 2017, Salmon Arm's past history with wildfire close-calls and the current provincial funding available for wildfire fuel management; it appears to be a good time to consider taking advantage of existing provincial funding sources.

Our objective in this proposal is two-fold: 1. to develop and implement a plan to protect Salmon Arm and First Nations lands from the ravages of wildfire, and 2. to provide employment opportunities for First Nations forestry workers.

The SWPI program consists of 3 Phases: 1) the development of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan; 2) the preparation of Fuel Management Prescriptions; and, 3) Operational Fuel Treatments & Maintenance Treatments. At this point we are proposing Phase 1, the development of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The current SWPI program provides 75% funding for Phase 1, 75% funding for Phase 2 and 90% funding for Phase 3.

We therefore request a meeting with Council to discuss the submission of a proposal to SWPI for funding to complete a Phase 1 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). This proposal would be in conjunction with local First Nations and would include First Nations crews in implementing the CWPP assuming the initiative continues through to Phase 3 implementation.

We look forward to meeting with you in the near future regarding this matter.

Best Regards,

Sk'atsin Resources Ltd.
Shane Vincenzi, Manager

Silvatech Consulting Ltd.
Terry Smith, RPF
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From: CivicInfo BC [<mailto:info@civicinfo.bc.ca>]
Sent: October 26, 2017 11:04 AM
To: CivicInfo BC
Subject: Message from Hara Associates - Passenger Directed Vehicle Services

This message is being sent by CivicInfo BC to local governments in British Columbia on behalf of Hara Associates.

Subject:

Passenger Directed Vehicle Services

Intended Recipient(s):

Mayor and Council/Regional District Chair/Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments:

None (0). See message below

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MESSAGE:

Subject: Passenger Directed Vehicle Services

Hara Associates (Hara) has been engaged by the Province of British Columbia to consult with stakeholders concerning passenger directed vehicle services, as discussed in these links:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017TRAN0260-001759>

<http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/rpt/index.htm>

As part of this process Hara will be consulting with municipalities, and has identified a number of ways your municipality can participate:

a) Your municipality may email comments to municipal.BCreview@haraassociates.com<<mailto:municipal.BCreview@haraassociates.com>>

b) Your municipality may participate in a workshop of municipalities that will be held the afternoon of Thursday November 23, 2017 in the Richmond area. If your municipality would like to attend this meeting, please advise so we will have a sense of the number of attendees and can book an appropriate facility.

c) Hara will contact a sample of municipalities by telephone. If your municipality cannot attend the meeting, it may email municipal.BCreview@haraassociates.com to indicate an interest to be included in this sample. Please provide the name and phone number of a contact person.

Your interest in this matter would be welcome.

Brian Bourns
Associate Principal
Hara Associates

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Sent: November 7, 2017 11:54 AM

To: CivicInfo BC

Subject: Message from Hara Associates - Consultation Deadlines - Passenger Directed Vehicle Services

This message is being sent by CivicInfo BC to select local governments in British Columbia on behalf of Hara Associates.

Subject: Consultation Deadlines - Passenger Directed Vehicle Services

Intended Recipient(s): Mayor and Council/Regional District Chair/Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments: None (0). See message below

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MESSAGE:

Subject: Consultation Deadlines - Passenger Directed Vehicle Services

Hara Associates has been engaged to conduct consultations on reforming regulation of taxis and other passenger directed vehicles in BC, including the possibility of commercial shared ride (e.g. Uber, Lyft). The announcement and terms of reference for our review can be found at these links:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017TRAN0260-001759>

<http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/rpt/index.htm>

While we will be consulting widely, the consultation will end in the first week of December, so we would appreciate your efforts to respond **by November 30, 2017**. There are a number of ways your municipality can participate:

- a) Your municipality may email comments to municipal.BCreview@haraassociates.com any time before November 30, 2017
- b) Your municipality may participate in a workshop of municipalities that will be held the afternoon (1 pm to 4 pm) of Thursday November 23, 2017 in the Richmond area. Please confirm your attendance by **November 10th** and we will provide details on the meeting location after that time.
- c) Hara will contact a sample of municipalities by telephone. If you would prefer a telephone discussion, please email municipal.BCreview@haraassociates.com by November 10th with the name and phone number of an appropriate contact person.

Thank you very much. We look forward to hearing from you.

Brian Bourns
Associate Principal
Hara Associates





The SalishSea

...World Heritage

To: Mayors & Councils, and Regional Directors in the Province of BC

re: A Grande Finale for 2017,
...Sustainable Development, & Our Local & World Heritage

October 27, 2017

Dear Mayor & Councils, and Regional Directors,

We have two requests which would greatly benefit from your personal consideration ...and your formal support as representatives of local government in British Columbia.

1) Recognition for December 11th, A Day For Our Common Future, this year being the 30th anniversary of the Brundtland Report's presentation to the United Nations. The BC Government, and many local governments have supported this designation since 2012.

<http://viccs.vcn.bc.ca/all-nations-and-peoples-proclamation-a-day-for-our-common-future/>

2) Praise and recognition of the 41 UNESCO World Heritage Site applications submitted in 2017, from across Canada; Minister McKenna to announce ten successful bids this December.

<http://salishseatrust.ca/2016/10/31/updating-canadas-tentative-list-for-world-heritage-sites/>

As 2017 comes to an end we find a wonderful opportunity before us, a chance to provide leadership and commitment to the very best our communities, province and country have to offer. And as respected and honourable representatives of local government - Mayors & Council Members and Directors in the Province of BC, we are then approaching you - to champion the spirit and strength that vitalizes and runs throughout our communities in British Columbia, and Canada.

In the near future, over the next month, we hope you might then find a chance to support the 30th anniversary of UNCED and sustainable development. And as you debate our legacy, and future, please consider support for UNESCO and our rich cultural and natural World Heritage ...in your neighbourhoods and regions, and across our great province and country.

Additional information is available, at your request. As non-profit organizations we are working together to encourage efforts locally which reflect national and global goals. These requests highlight new and ongoing work in the community of communities that is B.C. and Canada, and the benefits that follow from such initiatives.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Laurie Gourlay
Interim Director, Salish Sea Trust
President, V.I. Coast & Conservation Society

*c.c. - MP Rachel Blaney, MP, North Island - Powell River,
sponsor of House of Commons Salish Sea World Heritage Petition E-1269

Barb Puddifant

From: s.ridout@shaw.ca on behalf of cst.citizensforsafetechnology@gmail.com
Sent: October-24-17 8:37 PM
To: s.ridout@shaw.ca
Subject: ACTION REQUIRED: Microcell Resolution & Notice of Wireless Harm
Attachments: Letter to municipalities_Oct_2017.pdf

Sherry Ridout
On Behalf Of: **Citizens for Safe Technology**
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Dear Mayors and Councillors,

At last month's UBCM, BC municipalities voted in favour of a Resolution mandating that land use authorities and the public be consulted when microcells are placed within 100 metres of schools, hospitals, and residences. This requested change to existing policy closes a federal loophole that allows microcells to be placed on existing structures with no public consultation whatsoever. Over the next several months, the FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) will be discussing the content of the UBCM resolution with the federal government.

Microcell placement and municipal rights is a hot topic. While some individuals perceive microcells as benign or even benevolent transmitters that are essential to improving connectivity and achieving economic prosperity, a growing number of civic leaders are concerned about the many issues arising from installing microcells in the public right of way. (See Section 3: **Why Local Governments are Concerned about Microcells** below.) On October 15th 2017, SB 69 - a bill giving telecoms free rein to install microcells on California rights of way, [which 300 Californian cities opposed](#) - was vetoed by state Governor Jerry Brown.

High-speed connectivity is not dependent on microcells. Safe and data-secure technological options are available. (See Section 4: **Tech-Wise-Solutions for Connectivity** below.)

The material below summarizes the concerns about microcells and outlines important actions you may take **now** to insure that as a local government you are as fully engaged as current federal policy allows in the placement of microcells in your community.

Suggested Approach:

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- 1) Put the brief **Notice of Wireless Harm** in Section 2 below on the agenda of your next council meeting.
- 2) Review all permits, antenna siting policies, and agreements currently in place between your government and telecommunication companies. (See Section 5: **Action Check List** below.)
- 3) Take a few moments to read the material below so that you may make informed telecommunications decisions. This letter and that material are also attached as a PDF,

With Best Wishes,
Citizens for Safe Technology
cst.citizensforsafetechnology@gmail.com

Section 1: Overview

The Resolution that was passed:

WHEREAS public consultation on the placement of cell towers is mandated; and **WHEREAS** new technology is moving away from these large towers to micro-transmitters which do not require local government or public consultation; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AKBLG request the UBCM petition relevant provincial and federal governments to mandate consultation with the land use authorities and the public regarding microcell transmitter siting within 100 metres of residences, schools and hospitals.

Why this Resolution Matters

ISED (*Innovation, Science and Economic Development*, formerly *Industry Canada*) allows microcells, or small cell antennas, to be placed on existing structures without any public input or often knowledge. In their 2014 [Guide to Assisting Land-Use Authorities in Developing Antenna Siting Protocols](#), Industry Canada makes an assumption that: "certain proposals ... have minimal impact on the local surroundings and so are excluded from public and land-use consultations."

The UBCM's support for the microcell placement resolution shows that ISED has underestimated and overlooked the impact microcells have on municipalities and their residents.

Section 2: Microcells - Notice of Wireless Harm

There is no scientific research proving microcells are safe. The widespread installation of microcell technology is based on the misconception that wireless transmitters cause no harm. [Thousands of independent scientific studies](#), however, link the RFR (radiofrequency radiation) microcells emit to increased cancer risk, neurological

disorders, and infertility. Even low levels of RFR exposure over time have been linked to adverse effects on plants and [insects, especially pollinators](#)

- As of October 2017, 235 scientists from 41 countries have signed the [International EMF Scientists Appeal](#) urging world leaders to “protect mankind and wildlife from the dangers of EMFs and wireless technology.”

ISED says microcells are safe as long as they comply with Health Canada’s Safety Code 6. Health Canada, however, continues to ignore the non-thermal effects of artificial electromagnetic frequencies as well as the science which shows that exposure to these frequencies, [even at levels lower than those deemed safe by Safety Code 6](#), cause potential biological harm.

- On September 28, 2014, over [50 Canadian physicians](#) condemned Safety Code 6. On July 9, 2014, [fifty-three scientists from eighteen countries](#) called on Health Canada to intervene to “help avoid an emerging health crisis.”

Microcells are establishing the infrastructure for “5G” (fifth generation) technology which the telecom industry is poised to install across the nation. “5G” microwave frequencies have never been independently tested to prove they will not cause adverse biological and/or health effects. By allowing telecoms to install microcells, local governments currently have no recourse over how many transmitters are placed and if these microcells will be used to transmit “5G.”

- On Sept. 13, 2017, over 180 scientists from 35 countries sent a [declaration to the European Commission](#) calling for a moratorium on the rollout of microcell transmitters and “5G” saying that fifth generation technology “could lead to tragic, irreversible harm”

In 1998, Canada adopted the Wingspread Precautionary Principle, which states: “When an activity 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.”

Rethinking the indiscriminate installation of microcells in our communities supports this principle and protects local governments from being liable for damage and injury resulting from wireless harm.

[Section 3: Why Local Governments are Concerned about Microcells](#)

- **Public and Environmental Health and Safety** - as discussed in the above **Microcells - Notice of Wireless Harm**
- **Liability**

Once a municipal government has been made aware that microcells may cause personal injury or environmental harm (the **Notice of Wireless Harm** above informs you of this), permitting microcell transmitters to be installed in your ROWs may be deemed an act of negligence, and you may be held liable for any environmental damage or personal injury resulting from this equipment having been installed. Telecommunication workers (“linemen”) are at particular risk.

In 2013, the *CRTC* and the *FCM* established this liability criterion in their **Model Municipal Access Agreement**, which may be downloaded here:

<http://crtc.gc.ca/cisc/eng/ciscmanu.htm>.

• **Local Authority & Urban Planning**

The [Antenna Siting Systems Protocol Template](#) developed in 2013 by the *FCM* and the *Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association (CWTA)* offers municipalities examples of how they may add their input to antenna siting in their communities, specifying design preferences, for instance, or naming preferred and discouraged locations for antenna siting. However, once a land use authority gives its permission for microcells to be installed, telecommunication companies have the final say in where microcells are placed.

This Lack of Local Authority over microcells negatively impacts:

- **Public Health and Safety** Transmitters in the public right of way are affecting pole integrity, creating increased distraction for drivers, and causing sidewalk and roadway crowding.
- **Urban Planning:** There is no limit to the number of small cells allowed per property, and no consideration for competing demands, noise, size, lighting, design, or fiscal impacts.
- **Aesthetics & Property Values:** Universal deployment of microcells degrades intentionally designed neighborhoods and historic buildings, and negatively affects property values.
- **The Public’s Use and Enjoyment of the ROW:** Street-side gardening, block parties, neighbours visiting across the fence, children riding their bikes on the road by their homes... So many pastimes that add colour to a community and pleasure to life may be curtailed as citizens experience legitimate concern about lingering under the microcells and being exposed to radio frequencies.

Section 4: Tech-Wise - Solutions for Connectivity

Safe and data-secure technological options are available.

For mobile connectivity we could emulate Paris, France’s pilot project and install small cells with signals that are adequate for mobile use but do not penetrate buildings or peoples’ homes. For home and business internet access, wired networks of fiber optic and Ethernet cables or of fiber optic, copper wire and Ethernet cables (G-Fast) provide safe, fast, reliable, and cyber-secure connection, and will not blemish or obstruct local rights of way.

Section 5: Microcells - Municipal Rights and Responsibilities

Action Check List

- Have microcells been installed on existing structures in your municipality?
- If not, do you want to discuss other connectivity options with telecom providers before giving them access to your ROWs?
- Do you have an Antenna Siting Protocol in place? If so, does it require that notification is required for all new transmitters? If not, consider writing one that does, even for microcells being installed on existing structures.
- If microcells are installed in your ROWs:
 - Has written consent been given to the telecom by local land use authorities for each transmitter installed?
 - Have you asked the company who installed the microcell network for RF exposure level data?
 - Have you asked this company what strategies they have employed to keep the ambient RF radiation levels in residential areas as low as possible, and what strategies could still be implemented?
 - Have you negotiated a Municipal Access Agreement with the telecom who has installed these microcells?
 - Has the telecom submitted detailed before and after plans to your municipal engineer for each microcell installation?

The Model Municipal Access Agreement and You

The **Model Municipal Access Agreement** negotiated between the CRTC and the FCM in 2013 (<http://crtc.gc.ca/cisc/eng/ciscmanu.htm>) defines the parameters of local governments' current rights and responsibilities in relation to microcell placement. Most significantly:

1. **Consent:** Pursuant to section 43 of the Telecom Act a company must have a municipality's written consent prior to constructing equipment within the ROW.
2. **Permits:** Work within the ROWs by the company is subject to the authorization requirements established by the municipality. Municipalities determine if permits are required for each and every microcell.
3. **Plans:** Unless otherwise agreed to by the municipality, prior to installing microcells the company must submit the following to the municipal engineer:
 - Construction plans of the proposed work showing the locations of the proposed and existing equipment and other facilities, and specifying the boundaries of the area within the municipality within which the work is proposed to take place
And
 - All other relevant plans, drawings and other information as may be normally required by the municipal engineer from time to time for the purposes of issuing permits.
4. **Refusal to issue Permits.** In case of conflict with any *bona fide* municipal purpose, including reasons of public safety and health and conflicts with existing infrastructure, the municipality may request amendments to the plans provided by the company or may choose to refuse to issue a permit.
5. **Utility co-ordination committee.** The company shall participate in a utility co-ordination committee established by the municipality and contribute to its equitable share of the reasonable costs of the operation and administration of the committee as approved by such committee.
6. **"As-built" drawings.** The municipality may request that, no later than a given number of days after completion of any work, the company shall provide the municipal engineer with accurate "as-built" drawings sufficient to accurately establish the plan, profile, and dimensions of the equipment installed within the ROWs.
7. **Liability.** The municipality is responsible for any damage to the natural environment and any injury to any person arising from the presence of electromagnetic radiation in connection with the company's use of the ROWs if such damage was caused directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by the negligence of the municipality.