

INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - APRIL 12, 2021

1.	Building Department – Building Statistics – March 2021	N
2.	Building Department – Building Permits – Yearly Statistics	N
3.	J. Giesbrecht – email dated March 18, 2021 – Speeding on 30 th Street NE	A
4.	J. Zorn – email dated April 8, 2021 – Highway Crossing 10 th Ave and 97B	A
5.	S. Khrod, Vice- President, Salmon Arm & District Chamber of Commerce to Dr. B. Henry, Provincial Health Officer, A. Dix, Minister of Health, J. Horgan, Premier of British Columbia, G. Kylo, MLA Shuswap, M. Arnold, Member of Parliament for North Okanagan Shuswap – letter dated March 19, 2021 – Letter of Support Permitting Non-Food Items at the Farmers’ Markets	N
6.	D. Butler, Ride Don’t Hide Coordinator, Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) – Shuswap Revelstoke – letter dated March 22, 2021 – Ride Don’t Hide	A
7.	M J Berezan, President, Rotary Club of Salmon Arm – Shuswap – letter dated April 1, 2021 – Planting Trees at Canoe Beach Park	A
8.	C. Giesbrecht, President, Salmon Arm Minor Baseball Association – letter dated April 4, 2021 – Salmon Arm Minor Baseballs Klahani Baseball Fields Clean Up Day	A
9.	M. Brock, Girl Guides of Canada – Salmon Arm – email dated April 5, 2021 – Klahanni Park Request	A
10.	Columbia Shuswap Regional District – Media Release dated March 29, 2021 – Agricultural Land Commission give go ahead to Rail Trail	N
11.	S. Robinson, Minister, Ministry of Finance – letter dated March 19, 2021 – Thank you	N
12.	M. Little, Mayor, District of North Vancouver – letter dated March 4, 2021 – Help Cities Lead (HCL) Campaign	N
13.	L. Hall, Mayor, City of Prince George to P. Hajdu, Minister, Ministry of Health – letter dated March 17, 2021 – Opioid Crisis and Call for Overdose Action Plan	N
14.	L. Hall, Mayor, City of Prince George to BC Utilities Commission – letter dated March 17, 2021 – British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro): 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application	N
15.	R. Crowe, Mayor, Village of Chase – letter dated March 18, 2021 – National 3-digit suicide prevention hotline	N
16.	District of Sicamous to G. Hayman, Minister, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy – letter dated March 18, 2021 – Invasive Asian Clams	N

N = No Action Required
A = Action Requested

S = Staff has Responded
R = Response Required

**CITY OF SALMON ARM
BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT
MARCH 2021**

LAST YEAR (2020) CURRENT YEAR (2021)
CURRENT MONTH YEAR-TO-DATE CURRENT MONTH YEAR-TO-DATE

		NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE
1	New Single Family Dwellings	3	1,475,000	8	3,574,000	7	1,975,000	15	4,555,000
2	Misc. Additions etc. to SFD's	9	310,545	17	1,186,095	7	175,000	22	1,385,430
3	New Single Family Dwellings with suites	1	375,000	1	375,000	2	1,000,000	3	1,500,000
4	New Secondary/Detached Suites	2	90,000	6	225,000	-	-	2	80,000
5	New Modulares/MH's (Factory Built)	1	195,000	3	470,000	1	315,000	3	590,500
6	Misc. Additions etc. to Modulares/MH's	2	19,200	2	19,200	1	43,692	1	43,692
7	MFD's (# Units)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Misc. Additions etc. to MFD's	1	4,855	3	54,855	-	-	1	1,000
9	New Commercial	1	120,960	1	120,960	-	-	-	-
10	Misc. Additions etc. to Commercial	1	6,000	6	257,000	-	-	6	547,600
11	New Industrial	-	-	1	100,000	-	-	1	150,000
12	Misc. Additions etc. to Industrial	-	-	2	505,000	-	-	-	-
13	New Institutional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Misc. Additions etc. to Institutional	1	5,000	1	5,000	1	500,000	1	500,000
15	Signs	2	5,250	4	7,950	3	29,500	13	75,717
16	Swimming Pools, Pool Buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	110,000
17	Demolitions	1	-	4	-	-	-	4	-
18	Temporary Trailers, A & B Permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Misc. Special Inspections, etc.	3	-	10	-	-	-	5	-
	TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	28	2,606,810	69	6,900,060	22	4,038,192	78	9,538,939

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

BUILDING PERMITS - YEARLY

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
2001	585,500	11,938,550	12,265,250	12,842,790	13,534,790	14,712,550	16,330,650	17,717,625	19,031,075	19,895,255	21,318,855	21,458,195
2002	585,500	1,952,500	3,340,850	3,821,240	5,455,840	6,411,690	8,844,690	10,932,510	15,780,890	16,705,600	17,738,200	17,923,700
2003	130,110	920,780	2,974,020	4,486,120	5,993,320	13,294,120	15,555,250	17,937,005	20,318,920	22,000,340	24,005,740	24,782,360
2004	430,700	1,506,500	5,903,780	8,379,104	10,122,768	12,086,319	14,779,343	21,598,763	30,371,023	33,614,173	34,957,458	35,881,343
2005	1,072,000	2,269,650	4,344,750	6,806,152	12,110,482	28,031,457	29,985,585	34,743,645	37,600,445	42,915,856	45,525,611	47,576,746
2006	815,550	3,224,468	8,012,449	11,501,929	16,084,809	20,066,533	23,714,194	26,370,890	36,479,806	37,278,358	42,332,995	43,077,170
2007	1,531,087	3,901,669	16,148,674	22,413,118	27,232,134	32,401,472	35,657,297	42,829,750	51,945,799	55,703,387	65,885,802	66,289,555
2008	1,797,604	4,203,429	12,947,058	27,647,379	33,857,533	36,582,025	39,759,375	42,395,454	45,412,474	50,699,301	53,383,541	53,522,880
2009	409,369	864,839	2,039,460	5,207,311	6,763,615	7,800,085	9,677,455	11,579,746	18,882,737	20,713,554	23,523,664	24,337,664
2010	1,518,563	2,708,062	5,931,546	10,081,816	12,260,236	13,526,546	16,597,121	18,790,511	19,848,804	21,174,632	22,953,692	27,249,702
2011	568,645	2,003,976	5,063,837	7,449,773	9,471,416	11,761,850	12,794,028	14,222,970	18,194,801	19,682,061	30,563,013	31,934,415
2012	2,189,660	3,128,562	4,794,040	6,337,260	10,000,544	12,120,246	17,883,185	24,375,078	26,118,787	26,493,820	28,130,500	28,666,430
2013	881,740	1,440,110	13,907,060	15,814,195	17,433,454	20,194,778	23,204,628	24,180,485	26,567,302	29,195,224	30,890,086	31,231,349
2014	665,304	2,806,404	8,075,941	20,789,869	27,574,834	29,877,686	33,456,523	41,971,923	42,784,769	44,804,191	46,460,471	47,707,993
2015	1,172,285	1,853,539	3,894,754	6,750,389	8,575,425	18,388,180	20,475,407	26,442,225	29,143,303	31,248,595	35,417,465	37,368,595
2016	1,268,865	2,298,280	4,987,625	8,904,610	12,253,660	16,279,464	19,265,124	23,811,029	29,823,014	36,084,949	40,154,959	41,418,659
2017	1,183,280	2,841,725	7,219,495	11,761,657	18,136,656	23,823,576	30,793,243	36,066,891	52,130,226	59,858,542	63,366,686	64,675,041
2018	1,970,104	3,943,104	10,028,787	14,363,122	20,252,322	30,488,747	37,540,412	40,421,060	55,689,215	59,634,580	64,988,531	66,797,572
2019	6,060,645	6,835,345	10,699,845	18,074,843	22,220,523	26,015,593	31,103,281	45,971,877	48,902,359	52,267,409	56,765,409	58,511,534
2020	2,218,950	4,293,250	6,900,060	9,289,060	12,891,318	23,340,638	26,757,691	32,516,960	37,062,215	46,505,927	51,472,227	54,065,527
2021	3,180,132	5,500,747	9,538,939									

From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 7:00 PM

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council

First Name John

Last Name Giesbrecht

Address:

Return email address:

Subject: Speeding on 30th st ne

Body Be nice to put those square shaped speed bumps on 30th ne from 16th to atleast 20th along the school area..to discourage speeding people pass on there do wayyyy over the posted speed limit like there on the tch .im refering to the new speed bumps behind city hall.

Would you like a response: Yes

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Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:18 AM

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council

First Name	Jeanetta
Last Name	Zorn
Address:	
Return email address:	
Subject:	highway crossing 10th Ave and 97b
Body	<p>I appreciate the attempt to slow the traffic at this crossing with the flashing light but it is NOT having the desired affect. with spring here there are cyclists and pedestrians trying to cross to access school and the south canoe trails. I would like to set the light changed to one that is activated by the person wanting to cross rather than one that is always on. of course the best solution would be an over pass. It would also be nice to have a safe should along that section of 10th for both pedestrians and cyclists as there is access to little mtn park and the disc golf. Do we have to have a serious injury or death inorder to resolve this potentially serious situation. Thanks for considering.</p> <p>Jeanetta</p>
Would you like a response:	Yes
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March 19, 2021

Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer
ProvHlthOffice@gov.bc.ca

Adrian Dix, Minister of Health
HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca

John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia
premier@gov.bc.ca

Greg Kylo MLA for Shuswap
greg.kylo.mla@leg.bc.ca

Mel Arnold, Member of Parliament for North Okanagan-Shuswap
Mel.Arnold@parl.gc.ca

Re: Letter of Support – Permitting Non-Food Items at Farmers' Markets

Dr. Henry, Minister Dix, Premier Horgan, Mr. Kylo and Mr. Arnold,

The Salmon Arm & District Chamber of Commerce writes in support of local artisans and small businesses requesting the inclusion of non-food vendors at Farmers' Markets. Farmer's Markets are essential economic drivers and are the primary avenue for local artisans and producers to display and sell goods.

Like many other rural communities, Salmon Arm has been hard hit by the pandemic. The recent release of additional grant funding through the Launch Online Grant Program is a welcomed effort to those more established small businesses to assist with moving online. However, the eligibility criteria states that the business must be registered and have generated sales of more than \$30,000 in the past year. Many of our local vendors do not operate full-time and/or produce their products as their primary vocation and are thus not eligible for this assistance. Some will not be able to survive the year without opportunities to market their products during community markets over the spring and summer.

Farmers' Markets support not only artisans and local producers but also encourage entrepreneurial spirits and create socio-economic benefits. The Downtown Salmon Arm Farmers Market is composed of approximately 45% non-food vendors and attracts an average of 1200 socially distanced customers per market from June to September, 800 during Spring and Fall. One of our Chamber Members, Monique Cusson, began participating in the Downtown Farmers Market in Salmon Arm last summer. Her experiences were nothing less than life changing, and she has now been able to successfully take a new hobby and building a career due to the connections and exposure the market provided. A year later she is now a thriving entrepreneur and owner of The She Shed by the Shuswap Shore.

One of her many aspirations has been to assist other local artisans, entrepreneurs, and tradespeople in the same way she had been inspired by creating a "Friday Night Open Market". Ready to meet all the safety requirements and practices, this idea remains a dream unless the restriction is lifted.

For these reasons, the Salmon Arm Chamber of Commerce requests that the order restricting non-food vendors from attending B.C Farmers' Markets be rescinded.

Sincerely,



Sandip Khrod
Vice-President, Salmon Arm & District Chamber of Commerce

CC. Salmon Arm & District Chamber of Commerce Membership
Monique Cusson, The She Shed by the Shuswap Shore
Mayor Alan Harrison, City of Salmon Arm
Shuswap Food Action Society
BC Association of Farmers Markets
Salmon Arm Economic Development Society
BC. Economic Development Society
Okanagan-Shuswap Chambers of Commerce
BC Chamber of Commerce

The Salmon Arm & District Chamber of Commerce

The Salmon Arm Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit organization comprised of businesses, professionals, residents, and other community groups that work together to achieve a healthy economic and socio-economic environment that benefits the entire community.

March 22nd 2021

RE: Ride Don't Hide: 'It's more than a fundraiser or a race to the finish; it's a nationwide movement mental health'

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Over the past year, CMHA has focused our efforts to support those in need to better manage in this pandemic. CMHA Shuswap-Revelstoke staff have been quick to pivot and we have been able to continue to offer our programs and services and helping those who need mental health support and providing homes for many.

It has become clear, that mental health is at the forefront for Canadians and many of us are struggling with mental health and wellness. A healthy population and a healthy workforce will only be possible with adequate support. Now, more than ever, we need to bolster programs and services to protect our wellness and build resilience.

We are ready to move for mental health, and fundraise for programming in our community with a Virtual Ride Don't Hide!

CMHA would like the support from Mayor and City Council to secure the parking space directly behind the wheelchair parking space at CMHA (433 Hudson Avenue NE) to hold a stationary bike relay event for Mental Health Week- May 3rd -7th 10am- 3pm. CMHA would also like to request this spot for the full month of June during the weekday hours of 10am-3pm.

The parking space will be painted with the Ride Don't Hide logo (water based paint). It will be secured by 3 city barricades, surrounding the front, back and side opposite the sidewalk. In the parking space, will be one stationary bike and a sun canopy. Folks registered for the virtual RDH 2021(waiver included in registration) would be eligible to sign up and ride this stationary bike for 15, 30 or 45 minutes intervals during the above noted time.

This event is in accordance to current Public Health Order as only one person will be able to ride in the bubble of the parking spot. After each rider, the bike will be sanitized in accordance to PHO standards. Each week day morning at 9:30am the event will be set up. Each weekday afternoon at 3pm the event will be taken down.

This event will be in lieu of the annual RDH community bike ride/walk (at the Field of Dreams) and act as a platform to bring 'Virtual Ride Don't Hide Participants' together to celebrate mental health, raise awareness and fundraise. It will show our community creative ways to thrive, despite the past year of strain and uncertainty.

CMHA Shuswap- Revelstoke will obtain the needed event insurance through Marsh Insurance and include the City of Salmon Arm as additional insured.



**Canadian Mental
Health Association**
Shuswap-Revelstoke
Mental health for all

In closing, CMHA Shuswap-Revelstoke would like to enthusiastically extend an invitation to Mayor and City Council to register for the [CMHA Shuswap-Revelstoke Virtual Ride Don't Hide 2021](https://www.ridedonthide.com) and get active for mental health! THERE IS NO COST TO REGISTER. www.ridedonthide.com

Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,

Denise Butler

Denise Butler
Ride Don't Hide Coordinator
Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) – Shuswap/Revelstoke
(250)832-8477 ext 102
denise.butler@cmha.bc.ca

Appendix:

The second wave of the pandemic has intensified feelings of stress and anxiety, causing alarming levels of despair, suicidal thoughts and hopelessness in the Canadian population. This, according to the newest wave of data collected through a nationwide monitoring survey on the mental health impacts of COVID-19, released today (December 3, 2020) by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) in partnership with UBC researchers.

Most people in Canada (71 per cent) indicate they're worried about the second wave of the virus, with 58 per cent worried about a loved one or family member dying, and only 21 per cent feeling hopeful. As winter approaches, 40 per cent of Canadians say their mental health has deteriorated since March, with the decline more pronounced in those who are unemployed (61 per cent), those with a pre-existing mental health issue (61 per cent), younger people ages 18-24 (60 per cent), Indigenous peoples (54 per cent), those identify as LGBTQ2+ (54 per cent) and those with a disability (50 per cent). Almost half of women (45 per cent) and a third of men (34 per cent) say their mental health has declined.



April 1, 2021

Mayor A. Harrison & Council

City of Salmon Arm

Greetings,

The Rotary Club of Salmon Arm-Shuswap is seeking your approval for the Club to plant trees in Canoe Beach Park in honor of Earth Day, April 22nd. In speaking with your Manager of Roads & Parks, Darin Gerow, our Club representative, Fred Goodman, learned that there is a need for additional and replacement of trees in the park. Some of the older trees have become a safety hazard according to Darin.

The Shuswap Rotary Club is prepared to purchase and plant oak trees. The numbers and locations of trees is yet to be determined but this would be done in concert with City staff. There are three varieties of trees available - Bur, English and Northern oak, approximately six to seven feet in height.

If approved, it is imperative that the planted trees be regularly watered in the first year and that responsibility would fall on City staff as it is beyond the capacity of our Rotary Club to fulfill this piece.

Should you require additional information please contact Fred Goodman, the Club's lead on this project. His telephone number is 250-832-7785; email fgoodman4@gmail.com.

Thank you for considering this request.

Respectfully,



M J Berezan, President

Rotary Club of Salmon Arm - Shuswap



April 4, 2021

Mayor and Council
City of Salmon Arm
Box 40
500 2 Ave NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

RE: Salmon Arm Minor Baseballs Klahani Baseball Fields Clean Up Day

Dear Mayor Harrison and City Councilors,

I am writing you as a representative for Salmon Arm Minor Baseball. We are just about to start our spring ball season for 2021. We are very excited to announce that this will be our highest registration for the Salmon Arm area in many years. We hope to break 300 registered kids before the season starts.

One of the activities we do every year is to have a volunteer workday to prepare the fields for the upcoming seasons. It is Salmon Arm Minor Baseballs responsibility with City field use to provide and maintain our own baseball field equipment and hardware (bases and pins, pitching rubbers and pins, home plates, etc.).

In the past we have put the invitation out to all families and would operate our work parties under the idea that more hands make for faster and easier work. However, with the current state of the pandemic and the current health order we understand that this is not possible. Our plan for this year is to have selected helpers before March 17th. Symptom screening and attendance for contact tracing will be taken at the field. There will be no more the 10 volunteers on each field at a time and volunteers will be social distancing from each other unless in the same family. No one will be sharing equipment (shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows etc..) unless absolutely necessary; sanitizer for any shared equipment will be provided.

We are committed to the health and safety of our association families and our community's families. Our goal is to be able to maintain our equipment within the boundaries of the current health order.

With the City of Salmon Arms permission, we are looking to have our work party for Klahani baseball fields April 17, 2021.

I appreciate your time in reading our letter and look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,
Chad Giesbrecht,



President
Salmon Arm Minor Baseball Association

From: Maryann Brock
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 6:39 PM
To: Erin Jackson
Subject: Klahanni park request

Hello,

I am writing to request that Girl Guides of Canada, Salmon Arm Pathfinders be permitted to use Klahanni Park on April 17th (Saturday) for the day.

We will have approx. 15 girls & leaders (following Covid protocols – distancing & masks, #s as permitted by the PHO).

9am – 8pm (ish)

We plan to provide all of our own equipment (tables/chairs etc.)

Girls will use individual camp stoves and will have an “iron chef competition”.

The girls excited to do a “camp-skills” & program day – as we can only do day activities at this time parents are getting tired of driving to the closest Guide Camp property. (Just outside of Vernon).

We would also hope to use either a fire-bowl (for a real fire), or if that is not allowed, a propane fire. Needless to say, if it were a real fire, we would keep it small and have water on hand in case of emergency.

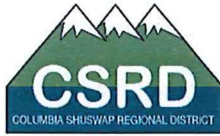
Thank you for your support, we are trying desperately to provide the girls with fun programming to make up for a winter of “virtual Guiding”.

All of this is assuming we are still permitted to meet as per the current restrictions. We are currently allowed to meet outside socially distanced. Our organization has added the mask mandate on top of the provincial restrictions.

Thanks,

Maryann Brock

Girl Guides of Canada – Salmon Arm



Media Release: March 29, 2021

Agricultural Land Commission gives go ahead to Rail Trail

The Shuswap – North Okanagan, Splat-sin te Secwépemc Nation Territory, British Columbia – Splat-sin, Regional District of North Okanagan, and Columbia Shuswap Regional District ownership partners received formal decision from the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) allowing a change of use for the former CP Rail Corridor to public greenway trail. It is another important milestone in the development of the Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail corridor between Sicamous and Armstrong within Splat-sin territory of the Secwépemc Nation.

In the recent statement, the Agricultural Land Commission stated they were, “satisfied with the measures proposed in the Application to mitigate agricultural/Trail conflicts that could negatively impact adjacent agricultural operations.” The statement goes on to affirm the adaptive approach being taken by the rail trail owners, noting the panel’s appreciation of their efforts to consult with adjacent landowners.

The rail trail between Sicamous and Armstrong passes next to 46 agricultural properties. The rail trail review process included an assessment of each of the properties by a professional agrologist, letters and open house consultations, feedback through the Agricultural Land Commission, and on-site visits.

A plan has been developed by the rail trail owners to respond to concerns that might affect adjacent agricultural activities. Some of the concerns include: trespass and vandalism, management of invasive weeds, fencing, ensuring farm equipment is able to cross between fields, and policies for trail users with dogs.

The rail trail owners have committed to address potential issues by developing a trail-user code of etiquette in agricultural areas, installing signage and advisory notices, creating site specific instructions during peak harvesting periods, maintaining buffers along the corridor, implementing a dogs-on-leash policy, and conducting annual management of invasive species. Once built, monitoring and feedback from local farms will allow further solutions to be developed where a concern or conflict is identified.

“It has been a particularly rewarding opportunity to meet with so many of the region’s agricultural community,” said Phil McIntyre-Paul with the Shuswap Trail Alliance, who assisted the rail trail owners in coordinating the agricultural consultation and planning process. “The rail trail presents a very unique opportunity to strengthen awareness and support of our local farming families, and connect people more closely to the importance of local food production.”

The Rail Trail owners are now ready to establish formal crossing agreements with adjacent property owners who cross over the rail trail property with farm vehicles or have waterlines that run underneath it. Anyone with a road or utility crossing should contact Sharen Berger at sberger@csrd.bc.ca or phone (250) 832-8194 ex 6013.



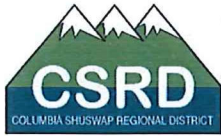
A copy of the ALC Decision can be viewed on the [ACL Application Portal website](#) (application 60525)

Individuals and corporate donors are invited to become partners of the unfolding rail trail story. Follow the links on the Rail Trail website at www.ShuswapNorthOkanaganRailTrail.ca. All contributions are tax-deductible.

For more information visit www.ShuswapNorthOkanaganRailTrail.ca.



Photo (see [accompanying jpeg](#)): *The Agricultural Land Commission gives go-ahead for rail trail between Sicamous and Armstrong* – SplatSIN, North Okanagan, and Columbia Shuswap Regional District partners received formal decision from the Agricultural Land Commission allowing a change of use to public greenway trail of the former CP Rail Corridor. It is another important milestone in the development of the Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail corridor between Sicamous and Armstrong within SplatSIN territory of the Secwépemc Nation. For more information visit www.ShuswapNorthOkanaganRailTrail.com. (Photo Credit: The Shuswap Trail Alliance)



For more information contact:

Phil McIntyre-Paul

Secretariat for the Sicamous-to-Armstrong Rail Trail Governance Advisory Committee
and Technical Operational Committee

c/o The Shuswap Trail Alliance,

250-804-1964, Email: phil@shuswaptrails.com

www.shuswaptrails.com



March 19, 2021

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His Worship Mayor Alan Harrison
City of Salmon Arm
cityhall@salmonarm.ca

Dear Mayor Harrison:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter sent on February 11, 2021, regarding funding received by the City of Salmon Arm through the Canada-B.C. Safe Restart Fund. I appreciate you taking the time to express your gratitude.

The Province is working hard to tackle the challenges facing British Columbians and will continue to do everything we can to keep everyone healthy, safe and supported.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Selina Robinson
Minister

From the Office of the Mayor

February 11, 2021

Premier of British Columbia
The Honourable John Horgan
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VICTORIA, BC V8W 9E1

Minister of Municipal Affairs
The Honourable Josie Osborne
Room 310 Parliament Buildings
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Minister of Finance
The Honourable Selina Robinson
Room 153 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

RE: COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Governments

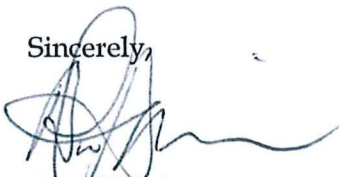
On behalf of Council of the City of Salmon Arm, I would like to extend our gratitude for the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Governments.

During these uncertain times, our Council has worked hard to ensure the safety of our citizens by following the orders of the Provincial Health Officer and offering relief for COVID-19 safe activities, where permissible. The COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant allowed the City to help offset increased operating costs, lower revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic while enabling us to assist non-profit organizations in the community.

The financial strain on our citizens has been at the forefront of Council's decisions during this time. Our trails, sidewalks and parks are being utilized more than ever during the pandemic. The grant allowed key projects to move forward including safe outdoor recreational activities for our residents.

Again, we would like to offer our sincere appreciation for the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant and the positive impacts it has had to the City of Salmon Arm.

Sincerely,



Alan Harrison
Mayor

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March 4, 2021

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Dear UBCM Members:

Re: Help Cities Lead (HCL) Campaign

The District of North Vancouver is sending this letter to you requesting support of the Help Cities Lead (HCL) campaign.

At its regular meeting of February 22, 2021, the District of North Vancouver Council passed the following resolution:

THAT Council support the Help Cities Lead initiative by writing letters to Ministers Heyman (Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy), Osborne (Minister of Municipal Affairs), Ralston (Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation), Eby (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing), and Robinson (Minister of Finance) requesting five policy actions which would empower the District of North Vancouver to help align building policy with Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) science to achieve our climate targets;

AND THAT Council send a letter Metro Vancouver Regional District asking Metro Vancouver to also support the initiative;

AND THAT Council send a letter to all BC Local Governments asking them to support the initiative.

Please find a copy of the letter sent to the ministers attached for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Little
Mayor

Enclosure

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March 3, 2021

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The Honourable Minister George Heyman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

The Honourable Josie Osborne
Minister of Municipal Affairs

The Honourable Bruce Ralston
Minister of Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation

The Honourable David Eby
Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing

The Honourable Selina Robinson
Minister of Finance

Dear Ministers:

Re: Help Cities Lead (HCL) Campaign

The District of North Vancouver is sending this letter to you as an endorsement of the Help Cities Lead (HCL) campaign.

As you are aware, municipalities are on the front lines of climate change dealing with the impacts of floods, droughts, forest fires, heat waves, etc. We directly influence about half of Canada's energy use and emissions. The success of the province in achieving deep emissions reductions from the building sector is directly connected to the success of local governments in achieving their own targets. While municipalities have shown strong climate leadership, expanded regulatory authority is needed for taking bolder steps to achieving our climate targets.

HCL is an education and awareness campaign focused on accelerating building decarbonization through collaboration between the Province of British Columbia and local governments. The group is led by Climate Caucus and supported by local governments and environmental NGO's.

Why buildings? Emissions from buildings account for about 11% of the province's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and for municipalities, GHG emissions from existing buildings account for 40-60% of community emissions. A number of BC local governments have made climate emergency declarations and set ambitious targets to significantly reduce GHG emissions from buildings over the next 10 years. However, local governments are largely limited to information

campaigns and incentives for pursuing these ambitious reduction targets. Recent climate policy modelling shows that on their own, these policy tools are insufficient to achieve broad and deep energy and GHG reductions given limited budgets.

HCL campaign recommends a suite of expanded authorities for local governments that will enable communities to take bolder action on reducing GHG emissions from new and existing buildings:

- Property assessed clean energy (PACE) financing
- Mandatory home energy labelling
- Regulating GHG emissions for new buildings
- Regulating GHG emissions for existing buildings
- Mandatory building energy benchmarking and reporting

We are pleased to see that the November 2020 mandate letters to the Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Infrastructure support the implementation of PACE financing. We also note that the mandate letter for the Minister of Finance supports home energy labelling. Finally we are pleased to see that the mandate letter to the Attorney-General and Minister Responsible for Housing includes support for regulation of GHG emissions of new buildings.

We support the directions set out in these new mandate letters regarding PACE financing, home energy labelling, and GHG requirements for new buildings and request that the province empower local governments to opt to take action, if they so choose, on the two remaining items of the Help Cities Lead's campaign, namely GHG requirements for existing buildings and building energy benchmarking. Additional information about each of the initiatives can be found at <https://www.helpcitieslead.ca/>

It is our hope that you would consider meeting with a delegation from Help Cities Lead for further discussion on these initiatives.

Sincerely,



Mike Little
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March 17, 2021

Transmitted via email: patty.hajdu@parl.gc.ca

The Honourable Patty Hajdu, P.C. M.P.
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RE: Opioid Crisis and Call for Overdose Action Plan

Dear Minister,

The City of Prince George Council and Staff have taken part in conversations with many stakeholders across our community regarding the impact of the opioid crisis on local health and policing resources. We acknowledge the steps taken by the Government of Canada thus far in addressing the need to improve access to treatment and harm reduction services, legal protection for individuals seeking emergency services during an overdose by way of the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act, awareness and prevention around the use of opioids, and the continued work to reduce the illegal and often tainted opioid supply.

To further support the country's effort in addressing the opioid crisis, the City of Prince George calls upon the Government of Canada to further its work through the implementation of a National Overdose Action Plan. As such, the City supports the following resolution shared by other municipal councils across the province:

WHEREAS the opioid crisis is one of the largest public health emergencies of our lifetime, with a death about every two hours on average and a death toll of over 16,360 since 2016 (January 2016 to March 2020);

AND WHEREAS other countries have significantly reduced drug-related fatalities with reforms such as legal regulation of illicit drugs to ensure safe supply and decriminalization for personal use;

AND WHEREAS the federal government has indicated it is premature to discuss these measures until there are comprehensive supports for people to get well;

AND WHEREAS supports are needed, but measures that save lives are essential if people are to survive and access supports;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police has stated that they agree the evidence suggests “decriminalization for simple possession as an effective way to reduce the public health and public safety harms associated with substance use”;

AND WHEREAS the overdose crisis rages, showing few signs of abating;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council:

- a) request that the Government of Canada:
 - i) declare the overdose crisis a national public health; and
 - ii) immediately seek input from the people most affected by this crisis and meet with provinces and territories to develop a comprehensive, Pan-Canadian overdose action plan, which includes comprehensive supports and full consideration of reforms that other countries have used to significantly reduce drug-related fatalities and stigma.

On behalf of Council, thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Mayor Lyn Hall
City of Prince George

cc: All UBCM Member Local Governments
Todd Doherty, MP for Cariboo-Prince George
Bob Zimmer, MP for Prince George-Peace River-Northern Rockies



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March 17, 2021

By email: commission.secretary@bcuc.com

BC Utilities Commission
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RE: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro): 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Prince George Council, please accept this letter in opposition to BC Hydro's proposed 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application (Application).

The Application, submitted by BC Hydro in November 2020, seeks approval for an increase in the monthly rate charged per street light which includes a surcharge to recover the costs incurred by BC Hydro to convert existing High Pressure Sodium (HPS) light fixtures to LED fixtures.

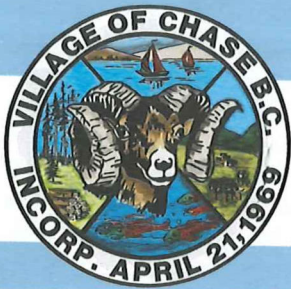
While the City of Prince George supports the environmental benefits that will result from the conversion to LED technology, we are not in support of a surcharge rate downloaded to municipalities to cover the disposal of existing lights and their associated depreciation costs.

As such, we respectfully request that the City's concerns be considered in the evaluation of BC Hydro's Street Lighting Rate Application.

Sincerely,

Mayor Lyn Hall

cc: All UBCM Member Local Governments



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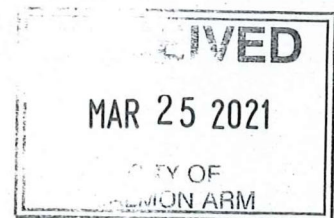
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March 18, 2021

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Dear Mayor Harrison,

On December 11th, 2020, the House of Commons passed a motion introduced by Conservative MP Todd Doherty, through unanimous consent, to bring a national 3-digit suicide prevention hotline line to Canada.

That, given that the alarming rate of suicide in Canada constitutes a national health crisis, the House call on the government to take immediate action, in collaboration with our provinces, to establish a national suicide prevention hotline that consolidates all suicide crisis numbers into one easy to remember three-digit (988) hot- line that is accessible to all Canadians.

MP Doherty is asking all municipalities across Canada to consider passing a motion similar, to the one below. In order to make 988 a reality, continued pressure must be put on the government and the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

The past year has been a challenging year. Lives and livelihoods have been lost. We have begun to see the devastating impacts that COVID has had, through isolation, on the mental health of Canadians. The rates of suicide continue to rise. As elected officials and as leaders, and especially during this period of difficulty as a nation, Canadians are counting on all of us to make a difference.

Therefore, at our February 23, 2021 Regular meeting, it was resolved:

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 per cent;

AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

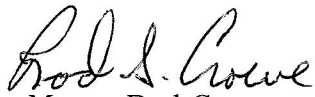
AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the Village of Chase recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Village of Chase endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;

AND THAT Administration be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.

Sincerely,


Mayor Rod Crowe
Village of Chase

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March 18, 2021

Honourable George Heyman
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Re: Invasive Asian Clams

Dear Minister Heyman,

At its January 27, 2021 Regular Council meeting, the Council for the District of Sicamous passed the following resolution:

"WHEREAS invasive Asian clams (Corbicula fluminea) are known to threaten the natural biodiversity of lakes by competing with native species for sustenance and space, cause biofouling to water treatments systems, alter water chemistry, and potentially reduce the quality of drinking water;

AND WHEREAS the spread of Asian clams will have significant environmental, social, and economic consequences for our waterways, wildlife and communities;

AND WHEREAS the Controlled Alien Species Regulation exists under the Wildlife Act to enforce controls for species that pose a risk to people, property, wildlife, and wildlife habitat:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to designate invasive Asian clams (Corbicula fluminea) as a Prohibited Aquatic Invasive Species under the Controlled Alien Species Regulation under the Wildlife Act."

We kindly request your consideration and support of this resolution and have enclosed background information on the resolution for your reference.

Regards,
DISTRICT OF SICAMOUS

cc: Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
Premier Horgan
UBCM Member Municipalities

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Memo

To: Southern Interior Local Government Association

From: District of Sicamous Council

Date: February 22, 2021

Re: Certified Resolution 21-047
Asian clams (*Corbicula fluminea*) worthy of Controlled Alien Species Regulation

Asian clams (*Corbicula fluminea*) are not native to Canada, however a recent study conducted by the Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society (CSISS), discovered live Asian clams in Shuswap Lake. According to the Invasive Species Council of BC, the species has also made its way to southern Vancouver Island and river systems in the Lower Mainland including the Fraser River, Pitt River, and Coquitlam River.

After the CSISS study was brought to the attention of the District of Sicamous Council, research demonstrated that Asian clams, which can self-fertilize and reproduce rapidly, have the capacity to disrupt natural biodiversity and ecosystems, negatively impact native species by competing for sustenance and space, cause biofouling to water treatment systems, alter water chemistry, and reduce the quality of drinking water.

Further inquiry determined Asian clams are not scheduled within the Controlled Alien Species Regulation under the Wildlife Act which controls "alien animals that pose a risk to the health or safety of people, property, wildlife or wildlife habitat." Council argues that Asian clams pose such risks with environmental, social, and economic consequences for waterways and communities provincially.

Therefore, Council pursued and adopted Resolution 21-047 which calls on B.C. Government to use its authority to designate Asian clams as an Aquatic Invasive Species under the Controlled Alien Species Regulation.

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Certified Resolution # 21-047

It was moved and seconded:

WHEREAS invasive Asian clams (*Corbicula fluminea*) are known to threaten the natural biodiversity of lakes by competing with native species for sustenance and space, cause biofouling to water treatments systems, alter water chemistry, and potentially reduce the quality of drinking water;

AND WHEREAS the spread of Asian clams will have significant environmental, social, and economic consequences for our waterways, wildlife and communities;

AND WHEREAS the Controlled Alien Species Regulation exists under the Wildlife Act to enforce controls for species that pose a risk to people, property, wildlife, and wildlife habitat:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to designate invasive Asian clams (*Corbicula fluminea*) as a Prohibited Aquatic Invasive Species under the Controlled Alien Species Regulation under the Wildlife Act.

Carried

Certified a true and correct copy of a resolution endorsed by the Council at its Regular Council Meeting held on January 27, 2021.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2021.



Jennifer Bruns
Corporate Officer