

# INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - November 12, 2019

1.	Building Department - Building Statistics - October 2019	N
2.	Building Department - Building Permits - Yearly Statistics	N
3.	A. Harrison, Mayor - letter to Minister Doug Donaldson dated October 30, 2019 - Rural Dividend fund	N
4.	D. King - letter dated October 26, 2019 - Relocated Bus Terminus	R
5.	B. Geiger - email dated October 29, 2019 - Proposed Tax Increase vs Final Tax Increase	R
6.	W. Groeschel - email dated October 30, 2019 - Tire near ravine/walking trail	N
7.	B. White - letters dated October 17, 2019 and November 5, 2019 - Property Taxes	S
8.	A. Gough - email dated November 3, 2019 - New O Canada Sign	N
9.	D. Roell - letter dated November 4, 2019 - Speeding	A
10.	T. Peasgood, Salty Dog Race Coordinator - letter dated November 4, 2019 - Salty Dog 6 Hour Enduro Mountain Bike Race May 10, 2020	A
11.	J. Wice, President, Seniors 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Activity Centre - Letter received November 5, 2019 - Adjusting Centre Line along 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	N
12.	Minister Claire Trevena, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure - letter dated October 22, 2019 - Thank you for meeting at UBCM 2019	N
13.	Minister Katrine Conroy, Ministry of Children and Family Development - email dated October 31, 2019 - Proclamation of November as Adoption Awareness month	N
14.	Office of the Seniors Advocate - email dated October 25, 2019 - OSA Research Rounds	N

N = No Action Required  
A = Action Requested

S = Staff has Responded  
R = Response Required

# CITY OF SALMON ARM

## CITY OF SALMON ARM BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT OCTOBER 2019

LAST YEAR (2018)  
CURRENT MONTH YEAR-TO-DATE

CURRENT YEAR (2019)  
CURRENT MONTH YEAR-TO-DATE

		NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE
1	New Single Family Dwellings	10	2,980,000	104	32,796,999	5	1,490,000	39	12,923,000
2	Misc. Additions etc. to SFD's	14	608,365	103	3,759,229	14	431,050	88	3,393,888
3	New Single Family Dwellings with suites					3	1,125,000	16	5,818,000
4	New Secondary/Detached Suites					1	40,000	10	609,600
5	New Modulares/MH's (Factory Built)	1	145,000	8	1,600,000	1	250,000	8	1,700,000
6	Misc. Additions etc. to Modulares/MH's	1	10,000	7	85,155	-	-	12	70,770
7	MFD's (# Units)	-	-	9 (33)	6,400,000	-	-	5 (73)	13,380,000
8	Misc. Additions etc. to MFD's	1	30,000	2	31,500	-	-	8	233,600
9	New Commercial	-	-	2	10,745,000	-	-	3	7,210,000
10	Misc. Additions etc. to Commercial	2	100,000	17	1,141,223	-	-	17	645,049
11	New Industrial	2	72,000	7	617,000	-	-	4	3,569,498
12	Misc. Additions etc. to Industrial	-	-	4	2,067,000	-	-	3	1,285,000
13	New Institutional	-	-	1	100,000	-	-	2	586,033
14	Misc. Additions etc. to Institutional	-	-	5	137,000	2	27,500	9	333,500
15	Signs	-	-	28	114,474	1	1,500	30	255,471
16	Swimming Pools, Pool Buildings	-	-	1	40,000	-	-	3	254,000
17	Demolitions	4	-	9	-	-	-	17	-
18	Temporary Trailers, A & B Permits	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	-
19	Misc. Special Inspections, etc.	5	-	16	-	3	-	30	-
	<b>TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>3,945,365</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>59,634,580</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3,365,050</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>52,267,409</b>

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	41,871,923	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		

October 30, 2019

Honourable Doug Donaldson  
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Stikine  
Room 248, Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Email: [doug.donaldson.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:doug.donaldson.MLA@leg.bc.ca)

Dear Minister Donaldson

RE: Rural Dividend fund

Our Council returned from the UBCM with concern regarding the canceling of the Rural Dividend Fund monies for 2019.

As a City in the Interior of BC, we have great empathy and understanding of the grave economic impact the closure of mills is having in small town BC. We support the expenditure of funds to assist forestry workers with early retirement benefits, retraining and education.

We do not support those funds coming from one of the few provincial grants, specific to supporting projects in small town BC, the Rural Dividend Fund.

In Salmon Arm, we access these funds to spur on our economy. Our newly opened Innovation and Maker Space is targeted specifically towards supporting and attracting business and industry. The Rural Dividend fund helped make this happen.

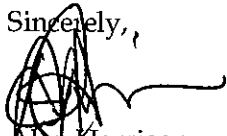
We worked cooperatively with the Neskonlith and Adams Lake governments, and the Shuswap Trail Alliance, to put together a thorough and well thought out Rural Dividend Fund project for 2019. The West Bay Connector Trail project will not only employ people from both our First Nations and Salmon Arm areas, but will result in a trail around the Salmon Arm Bay, attracting tourists from all over the world, while providing a safe alternative, away from the highway and railway, for locals.

To cancel the very fund that helps rural areas diversify their economies, seems contradictory.

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We ask that you reconsider removing the \$29 million dollar budget for rural economic development in 2019, and to ensure that this important grant fund is continued in 2020.

Sincerely,

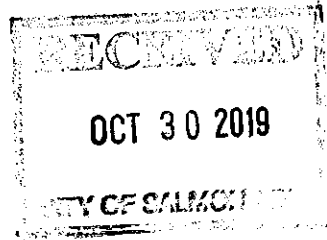
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Harrison', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Alan Harrison

Mayor

cc Premier John Horgan  
MLA Greg Kylo

To The Mayor & Counsellors  
City of Salmon Arm.  
Box 40 Salmon Arm.  
BC  
V1E 4N2



Hillcrest House  
Daphne D King  
2020-14th Ave SE  
Salmon Arm.  
BC  
V1E 0E7  
26th October 2019

Dear Sir and Counsellors;

I am an old age pensioner, aged 74 years.  
and I take the bus downtown most days.  
I wish to object to your plans to move the  
bus terminus from outside downtown Askews,  
to Lower down the street.

Why change something that has been  
established for years. That Location outside of  
Askews is perfect. Old people can do their  
shopping and watch for buses and sit down  
under awnings in the snow. Why change  
something that is NOT BROKEN??!! The  
Askews Terminus is very convenient for Old  
people.

I also point out that it is a  
Privilege for you to be able to spend Tax  
Payers money. A God given privilege not a  
right. Please spend wisely. Yours sincerely (4)  
Daphne D King

**From:** Bruno Geiger  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 29, 2019 8:14 AM  
**To:** aharrison@salmonarm.ca  
**Subject:** Proposed Tax Increase vs Final Tax Increase

Alan:

Here I go again!

I am sending this to you, but I believe it perhaps should be directed to all of council.

Don't want to be whining all the time, but sooner or later, we all have to get a handle on increases and keep them in line with cost of living increases (for retirees) and other union increases.

I am VERY interested in getting answers to questions posed about the RCMP.

Thanks for reading this

Bruno Geiger  
Ackino Enterprises

Re: Proposed tax increase 4.6% and water sewer increase 2.0%

Questions:

Why is the city no "living within its means"?

Budgeting in my world is figuring out how to survive on what monies are coming in and not based on someone magically coming up with more money for me. I cannot just say I want more things and then get someone to give me more money. *Based on what I have not what I want.*

Why does the city publish these "proposed" changes? (4.6%)

For the past years this has been a norm and then when all is said and done, the increase ends up being less (2.51%) and everyone says "oh, what a good job". If the process was looked at properly initially, no one would have to play that game.

How much of these increases is going into reserves and is that in line with other cities?

Reserves, agreed, are necessary for the "rainy days" that happen, but all too often, I read that when some request comes to council, the reaction is to "take it from xyz reserve", like it is a giant piggy bank that is just sitting there to dip into whenever.

Is the city holding too much in reserve?

Where is this reserve funding being held and what kind of return on investment is it providing?

What does the 2.0% increase in water and sewer rates buy us?

Policing costs are going up by X,000's of dollars

Question

How many of the officers assigned to the detachment are working full time? How many are off on some kind of paid leave, or have long term issues that prevent them from working. AND are all these positions still funded by the city?

To reiterate my comments from last spring, the city has had a very large amount of development recently and thus increase in revenue. A lot of this has taken place in areas where city services have been relatively available (Hillcrest area for one) and developers have paid for much of the infrastructure. What will happen if and when this development slows down? It seems like we will all be in a real crunch at that point with larger tax increases..

I look forward to your comments.



## Barb Puddifant

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**From:** Werner Groeschel  
**Sent:** October-30-19 9:02 PM  
**To:** Barb Puddifant  
**Subject:** Re: tire near ravine / walking trail

Good Morning Barb,

I noticed yesterday that the ugly big old tire had been removed. My partner and I really appreciate the response from the City of Salmon Arm and I would like to thank Mr. Gerow for taking quick action on this issue. Please forward this e-mail to him.

Thanks for your help also.

Werner Groeschel

On Thu, Oct 17, 2019 at 1:38 PM Barb Puddifant <[bpuddifant@salmonarm.ca](mailto:bpuddifant@salmonarm.ca)> wrote:

Hello Werner.

I have forwarded your email and photo to Darin Gerow, Manager of Roads and Parks.

Have a wonderful day.

Barb

**From:** Werner Groeschel  
**Sent:** October-17-19 10:01 AM  
**To:** Barb Puddifant <[bpuddifant@salmonarm.ca](mailto:bpuddifant@salmonarm.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: tire near ravine / walking trail

Hi Barb, here is my message with your correct e-mail address.

Thanks

Werner

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **Werner Groeschel**  
**Date:** Tue, Oct 15, 2019 at 5:09 PM  
**Subject:** tire near ravine / walking trail

To: <[bpuddifant@salmonarm.com](mailto:bpuddifant@salmonarm.com)>

Cc: Glenda Hanna

Hello Barb,

here is a picture of the truck tire located at the top of the Cress Creek Ravine just across from the 21 Street & 24 Ave NE intersection.

As mentioned to you, we moved to Salmon Arm a few months ago and every time we go for a walk in the ravine we come by this tire with the rock in the middle. We don't mind the rock but the tire sure makes the area look like a dump site.

Please pass this information on to the public works department and let us know if that old tire can be removed.

Thanks

Werner Groeschel

Glenda Hanna

2510 -21 Street NE

Salmon Arm







Dear Mr. Mayor

Oct. 17, 2019

First of all, please excuse my ignorance as I don't know your name. I asked some of my neighbours and they didn't know it either and all my calls to find out at City Hall were not answered as there doesn't seem to be anyone manning the phones. Maybe that's a good thing as all too often politicians long to have themselves in the press doing this and that. I have always been a firm believer that less government is good government.

I am writing to you about your Property Tax Reminder Notice I just received. I was surprised to see this as a reminder as I am always diligent about paying my bills when I get them and don't recall getting the first one. As a result, you will see I have been assessed a penalty because of this mix up at what appears to be a very high %. (\$78.61).

I finally managed to speak with a young lady in your tax department and when I asked her about my concerns about this, she said she just worked there, and I needed to take up any concerns with someone else.

My concern is what exactly am I having to pay for in terms of service from the city? I live out on Hwy 97B at the Countryside Modular Home Park. I'm sure you know of us out here. I do not own the property here but rather I pay a strata fee to keep my home here which I do own. The city doesn't much provide us with anything and what they do they do so for the actual property owner. The owners here provide us with water and sewage as well as plow the roads in the winter. What does the city actually provide me with? There are streetlights here but 90% of them don't work. I have called the city, and hydro but since I don't own the land I can't complain. I should have to think that the city should be taxing the people who own the land and not us renters of that land.

I used to own a rural property in the Kootenays for near 40 years ago and I wrote them with a similar scenario of how I provided my own sewage and water and plowed my road and they agreed and greatly reduced my property taxes. They did so knowing I owned the land but in this situation I do not.

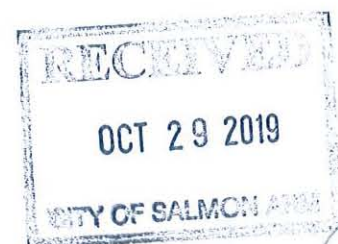
As a senior as many out here are we have a tough time with finances at this time of our lives. While politicians are always going on pledging to help the seniors if elected, nothing ever happens. Most are too old to advocate and stand up to the government and just trying to get by and stay alive. I so do love this newfound home here in Salmon Arm and the wonderful and most personable people who live here. I am currently fighting for my life with some major health issues and don't expect to live long enough to see any changes, but at least maybe I might have stimulated some discussion on this.

Very best regards.

Bob White

59-2500 97B Hwy S.E.

Salmon Arm, B.C.



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Dear City of Salmon Arm Tax Dept.

I imagine most people just open their taxes, look and are grateful to see that they can reduce the amount with a home owner's grant and just pay it and be done with it all the while not knowing what they are paying for. Well I did wonder and now after I received a breakdown of what I am paying for I must strongly disagree with the charges as they apply to my living just outside of the City at Countryside Modular Home Park. I'd like to address my concerns in a breakdown of these charges, what they actually, are for, how they are relative to me as well as I will point out the substantial increase from 2018 and yet the increases in rates from 2017 to 2018 was negligible. Why are all these substantial increases being made and charged to us? Not at all within the cost of living assessments applied for the general public. These screams of a tax grab.

B.C. Assessment Authority - 3.15 - double 2018

Regional District -17.93- double 2018

Garbage & Recycle – 101- same

Regional Hospital – 23.25 tripled

Regional Library 14 – doubled. I never use it

School – Residential – 476- doubled 2018. By far the largest fee of all. I have no children in school and would guess near 97% of the residents at this park have no use for a school. I have only seen but a couple kids waiting for the bus to go to school. This is a gross error.

Transportation Parcel Tax-150, up from 130- What the heck is this?

You mention that this matter is to be raised at a Nov. 12 council meeting. I challenge you to have any council member who can explain the reasoning behind what I have questioned. Or rather did they just rubber stamp some bureaucrat's recommendation, or did they actually sit down and go over these numbers? Especially, to have such huge increases from previous years. Why now?

Best Regards

Bob White

-----Original Message-----

From: andrew gough

Sent: Sunday, November 03, 2019 1:21 PM

To: Caylee Simmons

Subject: New O Canada sign

Far be it for me to complain about your public art, but Calixa Lavallee wrote O Canada in the key of Eb, not F.

NOVEMBER 4, 2019.

TO SALMON ARM CITY COUNCIL —

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE,

THIS LETTER IS WRITTEN, OUT OF CONCERN,  
FOR THE ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF SPEEDING, TAKING  
PLACE IN THE CITY LIMITS OF SALMON ARM.

THERE SEEMS TO BE A HUGE DISREGARD FOR  
THE 50 KM SPEED LIMIT IN TOWN.

MY QUESTION IS — WHAT IS BEING DONE TO  
ADDRESS THIS? IN MY OPINION, MORE AND  
BETTER SIGNAGE, SPEED BUMPS, MORE POLICE  
PRESENCE AND TICKETING, WOULD BE A FEW  
SUGGESTIONS.

IN EUROPE, THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT SYSTEMS  
IN USE, TO SLOW DOWN TRAFFIC —

I LIVE ON THE CORNER OF 36TH STREET N.E.  
AND 20TH AVE N.E. — THE SPEEDING THAT HAP-  
PENS THERE IS CRAZY. COULD THERE BE  
MORE SIGNAGE ALONG THAT ROAD? I ALREADY  
CONTACTED THE R.C.M.P. TO VOICE MY CONCERN.

ANOTHER BAD ROAD IS 30TH STREET. ONCE YOU  
ARE PAST THE FOUR WAY STOP, MOST DRIVERS  
GO FULL OUT AND IGNORE THE 50 KM. SPEED LIMIT.  
AUTO ROAD IS 60 KM., BUT A LOT OF DRIVERS  
GO MUCH FASTER.

THE MAIN ARTERY DOWNTOWN, IS 50 KM. SPEED LIMIT,  
I AM CONSTANTLY BEING PASSED THERE, WHEN I  
MAINTAIN THE SPEED LIMIT. THE BIG TRANSPORT TRUCKS  
DO NOT ADHERE TO ANY SPEED LIMITS, ESPECIALLY  
AT NIGHT. IT IS STILL 50 KM. GOING UP THE  
HILL TOWARDS THE LIGHTS. WHY CAN ALL THIS  
SPEEDING NOT BE CONTROLLED?

THERE MUST BE MORE CITIZENS CONCERNED ABOUT  
THESE ISSUES. BUT I REALIZE THAT NOT EVERYONE  
WILL HAVE THEIR VOICES BE LET HEARD.

I WOULD WELCOME ANY REACTION AND I AM  
WILLING TO TALK WITH ANYONE ON COUNCIL OR  
THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THIS  
LETTER.

SUBMITTED RESPECTFULLY,

DESIREE ROELL.

DESIREE ROELL

1950 36 STR. N.E.

SALMON ARM B.C.

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[www.skookumcycleandski.com](http://www.skookumcycleandski.com)

Nov 4, 2019

To: City of Salmon Arm Mayor and Council  
C/O: Rob Niewenhuizen, Kevin Pearson

Re: Salty Dog 6 Hour Enduro Mountain Bike Race May 10, 2020  
(Final Day of the Salty Dog Annual Weekend of Events, May 8 – 10, 2020)

Skookum Cycle & Ski Ltd. is planning the 20<sup>th</sup>. annual Salty Dog 6 Hour Enduro race, May 10, 2020. Over the past years, the City of Salmon Arm administration office has helped facilitate this event. We are again requesting approval from Mayor and Council of the City of Salmon Arm for the use of: the South Canoe trails and lower Malibu trail area to run this event. Including use of 10<sup>th</sup> Ave and from 60 St to 70 St for the mass start out of Klahani park. In addition to the road closure for our start, I am also requesting the use of the City's delineators, pylons, stop/go sign and safety vests. Cam Gerow at the City yard in past years has organized these details with us, as he can. Donna Flatman from the Shuswap Recreation Society has helped us with our booking of Klahani park for our event start.

Re event start, in the mass start we are looking to string out 250-300 riders over 2-3 km, and want to use the same start format as in past years. Start in Klahani park, go left up 10<sup>th</sup> Ave all the way into the South Canoe trail system. The road will be managed by six flaggers with radios. Two flaggers will be at the top, two in the middle, and two at the Klahani park entrance. The start takes about 15 to 20 minutes, after which 10<sup>th</sup> Ave will be open for regular traffic use; in past few years 10<sup>th</sup> Ave has been re-opened by 10:20. We are requesting special road use from 9:55 to 10:30am. In the case of an emergency during the start, event volunteers will move cyclists off the road to let emergency traffic by.

I have included a review of the Salty Dog event along with information about the Salty Weekend Of Events with this letter, see bottom of the letter. For additional event information follow Salty Dog's online media: Face Book @saltydogenduro, see our website <http://skookumcycleandski.com/salty-dog-enduro/> , or on Instagram via the Skookum Salmon Arm account skookumcyclesa.

A copy of our insurance certificate will be forwarded closer to the event date, the City of Salmon Arm, Shuswap Recreation Society, Ministry of Forests, Ministry Of Transportation (old gravel pit in Salmon Arm), and Skookum Cycle and Ski Ltd Salmon Arm will all be co-insured in the amount of five million dollars. Please let me know if you need any additional information as we continue our event planning.

Sincerely,  
Tom Peasgood  
Salty Dog Race Coordinator

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#### Review of the Salty Dog event:

The race uses the South Canoe bike trails, the old MOT gravel pit for parking, the lower part of the Malibu trail system for the start/finish area, 10<sup>th</sup> Ave for the mass start at 10 am, road signage and barricades borrowed from the City of Salmon Arm public works, and approximately a hundred local volunteers.

This year's race will sell out again in 8 to 10 hours, via online registration. We are planning for 650-700 riders, of which 450-500 will be from outside the Shuswap. Each rider brings on average 1-2 people with them for race support or just to visit Salmon Arm as a weekend get away. This race attracts people from Canmore, Calgary, Banff and Edmonton, from Vancouver and lower mainland, to North Western US, Alaska, Ottawa, and of course from all the interior BC cities. Last year the estimated number of people in the start finish area was between 1200-1500. As an economic driver, each person stays in Salmon Arm for 1.5 to 3 days, and will spend on average \$170 each per day. This is money spent on gas, food and accommodations; dollars injected into our community before the summer busy season.

The Salty Dog race is a dynamic cycling event, and encourages the whole family to participate, with multiple races running simultaneously. Two Salty Pup 30 minute enduro events for kids aged 3-10, we usually have 100-130 participants biking around the bottom of the Malibu trails. The U15 Salty Dog 3 hour enduro, which has 100 people riding the logging road and the lower Malibu trails. The main event, the Salty Dog 6 Hour Enduro in which we will have 500 people racing, the 6 hour racers use the lower South Canoe trails to ride on. Event supported by the local back country first aid responders, Larch Hills Jr Nordic racers, CSRD, Shuswap Trail Alliance, Shuswap Bike Club, bike industry support staff volunteers, and the 100 plus race day volunteers.

#### In addition to the Salty Dog, Salty Dog Weekend of Events:

We have added Friday and Saturday events to our weekend schedule. Events include: Friday night Rubber Head Trail group ride & BBQ, and the always popular Saturday Salty Street Fest downtown, kids bike parade local tourism information, face painting, clowns, petting zoo, live music, and much more! The goal is to increase tourism dollars spent in our community over the Salty weekend, with an early season economic boost.

Over the years as the event has grown, the Salty Dog planning committee has constantly been adjusting our set of professional race requirements. Both event based and community logistical challenges. These include the following: trail usage and race course layout, parking, local resident communication, start finish area set up, professional timing, first aid, internet based registration, coordination of a large number of volunteers, bathrooms, neutral support for racers, garbage and recycling, and a number of other race specific details. As different challenges have occurred over the years, the Salty Dog planning committee has been able to resolve the issues in a positive and efficient manner.

Skookum's race resume includes planning, organization and execution of more than a dozen competitive mountain and road bike races over the past twelve years, including a Cycling BC sanctioned BC Cup points road race, four BC Masters road cycling races, nine annual Salty Dog Enduro mountain bike races, and Stoked to Get Spanked mountain bike races in Revelstoke. We have successfully liased with the following in the execution of these events: City of Salmon Arm, Township of Spallumacheen, CSRD, Ministry Of Transportation, RCMP, Ministry of Forestry, City of Revelstoke and Cycling BC. We look forward to a continued positive supportive working relationship with these groups.

Seniors' 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Activity Centre,

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Mayor Alan Harrison,

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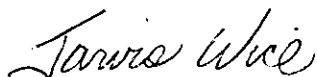
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Dear Mayor Harrison:

On behalf of all our members, thank you to you and the City staff responsible for adjusting the centre line on the fifth avenue road in front of our building. This provides our members and the public much safer road parking now.

We very much appreciate the improvement.

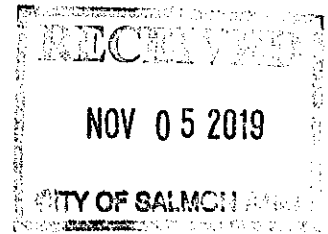
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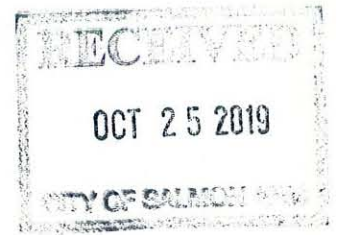
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His Worship  
Mayor Alan Harrison  
City of Salmon Arm  
PO Box 40  
Salmon Arm BC V1E 4N2

Reference: 288749

Dear Mayor Harrison,

**Re: Thank you for meeting at UBCM 2019**

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in Vancouver. I was glad to have the opportunity to discuss the Salmon Arm West Four-Laning project, your interest in improvements to the intersection of Highway 97 and 10th Avenue and overall safety upgrades along Highway 1 travelling through Salmon Arm.

This convention is an essential part of my year, because I can connect face-to-face with leaders like you who know their communities better than anyone. Your neighbours and local businesses come to you first with their ideas and frustrations. The provincial government relies on your insight to guide our plans, and I want you to know how much I appreciate the work you do.

This year's theme of resiliency and change brought home how important it is for governments to collaborate so that we are ready for the unexpected challenges that can face us. We will always accomplish more together. As my ministry works to build a healthy and lasting transportation network with new options and new directions, consultation and partnership will continue to be at the heart of our approach.

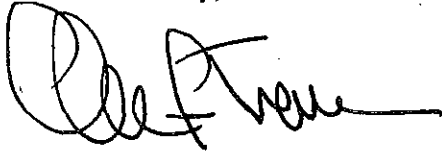
As discussed in our meeting, the ministry remains committed to improving the safety and efficiency of Highway 1 through Salmon Arm. Discussions with the Adams Lake Indian Band and Neskonlith Indian Band have been positive, and we look forward to advancing work along this key corridor.

I was pleased to hear you recently met with the ministry's local District Manager, Steve Sirett, to discuss the speed limit along Highway 97 at 10th Avenue. I have asked staff to continue to monitor this intersection and consider installing some temporary speed reader boards. In the meantime, I have shared your interest in the installation of a red light camera at Highway 97 and Alexander Street with my colleague, the Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, as this matter is the responsibility of his ministry.

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Thank you again for taking the time to meet with me, and thank you for everything you do to support your community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Claire Trevena', with a large, stylized initial 'C'.

Claire Trevena  
Minister

Copy to:      Honourable Mike Farnworth  
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## Caylee Simmons

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**From:** MCF Info MCF:EX <MCF.Info@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2019 1:00 PM  
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**Subject:** Letter from the Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development

**VIA E-MAIL**  
Ref: 245429

His Worship Mayor Alan Harrison  
City of Salmon Arm  
E-mail: cityhall@salmonarm.ca

Dear Mayor Harrison:

As Minister of Children and Family Development, I am honoured to once again proclaim November as Adoption Awareness month. This month of recognition encourages us to reflect on those in our province who have selflessly opened their hearts and lives through adoption. This month, we also take the time to champion and guide those who might consider adopting now or in the future.

It is my wish to see a province where growing up in a stable home with food, shelter and love is a given for all children and youth in British Columbia. Unfortunately, there are hundreds of young people still hoping to find a home and a family to call their own. Adoption can provide some of the most vulnerable people in our communities with the support and guidance necessary to thrive in both the present and as they grow into adulthood.

For more information on the Adoption Campaign of 2019, please visit [Adoptnow.ca](http://Adoptnow.ca).

Proclaiming November as Adoption Awareness month is not the only way your community can support adoptive parents and those who might choose to adopt in the future. In addition to your proclamation, you could organize an information session for prospective parents in your community or a celebration for those who are already adoptive parents. You can explore the variety of adoption awareness events happening around our province in November here: <https://www.bcadoption.com/aam>. If you would like more guidance or information on how to champion and raise awareness about adoption, please connect with Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) staff at [MCF.AdoptionsBranch@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MCF.AdoptionsBranch@gov.bc.ca).

An important pillar for all those involved in adoptions in British Columbia is [The Adoptive Families Association of British Columbia](#), which has been a support for adoptive families in British Columbia for over forty years. You may wish to [connect with the association](#) to learn more about your community's involvement in adoption events, their contact information, as well as contact information for the licensed adoption agencies in British Columbia and more.

[Adopt BC Kids](#) is an online portal that allows citizens to complete an adoption application 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I encourage you to take the time to explore this resource and provide it to any community members who are interested in adopting a child in foster care.

On behalf of MCFD, thank you for leading your communities and supporting both those who have opened their homes and hearts and those who might do so in the future. With your help and support, more children and youth could find their forever homes.

Sincerely,

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Katrine Conroy  
Minister

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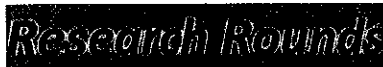
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*Welcome to the OSA's Research Rounds. We seek to both educate and inspire in this monthly compendium of research, publications, commentary and events about seniors in British Columbia and beyond. Please feel welcome to email us feedback and items to share.*



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**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**Scaling Up For Senior's Health: A Small, Successful Health Promotion Trial Goes Province-Wide**  
**Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute**

This article discusses the Men on the Move study, which looked at ways to get older men to be more active and has now been scaled up into the Choose to Move program. Choose to Move is now being implemented in more than 55 communities across BC with 324 programs and more than 3,000 participants.

**Exercise "Rewires" the Brain, May Improve Motor Function and Mood in PD**  
**Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health**

This study's findings suggest that aerobic exercise may have therapeutic benefits for people with Parkinson's disease, including improvements in motor function and mood when used in conjunction with drug treatment. It is among the first to show how the brain changes as a result of exercise, providing a new path to understanding the mechanisms of neuroplasticity and the brain's ability to rewire itself even after being altered by neurodegenerative conditions

**Characteristics Associated with the Postprandial Hypotensive Response in Falling Older Adults**  
**Canadian Journal on Aging**

This report covers the association between a decrease in blood pressure after eating and an increased risk for falls, fractures, and increased mortality. The results of the study indicate that a certain subset of unexplained fallers, including men and patients with high blood pressure, are more likely to experience this decrease. The authors suggest that such patients presenting at a falls clinic should receive further screening with a meal test or blood pressure monitoring.

**CANADA**

**The Future Co\$ of Long-Term Care in Canada**  
**National Institute on Ageing**

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This report, issued by the National Institute on Ageing at Ryerson University, is the second part of a three-part policy series examining the current system of home and community care for older Canadians. The objective of this paper is to better understand the challenges Canada faces over the next three decades in providing long-term care, both from a public cost perspective, and from the personal lens of older Canadians and their families.

**Retirement Expectations of Older Workers with Arthritis and Diabetes Compared with Those of Workers with No Chronic Diseases**

**Canadian Journal on Aging**

This research recruited Canadian workers 50–67 years of age and asked them to participate in a cross-sectional survey about their expected age of retirement, future work plans, whether they were retiring sooner than planned, and bridged retirement. Contrary to predictions, health factors accounted for less of the variance in retirement expectations than other factors such as person-job fit.

**Arts as a driver of change**

**McMaster University**

It is well known that the arts help to improve social engagement and well-being among older adults, and can reduce certain health problems such as hypertension, anxiety and depressive symptoms. In this article, McMaster University's Optimal Aging Portal suggests that the arts could also be used to reduce ageism and share knowledge regarding aging.

**Day centers: Safe and stimulating environments for older adults living with a loss of autonomy**

**McMaster University**

Many older adults and caregivers are benefiting from day centres, which offer programs of activities in professional care settings. McMaster University's Optimal Aging Portal has collected and summarized research on this topic, including support for caregivers of frail older adults and the impact of operational issues on the success of day centres.

**Older Immigrants' Access to Primary Health Care in Canada: A Scoping Review**

**Canadian Journal on Aging**

This review examines the existing knowledge surrounding older immigrants' access to, and utilization of, primary care physicians. The authors found that older immigrants face intertwining access barriers related to health literacy, language, culture, health beliefs, spatial inequality, and structural circumstances and go on to make several wide-reaching policy recommendations.

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**Hospitalization at the end of life among nursing home residents with dementia: a systematic review**

**BMC Palliative Care**

This review was conducted to study the occurrence of hospitalizations at the end of life in nursing home residents with dementia and to compare these figures to residents without dementia. All but one study reviewed found that at the end of life residents with dementia were hospitalized less often than those without. The authors recommend further studies in order to assess the influence of factors such as age and gender.

**Fake bus stops for persons with dementia? On truth and benevolent lies in public health**

Fake bus stops are one strategy to keep persons with dementia from wandering. This article discusses the ethical aspects of using fake bus stops and outlines considerations prior to setting up fake bus stops in nursing homes in keeping with good clinical practice in dementia care.

**Medication review plus person-centred care: a feasibility study of a pharmacy-health psychology dual intervention to improve care for people living with dementia**

**BMC Psychiatry**

This study investigated the feasibility of a full clinical trial of a specialist dementia care pharmacist medication review combined with a health psychology intervention for care staff to limit the use of psychotropics. The authors concluded that, while the proposed staff training was feasible, the medication review would require significant modification for full trial.

**Supporting Family Caregivers With Technology for Dementia Home Care: A Randomized Controlled Trial**  
**Innovation in Aging**

This trial tested the use of an intervention for in-home caregivers based on video recordings caregivers submit of challenging care situations. An expert team reviewed the videos and provided individualized interventions weekly for the experimental group. The authors found that the caregivers using the new intervention had greater reductions in depression and gains in competence when compared to the control group.

**Polypharmacy in older patients: identifying the need for support by a community pharmacist**

**BMC Geriatrics**

The goal of this study was to identify high-priority older patients for intervention by a community pharmacist. The authors found that such patients can be identified by asking simple questions about difficulties in managing, administering, taking or storing medications.

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