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N = No Action Required
A = Action Requested

S = Staff has Responded
R = Response Required

CITY OF SALMON ARM BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT APRIL 2021

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

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

		NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE	NO.	VALUE
1	New Single Family Dwellings	3	1,040,000	11	4,614,000	8	3,195,000	23	7,750,000
2	Misc. Additions etc. to SFD's	7	134,000	24	1,320,095	10	533,500	32	1,918,930
3	New Single Family Dwellings with suites	1	380,000	2	755,000	3	1,300,000	6	2,800,000
4	New Secondary/Detached Suites	1	15,000	7	240,000	-	-	2	80,000
5	New Modulars/MH's (Factory Built)	4	815,000	7	1,285,000	-	-	3	590,500
6	Misc. Additions etc. to Modulars/MH's	-	-	2	19,200	1	10,000	2	53,692
7	MFD's (# Units)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Misc. Additions etc. to MFD's	1	5,000	4	59,855	-	-	1	1,000
9	New Commercial	-	-	1	120,960	-	-	-	-
10	Misc. Additions etc. to Commercial	-	-	6	257,000	1	10,000	7	557,600
11	New Industrial	-	-	1	100,000	-	-	1	150,000
12	Misc. Additions etc. to Industrial	-	-	2	505,000	-	-	-	-
13	New Institutional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Misc. Additions etc. to Institutional	-	-	1	5,000	-	-	1	500,000
15	Signs	-	-	4	7,950	4	16,239	17	91,956
16	Swimming Pools, Pool Buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	110,000
17	Demolitions	2	-	6	-	2	-	6	-
18	Temporary Trailers, A & B Permits	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
19	Misc. Special Inspections, etc.	-	-	10	-	6	-	11	-
	TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	19	2,389,000	88	9,289,060	36	5,064,739	114	14,603,678

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

BUILDING PERMITS - YEARLY

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
2001	585,500	11,938,550	12,265,250	12,842,790	13,534,790	14,712,550	16,330,650	17,717,625	19,031,075	19,895,255	21,318,855	21,458,195
2002	585,500	1,952,500	3,340,850	3,821,240	5,455,840	6,411,690	8,844,690	10,932,510	15,780,890	16,705,600	17,738,200	17,923,700
2003	130,110	920,780	2,974,020	4,486,120	5,993,320	13,294,120	15,555,250	17,937,005	20,318,920	22,000,340	24,005,740	24,782,360
2004	430,700	1,506,500	5,903,780	8,379,104	10,122,768	12,086,319	14,779,343	21,598,763	30,371,023	33,614,173	34,957,458	35,881,343
2005	1,072,000	2,269,650	4,344,750	6,806,152	12,110,482	28,031,457	29,985,585	34,743,645	37,600,445	42,915,856	45,525,611	47,576,746
2006	815,550	3,224,468	8,012,449	11,501,929	16,084,809	20,066,533	23,714,194	26,370,890	36,479,806	37,278,358	42,332,995	43,077,170
2007	1,531,087	3,901,669	16,148,674	22,413,118	27,232,134	32,401,472	35,657,297	42,829,750	51,945,799	55,703,387	65,885,802	66,289,555
2008	1,797,604	4,203,429	12,947,058	27,647,379	33,857,533	36,582,025	39,759,375	42,395,454	45,412,474	50,699,301	53,383,541	53,522,880
2009	409,369	864,839	2,039,460	5,207,311	6,763,615	7,800,085	9,677,455	11,579,746	18,882,737	20,713,554	23,523,664	24,337,664
2010	1,518,563	2,708,062	5,931,546	10,081,816	12,260,236	13,526,546	16,597,121	18,790,511	19,848,804	21,174,632	22,953,692	27,249,702
2011	568,645	2,003,976	5,063,837	7,449,773	9,471,416	11,761,850	12,794,028	14,222,970	18,194,801	19,682,061	30,563,013	31,934,415
2012	2,189,660	3,128,562	4,794,040	6,337,260	10,000,544	12,120,246	17,883,185	24,375,078	26,118,787	26,493,820	28,130,500	28,666,430
2013	881,740	1,440,110	13,907,060	15,814,195	17,433,454	20,194,778	23,204,628	24,180,485	26,567,302	29,195,224	30,890,086	31,231,349
2014	665,304	2,806,404	8,075,941	20,789,869	27,574,834	29,877,686	33,456,523	41,971,923	42,784,769	44,804,191	46,460,471	47,707,993
2015	1,172,285	1,853,539	3,894,754	6,750,389	8,575,425	18,388,180	20,475,407	26,442,225	29,143,303	31,248,595	35,417,465	37,368,595
2016	1,268,865	2,298,280	4,987,625	8,904,610	12,253,660	16,279,464	19,265,124	23,811,029	29,823,014	36,084,949	40,154,959	41,418,659
2017	1,183,280	2,841,725	7,219,495	11,761,657	18,136,656	23,823,576	30,793,243	36,066,891	52,130,226	59,858,542	63,366,686	64,675,041
2018	1,970,104	3,943,104	10,028,787	14,363,122	20,252,322	30,488,747	37,540,412	40,421,060	55,689,215	59,634,580	64,988,531	66,797,572
2019	6,060,645	6,835,345	10,699,845	18,074,843	22,220,523	26,015,593	31,103,281	45,971,877	48,902,359	52,267,409	56,765,409	58,511,534
2020	2,218,950	4,293,250	6,900,060	9,289,060	12,891,318	23,340,638	26,757,691	32,516,960	37,062,215	46,505,927	51,472,227	54,065,527
2021	3,180,132	5,500,747	9,538,939	14,603,678								

From: BECKY LING [REDACTED]

Sent: April 28, 2021 2:21 PM

To: Alan Harrison <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Sidewalk request

Good day Mr Harrison

I'm writing in to address a concern we have walking in our neighbourhood. We live on Lakeshore Road (4710) and there is no sidewalk to walk on. We have been almost hit several times. Our son is in a wheelchair and is forced off the road when theses speeding vehicles come barrelling down the road. I have witness other walkers in this same manner. What would it take to put in a sidewalk so that no one gets injured, flip out of his chair or killed. Thank you

Becky Ling

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ty H <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 12:15 PM
To: Caylee Simmons <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Feedback on proposed Mount Ida logging

Hi,

I read the article in the Observer today <https://www.saobserver.net/news/salmon-arm-council-to-hear-logging-plans-for-portion-of-mount-ida/>

I strongly oppose this. I'm sure many outdoor enthusiasts would agree

Many multi-use recreational trails in that area would be destroyed, including a JR Thornton mine site of significant historical interest.

I'm sure many others will also mention how these areas are very visible from Auto road as well. It would irreparably mar the beauty of our town.

Please do not allow the logging.

Thanks for your time and keep up the great work

Ty

From: Anne Blaney <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 3, 2021 8:16 AM
To: Kathy Frese [REDACTED]
Subject: BC Timber Sales Plan

Dear Committee Members:

Forgive this late contact, as I know you are meeting with the above representative as I write this.

Here's the crux of my input: It might be wise to list on a ledger, those who will benefit this proposed cut on one side, and on the other those who will benefit if the cut did not take place. My point is that the numbers of people who benefit from a very visible natural landmark, untouched by unsightly logging, greatly outnumber those who will be financially benefited.

Factor into such a ledger the element of time. How long will either sides of the ledger be benefited? Obviously we who are making decisions now are making them on behalf of many who are to come. The necessary lens must include the present and the future.

There has been logging taking place west of Canoe towards Sicamous that looks terrible. The hillsides look like a flea ravaged dog's coat. It is ugly. We do not have to open the door so that will take place in the middle of a pristine environment like Mount Ida.

BCTS has as its purpose financial profit. This does not come close to rationalizing the gains in leaving a pristine area free from invasive practice.

With hope and concern,

Anne Blaney
[REDACTED]

From: Barb Murray [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 9:33 PM
Subject: Resolution: Moratorium on Wolf Hunting in B.C.

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am sending you the Resolution regarding the need for a moratorium on recreational hunting of wolves across the province that is currently going thru the municipalities' resolution process.

I have included background materials for the resolution in the link below as well as links to two recent published articles on Wolf killing, one from a wolf conservationist in BC and one from the USA on Idaho's Bill that would allow 90% of their wolves.

My request is for you to read this information carefully. Please consider who we are in British Columbia and what we stand for? Are we going to continue to spend millions of dollars killing wolves from helicopters, allow neck snares and leg-hold traps, bullets and arrows to kill wolves unabated!? What percentage of wolves will be enough for the government, hunters, trophy hunters and trappers? Please ask Minister Conroy, Minister Heyman and Premier Horgan to halt the slaughter of wolves in B.C. until more consultation and science by the 'non-consumptive' users and independent biologists is brought to bear on this highly controversial issue,

**Sincerely yours,
Barbara Murray**

[REDACTED]
Nanoose Bay, B.C. V9P 9H5

[REDACTED]
Bearsmatter@shaw.ca

AVICC Resolution Review of Wolf Hunting Practices in British Columbia

District of Oak Bay

AVICC Resolution

District of Oak Bay

Whereas the public and wildlife conservation organizations are concerned about provincial regulations for recreational wolf hunting practices, and believe that these practices should be re-examined for scientific and ethical reasons;

And whereas very little scientific evidence exists about the size of the wolf population or the sustainability of impacts of unrestricted harvesting levels on the bio-diversity related to habitats and wildlife ecology, especially at the regional level:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request the Province to implement a moratorium on recreational wolf hunting, pending the completion of a scientific, data-driven and evidence-based study that includes consultation with Indigenous communities, to re-examine the efficacy of unrestricted wolf harvesting practices and their impacts on bio-diversity, wildlife ecology and sustainability of the resident wolf population.

Background & References:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ElvNoG3B8D4pl_44L4tl0es-Jzpi6TwB/view

April 15, 2021 ‘Killing wolves is not OK’ Letter to Editor Golden Star by Sadie Parr, Former Executive Director of Wolf Awareness (2015-2020) in regards to wolves hunted, trapped and culled by shooters out of helicopters in B.C.

No – it is not okay to kill wolves. The harm we are inflicting upon wolves is just plain wrong and must end.

For the past 15 years or so, I have focused my life on learning as much as I can about wolves. I’ve worked with captive wolves and researched wild wolves. I’ve read about wolves in books, government reports and peer-reviewed science papers.

I’ve had countless conversations with other people about their first-hand experiences with wolves. I’ve collected and analyzed wolf poop, I’ve backtracked their steps, I’ve captured their images on remote cameras, and I’ve treasured their howls.

I have been privileged to get a glimpse into the complicated and emotional lives of some wolves, as individuals and also as families trying to survive. These experiences have shaped my views, and more importantly, my values.

B.C. has become a place ripe with carnivore carnage, with wolves as refugees on their own land. The province has completed its seventh consecutive year of aerial-gunning, ostensibly under the guise of caribou conservation.

This past winter, government contractors shot down 237 wolves; chased them with helicopters and let loose bullets that expand on impact. Read more at: <https://bearmatters.com/killing-wolves-is-not-ok/>

April 27, 2021 BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The Idaho House on Tuesday approved legislation allowing the state to hire private contractors and expand methods to kill wolves roaming Idaho — a measure that could cut the wolf population by 90%.

Lawmakers voted 58-11 to send the agriculture industry-backed bill to Republican Gov. Brad Little. The fast-tracked bill that allows the use of night-vision equipment to kill wolves as well as hunting from snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, among other measures, passed the Senate last week. Read more at : <https://www.google.ca/amp/s/www.seattletimes.com/business/bill-to-kill-up-to-90-of-idaho-wolves-heads-to-governor/%3famp=1>

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Incorporated December 14, 2016
EMAIL: SAPickleballclub@gmail.com
Website: <https://sapickleballclub.ca>

April 16, 2021

Rob Niewenhuizen
Director of Engineering & Public Works
City of Salmon Arm

Delivered by email: rniewenhuizen@salmonarm.ca

RE: Multi-Purposing Klahani Park Courts

Please accept this letter as a request to engage in discussion with you regarding the multi-sport court opportunities located at Klahani Park.

It is fantastic that the City of Salmon Arm is being progressive with their development of additional sport facilities. With the budget approval to repair, regenerate, and enhance the space adjacent to the existing Pickleball courts, please consider the following:

- Utilizing the space as a multi-sport venue that includes additional Pickleball courts
 - Adding Pickleball court lines to this space could add 2-3 additional courts for use when attendance for the other activities are minimal (such as during school hours)

WHY?

- Establishing additional court venues will offer an opportunity to eventually host games (possibly the 55+ games as a City); along with local tournaments. Both concepts offer significant economic stimulation to our city.
- In the last three years, Pickleball has been considered the fastest growing sport in North America, Participation in the sport is no longer a '55+ year olds' activity, it is becoming a popular trend with Juniors and young families.
- The Salmon Arm Pickleball Club is 174 'paid' members strong; plus, another 50-75+ people who play the sport that are not members of the club. Organizing and Managing Player-Flow and attendance has been valuable to all players

PROPOSAL for consideration and discussion:

- Club purchase and make available 3-4 portable nets that could be used when appropriate; and, secured when not in use
- Club could participate in financing the cost of painting the lines on the multi-purpose courts

Realizing that the timing of this development project is critical, we have established a Facilities Committee where Charlie Burt is the CHAIRMAN and has full authorization to represent the club and deal with you directly. The Salmon Arm Pickleball Club is a proud club representing Salmon Arm, and we would be honoured to work with you to further enhance the opportunities for our residents and visitors.

The Board of Directors thanks you in advance for your consideration,

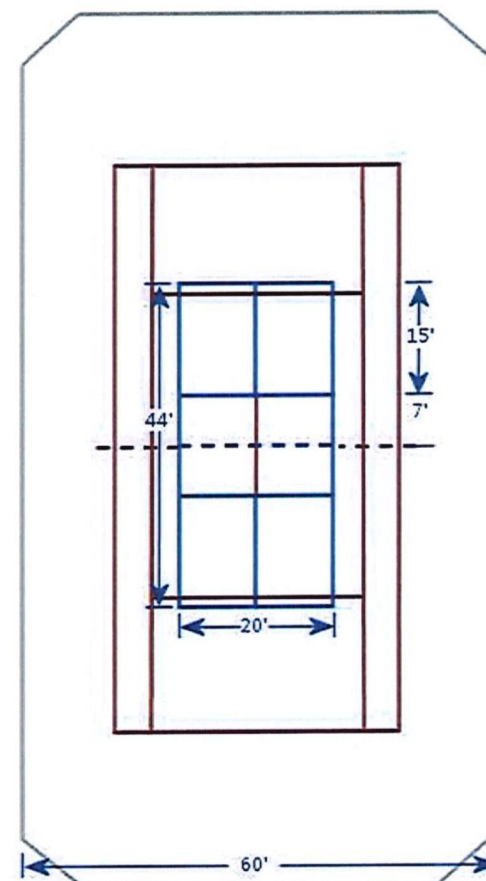
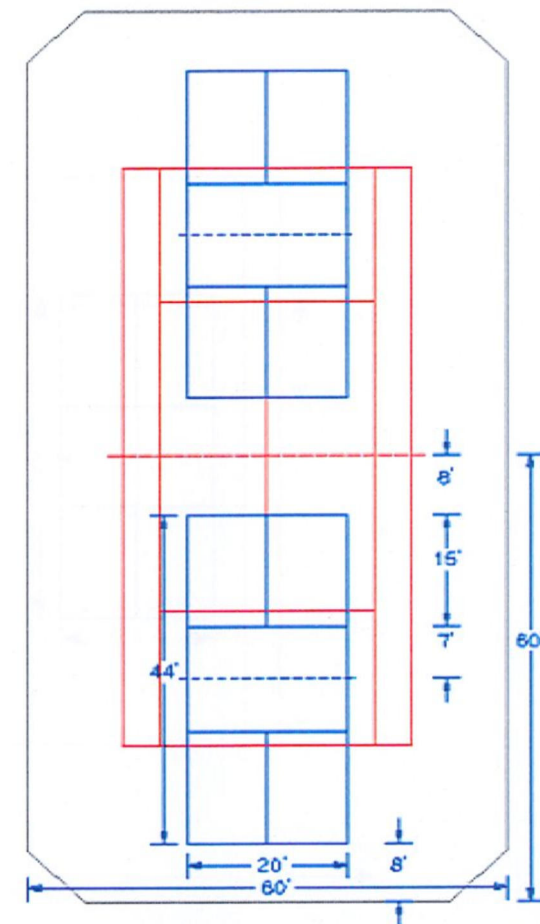
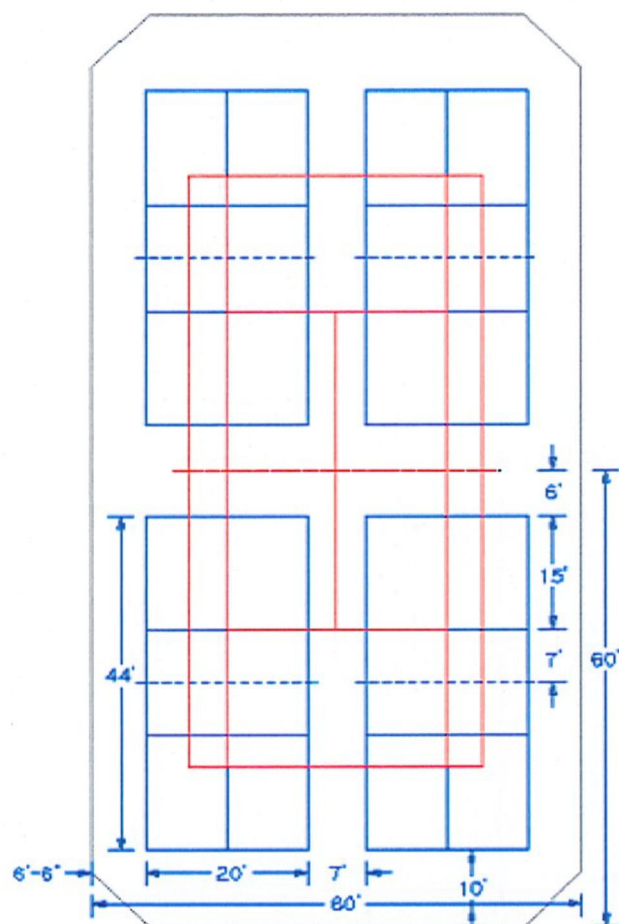
Kathy Nielsen
President

C:
Charlie Burt
Facilities Committee Chair, Salmon Arm Pickleball Club
CELL #: 250 253 0094

<https://sapickleballclub.ca>

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Pickleball - Conversion / Single Court





May 3rd, 2021

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

Dear Mayor Harrison and City Councillors,

RE: StoryWalk® for July 14th, 2021 and August 11th, 2021

We would like to organize two StoryWalk®'s for the summer month in partnership with the Okanagan Regional Library. The activity would take place on **July 14th, 2021 at Blackburn Park** and **August 11th, 2021 at William Baler Park**.

To prevent creating a crowd and to ensure social distancing, each mounted page will be at least 16ft apart (one family allowed at each "page"). The StoryWalk® will be available from **10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** so families will have enough time to come and enjoy the story. The activity will be monitored by a staff member during the entire time to ensure Covid-19 protocols are respected.

I am writing this request for the City's permission to organize this StoryWalk®, so we can keep bringing joy to children and their parents/caregivers.

Thank you so much for your consideration

Sincerely,

Amy Nuttall
Early Years Family Navigator
Shuswap Children's Association



SALMON ARM MUSEUM & HERITAGE ASSOCIATION AT

R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum

751 Hwy. 97B NE



P.O. Box 1642



Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4P7

April 29, 2021

City of Salmon Arm
PO Box 40
Salmon Arm, BC
V1E4N2

Re: Ban the Use of Anticoagulant Rodenticides on City-Owned Properties

Dear Mayor and Council

On April 20, 2021, at the monthly Board of Directors, we discussed the letter received from the City of Salmon Arm dated March 12, 2021, and the impact this Ban will have on our operations at R.J. Haney Heritage Village and Museum.

For many years, we have contracted with Orkin Canada to monitor and maintain a system of indoor bait stations to control rodents in the Village. Our association is responsible for the preservation of 24 buildings, many over 100 years old. Most of the buildings are unoccupied and checked periodically during the closed season from mid-September to mid-May. Stored in these unoccupied buildings are priceless artifacts and vehicles. Given the unique nature of the property and assets, it is difficult to monitor each building closely for rodent activity. We are concerned about the damage rodents could do without the use of rodenticide.

The Village is set in a forested area with large expanses of fields that are home to a robust rodent population. Rodents are a constant threat to the buildings, collection and archival material. The bait stations set by Orkin are all indoors and are maintained on a regular schedule.

If we cannot use the current system, we will need to use kill traps that need to be emptied after being tripped by a rodent. For the safety of our staff, we would require a technician from Orkin to conduct the maintenance of the traps. Orkin has informed us that there will be a call-out fee each time they have to come to reset traps. We are also doubtful of the efficacy of the trap system to properly manage and control the rodent problem - again, given the unique nature of our property as a whole

Come and explore the Shuswap's largest heritage attraction!
Real History – Hands-on-Activities – Great Food

Item 12.1.9

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and what we are trying to protect. Most of what we have is irreplaceable. If an office building loses the contents of a filing cabinet to mice, they are likely to have a digital backup and copies, but we cannot replace history.

We request that Council grant us an exemption to the ban and continue to allow us to protect the valuable assets at the Village with the current indoor bait stations.

Yours truly



Norma Harisch, President
Salmon Arm Museum & Heritage Association

**SMALL CITY,
BIG MUSEUM**
SALMON ARM



Government Finance Officers Association
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April 23, 2021

The Honorable Alan Harrison
Mayor
City of Salmon Arm
500 - 2 Avenue NE
Salmon Arm, British Columbia V1E 1H1

Dear Mayor Harrison:

We are pleased to notify you that your annual financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, qualifies for a Canadian Award for Financial Reporting (CAnFR). The CAnFR recognizes excellence in governmental accounting and financial reporting and represents a significant accomplishment by a local government and its management.

We hope that you will arrange for a formal presentation of the CAnFR and that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. To assist you in this regard, a sample news release is enclosed.

We hope that your example will encourage other government officials in their efforts to achieve and maintain excellence in their own financial reporting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele Mark Levine".

Michele Mark Levine
Director, Technical Services Center

Enclosure



GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 23, 2021

For more information, contact:
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(Chicago) - The Canadian Award for Financial Reporting has been awarded to City of Salmon Arm, British Columbia by Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its annual financial report. The Canadian Award for Financial Reporting Program was established to encourage municipal governments throughout Canada to publish high-quality financial reports and to provide peer recognition and technical guidance for officials preparing these reports. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The annual financial report has been judged by impartial Canadian Review Committee members to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" designed to clearly communicate the municipality's financial story and to motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources, and practical research for more than 21,000 members and the communities they serve.



April 26, 2021

Ref: 265609

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

Dear Mayor Harrison:

Thank you for your letter addressed to the Honourable John Horgan, Premier, Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Finance, and me, expressing gratitude for the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Governments. I apologize for the delay in responding.

I would first like to express appreciation and acknowledgement to hear that the City of Salmon Arm Council and staff have been working tirelessly to ensure the safety of your citizens during this pandemic. The COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant is intended to support local government fiscal health during the pandemic and assist with the economic restart and recovery following COVID-19.

For further information on the grant City staff can contact Jennifer Richardson, Policy Analyst, Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Branch, by telephone at: 778 698-3243, or by email at: Jennifer.Richardson@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you again for writing, and I look forward to continuing to work together.

Sincerely,



Josie Osborne
Minister

pc: Honourable John Horgan, Premier
Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Finance
Jennifer Richardson, Policy Analyst, Local Government Infrastructure and Finance

FEB 24 2021

☐ Min Sig ☐ Reply Direct ☐ FYI / File
☐ DM Advise ☐ DM ☐ ADM

From the Office of the Mayor

February 11, 2021

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

Minister of Municipal Affairs
The Honourable Josie Osborne
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Minister of Finance
The Honourable Selina Robinson
Room 153 Parliament Buildings
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RE: COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Governments

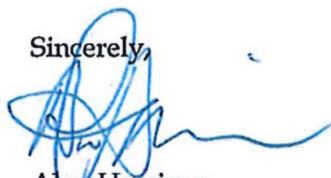
On behalf of Council of the City of Salmon Arm, I would like to extend our gratitude for the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Governments.

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Alan Harrison
Mayor



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April 1, 2021

Honourable John Horgan
Premier of British Columbia
PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

VIA EMAIL: premier@gov.bc.ca

Dear Premier Horgan:

RE: Request for Authority and Training for Hospital Security Staff

It has come to the attention of View Royal Council that there is an excessive use of police resources in hospital emergency waiting rooms as officers must remain with persons apprehended under section 28 of the *Mental Health Act* until the individual is transferred to the care of a physician. This requirement sees costly police resources tied up in emergency waiting rooms often for lengthy periods of time.

As such, we are requesting that hospital security staff be given the authority and necessary training to take custody of patients apprehended under the *Mental Health Act* on arrival at the hospital.

Allowing hospital security staff to assume this role from police officers would not only provide a less costly approach for taxpayers, but would also ease the burden on police resources, enabling them to provide timely services where they are needed in the community.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

David Screech
Mayor

cc. Hon. David Eby, Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing
Hon. Adrian Dix, Minister of Health
Hon. Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
All UBCM Municipalities



April 12, 2021

Dear BC Municipalities

RE: Designation of invasive Asian clams as Prohibitive Aquatic Invasive Species

Please be advised that at a District of Clearwater Regular Council meeting held on April 6, 2021, Mayor and Council expressed their support for correspondence received from the District of Sicamous regarding a species of clams, *Corbicula fluminea*, which threaten the natural biodiversity of lakes in the B.C. Interior. To echo the District of Sicamous Council passed the following resolution:

"THAT Council direct Administration to provide a letter of support for the District of Sicamous campaign against invasive Asian clams and forward to municipalities in B.C.."

Council understands the delicate nature of our inland aquatic ecosystems and the threat posed by introducing new species into such an environment. We would therefore call upon the B.C. Government to use its authority to designate Asian clams as an Aquatic Invasive Species under the Controlled Alien Species Regulation.

Yours truly,

Merlin Blackwell
Mayor

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April 12, 2021

Dear BC Municipalities

RE: Endorsement of 9-8-8 Crisis Line Initiative

Please be advised that at a District of Clearwater Regular Council meeting held on April 6, 2021, myself and Council expressed appreciation for the initiative to create a 9-8-8 crisis line and passed the following resolution:

"THAT Council direct Administration to provide a letter of support for the 9-8-8 Crisis Line Initiative to be addressed and distributed to BC Municipalities."

Council understands the critical significance of reducing the barriers that a person in crisis will face when seeking resources. Through unanimous consent, the District of Clearwater supports the creation of a national 3-digit suicide prevention hotline in Canada. This initiative is particularly timely given the considerable pressures on the mental health of Canadians that have manifested during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Yours truly,

Merlin Blackwell
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April 23, 2021

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The Honourable John Horgan Premier of BC PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9E1 Via email: Premier@gov.bc.ca	The Honourable Lana Popham Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries PO Box 9409, Stn Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9V1 Via email: AGR.Minister@gov.bc.ca
The Honourable Katrine Conroy Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development PO Box 9049, Stn Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9W2 via email: FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca	The Honourable George Heyman Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy PO Box 9360, Stn Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9M2 via email: ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Mr. Premier, Minister Popham, Minister Conroy and Minister Heyman:

RE: Lack of funding – Invasive Plant Management

At its April 15, 2021 meeting, the Board of the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) discussed growing concerns that the Province is not recognizing the economic contribution agriculture makes to the province of BC.

It has come to the Board's attention that, due to an oversight in funding allocations, there are no funds available for treatment of invasive plants on public lands by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operation and Resource Development (FLNRORD). These non-funded activities include the ongoing treatment work targeted towards known, existing, high priority areas in our region as well as the rest of the province. This dramatic oversight will result in the spread of invasive plants on FLNRORD lands going unchecked and affecting neighbouring agricultural lands.

The PRRD respectfully requests answers to the following questions from each Ministry's perspective:

1. How can \$12 million dollars be allocated from the office of the Premier, under FLNRORD, to assist with the detection and removal of invasive plants, without allocating funds to hire trained contractors to engage in treatment activities on Crown lands?
2. Given that the funding is meant for job creation and invasive plants are continually trying to invade Crown lands (which include much needed grazing areas that support the agriculture industry); why is funding not being directed towards reinstatement of those pre-existing jobs that would normally conduct the aforementioned treatment works through contract?

It is extremely concerning that the overarching Ministry which maintains the *Noxious Weeds Act* would neglectfully be unprepared to treat invasive plants found on Crown occupied lands. Without treatment, we would respectfully point out that invasive plants know no borders and, if unchecked, will encroach neighbouring lands containing vital agriculture.

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PLEASE REPLY TO:

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The Province should be aware that the PRRD not only has an Invasive Plant Bylaw that enforces the procession of invasive plants within the entire area of the BC Peace, it also employs staff and contractors which are designated under the *Noxious Weeds Act* to enforce on the Crown's behalf. Further, additional seasonal staff are hired annually to assist with the vast number of complaints that are received regarding invasive plant infestations on public and private lands.

This leads us to our final question: in good faith, how can a local government enforce such invasive plant removal when the Ministry housing the legislation is not even engaging in such activities?

In closing, the agricultural industry in the north provides economic benefits for the entire province. Lack of funding and cancellation of any invasive plant treatment strategy will be detrimental, resulting in increased costs of treatment work when funding does become available.

We look forward to receiving a favourable response to our concerns and questions.

Yours truly,



Brad Sperling
Regional Board Chair

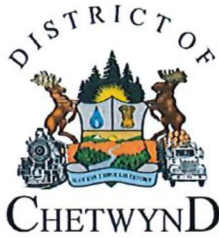
Yours truly,



Leonard Hiebert
Invasive Plant Committee Chair

c: Mr. Mike Bernier, South Peace MLA, via email: Mike.Bernier.MLA@leg.bc.ca
Mr. Dan Davies, North Peace MLA, via email: Dan.Davies.MLA@leg.bc.ca
Mr. Bob Zimmer, MP for Prince George-Peace River-Northern Rockies, via email: Bob.Zimmer@parl.gc.ca
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Enclosures: April 21, 2021 Letter of Support, District of Chetwynd



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April 21, 2021

Peace River Regional District
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By email: leonard.hiebert@prrd.bc.ca

Attention: Director Leonard Hiebert – Electoral Area “D” Director

Dear Mr. Hiebert:

Re: Invasive Weed Control on Crown Land

As you described during a recent Peace River Regional District Board meeting, invasive weeds are a serious threat to biodiversity because they can spread quickly, outcompete native species and destroy the habitat, dominate natural and managed areas, and in so doing harm biological communities.

As BC's environment, people and economy can be negatively impacted by the unchecked spread of invasive weeds, we support you in urging the Provincial government to continue to provide invasive weed control measures on crown land.

Yours Truly,

Allen Courtoreille
Mayor

CITY OF KAMLOOPS

RESOLUTION FROM THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KAMLOOPS, HELD IN THE VALLEY FIRST LOUNGE, 300 LORNE STREET, KAMLOOPS, BC

Support for Professional News Media

WHEREAS a healthy, professional news media is essential for the proper functioning of civil society and democracy at the local, regional, federal and international levels; and

WHEREAS Canadians in 190 communities have lost the essential services provided through 250 established news outlets that closed or merged between 2008 and 2018 and the Canadian media industry has lost roughly 3,000 jobs due to temporary and permanent layoffs from the time the COVID-19 pandemic began and advertising revenues have plunged, prompting an emergency \$30-million advertising buy by the federal government; and

WHEREAS two-thirds of Canadians agree or somewhat agree that because of the COVID-19 outbreak the federal government should treat widespread media bankruptcies and layoffs as an emergency, according to a Nanos Research poll of April 2020; and

WHEREAS the news media in the Kamloops area have been instrumental during the pandemic, ensuring Kamloopsians have accurate information.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Council:

- a) recognize a healthy, professional news media is essential to the proper functioning of democracy in our city; urges nearby municipal councils and across Canada to recognize a robust news media is essential to the proper functioning of democracy in their jurisdictions; endorses legislation and regulations to support and rejuvenate news outlets across Canada; and urges the federal government to move quickly to pass legislation to ensure an ecosystem for a healthy news media to serve all Canadians;
- b) authorize the resolution be forwarded to local MP and MLAs, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Union of B.C. Municipalities.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true copy of a resolution from the minutes of a meeting of the Kamloops City Council held on the 20th day of April, 2021.

Dated at Kamloops, BC, this 27th day of April, 2021.



N. Garbay
Corporate Officer



City of Campbell River

From the Office of the Mayor

29 April 2021

The Honourable Katrine Conroy
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
PO Box 90049 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Via email: FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Conroy:

Re: Logging of at-risk old –growth forests in the province

At their April 26 meeting, City of Campbell River Council received correspondence from Bob Brash, Executive Director of the Truck Loggers Association (TLA), outlining their concerns about the City of Nanaimo Council decision regarding logging of at-risk old –growth forests in the province. Mr. Brash further offered to brief several Vancouver Island councils on the TLA perspective on BC's forest sector and working forests.


At the same meeting, City of Campbell River Council passed a resolution to contact you, Premier Horgan and Minister Osborne as well as BC MLAs to urge the Province that decisions made regarding the forest sector be based on facts and science.

Council believes that coastal forest operations are threatened by misinformation. Campbell River is a coastal forestry hub, and we view forestry as an essential component of economic recovery during and following the pandemic.

The City of Campbell River asks that you consider our concerns while making important decisions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Andy Adams
Mayor