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1.	Building Department - Building Statistics - February 2019	N
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3.	K. Pearson, Director of Development Services - letter dated March 1, 2019 - Property Bylaws	N
4.	W. Welter, Innovation Catalyst - letter dated February 19, 2019 - Visual messaging	N
5.	K. Nayki - online form dated February 22, 2019 - Cats and the decline of song birds	N
6.	J. & E. Dergousoff - letter received February 26, 2019 - Future Recreation Centre	N
7.	A. Carson, L. Roy, B. Wilkins, A. Turland, V. Hamilton, E. Taylor, K. Strangeways, M. Russell, Salmon Arm Masters Waves Swim Club Executive - letter dated February 20, 2019 - Future Recreation Centre	N
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13.	A. Slater, Executive Director, SILGA - letter dated February 21, 2019 - 2021 Southern Interior Local Government Association AGM and Convention	A
14.	R. Kariz, BC Hydro Vegetation Management Specialist - February, 2019 - Summary of BC Hydro Vegetation Management within the City of Salmon Arm	N
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N = No Action Required
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S = Staff has Responded
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CITY OF SALMON ARM

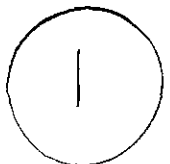
CITY OF SALMON ARM BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT FEBRUARY 2019

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	4	1,070,000	10	2,895,000	1	300,000	2	600,000
2	Misc. Additions etc. to SFD's	8	373,700	16	504,804	-	-	7	616,625
3	New Single Family Dwellings with suites					1	295,000	2	895,000
4	New Secondary/Detached Suites					1	5,000	1	5,000
5	New Modulars/MH's (Factory Built)	2	524,000	2	524,000	-	-	3	790,000
6	Misc. Additions etc. to Modulars/MH's	-	-	1	5,000	-	-	-	-
7	MFD's (# Units)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Misc. Additions etc. to MFD's	-	-	-	-	2	60,000	3	70,000
9	New Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Misc. Additions etc. to Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	135,353
11	New Industrial	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3,000,000
12	Misc. Additions etc. to Industrial	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	New Institutional	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	586,033
14	Misc. Additions etc. to Institutional	-	-	1	9,000	1	15,000	1	15,000
15	Signs	5	5,300	5	5,300	6	99,700	10	122,334
16	Swimming Pools, Pool Buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Demolitions	-	-	1	-	2	-	3	-
18	Temporary Trailers, A & B Permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Misc. Special Inspections, etc.	4	-	11	-	4	-	9	-
	TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	23	1,973,000	47	3,943,104	18	774,700	48	6,835,345

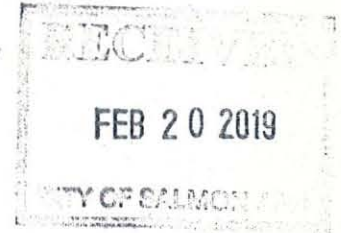
MFD's - Apartment, Row, Duplex, Strata (# of dwelling units created)
Farm building values not included



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										

19 February, 2019



City of Salmon Arm
Attention: Mayor and Council
500 2nd Street NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

His Worship Mayor Harrison and Members of Council,

As an innovation catalyst I refer to what I do as "messaging" and choose to use a "visual voice" that clearly speaks to your audience, delivering the message, keeping the visual chatter to a minimum and allowing for, what I hope will be, a positive emotional engagement.

Some of my well known design projects around Salmon Arm include the Film Reel Graphic on the Salmar Classic Theatre, the Apple Sculpture outside SASCU Downtown, the "Turn of the Century" Highway Sign at RJ Haney Heritage Village, the Site Development Signs for Askew's Uptown, the Salmon Arm Recreation Logo, JungleMania's Building Graphic, the Recognition Wall in Shuswap Lake General Hospital, CMHA Building Graphics, and the Brand Refreshment for "The Mall at Piccadilly".

The attached images show three very preliminary creative sketches to encourage traveling tourists to stop and experience some of Salmon Arm's Big Ideas.

Floating Apples in the Lake Concept

Shop Downtown Highway Sculpture Concept

Framed View of Salmon Arm Concept

I look forward to meeting and discussing promotional concepts,

Sincere Regards,

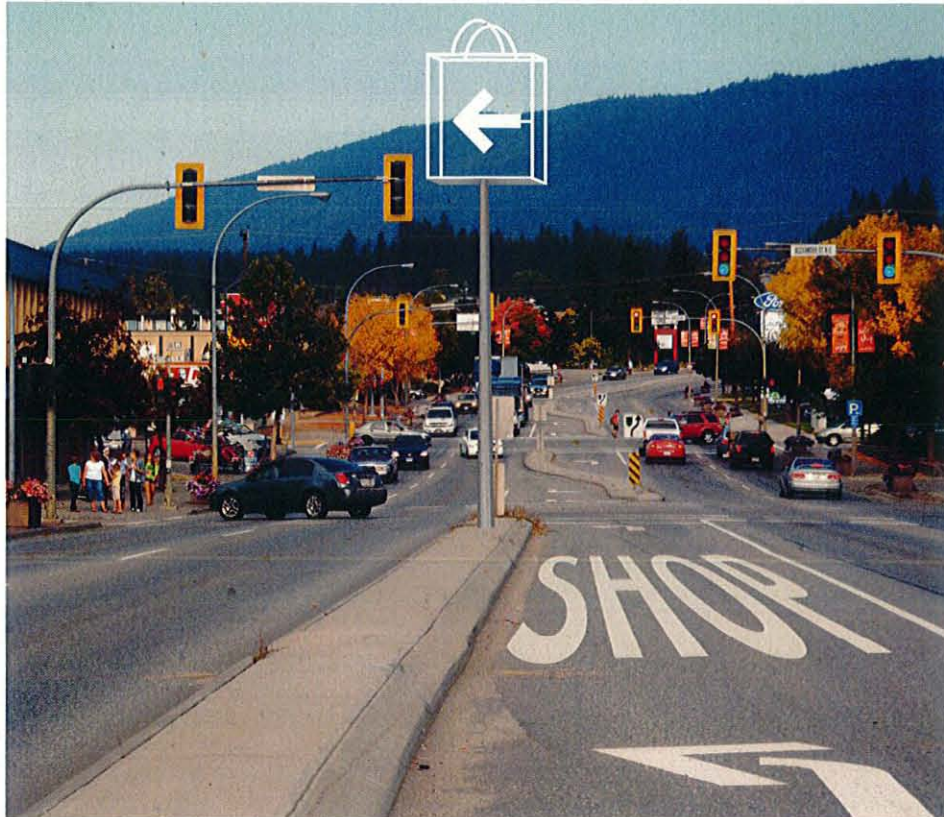
Warren Welter
Innovation Catalyst

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From: noreply@civicplus.com [mailto:noreply@civicplus.com]

Sent: Friday, February 22, 2019 10:11 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 Karen

Last Name Nayki

Address: 1290 15 St. SE.

Return email address:

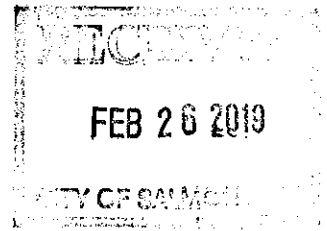
Subject: Cats and the decline of song birds

Body

Attention: SALMON ARM COUNCIL I would like to make a suggestion on the declining of song birds in Salmon Arm. I have lived here all my life, 70 years, and I have noticed a big decline in our song birds. The biggest decline has been in the last 4 years. I live in the Hillcrest area and I blame the removal of so much of the old growth trees, and the cats that are allowed to wander freely around everyone's property, to be just a couple of the issues. May I suggest that when you clear land for a subdivision you leave some of the trees in a green space in each subdivision, of a certain size, then, in a few years plant a few new trees in that space and once they get a good size take out the old trees that may be unsafe by then. This might help the habitat situation. Another suggestion is to control cats like you control dogs. One thing that has been annoying to me is to work in my garden and come across fresh cat poop. I have had cats over the years and they are always inside cats or they are leash trained. Why can't there be a licensing program for cats as well as dogs, and if they are found wandering in a neighbours yard, urinating on Barbecues and chairs, pooping in gardens, and killing birds etc. the owners should be fined. Maybe you need to consider writing some new bylaws to help control the cat situation, as our town grows by leaps and bounds so is the population of free range cats. Thank you for your time. Karen Nayki

Would you like a response: Yes

Jim and Elaine Dergousoff
3380 28 Street, NE
Salmon Arm, BC
V1E 3K8



Mayor Alan Harrison

City of Salmon Arm, Box 40 500 2 Ave., NE

Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

Dear Mayor Harrison:

Since viewing the plans, Options A and B, for renewing our Community Centre we have had many discussions between ourselves and other community members who use this facility on a regular basis. We, and others, have concerns with both options.

First the pool. We love the idea of a new pool. However, we feel that the new pool must be at least 8 lanes wide. This would create a pool large enough to hold Provincial events. If the pool was also 50 metres in length we could host both Provincial and National events thus bringing revenue into the community. Accommodation for bleachers around the pool should also be considered. We feel that the old pool area must stay operational as long as possible while the new pool is being constructed. We love the concept of a lazy river. However, as we have been at other pools with this feature, we feel that more curves are necessary in the river. We understand that this will require more lifeguards which also means more people living, paying taxes and spending money in our community. An entrance into a shallow pool area for people with diverse needs is a must as is the baby/toddler pool.

A well lighted lobby area with tables and concession is a nice addition. Perhaps the kitchen can be relocated to an area between the pool area and the gym. Moving the kitchen to a central area increases its uses for different events. This may even create space for two squash courts.

Secondly the gym. From what we can see on the plans, it would seem that the new gym will be the same size as the existing one. Why are we going to the trouble, not to mention the expense, of building a new gym when the one we have is not big enough? We are aware from personal experience that the pickle ball players could use 2 more courts, while events such as the Trail Alliance Dance and the Fish and Game Club Banquet have to turn people away because our existing facility is not big enough. If the kitchen is moved over between the gym and pool area, perhaps the gym can be expanded through the existing kitchen area or past the stage. Also, we have had discussions with many citizens wondering why we are not also incorporating a walking/running track into the new facility.

Our third point is the Performing Arts Centre. We are very lucky to have a very vibrant, strong arts community here. The Performing Arts Centre should be separate from the athletic facility. Perhaps in the downtown core. The people involved in theatre, dance and music know what is necessary for this centre and are already busy raising funds for construction of this facility. Moving the Performing Arts Centre downtown would also relieve the parking problem when more than one event is taking place at the arena and community centre.

The total cost of renovating the Community Centre is very frightening. However, our population is growing, our tax base is expanding and seniors are becoming ever more active. Perhaps by moving the Performing Arts Centre elsewhere the cost savings can be put into expanding the pool and gym.

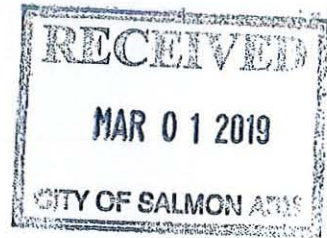
Years ago we remember the great debate over the building of our current arena, many citizens thought that putting in two ice surfaces was too much and far too expensive. This arena complex is the envy of many communities. We should plan our new community pool/gym complex with the same foresight.

Jim and Elaine Dergousoff

cc: Darby Boyd, General Manager and Dale Berger, Operations Manager

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February 20, 2019



To Whom It May Concern,

This is an exciting time in the Shuswap; our population is growing and the City of Salmon Arm is planning a new recreation centre for the region.

As our municipal and regional population continues to grow, it is essential that the future recreation centre be able to service the area for the next 30 years or more. We strongly feel that the role of the recreation facility is to promote a life long active lifestyle for all community members. An eight lane pool is essential to meet this mandate. This increased size will allow more programming for children and families through lessons and swim clubs, as well as for adults and seniors through aqua fit, lap lanes and Masters swim club. Furthermore, the region would be able to support its exceptional athletes by allowing them to remain in the area to train to be competitive at a provincial, national or international level.

Two proposed options have been presented to the public following consultation. As an active user group of the facility, we feel that both options presented do not address the current concern over lack of access to the aquatic complex by multiple user groups. Both options keep the pool in its current configuration at a 6 lanes x 25m tank. This causes different user groups to compete for limited time slots and the current scheduling conflicts will continue. We feel that an 8 lane pool would address the accessibility issue allowing multiple programs to run simultaneously, ie; swim lessons, aqua fit, lap lanes, school programs, swim club, etc.

For all three swim clubs, Salmon Arm Sockeyes, Columbia Shuswap Selkirks Swim Club & Salmon Arm Masters Waves, eight lanes and a pool of proper depth would allow them to host sanctioned events. The designs presented include 2 lanes attached to a warmer leisure pool. These two lanes are required for competition as warm up and cool down lanes. By having such a facility in the region, with 10 lanes available, sanctioned events could be held. The benefit to the community and surrounding area through tourism dollars is significant through hotel stays, meals out, etc.

Before we invest a substantial sum as a community and region lets make sure we get the plan right. To spend \$35-45 million dollars and still have the same size of pool, 6 lanes x 25m, is not how tax payers dollars should be spent. To close the aquatic facility for a year while construction is underway is not feasible if community members are to remain active, children are to learn to the life skill of swimming and water safety and swim clubs are to retain members and coaches.

We urge you to consider a revised option with a larger pool of eight lanes so the recreational future of the region is planned for properly.

Sincerely,

Angela Carson
Lori Roy
Bob Wilkins

Alison Turland
Vic Hamilton
Emily Taylor

Karen Strangeways
Mhairi Russell

Salmon Arm Masters Waves Swim Club Executive

Angela Carson
Salmon Arm Waves



February 19, 2019



Mr. Robert Niewenhuizen
Director of Engineering and Public Works
City of Salmon Arm
500-2 Avenue NE
Salmon Arm, B.C. V1E 4N2

Subject: Wild Soles Trail Running Race Series in Salmon Arm

Dear Mr. Niewenhuizen:

I am pleased to inform you that I am organizing the popular family friendly *Wild Soles Trail Running Series*. This year's series will consist of 3 events, each offering distances of approximately 2 km and 5 km on consecutive Mondays in April and May. While the races showcase some of the exceptional trails that our community has to offer, the aim is to encourage families to get outdoors and be active together.

With your permission, I would like to use the exceptional trail systems in Park Hill – April 27th, South Canoe - May 6th, and Little Mountain – May 13th. The 2018 races saw an average of 90 participants per event plus volunteers and family supporters. It was also an exceptional year with a high percentage of participants under the age of 10 years. The courses will be clearly marked and marshalled by volunteers.

I am aware that part of the South Canoe route falls within the Columbia Shuswap Regional District. Consequently, I am in the process of obtaining the necessary permissions from the CSRD as well as the Ministry of Forests. With your approval I will proceed with finalizing liability insurance for these events through Lakeside Insurance. The city of Salmon Arm will be named on the insurance.

In addition, the intended Park Hill course crosses Park Hill Road. In order to ensure the safety of both the runners and motorists, I will have course marshals manning the road crossings with appropriate signage. If possible, I would like to again borrow reflective work vests, cones, barricades and hand held 'stop/slow' signs for the event. I am also hoping to have access to the existing washroom facilities at each of these locations for the use of the runners and volunteers.

I look forward to hearing from you and THANK YOU in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

K. Neil

Karen Neil
250-832-0369
(karenneil@xplornet.com)

From: Wilma
Sent: February 27, 2019 11:35 AM
To: Alan Harrison
Subject: Vintage Car Club Request

To Mayor Alan Harrison and the City of Salmon Arm Council

Request for deletion of Waterfront Park expenses.

I am writing this to the Mayor and Council of Salmon Arm on behalf of the Shuswap Vintage Car Club. We are a nonprofit organization that are very involved in community activities. Each year we do Show and Shine Car shows for many of the Senior Homes for the enjoyment of the residents.

We have contributed a lot to the betterment of the R.J. Haney Park. We have built two buildings representing 1920's to 1930's garages (service stations) of the early downtown era. Along with that we have purchased a 1920's Ford for the display at the log service station and were instrumental in acquiring three other vehicles for the Lester Thompson building.

Our club has also hosted two "May Tour" conventions for members of all the Provincial Chapters of the Vintage Car Club of the province. We hosted over 400 people each time and added substantial revenue to Hotels, caterers, gas stations and downtown businesses.

We are one of the few clubs that put on Shows without a charge to both participants and spectators. I have pointed out some of our contributions to the community in order to make a request that we don't get charged for the Waterfront Park by the Wharf when we host our Harbour Front Show and Shine on the second Saturday in July. Last year's expenses amounted just over \$400 for the grounds and \$85 for power.

In many of the past years, we have had to pay for these expenses out of our own account, which takes away from us being able to donate to various causes.

Thank You for considering this request.

Yours truly,

Barry Swenson
President of the
Shuswap Vintage Car Club

DOWNTOWN SALMON ARM

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

March 4, 2019

Re: Askews Downtown Community Clean Up

Salmon Arm Downtown Improvement Association is hosting the Askews Community Clean-Up
Saturday April 13, 2019 at Shuswap Park Mall, 9-11:30am.

This is the fifth year of the event and every year the events result in different people from the community who come out and pick up garbage, weed, sweep, remove debris, collect recyclables from the ground and then enjoy a BBQ lunch sponsored by Askews.

This Clean Up Day concept is supported by Business Improvement Areas and Cities all over the province. It is an opportunity for individuals and businesses to demonstrate civic pride and respect for our city and environment.

Those who participate will receive a small token of appreciation from Askews.

While we hope for nice weather, the event goes on whether rain or shine!

Please consider coming out with your families, friends, work colleagues and fellow council members to help the community in its endeavors to keep downtown beautiful.

Thank you for your continued support of downtown initiatives and community events.

Respectfully



Lindsay Wong

Manager

cc. Claire Askew, Askew Foods

DOWNTOWN SALMON ARM
250 SHUSWAP STREET NE, PO BOX 1928
SALMON ARM, BRITISH COLUMBIA V1E 4P9

DOWNTOWN
SALMON ARM

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

March 4, 2019

Dear Mayor and Council

Re: 7-11 Building on Trans Canada Highway

The Salmon Arm Downtown Improvement Association requests that the City recognize the importance of property maintenance, as described in the *Bylaw 3137 - A Bylaw to Promote Property Maintenance and Prevent Unsightly Conditions on Real Property*.

The 7-11 building at 371 Trans Canada Highway has been in a derelict state since a man drove into the building and set fire to it, August 24, 2018.

We would like the owners to be responsible for cleaning and tidying up the premises immediately.

Our busiest tourism months are fast approaching and while it is not acceptable to disregard unsightly conditions at anytime, there is acknowledgement that the Trans Canada Highway summer traffic increases significantly.

DSA works hard on beautification for the downtown core and the 7-11 building as is, is counter to those efforts.

Thank you for your time.

Regards


Lindsay Wong
Manager

DOWNTOWN SALMON ARM
250 SHUSWAP STREET NE, PO BOX 1928
SALMON ARM, BRITISH COLUMBIA V1E 4P9



From: Kevin Pearson
Sent: February 28, 2019 9:42 AM
To: 'Lindsay Wong'
Cc: Mayor_and_Council; Erin Jackson; Rob Niewenhuizen
Subject: FW: Salmon Arm

Hi Lindsay,

Based on your Board's concerns, I reached out to the local 7-11 owner and I will let you and our council know if I hear back. The property is owned by Imperial Oil Canada. Any demolition and/or redevelopment may trigger environmental remediation works due to the historic use of a petro- station. I imagine that is being considered along, insurance claims and the feasibility of re-opening.

The present state of the property does warrant enforcement of the City's unsightly premises bylaw.

Thank you,

Kevin Pearson

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DRAFT meeting summary for the 2019 Shuswap Trails Roundtable

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Hello everyone,

The draft summary of the Shuswap Trails Roundtable meeting held on February 13th 2019 in Sicamous is ready for your information, and [can be downloaded here](#). On behalf of the Roundtable organizers, we thank you once again for your participation earlier this month. Special thanks to the District of Sicamous for hosting the meeting and providing a fantastic Mexican lunch.

You can also find the presentations on the Shuswap Trail Alliance website right [here](#).

Kind regards on behalf of the Shuswap Trail Alliance.

Erin Vieira
Fraser Basin Council

About the Shuswap Trails Roundtable

The purpose of the Roundtable is for people to meet face-to-face, share information, build relationships, provide input and hear updates on the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy, and 'talk all things trails' in the Shuswap. You can read more about the Roundtable and the Strategy [here](#).

Is this the first e-mail you've received from us?

If so, you might be wondering why. Your name was provided to us as someone in the Shuswap who is interested in trails and involved in building, maintaining and/or promoting them. If that sounds like you, we'd like to be in touch with you! If not, you can unsubscribe from Shuswap Trails Roundtable notices anytime by clicking on the link below.

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Meeting summary of the fifth annual

Shuswap Trails Roundtable

13 February 2019

Sicamous & District Recreation Centre
Sicamous, BC



Meeting summary as at 26 February 2019

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Introduction

Over 70 leaders and representatives from Secwepemc, local, regional, and provincial governments, trail user groups, tourism, environmental stewardship, industry, and health organizations met in Sicamous for the fifth annual Shuswap Trails Roundtable meeting. Although the Roundtable participants represent a diverse cross-section of communities and sectors throughout the Shuswap region, they all share an interest and responsibility for trails of all kinds.

The objectives for the Roundtable meeting were:

- To convene all trail user groups, build relationships, and share information
- To provide an update on the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy progress in 2018
- To seek feedback on priorities for the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy and endorse the annual work plan for 2019.

The Roundtable agenda can be found in Appendix 1. Presentations from the day are [here](#).

Welcoming Comments

Kukpi7 Wayne Christian welcomed participants and sang the Secwepemc Welcome Song. He commented on the importance of the discussions today for responsibly interacting with the land, and being mindful of the fact that people have been here on this landscape long before us. Kukpi7 Christian commented on the importance of collaboration and working towards reconciliation.

Sicamous Mayor Terry Rysz acknowledged Secwepemc Territory and thanked participants for attending despite the less-than-ideal travel conditions. He remarked on the traditional meaning of “Sicamous”, which means in Secwepemctsin “in the middle”. He also remarked that the Shuswap Trails Strategy is incredibly important to the District of Sicamous and he highlighted the recent acquisition of the Sicamous-Armstrong rail corridor for trail development.

Columbia Shuswap Regional District Chair Rhona Martin acknowledged the traditional territory of the Secwepemc people and expressed her gratitude for the collaborative and progressive work of the Roundtable.

Joe McCulloch welcomed everyone and covered some housekeeping items. He acknowledged Rene St. Onge, a passionate snowmobiling advocate and resident of Sicamous, who passed away recently.

Mike Simpson acknowledged funders and members of the Shuswap Trails Working Group. Introductions were made around the room. The list of participants and contact information can be found in Appendix 2.

Shuswap Trails Roundtable values: Building pathways to the future on foundations of respect

Phil McIntyre-Paul explained some of the history to the formation of the Roundtable, as being built upon principles and values of respect and relationships. He explained the core values of the Regional Trails Strategy which were shaped by Secwepemc leadership:

- The approach is a participatory, relationship-based, community-development model
- Y'icwetsutce (taking care of the land)
- Respect, stewardship and cooperation
- Letter of Understanding: a formal commitment to work together

He then invited Roundtable participants to reflect on the foundation and successes of the Roundtable, and on challenges and opportunities. This input would be collected, collated, and brought forward to the Shuswap Trails Working Group.

A few Roundtable participants offered their comments, such as their observations of trust being built, recreationists self-regulating, preventing over-use in some recreational areas, planning for the future, and the need for ongoing education and oral traditions.¹

2018 Progress Highlights: Active Transportation

Councillor Fred Torbohm and Joni Heinrich presented on the Village of Chase Active Transportation initiative which sought to develop improved pedestrian, cyclist, and senior mobility as well as nature trails. The Village has produced maps for cycling and walking paths. Future opportunities include trail linkages with Adams Lake Indian Band, Neskonlith, and working with highway developments.



Ryan Nitchie introduced the Salmon River Parallel Trail as “an exercise in persistence that is leading to success”. Some of the challenges for CSRD to establish separate parallel pathways include ownership (Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure), cost, and Section 11 permits from BC MFLNRORD. The Salmon River Parallel Trail is a phased plan to establish a trail between Silver Creek Park and the Silver Creek Community Hall, a distance of nearly 4 km. Construction of a trail and foot-bridge is anticipated to commence this spring, thanks in part to a grant from BikeBC.

Louis Thomas spoke about the need for an active transportation corridor in the West Bay area to make pedestrian and cycling safer from the communities in that area to/from Salmon Arm. Councillor Gina Johnny commented on the importance for all the communities in the area to work together to build a parallel trail all at once, rather piece-by-piece.

¹ A summary of input collected on the ‘Roundtable Reflection’ exercise worksheets can be found in Appendix 3 of this meeting summary

2018 Progress Highlights: Secwepemc initiatives



Shelley Witzky introduced initiatives led by Secwepemc communities, a collection of projects including an Elders' Tour in 2016 from the Shuswap to Lake Louise to identify landmarks and opportunities, cultural camps, seasonal gatherings and a recent landmark established off Hwy 1 near Monte Creek. Sutra Brett commented on his personal experience of coming to Canada from New Zealand and being alarmed that First Nations culture isn't as prominent as where he grew up steeped in Maori culture. The Secwepemc

Landmarks Project is addressing this by establishing sculptures that help orient people on the landscape, and educate people about culture and place names.

Frank Antoine commented on the opportunities in Indigenous Tourism, and sharing First Nations culture with the entire community. He told an inspirational story about his experience facilitating the Cottonwood Canoe project at Quaaout a couple years ago.

The Secwepemc Tourism and Landmarks projects will help to establish protocols that guide future trail development throughout the region.

Shuswap Trails Roundtable business

Mike Simpson briefly reviewed the previous four years of Roundtable meetings, in various locations, starting in 2014. He introduced a piece of business for the Roundtable, which is to approve the previous year's meeting summary. He explained that the Roundtable makes decisions via consensus, that that today's meeting had quorum².

The meeting summaries for 2016 (which could not be approved in 2017 due to not having quorum) and 2017 were approved.

2018 Progress Highlights: South Shuswap Destination Trails Master Plan

Ryan Nitchie introduced the vision of creating a destination trail network for motorized and non-motorized recreation throughout the South Shuswap peninsula. Sutra Brett elaborated on steps done to-date, including work done by staff and contractors on preliminary planning and inventorying. The Master Plan will include Secwepemc Landmarks, and work toward establishing a 140-km Cinnemousun Trail over time that circumnavigates the peninsula. Consultation with Secwepemc and local leadership is currently underway.

² Shuswap Trails Roundtable Quorum is described in the [Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy](#), Appendix 9

Sicamous-to-Armstrong Rail-Trail update

Ryan Nitchie provided an update on the rail-trail initiative and credited Splatsin for providing leadership and catalyzing momentum on the project. In December 2017, Splatsin, CSRD and RDNO collectively purchased approximately 50 km of rail line from Canadian Pacific for the purposes of establishing a lakeside trail from Sicamous to Armstrong. There is still much work to be done including working with jurisdictional partners and establishing secure funding for planning and trail development.

Recreation Sites & Trails BC update

Kevin Eskelin provided an update on behalf of the provincial recreation branch. He commented on the province's forthcoming E-bike policy, noting that electric bikes are growing in popularity. The branch is committed to working with stewardship groups in determining how best to manage E-bikes and implement the new policy, ensuring public safety and preventing environmental degradation.

He also commented on the success of the Roundtable as a large, well-represented collaborative group for outdoor recreation in the Shuswap; such groups provide a valuable service to government in advancing collaborative management.

Sub-regional discussions

Roundtable participants broke into seven working groups, one for each of the planning sub-regions in the Shuswap, and were asked to discuss the following questions:

- *What trails-related issues exist in this sub-region that need to be addressed? What are the emerging issues?*
- *How do we work together in this sub-region? Do we need structures such as committees or specific point-people to enhance capacity? If so, who is willing to step up?*
- *What is the big picture for the sub-region? If we restrict access in one area, where do we allow it to increase? Considering cumulative effects, what are the areas to promote trails and different uses?*
- *What new funding opportunities are out there?*
- *Other comments on the sub-region?*

Break-out groups were invited to briefly present the highlights of their group discussions to the entire Roundtable:

Salmon Arm Bay: issues in this sub-region include multi-use in several recreational areas including Larch Hills and Kela7scen (Mt. Ida), and the need for signage and appropriate protection measures. There is an opportunity to connect the Haney "Heritage Trail" through Salmon Arm to the Mary Thomas Heritage Centre. Invasive species are a concern, particularly in Salmon Arm Bay and Turner Creek. The proposed West Bay Trail is a top priority. Opportunities for partnerships and collaboration were suggested, including

engaging post-secondary institutions and the First Nation Leadership Tech Council; additionally, potential funding was noted via Destination BC, Bike BC, and the Rural Dividend Fund. Anita Ely volunteered to help keep everyone engaged in the sub-region via email, in between Roundtable meetings. A major theme that emerged in this sub-region was uncertainty about who/which organization is the 'convenor', acknowledging that Shuswap Trail Alliance is at capacity.

Shuswap River: several issues and opportunities were noted for the forthcoming Sicamous-Armstrong rail-trail including parking, maintenance, impacts to wildlife, waste disposal, and the potential for campsite development; the vision for the sub-region includes the development of a parallel trail connecting Enderby, Splatkin, and the Enderby Cliffs.

East Shuswap: Issues include closures, lack of monitoring of back-country use, and overlapping back-country use particularly in The Gorge area; group participants endorsed the need for a sub-committee; capitalize on the opportunity to use existing clubs to inform, educate and engage trail users.

Glenemma/Falkland: Issues include signage for multi-use trails and staging for equestrian and motorized uses; trail grants may be accessed through the Backcountry Horsemen of BC and/or the Horse Council of BC, or via BC Off-Road Motorcycle Association.

North Shuswap: Long-outstanding uncompleted trail projects were noted; the Shuswap Trail Advisory Committee and North Shuswap Chamber of Commerce were identified as two groups to add capacity. A vision for the sub-region includes a completed network of trails, with emphasis on beach access, bike trails and multi-use pathways, and potential for a historic 'Scotch Creek Gold Rush Trail'.

West Shuswap: The pillar at Pillar Lake is eroding and/or damaged and needs protection (significant cultural importance); it was suggested that previously damaged or disturbed areas be recommended for ongoing motorized uses, and protect pristine areas from damage rather than enabling access to them; opportunities for new trail linkages exist between Neskonlith, Adams Lake band, Village of Chase and Scotch Creek. Several indigenous organizations were identified as possible sources of funding for trail crews, supplies, and outreach.

Inner Shuswap: issues include ongoing maintenance required at Reinecker Creek, and the need for motorized users to establish a formal group so that they can be properly engaged in planning and outreach, as well as enhance funding opportunities. The 'big picture' for the region is the South Shuswap Destination Trail.

2018 Progress Highlights: Kela7scen (Mt. Ida)

Louis Thomas noted the importance of Kela7scen to all Secwepemc people, and that work is underway to replace the old agreement with the provincial government about use in the area. Once that is in place, work with different user groups can proceed.

2018 Annual Report and funding update

Phil McIntyre-Paul provided an overview of 2018 activities and revenue and expenses. The Shuswap Trail Alliance secured funding from BC Rural Dividend Program to support planning with an emphasis on Joss-Tsuius-Mabel area. The Working Group has recommended four-year funding cycles. An update of partner funding and in-kind commitments to-date was provided.

2019 Annual work plan and budget

Mike Simpson explained that the Working Group has already met once in 2019, and the workplan for the year will be updated with input from today's Roundtable meeting.

Working Group meetings are scheduled to take place on April 12th, June 14th, and October 18th. Locations to be determined, and organizations to host meetings and provide coffee and lunch are encouraged.

** Since these were discussed at the Roundtable, the Working Group facilitators have realized there is a conflict with the October 18th meeting date and it will likely need to be re-scheduled.*

Closing comments

Mike gave everyone in the room the opportunity to announce an upcoming event or initiative relevant to trails in the Shuswap:

- CE Analytics Cumulative Effects conference on May 22nd – 23rd in Kamloops. Visit cfxconference.com to learn more and to register.
- 12th Annual 'Loose Screw' dual-sport event on August 10th featuring five routes and lunch in Falkland. Contact Brad Vickerson for more information.
- Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club fundraiser on February 16th at Eagle Valley Secondary School. Great prizes to be won! Contact Gord Bushell for more information.
- The Lewiston Ultra Marathon is returning to Salmon Arm on September 28th
- There will be a 'Mountain Safety' night in Sicamous on February 15th with Search & Rescue and Avalanche Canada in attendance
- Armstrong-Spallumcheen Trail Society is leading a hike up Rose Swanson mountain on June 30th. Contact Marge Sidney for more information.
- Rivershed Society of BC is hosting a forum at Thompson Rivers University, April 24th-25th. Click [here](#) for more information.

Phil McIntyre-Paul offered his closing comments by thanking participants, especially to the newcomers. He also remarked on the value of physically coming together, and despite the meeting itself not being laden with 'work', it's evident that people are listening, learning, and very much committed to the work to come.

Appendix 1: Shuswap Trails Roundtable Agenda

Shuswap Trails Roundtable

Wednesday February 13th, 2019 | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
 Sicamous & District Recreation Centre | 1121 Eagle Pass Way, Sicamous BC
 Agenda as at February 12th 2019

Objectives

- Provide update on progress of the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy this year
- To seek feedback on priorities for the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy, and endorse the annual work plan
- Convene all trail user groups, build relationships, and share information

Time	Topic	Who and/or format
9:00	Doors open, coffee and networking, set up displays (optional)	
9:30	Welcoming comments and prayer Acknowledge territory Introductions, review agenda	Splatsin, District of Sicamous, CSRD Phil McIntyre-Paul – Shuswap Trail Alliance Mike Simpson – Fraser Basin Council
9:50	Building pathways to the future on foundations of respect - looking forward as we reflect on the foundation and values of the roundtable	Sunny LeBourdais and Phil McIntyre-Paul
10:05	Reflections on history, successes, challenges, current status, areas for growth for the Roundtable	Small group discussion and independent input <i>Report out highlights and/or provide individual submissions throughout the day</i>
10:25	2018 progress highlights: Active Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chase Active Transportation • Salmon River Parallel Trail • West Bay 	Joni Heinrich and Fred Torbohm Ryan Nitchie Louis Thomas
10:45	Coffee break and networking	
11:15	Secwepemc updates on various initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Tourism Project • Secwepemc Landmarks Project • Cumulative Effects Assessment <i>Q&A to follow</i>	Shelley Witzky and Frank Antoine
11:50	Shuswap Trails Roundtable business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting summaries for 2016 and 2017 • Quorum <i>Q&A to follow</i>	Mike Simpson
12:00	Lunch break and networking	
1:00	2018 progress highlights: South Shuswap Destination Trails Master Plan	Ryan Nitchie and Sutra Brett
1:10	Sicamous to Armstrong Rail-Trail status update <i>Q&A to follow</i>	Ryan Nitchie and Sharen Berger
1:20	Recreation Sites and Trails BC update	Kevin Eskelin
1:30	Sub-regional discussions <i>See back page</i>	Small group discussions by area of choice <i>See questions on back page</i>
2:30	Coffee break and networking	
3:00	2018 progress highlights: Kela7scen (Mt. Ida)	Louis Thomas
3:10	2018 Annual Report and funding update	Phil McIntyre-Paul
3:30	2019 Annual work plan and budget	Phil McIntyre-Paul and Mike Simpson
3:45	Next steps, closing comments	Everyone
4:00	Adjourn & safe travels	

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Sub-regional discussions:

Sub-region	Discussion leaders
Inner Shuswap	Sutra Brett, Carmen Massey
East Shuswap	Gord Bushell, Marshall Kronewitt
Shuswap River	Denis Delisle and others TBD
Falkland	Linda Buchanan, Brad Vickerson
Salmon Arm Bay	Anita Ely and/or Louis Thomas
North Shuswap	Wes DeArmond and others TBD
West Shuswap	Joni Heinrich

Small group discussion questions:

- What trails-related issues exist in your sub-region that need to be addressed? Are there any emerging issues?
- How do we work together? Do we need structure, such as committees or specific point-people to enhance capacity? If so, who is willing to step up?
- What is the big picture for the sub-region? If we restrict access in one area, where do we allow it to increase? What are the areas to promote trails and different kinds of trail use? (elements of Cumulative Effects Assessment)
- What are the connections between trails? How do they connect with one another? What are the opportunities?
- What new funding opportunities are out there?

Please be prepared to report out to the Roundtable briefly

Appendix 2: Shuswap Trails Roundtable Participants

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Appendix 3: Reflections Summary

1. What do you value about the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy and Roundtable?

- Opportunity to network, meet people (12)
- Inclusion of First Nations, connecting with First Nations, cross-cultural learning, welcome (8)
- Diversity of outdoor recreation sector present (7)
- Relationship building (6)
- Diverse groups at all levels that take the time to attend; shows common interest to work together (6)
- Opportunity to provide input and share knowledge, collaborate (6)
- Updates on projects, opportunity to introduce project ideas (5)
- A community initiative; not a special interest group; not a political platform (2)
- Respect, honouring (2)
- Greater understanding of creating a bigger picture of how to work together for future generations; strategic planning based on multiple user groups (2)
- Trust building
- Reaffirmation of common core values, respecting the land base, ensuring that it thrives in the future
- Concept of roundtable is ancient, and very inspiring to have this tool
- Becoming more aware of the Strategy and processes
- Improves our legitimacy with higher levels of government
- It's a positive example of an excellent collaborative process
- Strong leadership and diverse make-up of the Roundtable

2. What are some of the successes of the Roundtable to date?

- Building relationships, connections, partnerships and networking (10)
- Replacing silos with improved communication and cooperation (7); user groups are starting to work with each other instead of against each other; motorized working with non-motorized; trail groups interacting with First Nations and province
- Signing of the LOU in 2015, legitimizing the process with First Nations (6)
- Collaboration (6); level of collaboration growing each year; culture of collaboration
- Increasing First Nations connections, understanding their use in area (4)
- Trust with each group (3)
- Multi-use trails (e.g., Salmon River Parallel Trail, Chase Active Transportation) (3)
- Numerous comprehensive planning sessions and tables (2)
- Sophisticated structure of governance with permanent relationships, knowledge sharing; "open door" (2)
- Building trails/reports/research, communication (2)
- Providing a regional pulse to provincial agencies as to recreational demands (2)
- Respect (2)
- Inspiration and ideas (2)
- Building trails, trail systems/networks (2)
- Further enabling Shuswap Trail Alliance progress to achieve goals

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- South Shuswap Destination Trails Master Plan
- Sicamous to Armstrong Rail-Trail
- Providing education on trails, environment
- Kevin Eskelin is here
- Clarity on how to engage in environment responsibly
- Cumulative effects planning
- Good catalyst
- Stronger together.

3. What are some of the main challenges for the Roundtable currently?

- Funding (8)
- MFLNRORD; provincial presence at Roundtable could be stronger (4)
- Volunteers and capacity – getting more people involved, more to lead, break up the workload (4); establishing capacity in different regions/areas; succession planning
- Involving youth (4); mentoring youth
- Sometimes difficult to align priorities and work consistently together across government, volunteer and non-profit organizations (3)
- Maintaining momentum, keeping it going; maintain the trust and collaboration (3)
- Provincial process can hinder people wanting to participate in more collaborative processes without regulatory decision making power; red tape (2)
- Section 11 permits (2)
- Getting everyone on the same page with values, interests, hard to please all (2)
- Managing overuse/growing number of users (2)
- Various component organizations have different capacity and speed of operation
- Don't sweep the challenges under the rug; damage done by ATVs and dirt bikes is a major problem; what is being done to reverse it, fix it, and prevent the damage?
- Higher levels of government information flowing back down. When they are not at the table, info goes up, but doesn't always come back down
- Understanding the rights of First Nations
- Protecting the land
- Motorized users need to become more organized and share GPS trail data
- Caribou land closures
- Communicating successes, develop a list
- Development of policy, rules
- Challenge of Secwepemc worldview being part of tables that are not Secwepemc tables, in their own territory, rather than those organizations coming to Secwepemc governments; not always having Secwepemc capacity to site at all tables they want to be at.
- Never enough time.

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4. How might the Roundtable change, evolve or grow in order to better meet its mandate?

- Just continue; have patience with gradual evolution of community and cultural underpinnings (3). Changing minds takes time. Relationships grow, change happens invisibly. Trust the relationships; keep going, don't stop.
- Educate the public, youth, start with shared trail protocols, First Nations values (3), and utilize Outdoor Learning Centre
- Invite various/additional groups/organizations (e.g., MFLNRORD, SD83, biologists, bird-watchers) (2)
- Create an online interactive website for communication and continued collaboration (e.g., project ideas, input, suggestions, feedback, review)
- Lobby the province to increase funding for BC Parks and Recreation Sites and Trails BC
- More outreach to community, media reports, of all activities and sub-regional work
- Provide tools for clubs to start and work with government
- Host a bigger fundraising dance or two dances
- Perhaps look for different areas to host open house meetings
- Make the meetings more interactive/exciting. Keep people more engaged
- So much to do – we are progressing with trust and understanding
- Identify things that are not working well, what changes are needed
- Reminder of process and protocol at each Roundtable gathering
- Be proactive regarding over use
- Become better known, more advertising, newspaper articles
- Would be great to have a contact sheet for all parties, especially of First Nations
- Community voter data base on land use for management
- Include cat skiing, heli skiing, range licensees, trappers, guide outfitters
- Have Recreation Sites and Trails BC make it mandatory for all backcountry user groups to attend as per their access or tenure agreements
- Host next Roundtable meeting in a Secwepemc community, have a story of the land
- Develop capacity per area of trails
- Learn about various First Nations technical working groups (land, water, animals)
- Hear what other regions are doing to enhance trails in their region; learn from them, share our ideas with them
- Secwepemc and Caucasian artisans, vendors set up tables to create a mini-economy
- Facilitate relationships between leaders and a few elders of local Secwepemc communities with local tourism operators for cross-cultural training (e.g., meal, overnight stay, do an activity together)
- Encourage others to share their trail, transportation and greenway data to the master set at CSRD to have information in one place for all users
- Include more of business community, consider presenting to Chambers of Commerce, engage with tourism and outdoor oriented businesses.

Appendix 4: List of commonly-used acronyms

ALIB	Adams Lake Indian Band
ASTS	Armstrong-Spallumcheen Trails Society
CE(A)	Cumulative Effects (Assessment)
CSISS	Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society
CSRD	Columbia Shuswap Regional District
FBC	Fraser Basin Council
LOU	Letter of Understanding
MFLNRORD	Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
RDNO	Regional District of North Okanagan
RSTBC	Recreation Sites and Trails BC
SABNES	Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society
STA	Shuswap Trail Alliance

SHUSWAP TRAILS ROUNDTABLE



February 13, 2019

Sicamous Rec Centre



INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

Chief Wayne Christian, Splat sin

Mayor Terry Rysz, District of Sicamous

Chair Rhona Martin, Columbia Shuswap Regional District

Phil McIntyre-Paul, Executive Director, Shuswap Trail Alliance

Mike Simpson, Fraser Basin Council

Everyone in the room



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All of you for coming

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Specifically for today's Shuswap Trails Roundtable:

- CSRD
- District of Sicamous
- District of Sicamous Recreation Centre Society

MEETING OBJECTIVES

Provide update on progress of the implementation of the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy this year

To seek feedback on priorities for the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy for next year, and endorse the annual work plan

Convene all trail user groups and orders of government to build relationships and share information from across the Shuswap region

SHUSWAP TRAILS ROUNDTABLE

All of you!

Meets once per year

See Chapter 13, and Appendix 9 for terms of reference

▪ **Quorum:**

- Secwepemc governments – 1 rep each
- Regional districts – 2 reps from any of the 3 RDs
- Municipalities – 3 reps from any of the 5 municipalities
- Provincial government – 2 reps, ideally from Rec Sites & Trails or BC Parks
- Motorized trails groups – 3 reps
- Non-motorized trails groups – 3 reps
- Other sector – 1 rep

WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Over 70 people representing the following:

Sexqéltk'emc Lakes Division (4 governments), Switzmalph Cultural Society

Provincial government, including:

- Recreation Sites and Trails BC (part of Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development)
- BC Parks
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development
- Ministry of Tourism and Infrastructure

Motorized recreation

Non-motorized recreation

Commercial recreation tenure holders

Local government including: City of Salmon Arm, District of Sicamous, Village of Chase, CSRD, RDNO

Others - Interior Health Authority, Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association, School District 83, Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society

ATTENDED MEETINGS IN 2018, JAN 2019

Louis Thomas, Bonnie Thomas, Shelley Witzky, Avis Denault, Tess Tomma, Aaron Arnouse, Stacey Berryman, Robyn Hooper, Sue Davies, Danielle Dornik, Ian McLellan, Kevin Eskelin, Marshall Kronewitt, Carly Procyshyn, Ryan Nitchie, Veda Roberge, Robyn Cyr, Joe McCulloch, Gord Bushell, Rennie Heare, Joni Heinrich, Fred Torbohm, David Lepsoe, Chris Larson, Brad Vickerson, Wes DeArmond, Brodie Rundel, Keegan Hoffman, Linda Buchanan, Shirley Bates, Mirand Williams, Anita Ely, Sutra Brett, Craig McBride, Clint Smith, Dave Crowfoot, Keith Cox, Sue Hunt, Brad Harrison, Jan Thingsted, Sarah Kylo, Mel Arnold MP, Tom Dickson, Allan Obrigewitsch, Libby Chisolm, Adrian Bostock, Nancy Cooper, Paul Dernenok, George Zorn, Carmen Massey, Andreas Meerza...and of course, Phil McIntyre-Paul

Special thanks to those not re-elected

SHUSWAP TRAILS ROUNDTABLE

Building Pathways to the Future on the Foundations of Respect –
Looking Forward as we reflect on the foundation and values of
the Shuswap Trails Roundtable

Sunny LeBourdais

Phil McIntyre-Paul

HISTORY AND PURPOSE



2014 Pierre's Pt



2015 Enderby



2016 Splatsin



2017 Chase

SHUSWAP TRAILS ROUNDTABLE

Reflections on the history, successes, challenges, current status and areas of growth for the Shuswap Trails Roundtable

Small group discussion and independent input

PROGRESS REPORT

Active Transportation – Chase



Active transportation infrastructure and policies contribute to the physical, social and economic health of a community.



SALMON RIVER PARALLEL TRAIL





SALMON RIVER PARALLEL TRAIL

- 3.65 km
- One Pedestrian Bridge
- Asphalt Capped*
- Separated trail
- Recreational/Seasonal Use



CHALLENGES



- Land Tenure
- MoTI Standards
- Funding
- Section 11 Permits



SUCCESSES



- ✓ MoTI Collaboration
- ✓ Variances to MoTI Standards
- ✓ BikeBC Grant
- ✓ Rural Breakthrough
- ✓ Regional Strategy

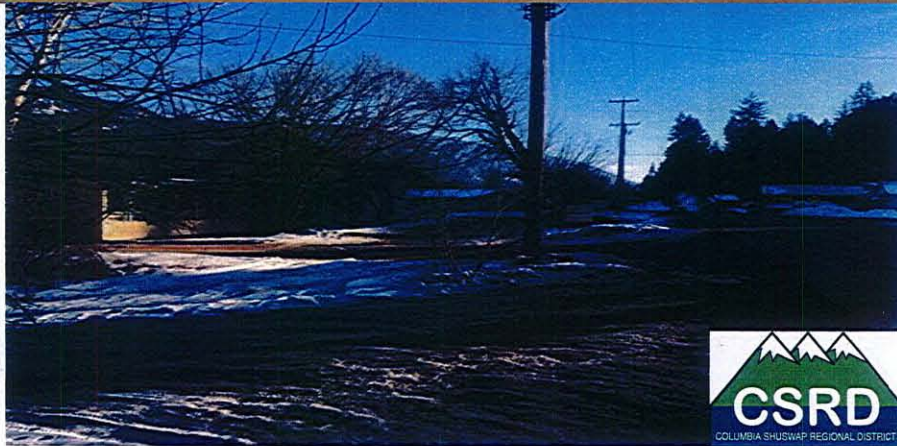


2019 WORK PLAN

- ✓ Receive Permit to Construct from MoTI
- ✓ Tender and Award Pedestrian Bridge Supply and Installation
 - Receive Section 11 Permit
 - Tender Trail Construction
 - Construction completion by October 2019

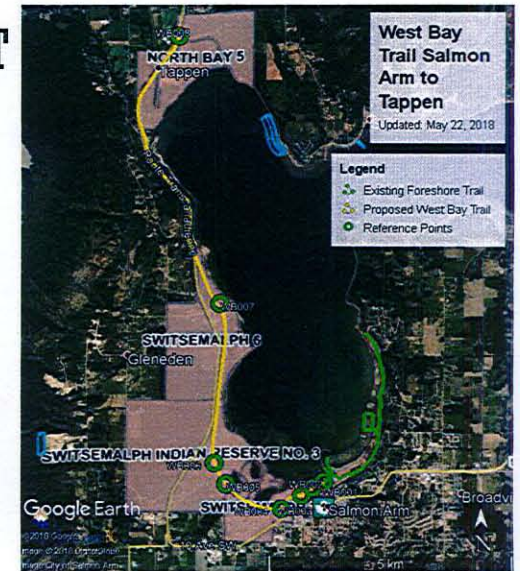


QUESTIONS?



PROGRESS REPORT

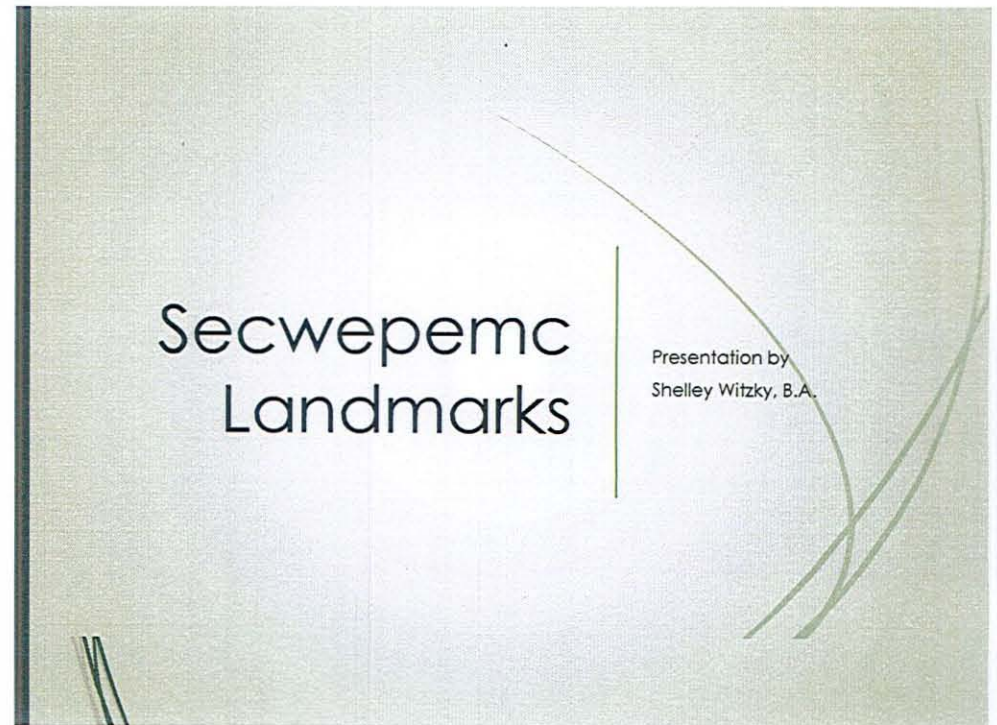
Active Transportation – West Bay

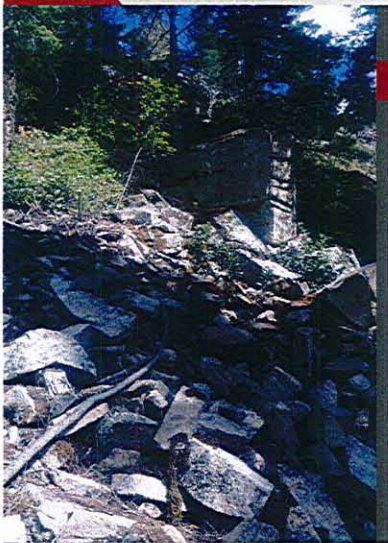


SECWEPENC UPDATE

Indigenous Tourism Project
Secwepemc Landmarks Project
Cumulative Effects Assessment

Shelley Witzky





Secwepemculecw

■ Secwepemc occupy one of the largest territories within what is now known as B.C. Oral history passed down through the generations tells us we have occupied our territory since the last glaciation. Cultural history teaches us that our ancestors placed landmarks throughout our territory pointing to good fishing spots, secure village sites, etc. so that future generations can access that information. We see ancient human-modified pillars within easy reach of our ancient trail system that probably ear-marked ideal village or camp sites, such as the pillar at Hoffman's Bluff.

Seasonal Rounds and Gatherings

■ For thousands of years, our ancestors and many of us today, follow the seasonal rounds, gathering and harvesting food, medicine, fish and game from Secwepemculecw.

■ We have oral history and knowledge of ancient gathering places within the Secwepemc Nation, where our ancestors gathered in large numbers to harvest food and to maintain existing relationships and build new ones socially and politically, ensuring the security of our boundaries. We can see this today through kinship ties between the communities.

■ The Secwepemc Nation is reviving these Seasonal Gatherings as well as exploring what our traditional governance is and could be in modern day.



Current Use and Occupancy

- Secwepemc use and utility of Traditional Territory
- Traditional Use Studies
- Cultural Heritage Studies
- Pipsell (Jacko Lake)
- STS Elders Site Tour
- Cultural Camps
- Seasonal Gatherings



Elders Site Tour

- Identified sacred and sensitive sites to be protected before, during, and after highway expansion
- Burials/graves uncovered during the expansion of TCH 1
- Disturbance of sacred and sensitive sites
- Rat Cave
- Ancient village sites and seasonal camps
- 50 Elders from the 5 Bands (Adams Lake, Neskonlith, Splatina, Little Shuswap Lake, and Shuswap) on site tour
- Visited each highway expansion project site (17 in total over 3 days)



Secwepemc Landmarks

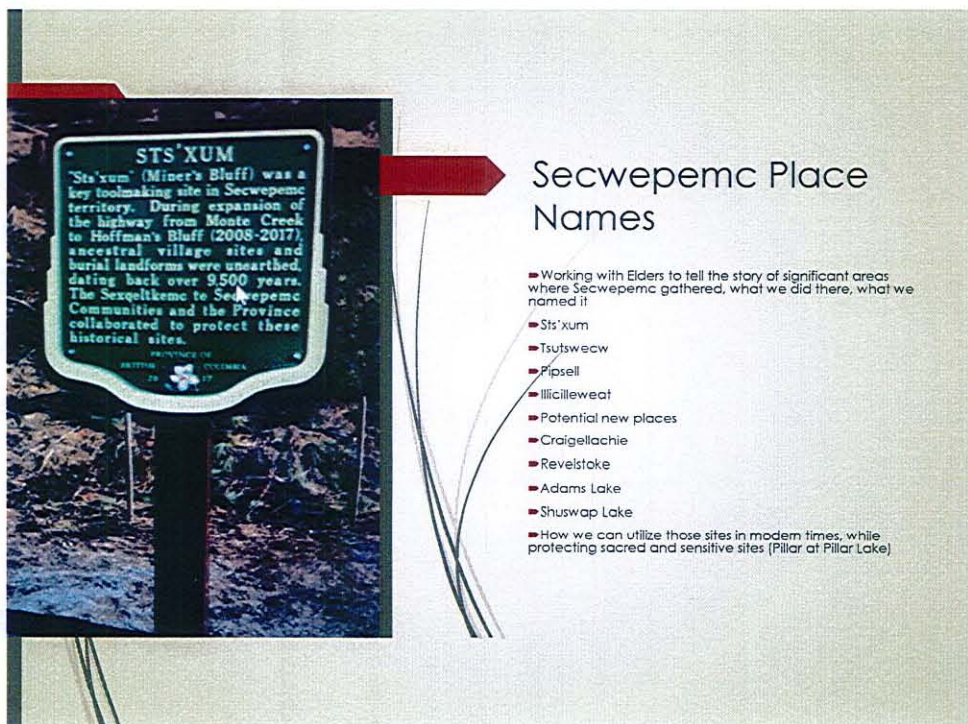
- To commemorate the burials and graves uncovered during the expansion of TCH 1
- Pullout off of TCH 1 for Secwepemc to conduct ceremony in safety
- Modern Secwepemc Landmarks
- Ties into ancient Secwepemc Landmarks
- Secwepemc Landmarks Project with Shuswap Trail Alliance and Shuswap Tourism

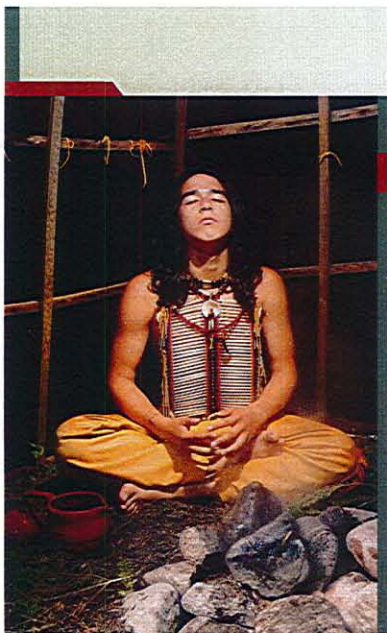


Secwepemc Signage

- Work with Secwepemc Elders, STA and Shuswap Tourism to draft storyboards
- Sculptures, monuments, on trails
- Reconciliation between Secwepemc and Canadian society
- Secwepemc artists and Caucasian artists to design and co-create art
- Trails, trailheads, lookout points
- Interconnecting Landmarks from mountain top to mountain top







Secwepemc Indigepreneurs

- Endless opportunities!
- 18.9 million overnight visitors to BC in 2015, spending \$10.3 billion
- 1 in 3 are seeking an authentic Indigenous experience
- Long term sustainable employment
- Youth and young adult training
- Small business opportunities
- Secwepemc Artisan Market
- Guide Outfitters
- Hunting, fishing, gathering excursions
- BBQ and storytelling

SHUSWAP TRAILS ROUNDTABLE BUSINESS

Meeting summaries for 2016, 2017

Quorum



LUNCH AND GROUP PICTURE

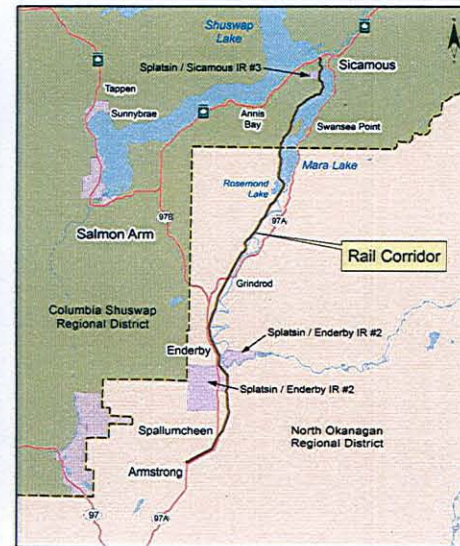
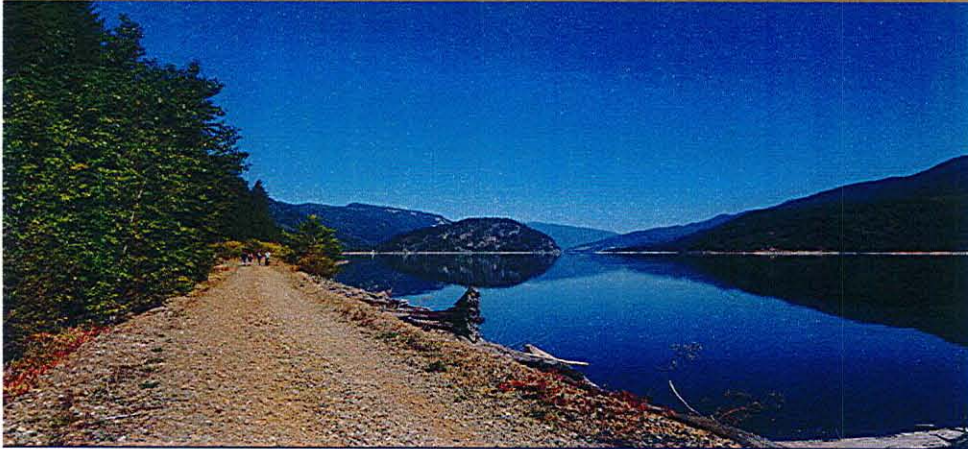
- Thanks to District of Sicamous for sponsoring lunch

PROGRESS REPORT

South Shuswap Destination Trails Master Plan



SICAMOUS TO ARMSTRONG RAIL TRAIL



Sicamous to Armstrong Rail Trail

- Acquired Dec 2017

- Splatsin, CSRD, RDNO Partnership

- Approx 50km



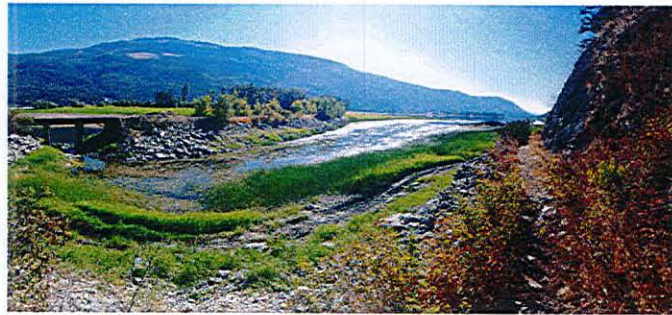
RAIL TRAIL - WORK TO DATE



- Risk Management Signage
- Inventory Historic Agreements
- Establish MOU, Governance Operational Terms of Reference
- Grant Applications



RAIL TRAIL – WORK IN PROGRESS



- Convene Governance Committee
- Convene Operational Committee
- Grant Follow up
- Project Manager
- Hazard Assessment
- Invasive Species
- Encroachment /Crossing Agreements
- Land Use Agreements



QUESTIONS?



RECREATION SITES AND TRAILS BC

Update



SUB-REGIONAL DISCUSSIONS

Align by 7 sub-regions according to your area of interest:

<i>West Shuswap</i>	<i>North Shuswap</i>	<i>East Shuswap</i>
<i>Inner Shuswap</i>	<i>Salmon Arm Bay</i>	<i>Shuswap River</i>
	<i>Falkland/Salmon River</i>	

Mark up the maps as needed.

Fill out feedback form (one per group); be prepared to report out

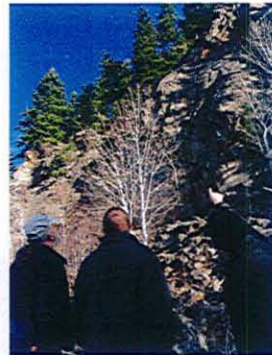
SUB-REGIONAL DISCUSSIONS

Questions:

- What trails-related issues exist in your sub-region that need to be addressed? Are there any emerging issues?
- How do we work together? Do we need structure, such as committees or specific point-people to enhance capacity? If so, who is willing to step up?
- What is the big picture for the sub-region? If we restrict access in one area, where do we allow it to increase? What are the areas to promote trails and different kinds of trail use? (elements of Cumulative Effects Assessment)
- What are the connections between trails? How do they connect with one another? What are the opportunities?
- What new funding opportunities are out there?

PROGRESS REPORT

Kela7scen (Mt. Ida)



2018 ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCES

See 3 page report in print



2019 ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET

- 2019 work plan – updated based on today's input
- Working Group to address fundraising, budget

NEXT STEPS

- Meeting summary from today – ASAP
- 2019 work plan – updated based on today's input
- Working Group meetings:
 - April 12
 - June 14
 - October 18

CLOSING COMMENTS AND EVALUATION

Any additional announcements? Email
msimpson@fraserbasin.bc.ca

How do you feel about what was accomplished here today?

Did the format work? What to change for next year?

Further suggestions?

THANK YOU AND SAFE TRAVELS!



SILGA *Southern Interior Local Government Association*

February 21, 2019

City of Salmon Arm
Box 40
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Salmon Arm, BC
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Attn: Mayor and Council

Dear Mayor Harrison and council,

Re: 2021 Southern Interior Local Government Association AGM and Convention

At the January 23rd SILGA board meeting, Councillor Lavery indicated that the City of Salmon Arm was interested in hosting the 2021 SILGA AGM and Convention. This letter is a follow up to that conversation. For your information, the convention planning has evolved since your community last hosted the event in 2013. Virtually all of the planning is now done by SILGA staff; we do ask that the local members of the host committee provide suggestions for potential speakers, tours and entertainment. Staff support will be required during the week before and the week of the convention.

Hosting the SILGA convention is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your city and to share with SILGA members why Salmon Arm is such a great place to live.

The SILGA board would appreciate your council considering this opportunity and let us know your decision. If you have any questions regarding the convention, please contact the SILGA office.

Thank you,

Alison

Alison Slater
SILGA Executive Director

Summary of BC Hydro vegetation management within the City of Salmon Arm

February 2019

Provided by Rhonda Kariz, BC Hydro Vegetation Management Specialist

Vegetation Management Areas

BC Hydro manages vegetation within the City of Salmon Arm along transmission and distribution power line rights of ways, the Salmon Arm substation, and the BC Hydro Salmon Arm District Office. There are four transmission lines that run through the City of Salmon Arm boundaries. The right of ways for these transmission lines account for about 15 hectares. The distribution power lines are generally located on Ministry of Transportation rights of ways along most City roadways.

Vegetation Management Methods

The vast majority of vegetation management work conducted by BC Hydro uses methods other than herbicides including mowing, pruning, hand slashing, girdling, and hazard tree removal. Herbicides may be used:

1. On transmission line corridors to reduce tall growing species that vigorously re-sprout following manual and mechanical cutting.
2. At substations within the fenced area to maintain a vegetation free environment required to protect our workers from electrocution.
3. At our office buildings within the fenced area to control vegetation.

Annual Amount of liquid herbicide in litres (L) and pellet herbicide used in grams (g) in City of Salmon Arm

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Transmission line corridors	0	0	0	0	0
Distribution line corridors	0	0	0	0	0
Substation	15.00 L	7.0 L 530 g	10.6 L	10.18 L	8.06 L
BC Hydro office building	1.80 L	1.4 L 60g	5.3 L	1.80 L	1.44 L

Details on the name, active ingredient, and amount of each herbicide used each year at the Salmon Arm substation and Salmon Arm BC Hydro office are listed in the following table. All applications were made with a backpack sprayer. The herbicides listed in litres are liquid form, and the herbicides listed in grams are in dry form that are mixed with water before application. Please note that the volumes of herbicide listed in the table do not include the addition of surfactants and adjuvants such as Xiameter and Hasten.

Detailed list of herbicides used from 2016-2018.

	2018	2017	2016
BC Hydro office building	0.9 L VP480 (6L/ha) 0.9 L Dicamba (4.6 L/ha) 0.15 L Xiameter	1.4 L VP480 (6L/ha) 60 g Clearview (230g/ha) 80 mL Hasten	3.0 L Vantage VRT 2.3 L Banvel VM 0.3 L Xiameter
Substation	8.0 L VP480 (6L/ha) 6.0 L Banvel VM (4.6 L/ha) 1.0 L Garlon XRT (3L/ha) 1.22 L Xiameter	6.65 L VP480 (6L/ha) 530 g Clearview (230g/ha) 900 mL Hasten 0.345 L Banvel VM (4.6L/ha) 0.45 L Xiameter	6.0 L Vantage XRT (6L/ha) 4.6 L Banvel VM (4.6L/ha) 0.6 L Xiameter

From: Krystle Landert [klandert@lbgm.ca]
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2019 10:24 AM
Subject: Boating BC Association-Passage of Abandoned Vessels Act
Importance: High

- The Boating BC Association issued the news release (listed below) today - this is an important item for many coastal and inland communities. To that end, we would appreciate if you would share the attached with staff and elected members.



March 4, 2019

Passage of Abandoned Vessels Act An Important Step in Addressing Issue of Derelict Boats

Vancouver BC – The passage of federal legislation on the issue of abandoned boats underlines the need for boaters to take proactive measures and appropriately manage their vessels through to their end of life, says the Boating BC Association.

Bill C-64 increases owner responsibility and liability for vessels – and not complying with the Act can now result in penalties of up to \$50,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for companies or corporations.

“We believe the passage of this federal legislation will serve as both a reminder and incentive for boaters to take action,” says Association President, Don Prittie. “We know the vast majority of boaters are responsible, and step-one is educating owners and ensuring they know how and where they can dispose of their vessels.”

Boating BC received a grant under Transport Canada’s Abandoned Boats Program to support a public relations campaign that will be leveraged through municipal and industry gatherings and promoted by Association members throughout the province. An important aspect of the campaign is the creation of a data base that includes boat disposal options: www.boatingbc.ca/boatdisposal.

Derelict and abandoned vessels are an eyesore - but more significantly, they pose navigational, environmental and safety risks. Abandoned or derelict boats may wash ashore or sink, releasing fuel or toxins which put marine life and habitat at risk. These vessels also pose a danger to the boating public and beachgoers and are a hindrance to waterfront businesses and local economies.

More information about Bill C-64 is available at: <https://bit.ly/2NAnVVa>

Boating BC Association represents the recreational boating industry across British Columbia and is comprised of more than 300-member businesses. The Association offers counsel on business and governance issues, as well as representing and advocating on behalf of the boating industry to all levels of government.

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For more information, please contact:
Kelly Gleeson – LBMG
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February 28, 2019

Chairs of SILGA

Re: Request for support of resolution for 2019 SILGA – Gas Prices

Your Worship:

The District of Sicamous is requesting support for a Council resolution that has been submitted for consideration at the 2019 SILGA convention.

The District of Sicamous Council endorsed the attached resolution on February 27, 2019 regarding Gas Prices. Council is concerned that the entire Okanagan and Shuswap region, heavily dependent on the tourism industry is being negatively impacted by higher gas prices.

Please consider showing your support for this resolution. See you in Penticton!

Regards,
DISTRICT OF SICAMOUS

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Mayor, Terry Rysz

Attachment – Certified Resolution 19-056

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Certified Resolution 19-056

It was moved and seconded:

WHEAREAS the Province of British Columbia has the highest retail fuel prices in Canada;

AND WHEAREAS the entire Okanagan and Shuswap region depends on the tourism industry to support our businesses and local economies;

AND WHEAREAS the District of Sicamous has researched the cost of fuel across Canada, finding when combined, the excise taxes (\$0.10 per litre), the provincial taxes (\$0.13-\$0.15 per litre), and the carbon taxes (\$0.0778 per litre and \$0.0673 per litre respectively), the difference between BC and Alberta is ONLY approx. \$0.025/litre;

AND WHEAREAS at the pump the average retail fuel cost in BC is \$1.24/litre. The average retail fuel cost in Alberta is \$0.94/litre. That's a difference of \$0.30/litre;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SILGA petition the Province to regulate fuel costs in BC to better be in line with the fuel costs across Canada.

Carried

Certified a true and correct copy of a resolution endorsed by the Council at its Regular Council Meeting held on February 27, 2019.

Dated this 28th day of February 2019.

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Evan D. Parliament,
Corporate Officer

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Re: Request for support of resolution for 2019 SILGA – Backcountry Closures

Your Worship:

The District of Sicamous is requesting support for a Council resolution that has been submitted for consideration at the 2019 SILGA convention.

The District of Sicamous Council endorsed the attached resolution on February 27, 2019 regarding Backcountry Closures. Council is concerned that the Province of British Columbia, heavily dependent on our industry, tourism and local economies and ask that these stakeholders be properly consulted prior to any further closures.

Please consider showing your support for this resolution. See you in Penticton!

Regards,
DISTRICT OF SICAMOUS

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Mayor, Terry Rysz

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Certified Resolution 19-057

It was moved and seconded:

WHEAREAS the Province of British Columbia depends heavily on Summer and Winter backcountry access to support our industry, tourism and local economies;

AND WHEAREAS flora, fauna and habitat are declining globally, and acknowledging current Federal and Provincial plans that provide an aspiration for recovery;

AND WHEAREAS without a united approach through meaningful consultation and the inclusion of First Nations, all backcountry users, businesses and local municipalities, these efforts will not be successful;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SILGA request Federal and Provincial governments to place a moratorium on all backcountry closures.

Carried

(Opposed – Councillor Airey)

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February 28, 2019

The Honourable John Horgan, M.L.A.
Premier of British Columbia
West Annex Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Re: Request for Public Consultation Regarding Backcountry Closures

Dear Premier,

It is of great concern that the Government of BC has not provided adequate consultation opportunities regarding the closures in the backcountry that relate to the issues surrounding species at risk. Industry stakeholders and the general public deserve a say to their government about this very important issue. Backcountry access is crucial for those who own industry-based businesses, tourism-based businesses, and taxpayers and homeowners in rural BC. The ripple effect of these potential closures could be catastrophic to our economy and to our lifestyle. It is for this reason that I am asking that Government engage with the stakeholders about an issue that could deeply affect all British Columbians.

The preservation of healthy wildlife populations is a goal worthy of pursuit, yet a fine balance must be achieved with concern for the livelihoods of many citizens. Please give British Columbians the consultation that they deserve about this very important issue. Backcountry access fuels our economy and provides immeasurable cultural and social benefits. Many opportunities for community building and quality family time are found in the great outdoors, providing mental and physical health benefits to those who answer the call of the mountains.

Please let us work together with this government to explore the best ways to address the challenges that we are facing.

Regards,
DISTRICT OF SICAMOUS

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Terry Rysz, Mayor

cc: Greg Kylo, M.L.A. Shuswap
Mel Arnold, MP North Okanagan – Shuswap
Splatkin
SILGA Chairs