

Item 12.1

INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - OCTOBER 26, 2020

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A = Action Requested
C = Council Response Attached

S = Staff has Responded
R = Response Required

Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4H3



October 9, 2020

Mayor and Councillors
City of Salmon Arm
Box 40
Salmon Arm BC

Dear Mayor Harrison and Councillors:

With the COVID pandemic, people are walking in parks and neighbourhoods, which is beneficial for physical and mental health.

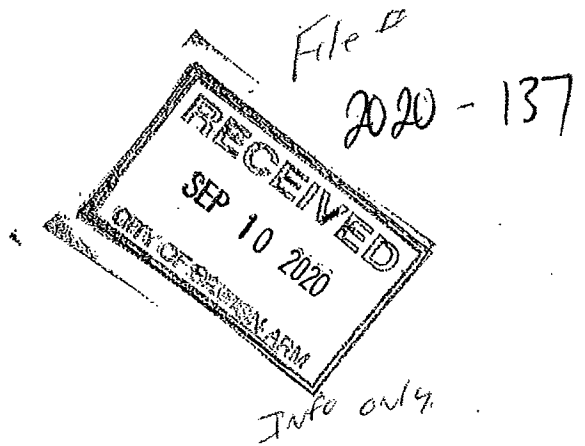
Winter is coming. Many of our citizens will be remaining in Salmon Arm this year and we will all need a safe place to walk and gather.

I request the City of Salmon Arm open the Indoor Memorial Sports Complex to the public during the winter months. It would be an ideal location to walk without worry of ice and snow – all with COVID precautions in place.

I am part of a group who would be happy to meet with you to discuss options for use of the facility. Please feel free to contact me

Sincerely,


Georgia McLeod



10 September 2020

City of Salmon Arm

To Whom it may Concern

I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and several people who walk their dogs at the Fair Grounds, the only large off leash dog park in the city.

We are so grateful to have the privilege to use this area and do our best to pick up after our dogs and be respectful of the rules laid out by the city.

With the onset of Covid-19 earlier this year and the resulting limitations for use of the fair grounds for horse events, Roots and Blues, fall fair etc. it is understandable that the grounds not be kept in the pristine condition it has been in the past. Having said that the grass is mowed regularly which is greatly appreciated.

The problem I am writing you about is one that causes concern not just for our dogs who run there but for humans as well.

There is a large number of homeless people who have taken up residence in some of the barns. Along with them there are drug users who frequent the area. With the closure of many of the public washrooms this park has become a human toilet. There are human faeces in the tall grass, underneath the grandstand and along the fences to name a few spots. For some unknown reason dogs are attracted to this, they roll in it, eat it, people step in it and it is becoming a real concern.

My dog ate some and later that day had a seizure, vomiting and general lethargy. We can't be sure but it is quite likely the person who left this in the grass was a drug user and trace amounts of this drug got into my dog's bloodstream. It seems too coincidental to be anything else. I have heard of a similar situation from another dog owner.

Many people have witnessed these folk defecating at the park and have confronted them only to get sworn at, threatened or ignored.

Needles and other drug paraphernalia have been found, a rock fire pit was seen under the grandstand which is a major fire hazard and lots of garbage is found on a daily basis. I have picked up some myself and I know many other dog walkers have done so as well.

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Despite the hotel down by McGuire Lake having opened to the homeless many don't like the rules associated with this accommodation so they chose to sleep elsewhere, ie at the fair grounds.

We all understand there is a homeless problem in our city and I'm confident that collectively the dog owners who use this park want to see these folks treated fairly and provide them with the care they deserve but under the current circumstances at the park, the dangers to animals, children and adults from these issues described above are getting too great to ignore.

I want to bring this to your attention to ask that something be done to rectify this situation. If the homeless cannot be moved to a more suitable location perhaps a cleanup (ie, weed trimming and mowing to eliminate tall grass areas) around trees, fences and pathways; a porta potty be left there, or some other alternative to discourage these folks from using the grounds as their personal toilet. Insofar as the drug use there this I suspect, will be an ongoing issue.

We want this park to be a place that can be enjoyed by all but as the problems stated above worsen, this will not be possible. Any suggestions you may have will be well received. Thank you.

Yours truly,

L. Robertson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. Robertson", written in dark ink.

From: Ann Smith
Sent: October-19-20 5:17 PM
To: Caylee Simmons
Subject: Affordable Housing and Airbnb in Salmon Arm

To the Mayor Harrison and Council; In recent weeks there have been articles published in the Observer, speaking to the lack of affordable housing. I have also read the recently released Housing Report.

I am writing to point out a real concern I have lived with and suffered from because of the apparent freewheeling approach to bed and breakfast locations in residential neighborhoods within the City of Salmon Arm. My concern is that Airbnb rentals do nothing to alleviate any of our rental or housing shortages and they are not a positive addition to any residential neighbourhood. There are far too many located in residential areas and I would imagine most residents feel as I do that if I wanted to live next door the Prestige Hotel or the Travelodge- I would move there, but I live in a residential neighborhood and should have the right to my peace and quiet living here. A mechanism needs to be in place for a maximum quotient of Bed and Breakfast locations in any given neighborhood.

Our home is located in Raven and at times, I have had Airbnb rentals on three sides of our home (all at one time) causing much duress and anxiety. We are we allowing free reign on Airbnb rentals in this city? I have been sworn at, yelled at, hard garbage dumped on our lawn, had sewage effluent dumped from an Airbnb "guest" vehicle onto the lawn our property, have had to endure smoke of all kinds at all hours of the night, yelling, screaming from the hot tub through the night and inappropriate vehicle parking, speeding and traffic issues. My own backyard is not a haven with this noise and confusion being thrust at our family. My street has been clogged with vehicles that truly have no business being here. When an Airbnb guest wanted to turn around in my driveway - they angrily swore at me, while flipping the bird -- to move out of their way- on my property- I pay the taxes. Why are we allowing our residential neighbours to become motel villages? I have also observed that several of the carriage house, or R-8 builds are not renting their suites out for affordable long term rentals, they are renting them purely as bed and breakfast/nightly rentals and advertise such very plainly on AirBnb.

SECTION 13 - R-8 - RESIDENTIAL SUITE ZONE #3996 Purpose 13.1 The purpose of the R-8 Zone is to permit the use of a secondary suite contained within a single family dwelling or a detached suite contained within an accessory building. Regulations 13.2 On a parcel zoned R-8, no building or structure shall be constructed, located or altered and no plan of subdivision approved which contravenes the regulations set out in the R-8 Zone or those regulations contained elsewhere in this Bylaw. Permitted Uses 13.3 The following uses and no others are permitted in the R-8 Zone: .1 boarders, limited to two; .2 family childcare facility; #3082 .3 group childcare; #3082 .4 home occupation; .5 public use; .6 public utility; .7 single family dwelling; .8 accessory use, including secondary suite or detached suite.

When we read the R-8 zoning bylaw it does not allow Airbnb rentals. Airbnb guests are not boarders. Will City bylaw please follow up with the owners and have them adhere to the bylaws that are in place?

I would recommend that the Housing Task Force investigate further and serious examine the Airbnb situation in general in our city. Why do you think all of the motels in our fair city were for sale at one time? I would suggest that the City needs to revamp their Airbnb "look the other way approach" and create levels of application and approvals, also generating an income stream to help bolster our Bylaw

and Enforcement work and that those property owners that wish to operate as a Bed and Breakfast need to apply for a permit to operate, pay a fee, become registered and have their property inspected for safety and also be regulated with rules and enforcement that they are obliged to do. I would suggest that property taxes should be increased to offset all of the extra wear and tear on our streets, byways and infrastructure and water—after all, at the present rate of Airbnb locations – the city is missing out on a few more tax revenue dollars. I would encourage the Task Force to cross reference the Airbnb listings that are readily available, to follow up on the vast amount of “holiday” rentals we have in our jurisdiction.

If I can provide further information or assistance, please let me know.

Trusting this matter will be resolved to a sense of reasonableness and balance.

Sincerely,

-Ann and Robert Smith
Salmon Arm

Erin Jackson

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 9:26 AM
To: Alan Harrison; Chad Eliason; Debbie Cannon; Kevin Flynn; Louise Wallace-Richmond; Sylvia Lindgren; Tim Lavery; Carl Bannister; Erin Jackson
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council

First Name	Mel
Last Name	Sandaker
Address:	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Return email address:	[REDACTED]
Subject:	Arts center gay event
Body	<p>How is it that the arts center can have a gay celebration when other events are not aloud to take place in the city. Example Roots and Blues and Fall Fair, also what does a gay celebration have to do with art anyways. I do not appreciate the city promoting this event. [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
Would you like a response:	Yes
Disclaimer	<p><i>Written and email correspondence addressed to Mayor and Council may become public documents once received by the City. Correspondence addressed to Mayor and Council is routinely published within the Correspondence Section of Regular Council Agendas.</i></p>

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Mayor and Council of the City of Salmon Arm are in receipt of a letter questioning the rationale for and necessity of the Pride Arts and Awareness festival held in person and online by the Salmon Arm Arts Centre and community partners.

We take this opportunity to remind residents that all businesses and organizations planning events are well aware of their duty and responsibility to comply with the public protocols from the BC Centre for Disease Control under the Province of British Columbia's State of Emergency.

It also seems a timely reminder that we are all equal under the law and the Canadian Human Rights Act prohibits discrimination on the grounds of gender identity and gender expression.

This festival, which was wholeheartedly supported by Mayor and Council, was a memorable and meaningful community effort to recognize prejudice against members of the LGBTQ2S and build resilience, acceptance and understanding. It was a long overdue opportunity for many to share lived experiences, build support and develop allyships.

Our shared responsibility to build safe, kind and inclusive community is made stronger by events such as these.

We wish to thank all, through whose efforts and support, Salmon Arm was able to safely, successfully and joyfully celebrate our inaugural Pride Arts and Awareness Festival.

Love is Love



October 14, 2020

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

Re: Food Hub Grant – Receipt of Funds

Dear Mayor Harrison & Council,

On September 16th, BC's Ministry of Agriculture issued a press release announcing a one-time grant of \$500,000 to Salmon Arm Economic Development Society (SAEDS), in support of the establishment of a Food Hub in our community (press release attached). This funding announcement follows significant research and planning, including a project feasibility study and business plan, both of which were completed with Ministry of Agriculture funding assistance.

As was the process for both the feasibility study and business plan funding, the Ministry has requested that the City of Salmon Arm act as the recipient for the grant, flowing the funds through to SAEDS, in order to comply with their operational guidelines for direct award project funding. SAEDS is again seeking Council's consideration to entering into a funding agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture in order to facilitate the transfer of the \$500,000 Food Hub grant for SAEDS.

There are five payment drawdowns identified in the draft funding agreement, which coincide with project benchmark deliverables. The funding agreement term will run from October 2020 to March 31, 2021. A Food Hub Working Group was established early on in the project and this group is providing input and recommendations to SAEDS staff and Board on project implementation. Councillor Lavery has been representing the City on this project working group since it was established and we look forward to his continued participation. SAEDS is pleased to share any further information that may support Council's decision making. We appreciate your consideration to this request, which will support the development of a Food Hub for Salmon Arm.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lana Fitt".

Lana Fitt, Economic Development Manager

✕ B.C. has declared a state of emergency. Learn about [COVID-19 health issues](#). | [B.C.'s Response to COVID-19](#).

British Columbia News

More opportunities for economic growth coming soon to the Okanagan

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/23094>

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 10:45 AM

Salmon Arm - Food and beverage producers in the Okanagan will have more opportunities to grow their businesses with the development of a new food hub in Salmon Arm.

"The province's processing sector is seeing success all over B.C., and we are supporting farmers and food and beverage producers who want to take their products to the next level," said Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture. "A new food hub will offer entrepreneurs in the Okanagan a place where they can create and package new products, receive business support and engage in training opportunities to help develop new innovative products that will strengthen food security, create good jobs and help the local economy thrive."

The B.C. government is partnering with the Salmon Arm Economic Development Society and providing \$500,000 to develop the new food hub in Salmon Arm to help businesses access shared food and beverage processing space and equipment in order to increase their sales.

The hub is scheduled to open next year. The society has received strong interest from potential clients who make products from local fruit, vegetable and livestock/poultry farms as well as support from area businesses and social organizations.

Food hubs bring jobs, skills training, community-building and business opportunities to the regions in which they operate.

The BC Food Hub Network is part of the Province's Feed BC initiative, increasing the use of B.C. food and bringing more opportunities to all aspects of B.C.'s food system. Feed BC is a priority for the Ministry of Agriculture, which is committed to encouraging more agriculture and seafood production and food and beverage processing in B.C.

Quotes:

Lana Fitt, economic development manager, Salmon Arm Economic Development Society –

"The Food Hub will provide a shared processing space and create a venue for knowledge sharing designed to support the growth of local businesses. The funding announcement from B.C.'s Ministry of Agriculture enables our community to move forward with this important project, which will strengthen our economy."

Chad Shipmaker, board member, Salmon Arm Economic Development Society –

"The goal of the food hub is to establish a mechanism to support a healthy, more resilient local food system. This funding announcement is very timely, as it will support both economic recovery and business growth in our community."

Alan Harrison, mayor, City of Salmon Arm –

"The Minister of Agriculture has supported this initiative from idea through to implementation and we are very grateful for this support. As a region built upon a long history and a current economy of agriculture activities, the Shuswap is an ideal location in which to expand the B.C. Food Hub Network."

Quick Facts:

- B.C.'s food and beverage processors produce over \$10 billion worth of value-added products each year.
- Salmon Arm Economic Development Society is looking forward to collaborating on the food hub initiative with regional organizations, including the Salmon Arm Innovation Centre, the Shuswap Launch-a-Preneur Program, Community Futures Shuswap and Okanagan College.
- The new hub will be the fifth in B.C. and the first in the Okanagan, joining three hubs operating in Vancouver, Surrey and Port Alberni, and a fourth opening soon in Quesnel.
- The B.C. Food Hub Network is supporting the establishment of a network of regional shared food processing and innovations hubs. The hubs increase value-added processing opportunities for producers and processors and advance innovation in B.C.'s food and beverage processing sector.

Learn More:

Feed BC: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/growbc-feedbc-buybc/feed-bc>

Salmon Arm Economic Development Society: <https://www.saeds.ca/>

Salmon Arm Innovation Centre: <https://www.innovatesa.ca/>

Media Contacts**Jill Hunt**

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

October 19, 2020

Dear Mayor and Council

RE: StoryWalk™

The Salmon Arm Downtown Improvement Association, in partnership with the Shuswap Children's Association and Shuswap Literacy Team is hosting a holiday StoryWalk™

Beginning November 28 and running throughout the month of December, families can follow the pages of a story book in downtown Salmon Arm.

Many of the pages will be posted at storefront windows, but a few pages will be attached on to posts in public places. I am requesting permission to use the Art Gallery and Fletcher Park as stops for the story book and occasional sidewalk space for chalk art that the Shuswap Literacy Team will use to enhance the walk.

We will monitor and replace any pages that go missing or damaged, as the walk will continue to January 4, 2021.

Programming for the holidays has been challenging due to the pandemic restrictions but we feel this allows for families to enjoy a free event, while walking outdoors and promoting children's literacy.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Respectfully submitted

Lindsay Wong
Manager



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SOUTH CANOE ELEMENTARY

OUTDOOR LEARNING PROGRAM



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City of Salmon Arm – City Council Members

At South Canoe Elementary – Outdoor Learning Program, we spend a great deal of time outside exploring our surroundings and learning. Since we are located only a couple hundred meters from Klahani Park, we do use the park on a regular basis as a place of learning and play for our 130 students. We have taught our students to be respectful of the off-site facilities and spaces we use and help them to develop a connection to the spaces around them. We appreciate the care and maintenance the City of Salmon Arm provides this park and enjoy using it.

With winter fast-approaching, and not wanting to stop using Klahani Park as a place for learning, we would like to ask for permission to have a Porta-Potty installed there for the winter months. During the warmer months we are able to use the washrooms at Klahani which is great, especially for our smaller students. However, during the winter months there is no option for washroom use and it can be very difficult for our younger students to 'hold it'.

South Canoe Elementary, with the support of our amazing Parent Advisory Council, would cover the costs of placing and maintaining the portable, temporary washroom at Klahani while it is there. When the washrooms are opened at Klahani again in the spring, we would have the portable washroom removed. We would accept any feedback as to where on the park property we could place the portable toilet and can be very flexible in this regard.

We appreciate your consideration and hope that you will allow us to go ahead with this option as we love to use this park and all it offers our community.

Sincerely,

Jared King
Principal – South Canoe Elementary – Outdoor Learning Program



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Dear Mayors, Regional District Chairs and Chief Administrative Officers:

Immunization plays a critical role in preventing disease and protecting the health of all British Columbians. Maximizing the opportunities for people to get immunized against vaccine preventable diseases, including influenza, is a public health priority and especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In order to continue safely delivering immunization services to as many people as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic, our regional health authorities are looking to work in partnership with their local communities to use large public buildings, facilities and indoor spaces, such as recreation centres and sports arenas, as venues for public immunization clinics.

As a result, I am writing to request that your municipality make its large public buildings, facilities and indoor spaces available to public health officials on a temporary basis for immunization clinics in the fall and winter. It is our expectation that these spaces will be used by health authorities in full compliance with health and safety plans and related public health guidance, including requirements for routine cleaning and limiting the number of persons on site at any given time. Health authorities will cover the costs of using these spaces, including those related to additional cleaning.

Local public health officials will be contacting you directly to discuss this request. Please also feel free to reach out to them in advance with any questions. A copy of this letter is being sent to all Mayors, Regional District Chairs and Chief Administrative Officers in British Columbia.

Thank you for supporting immunization and the health of your community.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Henry
MD, MPH, FRCPC
Provincial Health Officer

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Sent: October-14-20 10:32 AM

Subject: Supporting Community Health Centres

Hello!

We are going through interesting and challenging times in B.C. With the upcoming election, the team at the BC Association of Community Health Centres (BCACHC) is working hard to support our member CHCs and to advocate for government and partner supports to add more CHCs as critical health and social services delivery agencies in communities across the province. We know this model of care delivery works and we are committed to ensuring that B.C. citizens in our communities get the access to health care they deserve regardless of where they live.

Please take a few moments to read the materials we have provided and learn about CHCs. We are asking election candidates and political parties to commit to supporting the CHC model across our province as the NDP government did last election. This means supporting current CHCs and focusing on the development of new CHCs across our province. We have provided recommendations for your review and an update regarding previous government commitments.

<http://www.bcachc.org/election-2020/>

Let us know if you have questions about our materials. Now is the time to raise our voices for equal access to health care and social services and we hope you and your community can assist us to ensure support for the development of new community health centres (CHCs)!

Warm regards,

Piotr Majkowski – Board President
Valerie St. John – Executive Director

Valerie St. John
Executive Director
BC Association of Community Health Centres
BCACHC

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Community Health Centres across BC are honoured to be able to offer services on the traditional territories of the diverse First Nations upon whose land we live, work and play.

Commitments

from the BC NDP in 2017

- 1** Annualized global funding for existing CHCs in BC by fiscal 2018-19
- 2** Investment in 20 new CHCs by 2020, in alignment with plans to establish urgent family care centres across the province
- 3** Establish a primary health care partnership table with stakeholders to work with the NDP government to improve primary health care
- 4** Establish emergency fund for existing CHCs of \$6 million dollars

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Results

as of October 2020



As of September 2020, 3 of 24 existing CHCs



have been provided with annual funding, and 1 new CHC has been developed.



Softer directive: Fund 3 CHCs between 2018-2021



21 UPCCs have been announced in the same period.



Partnership Table inaugural meeting in late Oct 2020



with BCACHC serving as secretariat and Ministry of Health supporting travel.



2018 - \$2.1 million
2020 - \$700,000
Total \$2.9 million



to support BCACHC member operations and emerging CHCs.



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OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRES

Next Steps

recommended by BCACHC

BCACHC recommends working with government to define a funding model based on a shared definition of CHC service design, and funding for 10 CHCs per year under this model from 2021-2025.

BCACHC recommends funding emerging CHCs in communities with a model standardized for CHC's sustainable community response and a seat at the table where Primary Care Networks (PCNs) have been established.

BCACHC recommends that the Partnership Table be aligned with other government supported committees currently working to develop community health supports, policies, and tools.

Fund BCACHC for the upcoming two fiscal years as the Association develops services to support CHC development by providing resources, member grants, and program supports.

[Click to learn more about research on Community Health Centres](#)

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BC communities are facing **unprecedented challenges** to health and well-being, with **complexities** and **barriers** to care that require a wrap-around approach.

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Community Health Centres (CHCs) already play a vital role through a **unique model** that integrates health services and social programs, governed by the community served.

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This province is full of caring and resilient people, but to **leverage what is working**, we need **better funding models for existing CHCs** and support for the development of new CHCs to fill the gaps.

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We're calling for candidates and provincial parties to **commit to funding 10 CHCs per year**. Partner with us to **support more CHCs** and improve access to care for BC communities.

BC Community Health Centres

Key Messages, 2020-21



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Community Health Centres (CHCs) already play a vital role through a **unique model** that integrates health services and social programs, governed by the community served.

The Community Health Centre model developed from the ground up, and it has been operating in BC for over 50 years through the efforts of local communities.

Last election, the New Democrat Party committed to providing 3-5 CHCs per year with core funding for the organization and services specifically identified for their community.

But in 4 years, only 1 new CHC and 2 CHC enhancements have been announced, and the scope of funding for these CHCs falls short of the original commitment.



BCACHC Recommendation #2

Develop a funding model for CHCs that is standardized to include core operations funding that reflects a sustainable community response to primary care, health promotion, and the social determinants of health.

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BCACHC has already identified communities around the province where there is readiness, need, and capacity to develop a new Community Health Centre.

But despite its innovative approach and strong reputation, the Community Health Centre (CHC) model lacks a provincial funding model that reflects its unique design.

Even where individual CHCs have received government support, they have struggled to navigate the existing funding landscape while representing the needs of their communities.



BCACHC Recommendation #3

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We're calling for candidates and provincial parties to **commit to funding 10 CHCs per year**. Partner with us to **support more CHCs** and improve access to care for BC communities.

BCACHC exists to support these organizations through programs and resources, bringing the voices of different communities together and keeping the government connected to local needs.

What we have heard from our membership is that Community Health Centres around the province are struggling to maintain their services due to a lack of resources and the added pressures of the pandemic.

There is a clear need for additional financial support among CHCs already providing care, especially given their recent innovation and adaptive capacity.



BCACHC Recommendation #4

Fund BCACHC for the upcoming two fiscal years as the Association develops services to support CHC development by providing resources, member grants, and program supports, and work with us through the newly-established Partnership Table.

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Questions for Candidates



If your party is elected will your government agree to provide financial and planning support to communities expressing an interest in establishing a CHC with a commitment to establishing **a minimum of 10 a year each year from 2021 to 2025?**

How would your government work with local communities to ensure that there is **a locally-based community-driven planning process** for determining the health needs and vulnerable populations that should be prioritized?

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BCACHC Recommendation #1

Support the development of 40 CHCs (10 per fiscal year) during the fiscal period 2021-2025.



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OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRES

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From: Rhonda Vanderfluit <registrar@bcyp.org>

Sent: October-19-20 5:18 PM

To: registrar@bcyp.org

Subject: 92nd BC Youth Parliament Session

Re: British Columbia Youth Parliament, 92nd Parliament

The British Columbia Youth Parliament's 92nd Parliament will hold its parliamentary session from 27 to 31, 2020. Due to COVID-19 this year's Session will be entirely virtual. The BC Youth Parliament is a province-wide non-partisan organization for young people ages 16 to 21. It teaches citizenship skills through participation in the parliamentary session in December and continuing involvement in community service activities throughout the year. **Youth Parliament is a one-year commitment.**

I invite you to encourage eligible youth from your municipality or region to apply to sit as members of the Youth Parliament. BCYP is non-partisan, and applicants need only be interested in learning more about the parliamentary process and in serving their community. If your municipality sponsors a "youth of the year" award or has a municipal youth council, young people with that sort of initiative and involvement are ideal candidates for BCYP.

Each applicant who is accepted to attend as a member of BCYP must pay a **\$90** registration fee. Although Session is virtual this year, we still have fixed costs associated with hosting Session and the annual running of the society but thanks to fundraising, a portion of the cost is covered for all members. We first encourage municipalities to contribute towards the application fee for applicants who are in financial need. If the approval of financial support causes any delay, we encourage the applicant to send in their forms on time along with a note saying that the cheque will arrive after the deadline. In this case, if we receive the completed form and personal statement before the deadline, it will be considered received on time. If you are not able to aid, a limited number of bursaries are available for applicants who cannot meet the expense of the registration fee. Requesting financial assistance will not affect an applicant's chance of being selected as a member. (see <https://bcyp.org/session>).

Members will sit virtually and debate for five days During the virtual sittings, members will be supervised by members of the Board of Directors of the Youth Parliament of B.C. Alumni Society and other youth parliament alumni.

I have attached an application form. I encourage you to make the application form and brochure available to interested young people and to make copies of the forms as needed. A soft copy of the form along with an informational brochure and promotional poster are available from our website at <https://bcyp.org/session>.

All applications must be received by November 10, 2020. Applicants will be notified whether they have been selected in mid-November. If you require more information, please contact me by telephone or e-mail as indicated above, or visit our website at www.bcyp.org.

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