

INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - MAY 11, 2020

1.	Building Department – Building Statistics – April 2020	N
2.	Building Department – Building Permits – Yearly Statistics	N
3.	B. Dyck – email dated April 28, 2020 – Letter for Mayor and Council re Douglas Fir bark beetle	A
4.	D. Walters – letter dated April 29, 2020 – Disc Golf Course Welcome Sign	A
5.	S. Genn, Proair – letter received April 2020 – Bench Advertising Contract	A/S
6.	D. Gonella, Executive Director, Salmon Arm Folk Music Society – letter dated April 28, 2020 – Request for Letter of Support	R
7.	E. Vardal, Shuswap Family Centre – letter dated April 22, 2020 – Creating Future Childcare Spaces in Salmon Arm	A
8.	A. Varnes, Program Manager, Salmon Arm Arts Centre – email dated April 30, 2020 – Wednesday on the Wharf 2020	N
9.	BC SPCA – Spring 2020 – Science and Policy Newsletter	N
10.	J. Baker, Mayor, District of Lake Country to the Honourable B. Morneau, Minister of Finance – letter dated April 15, 2020 – Interest Charged on Deferred Mortgage Payments	N
11.	L. Buchanan, Mayor, City of North Vancouver to Honourable S. Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – letter dated April 30, 2020 – Supporting British Columbians during the COVID-19 pandemic	N
12.	R. Girouard, Assistant Commissioner, Western Region, Canadian Coast Guard – letter dated April 23, 2020 – Non-essential Boating	N
13.	C. Dunagee, President, Child Find BC – letter dated April 23, 2020 – Proclamation for Nation Missing Children’s Month and Missing Children’s Day	A
14.	D. Schafer, Stick & Stone Cannabis Co. – email dated April 30, 2020 – Request for Letter of Support	A
15.	J. Kornelsen, Associate Professor, Department of Family Practice and Christine Carthew, Centre for Rural Health Research, Department of Family Practice, University of British Columbia email dated May 6, 2020 - UBC Survey-Rural Community Responses to COVID-19 in BC	N

N = No Action Required
A = Action Requested

S = Staff has Responded
R = Response Required

CITY OF SALMON ARM
BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT
APRIL 2020

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

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

		NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE
1	New Single Family Dwellings	5	1,470,000	9	2,895,000	3	1,040,000	11	4,614,000
2	Misc. Additions etc. to SFD's	4	205,000	15	882,625	7	134,000	24	1,320,095
3	New Single Family Dwellings with suites	1	350,000	5	2,058,000	1	380,000	2	755,000
4	New Secondary/Detached Suites	-	-	2	35,000	1	15,000	7	240,000
5	New Modulares/MH's (Factory Built)	-	-	4	1,040,000	4	815,000	7	1,285,000
6	Misc. Additions etc. to Modulares/MH's	-	-	2	14,000	-	-	2	19,200
7	MFD's (# Units)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Misc. Additions etc. to MFD's	-	-	3	70,000	1	5,000	4	59,855
9	New Commercial	1	4,600,000	2	6,460,000	-	-	1	120,960
10	Misc. Additions etc. to Commercial	1	24,000	5	159,353	-	-	6	257,000
11	New Industrial	2	343,998	3	3,343,998	-	-	1	100,000
12	Misc. Additions etc. to Industrial	1	310,000	1	310,000	-	-	2	505,000
13	New Institutional	-	-	2	586,033	-	-	-	-
14	Misc. Additions etc. to Institutional	-	-	2	26,000	-	-	1	5,000
15	Signs	1	2,000	12	124,834	-	-	4	7,950
16	Swimming Pools, Pool Buildings	1	70,000	1	70,000	-	-	-	-
17	Demolitions	1	-	4	-	2	-	6	-
18	Temporary Trailers, A & B Permits	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
19	Misc. Special Inspections, etc.	1	-	11	-	-	-	10	-
	TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	20	7,374,998	84	18,074,843	19	2,389,000	88	9,289,060

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

BUILDING PERMITS - YEARLY

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

From: Brenda Dyck

Sent: April-28-20 8:34 AM

To: Darin Gerow

Subject: Letter for mayor and council re Douglas Fir bark beetle - thanks for passing this on :)

Brenda Dyck

Salmon Arm, B.C.

April 27, 2020

Dear Mayor and Council;

Over the past few years I have noted an increase in the number of Douglas Fir trees within the vicinity of the Salmon Arm area that are showing signs of Douglas Fir Bark Beetle attack. While small endemic populations of this beetle are common in the area, increased attack usually results in death of mature trees. In residential areas this can present costly and dangerous removal, pose a safety hazard and/or fire hazard if left standing not to mention trauma for folks who value mature landscaping within yards and greenways. I think it's safe to say that most mature conifers within yards and greenways within the city limits are Douglas Fir trees. I know the beetles are boring away at trees along, for instance, 20th Ave NE to Highway #1 and up along 30th St NE as I'm writing this letter. Working in the forest industry I have been able to use my knowledge of dealing with this pest to protect the trees located within my and my neighbour's yards here in Salmon Arm. Most of the property owners that I have talked with do not understand that there is a relatively inexpensive way to protect their trees. There are pheromones that, while not foolproof, work very well at dissuading the beetle's plan of attack. It is my suggestion that the Salmon Arm district educate property owners and possibly even provide the pheromone repellents for purchase. I can provide contacts for information on the beetle itself, suggest an expert to address council as well as pass on information on where to purchase the repellents. Presently the cost is approx. \$3.25/tree

Additionally, I have family living on an Auto Road farm who owns forested lands within the city limits that butts up to crown land on the east side of Mt Ida. We have watched the beetle attack increase on the crown land over these past few years with trepidation and been in contact with the appropriate MFLNRO representatives last year and again this year to express concern that nothing has been done to even try and slow the spread of the beetle. Our fears have been justified as now there is new beetle attack within their forested land as well as in the neighbouring property. We have been told that attempts by BCTS to develop a timber sale in conjunction with fire mitigation have been stymied by the lack of agreement within local first nations groups who have a high interest in the area. What are the District of Salmon Arm's plans to address the very real risk of increased fire hazard and the protection of the many farms/properties adjacent to the crown lands on Mt. Ida? Thank you in advance for addressing these suggestions and questions and look forward to your reply.

Yours respectfully,

Brenda Dyck, RFT

TO: Major and Council – City of Salmon Arm

FROM: Duncan Walters

SUBJECT: Disc Golf Course Welcome Sign

DATE: April 29, 2020

CC:

As the disc golf course nears completion, I would like to request that a welcome sign be placed at the beginning of course. My intent is to have this sign give a brief summary of the contributing parties, as well as an overview of the course. With permission, this sign will be placed at the SE corner of the proposed parking lot and will serve to clearly mark the start of the course. A rough draft is shown below but there is ample space for any alterations needed.

Thank you for your time,

Duncan Walters

Salmon Arm Disc Golf Course

Completed in 2020, The Salmon Arm Disc golf course was constructed in partnership between the City of Salmon Arm and the BC Wildfire Service Rapattack program. The course has 13 baskets that service a total of 18 holes.

- Please use caution when playing, especially on holes that share baskets.
- Please be respectful of our neighbours who are close to the course on the East and West. Limit noise and do not trespass.
- Enjoy yourself and keep the course looking great!

HOLE DISTANCES

COURSE TOTAL: 1340 m | 4396 ft COURSE AVERAGE: 74 m | 244 ft

ALL HOLES ARE PAR 3	
1 61 m 201 ft	10 63 m 105 ft
2 68 m 222 ft	11 116 m 379 ft
3 76 m 246 ft	12 65 m 213 ft
4 88 m 288 ft	13 83 m 189 ft
5 65 m 213 ft	14 63 m 204 ft
6 69 m 226 ft	15 65 m 213 ft
7 77 m 252 ft	16 73 m 240 ft
8 84 m 276 ft	17 93 m 294 ft
9 71 m 234 ft	18 64 m 210 ft

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Mayor and Council,

It's recently come to my attention that an agreement has been in existence for some time between the City of Salmon Arm and a Salmon Arm resident, Carene Wooster, DBA Bench Ads, that provides advertising on the back of bus stop benches.

If I understand correctly, the agreement allows the company permission to use the existing benches for advertising purposes at a fraction of market value. The agreement also allows the company to erect new benches on city property, with no upper limit on the numbers of benches, at the company's discretion. I've also been led to believe that this arrangement was made without the formality of a public tender. The loose terms of the agreement, the great discretion given to the company and the large profit margin possible, make this agreement unique in terms of government contracts.

The private company, Bench Adz, is a family-owned business that also has stakes in Big Steel Box and Service First Plumbing and Heating, my competitor. That company is now, and has for years, been using the signs for the purposes of promoting its own family businesses and political beliefs. The advertising opportunity they are paying \$1300/ year for is worth approximately \$40,000/ year.

It's discouraging to me that my company has spent 10's of thousands of dollars supporting our community by paying retail rates for advertising in the local papers, radio stations and at our movie theatre while the City has been subsidizing the success of a competing company. I'm sure that many other businesses in Salmon Arm, especially home service businesses, storage companies, and companies that offer advertising for legitimate services would feel slighted by your arrangement.

In the past, the original concept may have been based on supplying and maintaining bus benches through a private-public endeavor. If it was ever a business-like arrangement, I would suggest that any value to the City was complete many years ago. In the decades since the concept was created, in exchange for the relatively easy creation of the benches and the minimal maintenance the benches require, the owners of this advertising concept have had an opportunity worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, without a businesslike compensation to the City. During that same time period, the City has also paid to erect bus shelters, with benches in them, beside some of the advertising benches, negating any possible purpose for the benches to the City.

I've also noticed that many of the benches are in extremely poor condition, some are even in a dangerous condition. The poor condition of the benches is a breach of their contract.

If the council takes a second look at this arrangement, and finds it proper and in the City's interest, I'm sure there will be many businesses that would like similar access to City property for this very low cost advertising. I personally would like to enter into the same agreement with the City immediately.

In the interests of fairness to the many businesses that are denied similar advantages by this agreement, may I suggest that the City move to cancel the agreement and have the company remove any advertisements immediately.

Thank you
Steven Genn
Proair



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April 28, 2020

City of Salmon Arm
500-2 Avenue NE, Box 40
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

Attention: Allan Harrison, Mayor
RE: Request Letter of Support

Dear Allan,

The Salmon Arm Folk Music Society (SAFMS) is presently collecting letters of support to be submitted as part of our grant application for Destination BC's Tourism Event Program (TEP).

The TEP funding envelope is designed to support promotional activities to increase tourism traffic to the Shuswap region. The TEP is a highly competitive grant program and we rely on the City's support to give our application a competitive edge, as other mid-sized festivals do not enjoy the level of support our partnership with the City has provided to the ROOTSandBLUES festival.

The Salmon Arm ROOTSandBLUES Festival depends on grant funding to enable our organization to continue to provide culturally rich programming to our community. With the current pandemic we are all experiencing across Canada, support from grants like the TEP are more important than ever. There is no guarantee the festival or SAFMS organization will survive this downturn.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for all of the help the City of Salmon Arm has provided to the SAFMS and the ROOTSandBLUES Festival.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require more information to assist you in completing the letter of support.

Thank you,

David Gonella, Executive Director
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April 22, 2020

Mayor and Council

City of Salmon Arm

Re: Creating Future Childcare Spaces in Salmon Arm

Dear Mayor Harrison and City Council,

As you know Salmon Arm is experiencing a daycare shortage and despite the creation of new spaces, the need exceeds availability. At the Shuswap Family Centre our programs have struggled to support families when it comes to securing spaces for their children and in some cases this has resulted in negative outcomes for our community's families and more specifically negatively impacted vulnerable children. I have been working, through the Shuswap Family Centre, to develop ways to better support our community and develop programming to remove barriers and support healthy family functioning. What has become evident is that Salmon Arm is in critical need of childcare spaces, but also is in need of additional supports for families along our community's vulnerability indicators. The Shuswap Family Centre is planning to open a childcare facility that provides comprehensive supports to our families.

Our project will be creating a daycare that has the potential to provide new childcare spaces while supporting healthy social, emotional, physical, and intellectual growth as well as meeting children's nutritional needs and providing access to needed professional supports. We will be open extended hours for daytime care and provide some overnight spaces to be inclusive of those parents who work outside of business hours. This model of childcare facility will provide coordination with family's professional support teams such as speech and language pathology, occupational therapy, healthiest babies etc. to ensure that children are getting the greatest level of access without the barriers we've seen in the past. Our facility will also address nutritional security by providing all meals cooked on site for all children. Parents will not pay extra for this so there will be no stigma attached. We will encourage parent participation and will bring parents into the facility for participation in educational modelling as well where appropriate.

The Shuswap Family Centre will be opening this facility as a social enterprise model; therefore any profits will be used to support existing Family Centre programs as well as creating much needed youth programs.

We are asking that the City of Salmon Arm support this project by providing land for the building of this facility. We are hoping to open this on a large scale in potentially multi-sites if a large enough piece of land is not available to meet the space requirements in one site.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ebony Vardal

Shuswap Family Centre

From: Wednesday On the Wharf
Sent: April-30-20 3:06 PM
To: Caylee Simmons <csimmons@salmonarm.ca>
Subject: Wednesday on the Wharf postponed to 2021

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Shuswap District Arts Council has proudly presented the Wednesday On the Wharf summer concert series for 26 years. It has become a Shuswap tradition - sunny evenings at the park, meeting up with friends, dancing on the grass to the lively sounds of talented musicians. In 2020, however, the events that have unfolded with the Covid-19 pandemic have led to the cancellation of many community gatherings, and WOW has now been added to the list of summer festivals that will not happen this year.

In order to help prevent the spread of Covid-19, the Arts Council will be postponing WOW 2020 to summer of 2021. The 12-week series was set to begin in June, but provincial health authorities are not expected to lift the restrictions of gatherings of 50 or more people until the end of summer. Since WOW attracts anywhere from 300 to 600 people, this clearly exceeds the limits of what is considered a safe outdoor gathering.

"This is not the situation that any of us were hoping for," says Program Manager Astrid Varnes. "We were hoping we might be able to offer a shortened season, perhaps with a mid-July or August start, but it is not to be. WOW is not just about the music, it's about connecting with friends and family, about audiences dancing and having a picnic, and and we realized we couldn't offer WOW in a way that would ensure everybody's health and safety."

The Arts Council is committed to long-term sustainable cultural planning, and will continue to work toward a 2021 season that is adaptable to the new reality that is the performing arts sector.

Stay connected to WOW on facebook and Instagram at Wednesdays On the Wharf for opportunities to share ideas, memories and special projects associated with this beloved music program.

Astrid Varnes
Program Manager (furlough)
[she/her/hers](#)

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Shuswap District Arts Council acknowledges it carries out its work on the traditional territories of the Secwepemc People. We pay our respects to the Elders, past and present, descendants and custodians of these lands. We honour the knowledge keepers and the continuing relationships with Secwepemc Peoples in the BC interior. The Arts Council is grateful to the Neskonalith First Nations, on whose traditional territories we operate the Arts Centre and its programs.

SCIENCE & POLICY NEWSLETTER

Updates on BC SPCA science and academic initiatives, animal policy, legislation and current events



BC SPCA animal welfare auditing

Any company can call themselves “humane”, but how can you be sure? To help answer this question, animal welfare accreditation programs, like those in farming or for animals used in science, use standards and audits to verify humane practices. Similarly, before companies can be BC SPCA AnimalKind accredited, they must complete our comprehensive audit so we can be confident that they follow AnimalKind’s science-based standards for dog training or wildlife and pest control.

In any audit, reviewing documentation such as standard operating procedures and evaluating record-keeping like staff training records, is important. Critically, a key component of credible animal welfare auditing also involves actually looking at the animals and their environments.

The BC SPCA’s entry into the novel areas of auditing for pest control and dog training presented multiple challenges in developing standardized observations. AnimalKind auditing needs reliable and consistent observations to confirm whether harms to urban wildlife are minimized, and in dog training, the audit must verify that positive reinforcement training methods are used by trainers.

Since audits provide only a “snapshot” view of a business’s animal interactions, animal-based observations in the field must be quick, focused and easily replicated by different auditors. As we begin to develop standards for dog daycares and other animal-based services, our future auditing needs will include what to observe when dogs are in group play and what sampling methods to use (i.e., where to look in a room full of playing dogs).

Want to get in touch? Email us at sciencepolicy@spca.bc.ca

The strength of AnimalKind auditing procedures has been externally validated by the Professional Animal Auditors Certification Organization (PAACO), an independent, third party animal welfare audit evaluating organization. AnimalKind wildlife and rodent control standards and audit have held certification from PAACO since 2017.

Success of the AnimalKind program is directly linked to the quality of our auditing. With it we can identify the animal-related businesses who use science-based practices and share our animal welfare values and ultimately, help more animals.

Companion Animal Welfare

BC SPCA Research Chair at UBC partners on new animal welfare research



Dr. Protopopova, the Research Chair in Companion Animal Welfare at the UBC Animal Welfare Program (sponsored by the BC SPCA), has had a busy first semester. She and her team are working on new collaborative research projects, including a survey to better understand the companion dog population in B.C. This data will identify the welfare, behaviour, and medical concerns that are most important to residents. Additionally, Dr. Protopopova is directing several student-led research studies that aim to improve the housing and handling of shelter rabbits.

Dr. Protopopova is in the process of developing an upper-level course in animal shelter management, to help tackle important animal welfare issues in B.C. This community-engaged course is set to be taught for the first time in January 2021.

In addition to current projects, Dr. Protopopova and her team have been busy publishing previous research on compassion fatigue in animal shelter staff, the early identification and protection of dogs at risk of contracting infectious diseases in animal shelters, and the feasibility of programs to encourage dog adoption.

Emergency Program Act modernization

In January 2020, the BC SPCA submitted recommendations to update B.C.'s *Emergency Program Act* with an inclusion of animals in both emergency planning and response. Currently B.C.'s emergency legislation does not require local authorities or First Nations to ensure domestic animals are protected by emergency services.

Excluding domestic animals from the provincial legislation can have serious consequences for both animals and humans including:

- Loss of animal lives;
- Increased likelihood of pet owners failing to evacuate as a result of their pet;
- Individuals re-entering evacuation zones to rescue animals;
- Emergency responders entering hazardous areas to rescue individuals who have remained or re-entered for animals;
- Mental health implications for animal owners and rescuers; and,
- Increased risks to animal welfare organizations' personnel.



When we communicated to our supporters that we were bringing forward these recommendations, we collected over 23,000 unique signatures from British Columbians within just two weeks. Given this very clear indicator of how strongly British Columbians feel about this issue, we look forward to future consultations and Emergency Management B.C.'s report on our recommendations.

Community assessment programming: An evidence-based approach



Communities across B.C. vary widely in their relationships with animals and animal issues. To help navigate these variables, the BC SPCA has developed a community assessment framework that takes an evidence-based approach to assisting a community in determining both community animal needs and best means to address those needs.

The BC SPCA developed and applied this framework to address cat overpopulation - our first three communities are now moving into programming stages to address their key issues.

The first step of the framework was establishing a project team and identifying the scope, then a comprehensive data analysis of relevant factors was conducted. The data for the community assessment was collected in two stages. First the collection of primary data, followed by interviews in the community. Secondary data collection focused on both shelter and community data to create a complete picture.

Once the team established priority areas based on the secondary data, a community assessment was undertaken in each of these communities, interviewing internal and external stakeholders. All themes from the interviews were then sorted into groups of recurring key themes to help determine the best strategy to develop a three-year program to address the key issues and needs that exist.

By engaging in the community assessment process, the outcome is an approach that is comprehensive and inclusive, and provides the foundation for the development of future programming and service priorities. As an added bonus, it establishes relationships with stakeholders that provide building blocks for a fully-engaged community approach.

Wild Animal Welfare

Together for Wildlife Strategy

Throughout 2019, the BC SPCA participated in stakeholder consultations as part of a four-phase engagement process to develop a new wildlife management and habitat conservation strategy for B.C. As a result, the Province has drafted a new strategy, titled *Together for Wildlife*. The strategy is expected to be finalized in spring 2020, and then begin full implementation. As an organization committed to protecting and enhancing quality of life for wild animals, the BC SPCA has also submitted an application to be included on the newly-created Minister's Wildlife Advisory Council.

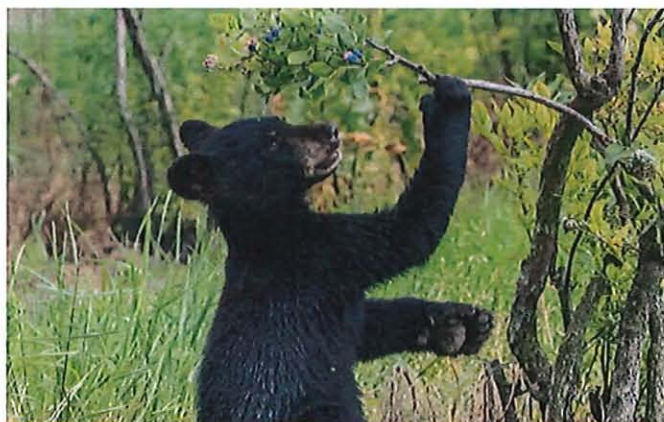


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Farm Animal Welfare

BC SPCA food policy: Values into action



The BC SPCA develops our position statements by reviewing science, our values, and our mission statement. Our position statements then help guide our everyday actions. One of the ways our *Farm Animal Welfare* position statement is put into practice is through our food policy. This policy applies to all BC SPCA-organized events, both internal and external.

For example, the BC SPCA opposes housing laying hens in cages. For this reason, we only buy cage-free eggs for events, and encourage our supporters to do the same. The BC SPCA is also opposed to farming wild animals (e.g., emu) and foods such as foie gras, so these foods are never served. Our food policy allows us to put our values into action, only supporting farms that provide higher welfare for farm animals.

We strive to use food certified by third party welfare organizations such as Certified Humane, Global Animal Partnership, and Animal Welfare Approved whenever possible. We also serve Certified Organic animal products or foods that were grass-fed, cage-free, or free range.

To allow our supporters to choose the food that fits their values, we always have vegetarian and vegan options at events and meetings.

Meet the team: AnimalKind

The BC SPCA's Science & Policy Division includes four teams – AnimalKind, Companion Animal Welfare, Farm Animal Welfare and Wild Animal Welfare. AnimalKind is the BC SPCA's animal welfare accreditation and referral program for animal-related businesses. Our team follows a rigorous auditing process to make sure companies follow a strict set of standards, and use the kindest, most humane methods. Accredited companies have earned the BC SPCA's stamp of approval. AnimalKind currently accredits dog training businesses, and wildlife and rodent pest control companies.

Nicole Fenwick (pictured below, left), Manager, Research & Standards has been with the BC SPCA since 2016 helping to build AnimalKind from the very beginning. She previously worked as a researcher for the Canadian Council on Animal Care, and is an MSc graduate of the UBC Animal Welfare Program. Marcela Vargas (right) is a seasoned marketing and graphic design professional who joined the AnimalKind team in 2019 in the role of Coordinator, AnimalKind Marketing & Engagement.





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April 15, 2020

The Honourable Bill Morneau
Minister of Finance
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Morneau,

Re: Interest Charged on Deferred Mortgage Payments

On behalf of Council we want to convey our citizens significant concern, frustration and frankly disgust at the way mortgage providers, particularly the big banks are charging interest and delayed payment fees for deferred mortgage payments.

Citizens in our community are deeply troubled and trying to navigate how they will provide for their family in the coming months, into the future, and when the economy is in a recovery phase. Council appreciates your request to financial institutions to provide mortgage deferral options to customers who are financially unstable as a result of the pandemic. It's unjust and wrongful, that lending institutions are taking advantage of the unavoidable situation customers find themselves facing and profiting from an emergency. Programs offered force customers to pay exorbitant deferral rates and fees, knowing the customer has no other option to exercise. Across Canada individuals and businesses are being called out and punished for profiteering in this crisis yet our wealthiest institutions stand to profit even more, charging interest on interest.

District of Lake Country Council, community and all Canadians trust that you and your staff will review the situation and put suitable regulations into place to eliminate the financial gain banks, our richest, most profitable and protected companies are incurring as a result of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

James Baker
Mayor

cc: Honourable Carole James, BC Minister of Finance & Deputy Premier
British Columbia Municipalities

LAKE COUNTRY



April 30, 2020

Hon. Minister Selina Robinson
Room 310 Parliament Buildings
501 Belleville St.
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Robinson:

RE: Supporting British Columbians during the COVID-19 pandemic

As Mayor of the City of North Vancouver I want to start by thanking you for your tireless work during these difficult times. Residents are appreciative of the work done by the Province to assist individuals, municipalities, and businesses.

As you know, in a letter dated March 23, 2020 to Hon. Premier John Horgan and yourself, a number of Metro Vancouver Mayors including myself asked the Province to expand the Provincial Property Tax Deferment Program to include all property owners.

We have yet to receive a formal reply regarding this request.

On Monday April 27, 2020 at the City's Council meeting, Council members shared their concerns regarding the accessibility of the Provincial Property Tax Deferment Program and the current eligibility stipulations.

Council and staff have received numerous communications from residents who are facing new financial challenges as a result of the ongoing pandemic, and who are not currently eligible to access the Provincial Property Tax Deferment Program. As a result, Council passed the following resolution unanimously:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Provincial government requesting that a Financial Hardship Program be added to the Provincial Property Tax Deferment Program for a limited time, similar to what was introduced in 2009;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all BC local governments, UBCM, LMLGA and North Shore MLAs and MPs.

Council has requested that if your government is unable to expand the current program to include all property owners, that you consider implementing a Financial Hardship Program similar to the program that was introduced for a limited time following the 2008 economic recession.

An increasing number of experts predict that the COVID-19 pandemic will be more detrimental to the world economy than the 2008 economic recession, and therefore the

addition of a Financial Hardship Program component to the current Provincial Property Tax Deferment Program should be given serious consideration.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information. I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours Truly,



Linda Buchanan
Mayor of the City of North Vancouver

c.c. All B.C. municipal governments
UBCM
LMLGA
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Ralph Sultan, MLA for North Vancouver-Capilano
Jane Thornthwaite, MLA for North Vancouver-Seymour
Jordan Sturdy, MLA for West Vancouver-Sea to Sky
Terry Beech, MP for Burnaby North-Seymour
Hon. Johnathan Wilkinson, MP for North Vancouver
Patrick Weiler, MP for West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country



23 April, 2020

To my fellow mariners,

With the start of boating season in British Columbia now well underway, I know many of you are heading out on the water as an alternative to other outdoor activities that are currently restricted or discouraged, or are planning to use your vessel as a way to self isolate. As part of a long and proud tradition, mariners have always come to the aid of others on the water. Today, on behalf of the Canadian Coast Guard, I am asking all mariners to once again come to the aid of others by avoiding non-essential trips and consider staying close to home to save lives as our country works to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Already this year, Coast Guard has responded to a greater number of Search and Rescue calls in British Columbia as compared to the same time last year. With each response, our Search and Rescue specialists put themselves at risk of exposure to COVID-19 and use precious supplies of Personal Protective Equipment that is also much needed by critical care workers. Coast Guard continues to work 24 hours a day, seven days a week to keep mariners safe, but unnecessary boating trips increase the risk to our operations and our ability to respond.

You should also be aware that most small coastal communities in British Columbia have closed their villages to visitors to protect their families. Your presence in an area could have a serious impact on vulnerable community members, and if you were to get sick, strain the limited health care resources of that community. If you choose to travel or self isolate, you may not have access to fuel, supplies and other services in those communities.

And finally, if you have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 or are feeling sick, please don't get on a boat. Home and within close proximity to health care is the best place you can be right now. If you are on the water and become involved in a marine emergency, please let Coast Guard know if you have any flu-like symptoms when you call for assistance so we can best protect our crews and inform any vessels of opportunity who respond.

As both a professional and a recreational mariner, I know how tempting it is to get on your boat and escape the restrictions we are all currently living under. But we are also navigating uncharted waters right now, and it is up to all of us to do our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19 so that one day soon, we can fully enjoy the peace and beauty of coastal British Columbia. I know that seafarers are both self-reliant and fairly cautious. It's time to take those principles to heart, keeping an eye to being on the water without impacting others.

Stay safe, stay healthy.

Roger Girouard
Assistant Commissioner, Western Region
Canadian Coast Guard

Child Find BC

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April 23, 2020

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

Re: Proclamation for National Missing Children's Month and Missing Children's Day

I write today on behalf of Child Find British Columbia. Child Find BC requests that your local government proclaim May as Missing Children's Month and May 25th as missing Children's Day.

Child Find BC provides "ALL ABOUT ME" ID Kits with child finger printing and photos, to at no cost to families and Child Find BC hosts these Child Find ID Clinics throughout BC. Child Find BC provides education, including public speakers, literature and tips for families to assist them in keeping all of our children safe.

We hope that you will raise this proclamation for consideration to your Council and your community at your next meeting.

Most recent reporting from the RCMP show that over 6,800 cases of missing children were reported in British Columbia and over 40,000 cases in Canada. Through the support of municipal governments like yours we are able to educate and bring awareness to thousands of BC families on this important issue.

Thank you so much for your consideration of this request and your continuing commitment to Community Services in BC and the children and families of BC. If you have any questions regarding this request please contact the Child Find BC office at 1-888-689-3463.

Yours truly,



Crystal Dunahee President, Child Find BC



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"A charitable non-profit organization working with searching families and law enforcement to reduce the incidence of missing and exploited children."

*A Missing Child is
Everyone's
Responsibility*

If you or your organization would like to host an "All About Me" ID clinic, have an idea for an event in your community or would like literature and information on becoming a member and supporter of Child Find BC, please call us at 1-888-689-3463.

Your Letterhead here

National Missing Children's Month and Missing Children's Day

WHEREAS Child Find British Columbia, a provincial member of Child Find Canada is a non-profit, registered charitable organization, incorporated in 1984; **AND**

WHEREAS The Mandate of Child Find British Columbia is to educate children and adults about abduction prevention; to promote awareness of the problem of missing children, and to assist in the location of missing children; **AND**

WHEREAS Child Find has recognized Green as the colour of Hope, which symbolizes a light in the darkness for all missing children; **AND**

WHEREAS Child Find's annual Green Ribbon of Hope Campaign will be held in the month of May and May 25th is National Missing Children's Day; **AND**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

I, (Mayors Name) of the (city, town, municipality), do hereby proclaim May as Child Find's Green Ribbon of Hope month and May 25th as National Missing Children's day. I urge our citizens to wear a green ribbon as a symbol of Hope for the recovery of all missing children; and to remain vigilant in our common desire to protect and nurture the youth of our Province.

Mayor

Signed at _____ this _____ day of May, 2020

From: Dennis Schafer
Sent: April-30-20 2:15 PM
To: info@cumberland.ca
Subject: Letter of Support

Dear Mayor and Council,

Stick & Stone Cannabis Co. is a wee Ma & Pa cannabis retail shop located in Fernie BC. Due to current stressors and frustrations, we have collaborated with ACCRES to outline two requests for change to the current regulations that will further the safety measures designed to protect our communities in BC during these trying times and we ask for your support presenting these recommendations to the province.

- 1) Online Sales
- 2) Direct Delivery

As owners of a licensed cannabis retail shop, we have been continuously evolving our operations to ensure the safety of the community as new information about COVID-19 becomes available. We have a wide range of customers many who are predominately middle-aged and elderly who purchase our products for both recreational and medical use.

With our recommended adjustments to the current regulations that were designed for a pre-pandemic world, we would be able to continue to safely provide much-needed products to our at-risk customers who are unable to leave the house, ensure a contactless experience for those who are able to visit the store for curbside pickup and keep our staff safe.

Here is an example of the challenges our current customers are facing because they are not able to pay for our products online during COVID-19:

We received a phone call asking if a curbside pick-up was available by a customer of ours who was elderly. They were in desperate need of a product and the delivery times to order from the BC Cannabis Store were too lengthy. We informed them that we carried the product and would do our best to provide a contactless interaction but they would have to tap our terminal and the wireless system may not register outside.

When the customer arrived their vulnerability was apparent. They were approximately 90 years old with a compromised immune system, so becoming infected would likely result in their death. In order to keep them safe while accepting their payment and providing their product we were forced through the following process:

1. We tried to use the tap feature by pressing the terminal against their car window. This did not work due to card issues.
2. We then bleached the terminal and passed it through a small gap in the window so that the customer could complete the transaction.
3. The product was then left on the hood of their car for them to collect when they felt safe to do so.

Even though the utmost precautions are being taken, it is extremely stressful to force customers to go through these processes that could easily be avoided if we were able to use available technology like online payment systems.

There are processes in place for the legal online purchase and delivery of alcohol in BC as well as cannabis in other provinces which have been effective at keeping their communities safe. We are asking for the same considerations.

I can not stress enough how vital allowing online payments and delivery to be available in BC is to our communities and retailers!! When you have someone's life in your hands, you want to have the safest measures in place.

PLEASE ENDORSE THIS LETTER OF SUPPORT

Thank you for your time,

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Dennis Schafer
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To Honorable Mayor and Council,

Attached is a letter from the Association of Canadian Cannabis Retailers (ACCRES) membership to the Solicitor-General, Hon. Mike Farnworth, calling on the government of British Columbia to further modify cannabis retail regulations in support of physical distancing during the COVID-19 health emergency. ACCRES is seeking your endorsement in support of these measures, which we believe are in line with what other jurisdictions across Canada are adopting.

ACCRES is specifically calling on BC to follow the recent move by Ontario, which in response to COVID-19 has moved to allow private cannabis retailers to take online payment and make door-to-door delivery of cannabis products. Both Saskatchewan and now Ontario have allowed online payment and direct delivery with no significant complications or negative consequences, and we believe these regulatory changes are appropriate for BC as well.

We believe that many municipal governments in BC could stand to benefit from these changes, as they will hopefully reduce in-store traffic and lineups caused by physical distancing requirements for essential retailers like cannabis stores. This should further reduce the chances of spreading COVID-19, something we believe should be the ultimate priority of any regulated system right now.

Finally, we believe this measure is important in allowing licensed, regulated, and tax-compliant retailers a means of competing with unregulated retailers, who are currently quite openly selling cannabis on-line or offering in-person delivery options. With municipal resources currently very constrained and bylaw officers unable to enforce against these proliferating operators, we believe offering these options to regulated retailers could help compliant businesses to compete them out of the market instead.

ACCRES ask that you endorse these initiatives in support of regulated cannabis retailers' efforts to continue serving their customers in a way that protects public health to the greatest extent possible.

Sincerely,

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To Minister Farnworth, Solicitor General,

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, the *Association of Canadian Cannabis Retailers* (ACCRES) recognizes the Government of British Columbia for evolving policy to allow for regulated cannabis stores to accept product reservations online and over the phone. This change in regulatory framework will reduce the amount of time consumers have to spend in stores amid the COVID-19 crisis. The status of cannabis retail as an essential service is a recognition of the contributions of these small businesses to the general public. We believe it is appropriate to equip provincial license holders with proactive tools that will allow for them to better protect public health, bolster the legal cannabis market and ensure that these small business remain economically viable for the duration of the crisis.

ACCRES membership would like to see further proactive measures enacted that would further protect both public health and essential workers through these trying times. In supplement to "click and collect"/over the phone ordering, we request that the government enact and support two further regulatory changes to cannabis retail regulations. These measures would be effective in supporting the social and physical distancing measures recommended by public health authorities:

- Online Payment
- Direct Delivery

Online Payment

In the interest of balancing public health, along with our customers' need to access legal cannabis, and the long-term economic health of our members, we propose that the Government of British Columbia allow retailers to sell their products online or by phone and collect payment in advance.

Allowing for payment in advance avoids the major point of contamination in a "click and collect" transaction: the requirement to accept cash or interact with the payment processing machine. Pre-payment would reduce contact in store to the absolute minimum, and would facilitate the best possible circumstances for social distancing. This measure would serve to better protect both staff and customers during in store transactions.

Direct Delivery

In further support of social distancing and to accommodate those that are unable to leave their homes due to being immunocompromised or in self isolation, we ask that delivery be allowed directly to customers from the regulated private retailer of their choice. ACCRES believes the best way to ensure continuity of service in these circumstances while minimizing exposure is to allow already trained and security screened staff of private retailers to deliver orders directly to customers. Direct delivery is currently available to the residents of Saskatchewan and Ontario via provincially licensed retailers. ACCRES proposes that these existing regulations be adapted for the BC sector. Contactless age verification is as simple as requiring the upload of photo ID at the time of purchase. The ID can then be matched to the individual receiving the delivery while maintaining a distance of two meters.

Providing greater access to regulated cannabis is vital to protecting public health and safety, and to destabilizing the illicit market - both key aims of the Cannabis Act and provincial regulations. Due to the convenience the illicit market operators continue to be able to offer through direct delivery, legal sales

in BC are tens of millions of dollars behind projected targets in BC. Direct delivery from licensed private cannabis stores conducted in compliance with all health and safety standards provides local communities with an essential and regulated touchpoint that can act as a resource for education and responsible use.

ACCRES believe that by allowing these measures, cannabis retailers will be best equipped to protect public health and safety, while also ensuring the continued operations of independent cannabis retailers that provide access to safe and regulated products. These measures will allow essential services to continue without unnecessarily endangering public health, and we believe these measures will strengthen BC's overall response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the legal cannabis industry in this province.

Sincerely,

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From: Rural Evidence Review <rer.crhr@ubc.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 5:30 PM

To: Erin Jackson <ejackson@salmonarm.ca>

Subject: UBC Survey-Rural Community Responses to COVID-19 in BC



I am writing to you from the Centre for Rural Health Research, within UBC's Department of Family Practice. You might remember, our team reached out to you in the past to share information about an ongoing research study to understand rural and remote community priorities for health care across British Columbia: the Rural Evidence Review (RER) project. The Rural Evidence Review has funding under Canada's Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research and through the Rural Coordination Centre of BC to work with rural citizens to provide high-quality and useful evidence for rural health care planning in BC. To do this, we ask rural citizens about the health care priorities that matter the most to their communities and share what we learn with policy- and decision-makers, and rural communities across the province. The RER is being led by Dr. Jude Kornelsen, Co-Director of the Centre for Rural Health Research and Associate Professor within the Department of Family Practice at the University of British Columbia.

To learn more about the RER and our team, please visit our website at the following links:

- [The RER](#)
- [The Research Team](#)

Thank you for your support to share information about the project with the residents of your communities – we are so grateful! Through telephone interviews and an online survey, our team has heard from more than 1,800 people across 211 rural BC communities about their health care needs and priorities.

We, as a research centre, recognize the importance and we prioritize local ("ground up") solutions to address the health care challenges and priorities confronting rural and remote BC communities. In light of the coronavirus outbreak leading to the current COVID-19 pandemic, our team in partnership with the [BC Rural Health Network](#) has created a brief, anonymous survey to learn from rural and remote BC communities about their experiences and responses to COVID-19. We will use the findings to

understand rural community solutions and resiliency in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. The findings will be shared with participating rural and remote BC communities, to support learning and collaboration across communities. Additionally, the findings will be shared with the BC Ministry of Health and the Health Authorities to support rural health care planning.

I have attached an 'engagement card' with more information about the survey. The survey can be found here: <http://bit.ly/RERCOVID-19>. The survey is available on an ongoing basis, with no established end date. We would be most appreciative if you could share information about the COVID-19-focused survey, including the link to access the survey and the attached engagement card, with your community.

Thank you for your time and your support.

Sincerely,

The RER Team

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What is the Rural Evidence Review project?

The goal of the Rural Evidence Review project is to work with rural citizens and communities to provide high quality, useful evidence for rural health care planning in British Columbia.

Who are we?

We are a team of researchers from the Centre for Rural Health Research in the Department of Family Practice at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Jude Kornelsen is the project's Principal Investigator.

How can you be involved?

We need your help to understand rural and remote B.C. communities' experiences of and responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19: Share Your Experiences

- (1) **Take our Survey.** Please answer a few questions at the following link to share your experiences of COVID-19 with the research team: <http://bit.ly/RERCOVID-19>
- (2) **Research Interview.** You are invited to participate in a confidential interview with our team to discuss your experiences of COVID-19. If you are interested, please contact the Project Coordinator at the email listed below.
- (3) **Contact Us.** Please contact the Project Coordinator at any time to learn more about the study and to discuss your experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Christine Carthew, Project Coordinator

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