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N = No Action Required
A = Action Requested

S = Staff has Responded
R = Response Required

Sent: Saturday, July 10, 2021 6:50 PM
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council

First Name DAVE

Last Name MARTINUK

Address:

Return email address:

Subject: Wildfires- Municipalities on Front line

Body

As a past Wildfire evacuee threatening Salmon Arm and due to current weather conditions in BC ,observable climate change along with the fact that Canadians seem to lack a culture of preparedness I feel priority should be placed upon strengthening and updating our Community Emergency Plan. Our city's support of the Fire Smart program is appreciated. However, due to recognized climate change our plan must pinpoint the risks as well as implement reactive strategies. We can wait for various levels of Government for action on this issue or initiate a local made in Salmon Arm response to disaster readiness. Perhaps a starting point might be consultation with an independent expert who specializes in advisory services to cities. My research indicates Eddie Oldfield of Quest (non government organization) may be able to assist. His 2020 report on how communities can become resilient to climate change is appropriate. I encourage a proactive as opposed to reactive response as it appears climate change is not going away. Thanking you in advance for this opportunity to express my thoughts on the summer of 2021 in BC.

Would you like a response: Yes

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From: The Calkins
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 3:32 PM
To: Caylee Simmons
Subject: Booking - August 12

Hi Caylee,

The request is for August 12 from 6 – 9 for the Salmon Arm Sockeyes year end potluck. Given the restrictions around indoor gatherings still in place until September it will be difficult for us to find a suitable indoor space to gather. The picnic shelter at Blackburn park would provide us with a space to celebrate the season as a club. We would be around 100 people I imagine as we have approximately 50 swimmers this summer and their families.

If you need any further information, do not hesitate to ask.

Thanks,

Darcy Calkins

From: Victoria Hemmaway
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 2:53 PM
To: Caylee Simmons
Cc: Lynn Torrens
Subject: request for Blackburn Park permit

Good afternoon Caylee,

I am writing on behalf of the Salvation Army New Hope Community Church with hopes of gaining permission to hold a church gathering in Blackburn Park on Sunday August 8th from 10-noon. We anticipate up to 30 people in attendance. We were hoping to be in one of the picnic areas that provides coverage if needed. I am not certain what other information you may need in order to review my request, but please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thank you,

Allison Patrick
Salvation Army, Salmon Arm

From: Kristal Burgess
Sent: July 12, 2021 10:24 AM
To: Rob Niewenhuizen
Subject: Signage Request - Klahani Batting Cage

Good morning

Salmon Arm Minor Baseball Association is nearing completion of the SASCU Batting Cages at Klahani Park, and we are ready to move forward with signage.

SAMBA is requesting 2 signs be places on site:

1) SASCU Batting Cage

As a named sponsor, SASCU has secured naming rights for the batting cage (as they have with many other buildings in town).

This prominent sign would be installed along the top side of the batting cage, facing towards the dog park and parking area.

Dimensions are 20' x 4"

The sign would be professionally created at Spectrum Signworks on aluminum panel, with weather rated UV coated vinyl, for a long lasting product. It would be framed and secured to the structure in various points for safety and security. By securing to the outside posts, it would be clear from contact with any hit balls inside the cage.

2) Usage

We are also requesting a stand alone sign in front of the cage.

4' x 5' sign on thick aluminum panel. Secured to treated wood posts, and set in ground.

This would allow us to thank our community sponsors, the city, and remind all those using the cage of the rules and safety requirements.

A mock up of each sign is attached.

We would like to have these signs in place asap, if approved.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kristal Burgess
Sponsorship Director, Salmon Arm Minor Baseball Association

SASCU BATTING CAGE

Property of Salmon Arm Minor Baseball Association

RULES OF USE

- 1) NO UNAUTHORIZED USE PERMITTED
- 2) NO CLEATS OF ANY KIND PERMITTED - RUNNERS ONLY
- 3) YOUTH UNDER THE AGE OF 13 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
- 4) ONLY 2 PEOPLE ARE PERMITTED INSIDE THE CAGE AT ONE TIME: THE BATTER AND PITCHER
- 5) ALL BATTERS MUST WEAR A HELMET
- 6) ALL PITCHERS MUST USE THE PROTECTIVE PITCHING SCREEN DURING BATTING PRACTICE
- 7) ALL USERS OF THE BATTING CAGE UNDERSTAND THEY USE THE FACILITY AT THEIR OWN RISK
- 8) NO FOOD OR DRINK PERMITTED IN THE BATTING CAGE OR ON THE SYNTHETIC TURF
- 9) TO BOOK SPACE, CONTACT _____

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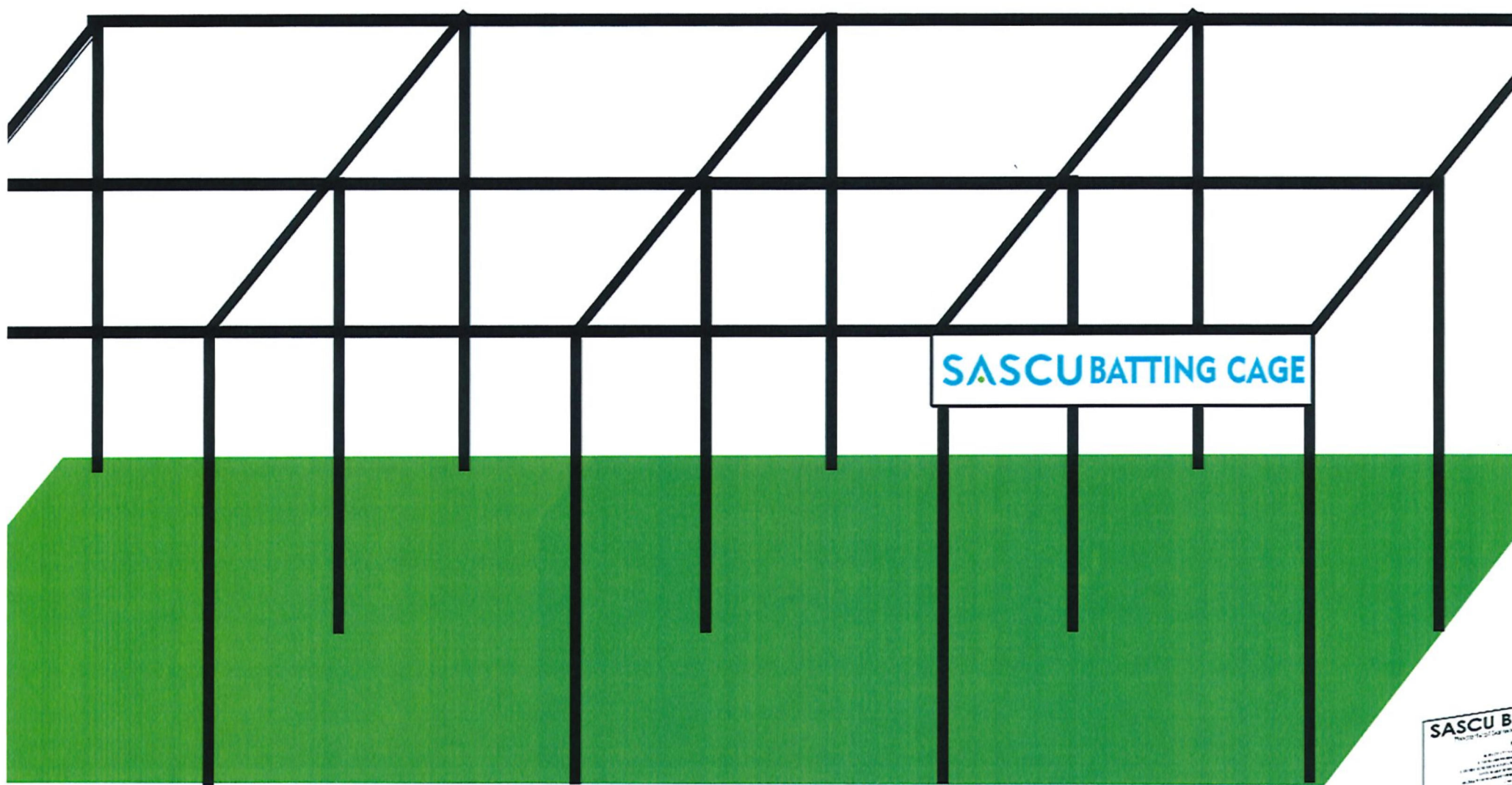
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The Salmon Arm and Shuswap Lake Agricultural Association
SALMON ARM FAIR

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July 9, 2021

Robert J. Niewenhuizen
Director of Engineering and Public Works
City of Salmon Arm
Box 40 500-2nd Ave NE
Salmon Arm, BC. V1E 4N2

Dear Sir,

Re: Salmon Arm Fair and Parade

This is a request from the Salmon Arm Fair Committee to hold the annual Salmon Arm Fair Parade, scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2021, from approximately 10:15 am to 12:30 p.m. This request is subject to all Provincial Medical Officers Covid 19 restrictions.

The Parade route for 2021 has changed slightly due to ensuring participant safety and the finish. Currently the finish is at the end of Lakeshore by the waterslides. Those poses a safety issue as there are children, animals, and a significant congestion at that point. We believe proximity to the highway combined with congestion poses a safety risk. As we want to stay within the current timeline for the parade, we have removed the turn onto Hudson...to Ross and down to Lakeshore, adding the length along 10th St to 10th Ave and east back to the starting point. We believe this ensures the safety of all participants and an orderly close to the parade.

The assembly point for non-livestock and tractor entries will be at Blackburn Park at 5th and 5th. The parade will move south to 10th Ave then East to Shuswap; North on Shuswap, crossing the TCH to Lakeshore Dr; West on Lakeshore to 10th St by the Waterslide; south on 10th St. to 10 Ave; east on 10th Ave. SW; and north on 5th St. SW where the parade will disband.

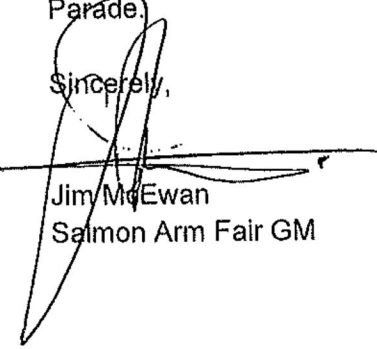
We would like permission to close the following roadways to non-parade traffic on Saturday morning to assist in organizing parade floats:

- A. 5th St SW between Blackburn Park and the fair grounds.
- B. 5th Ave from 10th St SW to 5th St SW South Lane only from Linden Court.

- C. 10th Ave SW from Shuswap St to 5th St SW ending at Blackburn Park. North side lane to allow float organization and letting East Bound traffic through. Parade marshaling will begin at 7:00 a.m.
- D. 5th Ave from 3rd St SW to 5th St SW from Thursday 8. a.m. September 9th to 12th to assist in safety and fair preparation and tear down.
- E. We also request permission to have the use of traffic barriers dropped at the designated street corners.
- F. We would also like to borrow traffic signs, hi vis vests, and directional paddles for the volunteers who will be directing traffic at the intersections.
- G. We request that five (5) road barriers be placed at each of the corners of 3rd St SW and 5th Ave SW and the corner of 5th St SW and 5th Ave SW to assist in setting up ticket booths.
- H. We request the provision of a water truck during the three days of the fair to water roadways and competition rings.
- I. We are requesting to extend the No Parking zones from last year to include the following:
 - Shuswap from 5th Ave. SW to Lakeshore, both sides
 - Lakeshore from Shuswap to 10th St, both sidesIf the City staff will drop off the No Parking signs on Friday night, we will arrange to put them up Saturday morning.
- J. We request permission to use the Safeway Field for parking September 10-12th.
- K. Insurance policies/certificates of insurance for The Salmon Arm and Shuswap Lake Agricultural Association is attached.

Thank you in advance and a reminder that this request is subject to the PHO orders at the time of the Parade.

Sincerely,

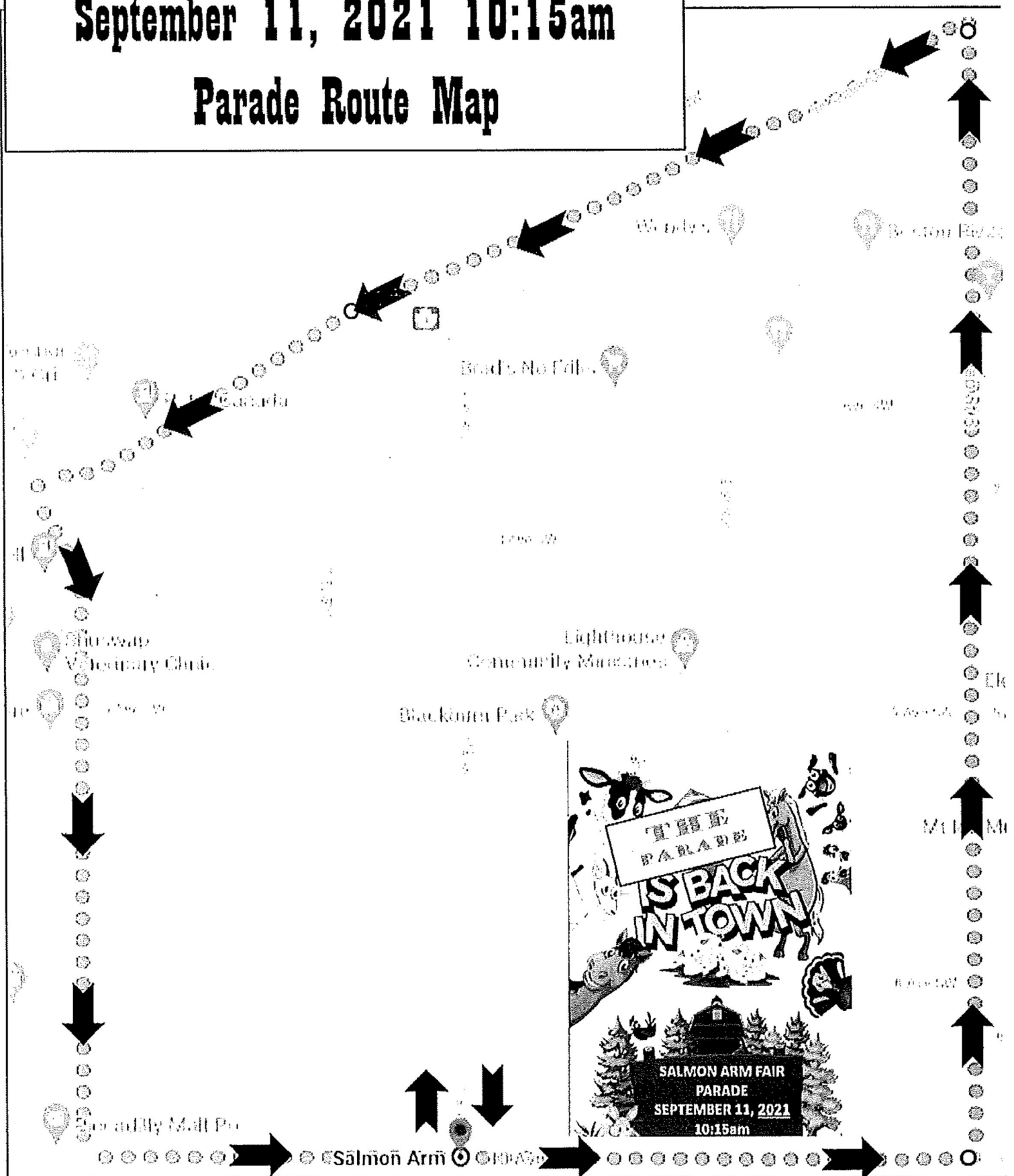


Jim McEwan
Salmon Arm Fair GM

2021 SALMON ARM FAIR PARADE

September 11, 2021 10:15am

Parade Route Map





The Salmon Arm and Shuswap Lake Agricultural Association

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July 15, 2021

Mayor, Councillors and Staff

City of Salmon Arm

On behalf of the Salmon Arm and Shuswap Lake Agricultural Association I would like to express appreciation for the thoughtful discussion in evaluating the variance requests for our proposed office building.

It has been a long process shaping the requests but at each step helpful consideration has been forthcoming from City Staff and Council that reflects everyone's diligence and care for detail that is required in submissions requesting variances.

Although not all our requests were not granted in their entirety, we appreciate the frank and wide-ranging discussion that Council and Staff gave to the variance proposals.

Yours truly,

Phil Wright

President SASLAA

From: Douglas Murray

Sent: July 21, 2021 4:54 PM

To: Alan Harrison

Subject: Fwd: Applications Open – Canada Community Revitalization Fund / Demandes acceptées – Fonds canadien de revitalisation des communautés

Hi Alan. I was hopeful I could get a letter of support from you on behalf of the city for our application to the CCRF referenced below.

The funds purpose is to support not for profit organizations to, amount other things, "build new community infrastructure and revitalize existing assets". We are looking to this program for 75% of the \$192,675 cost of our roof replacement. The remainder of the funds will come from capital reserves and donations from members.

We are including a copy of our lease with our application and if you can make mention that no permissions are required from the city for this project.

This is not time sensitive to our application, i will add it once I receive it.

Cheers, Doug

Sent from my iPhone

From: "BC Western Economic Diversification - Diversification de l'écono" <WD.bc-cb.DEO@canada.ca>

To: "Salmon Arm Curling Club" <salmonarmcc@shaw.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 11:46:27 AM

Subject: Applications Open – Canada Community Revitalization Fund / Demandes acceptées – Fonds canadien de revitalisation des communautés

(Le français suit)

Good morning/afternoon,

The Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) is now open for applications.

Applications for this one-time special intake will be accepted as of

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at:

British Columbia: 9:00 a.m.

Alberta: 10:00 a.m.

Saskatchewan: 10:00 a.m.

Manitoba: 11:00 a.m.

The assessment of applications will begin on July 23, 2021, 11:59 PDT.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit by this date.

The impacts of COVID-19 restrictions have greatly affected the vitality of local communities. To ensure communities have access to resources and support for economic recovery, the Government of Canada launched the [Canada Community Revitalization Fund \(CCRF\)](#) to help organizations such as local governments, Indigenous communities and groups, not-for-profits, and other community-based groups, improve key community gathering spaces to help bring Canadians back together once public measures have eased.

Announced in [Budget 2021](#), Canada's [Regional Development Agencies](#) are delivering the \$500 million national initiative. [Western Economic Diversification Canada](#) is responsible for managing over \$150 million to help communities transform local infrastructure and gathering spaces in the West. Applicants in Western Canada may be eligible to receive non-repayable contributions of up to \$750,000 to help revitalize main streets or downtown cores, improve or reinvent outdoor spaces, create environmental benefits and green impacts, and increase accessibility to public spaces. More details on the CCRF program, including types of eligible projects, deadlines, and the online application portal, are on WD's [webpage](#).

If you are aware of other organizations or community groups that may be interested in the CCRF, we invite you to share this information with your network.

If you no longer wish to be included on this email list, please reply to this email with "unsubscribe" in the subject line. If this is a forwarded message and you would like to be added to our mailing list, please send your request to: wd.ab-ab.deo@canada.ca.

Regards,

Western Economic Diversification Canada | Government of Canada
www.wd-deo.gc.ca

From: Heidi Scribner
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 1:34 PM
To: Erin Jackson
Subject: MIABC Voting Delegate

Dear Erin,

The Municipal Insurance Association of BC's (MIABC's) 34th Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled to take place on Monday, September 13th from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. This will, once again, be a virtual event held in conjunction with the UBCM Convention.

In accordance with Article 6.13 of the Reciprocal Insurance Exchange Agreement (RIEA), the following delegate and two alternates have been registered with the MIABC to vote your interests at this year's AGM. If you would like to change the delegate and/or alternates, please forward a resolution of your Council/Board directing these changes to the MIABC by Friday, August 27th, 2021.

The AGM Booklet with further voting information will be distributed on Monday, August 16th, 2021.

Voting Delegate: Councillor Chad Eliason

Alternate #1: Councillor Kevin Flynn

Alternate #2: Councillor Debbie Cannon

Best regards,

Heidi Scribner
Administrator & Board Secretary

Municipal Insurance Association of BC



MISSISSAUGA

RESOLUTION 0155-2021
adopted by the Council of
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga
at its meeting on June 30, 2021

0155-2021

Moved by: P. Saito

Seconded by: C. Parrish

WHEREAS The City of Mississauga operates on the Treaty and Traditional Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Anishinaabe peoples, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Huron-Wendat First Nation. We recognize that these peoples, and their ancestors live and lived on these lands since time immemorial on these lands called Turtle Island. The City of Mississauga is home to many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples; and

WHEREAS the residents of the Town, now City, of Mississauga chose for their name an anishinaabemowim name which speaks to the shared settler and Indigenous history within these lands; and

WHEREAS the City of Mississauga has committed to a path towards Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and has responded to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action; and

WHEREAS the City of Mississauga is committed to speaking truths about our history to further our collective understanding of the past to help create a better future; and

WHEREAS the terrible uncovering of over one thousand unmarked and forgotten children burials at residential schools which have been reported over the past month is a truth about Canada's past; and

WHEREAS because of these truths the government of Canada has declared this year's Canada Day should be a time of reflection and focus on reconciliation; and

WHEREAS Gimaa Stacey LaForme of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation has called for this to be a time for supporting each other and contemplating the legacy and future of Canada; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Mississauga will mark Canada Day virtually this year in a manner that provides an opportunity for reflection on our shared history and commitment to a better future:

- Singing of National Anthem
- Greetings and Opening Remarks, Mayor Bonnie Crombie
- Comments from Mayor of Kariya, Japan Takeshi Inagaki
- Comments from Gimaa Stacey LaForme
- Oath of Reaffirmation performed by Members of Council
- Closing Remarks, Mayor Bonnie Crombie
- Lighting the Clock Tower orange to remember those lives lost and changed forever as a result of residential schools

- Changing the digital signage at the Square to "As we mark Canada Day, the City of Mississauga stands in solidarity with Indigenous communities across Canada."

AND FURTHER to mark this Canada Day:

That the Council of the City of Mississauga call upon the Government of Canada to terminate its appeal of the 2019 Human Rights Tribunal Ruling, ordering Ottawa to pay compensation to First Nations Children and their families, separated in a chronically underfunded child welfare system that sees Indigenous children making up more than half the children in foster care even though they comprise only 7% of all the children under the age of 15 in Canada.

AND That this Resolution be sent to all municipalities in Canada.

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor B. Crombie	X			
Councillor S. Dasko	X			
Councillor K. Ras	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor C. Parrish	X			
Councillor R. Starr	X			
Councillor D. Damerla	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor P. Saito	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor G. Carlson	X			

Unanimous (12, 0)

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July 15, 2021

Member Municipalities

Sent via email.

**Re: Protection of outdoor recreation opportunities and established snowmobile
Recreational Sites or Trails in B.C.**

To Whom It May Concern,

District of Sicamous (DOS) Council is seeking support from fellow municipalities to support two resolutions the DOS has agreed to sponsor from the BC Snowmobile Federation (BCSF) concerning the Forest Range & Practice Act (FRPA) objectives and site-level objectives for snowmobile trails.

Currently there are 53 non-profit snowmobile organizations across the province who hold partnership agreements with Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC) to maintain trails in return for operating on Crown land. Many of these non-profit organizations exist in rural communities and largely contribute to the local economies—\$299M annually according to the BCSF.

The BCSF notes that of the 11 values within the FRPA, recreation is the only value without declared objectives, and that without these declared objectives industrial licensees have no requirement to consider, consult, or coordinate activities with recreation groups who hold partnership agreements with RSTBC. Within the existing FRPA framework, recreation organizations are legally required to maintain trails without communication from industry and are not guaranteed the very trails they are responsible for managing are not disrupted by industrial forest activity.

As these resolutions address issues impacting rural communities across B.C. and a disparity within the provincial legislation of the FRPA, DOS Council endorses the resolutions presented by the BCSF and asks for support from member municipalities at the 2021 UBCM Convention.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Rysz", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mayor Terry Rysz,
DISTRICT OF SICAMOUS

Encl. Protection for Outdoor Recreation Opportunities in BC
 Protection for Established Snowmobile Recreational Sites or Trails



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FRPA Recreation Resource Value Objective (all recreation in BC)

Background

The BC Government brought the Forest Range & Practice Act (FRPA) into force in 2004. This legislation outlines parameters for how public lands and resources are managed within the province. Specifically, FRPA serves to align government, private, and public interests by defining values such as biodiversity, cultural heritage, and timber. These land 'values' are then assigned 'objectives' detailing how land users must work together and apply meaningful strategies to protect and retain these resources. Of the eleven FRPA values, recreation remains the only one for which the Ministry of Forests has never assigned 'objectives'. Without declared objectives, industrial licensees currently have no requirement to consider, consult, or coordinate their activities on registered public trails or around public recreational resources in the province.

We believe that FRPA land use objectives should encompass the values which are important to BC residents, our communities, and to the outdoor recreation sector with at least equal consideration.

Therefore, the BC Snowmobile Federation would like to propose the following regulatory change:

Proposed Objective

The objective set by government for recreation is, without unduly reducing the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests, to avoid or mitigate any adverse impacts to any recreation site, trail or facility that exists on Crown land.

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MISSION STATEMENT "The British Columbia Snowmobile Federation is dedicated to provide strong leadership and support to member clubs to establish, maintain and protect quality opportunities for organized snowmobiling in British Columbia and to promote the safe and environmentally responsible use of these opportunities."

Draft Resolution #1

Title: Protection for Outdoor Recreation Opportunities in BC

Sponsor: District of Sicamous

WHEREAS many local governments and communities rely on meaningful outdoor recreation for economic stability and development and, at the same time, those local governments and communities care about maintaining existing Recreation Sites and Trails Management and/or Partnership Agreements with the Province of British Columbia for respectful stewardship of the lands.

AND WHEREAS Government has established broad Forest Range Practices Act (FRPA) objectives under the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation (FPPR) for ten of the eleven FRPA values. They have not established an objective for recreation. Which makes recreation the only value without a FRPA objective and leaves recreation out of planning processes.

AND WHEREAS only the BC Government can set Objectives within the Forest Range Practices Act.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Union of BC Municipalities asks the BC Government to allocate the necessary resources to create the following objective under the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation Part 2 Division 1:

The objective set by government for recreation is, without unduly reducing the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests, to avoid or mitigate any adverse impacts to any recreation site, trail or facility that exists on Crown land.



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Section 56 Individual Sites & Trails Objectives (snowmobile specific)

Background:

Section 56 of the Forest Ranges and Practices Act (FRPA) allows the government to establish or disestablish recreation sites, trails and interpretive forest sites. It also allows the government to establish Site Level objectives for these sites or trails at the time they are established or by amendment at anytime. This can easily be done by the authorized designated decision maker which is often the Recreation Sites and Trails BC District Manager.

Snowmobile Clubs across BC enter into Partnership Agreements with the Government to ensure the provision of safe, sanitary, socially acceptable and environmentally sound recreation sites and trails for public use. This is done through the investment of many volunteer hours, user fees and fundraising by BC Snowmobile Federation (BCSF) Member Clubs to support trail maintenance efforts. However, under the current FRPA Framework, snowmobile clubs are not even assured that the services and recreation sites they are responsible for managing will not be disrupted by industrial forest activity. Licensees are not currently obligated to consider, communicate, or mitigate any snowmobile trail disruption in their Forest Stewardship Planning. The BCSF has been told that Industry must only plan for and consider sites where a government registered objective is set and where their operations might impact that established objective.

For the snowmobile sector many snowmobile trails have been established under FRPA Section 56 but in a recent study completed by the BC

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MISSION STATEMENT "The British Columbia Snowmobile Federation is dedicated to provide strong leadership and support to member clubs to establish, maintain and protect quality opportunities for organized snowmobiling in British Columbia and to promote the safe and environmentally responsible use of these opportunities."

Snowmobile Federation it is clear that almost all have no site specific objectives set. The only sites that have objectives were established prior to 2004 when FRPA was enacted. These have vague objectives that have little meaning in today's working forest and do not properly reflect the tourism value of snowmobile trails today.

Also, many of our registered snowmobile trails have sections that overlap Forest Service Roads/Wilderness Roads in the winter months. They essentially carry a dual status depending on whether they are plowed or not. If the road is unplowed it is a registered snowmobile trail and when it is plowed it becomes an industry road. Without an objective the registered snowmobile trail can be plowed out at any time with industry not being currently obligated to consider, communicate, or mitigate this snowmobile trail disruption to the club that has the registered snowmobile trail on the same road.

Therefore, the BC Snowmobile Federation would like all existing and new snowmobile recreation sites or trails to have the following standard government registered objectives established:

Proposed Objectives

Section 56 - Recreation Site Level Objective (snowmobile specific) -
All snowmobile trails

- 1. The alpine and coniferous forest features along recreation sites or trails will be retained to preserve the outdoor recreation experience and prevent early season melt on snowmobile trails.*
- 2. Forest planning will include safety considerations for recreational access during the winter months and after harvesting is complete. This will include harvest planning consideration above and below a*

recreation site or trail to ensure that new exposures and avalanche paths are not created. Or that any new avalanche paths are mitigated by terrain modifications such as deflection berms.

- 3. This recreation site or trail is part of the working forest, and as such, activities that are likely to impact access or the recreation experience need to be communicated with the Designated Partner on the trail at least six months in advance.*

Section 56 - Recreation Site Level Objective (snowmobile specific) - "High Value" Snowmobile Trails

Furthermore, in British Columbia we have areas that have a high recreation value for the snowmobile community that represent significant tourism and community benefit. These trails are designated as high value forest recreation sites and trails, by Recreation Sites and Trails BC or identified as an important recreational area by the FLNR Regional Executive Director. The BC Snowmobile Federation would additionally like the following objectives to be established to these sites or trails.

- 1. Opportunities for snowmobiling, viewing and exploring must be provided on this designated snowmobile trail (site) during the snowmobile operating season of December 1 to March 31.*

Draft Resolution #2

Title: Protection for Established Snowmobile Recreational Sites or Trails

Sponsor: District of Sicamous

WHEREAS many local governments and communities rely on the 299 million dollars the snowmobile industry provides to rural communities in British Columbia for economic stability and development.

AND WHEREAS, local governments, communities and snowmobile clubs care about maintaining existing meaningful Recreation Sites and Trails Partnership Agreements with the Province of British Columbia for respectful stewardship of the lands.

AND WHEREAS, BC Snowmobile Federation member Snowmobile Clubs are the largest partner of established Recreation Sites and Trails in BC.

AND WHEREAS, Site level objectives under Section 56 of FRPA have not been established for snowmobile trails in BC resulting in a lack of communication or need to include consideration in Forest Stewardship Plans (FSP).

AND WHEREAS only a Government authorized designated decision maker can set Individual Recreation Objectives for an established recreation trail (site).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Union of BC Municipalities asks the BC Government to allocate the necessary resources to establish the following site level objectives on all new and existing established snowmobile sites under Section 56 of FRPA

1. *The alpine and coniferous forest features along recreation sites or trails will be retained to preserve the outdoor recreation experience and prevent early season melt on snowmobile trails.*
2. *Forest planning will include safety considerations for recreational access during the winter months and after harvesting is complete. This will include harvest planning consideration above and below a recreation site or trail to ensure that new exposures and avalanche paths are not created. Or that any new avalanche paths are mitigated by terrain modifications such as deflection berms.*
3. *This recreation site or trail is part of the working forest, and as such, activities that are likely to impact access or the recreation experience need to be communicated with the Designated Partner on the trail (site) at least six months in advance.*

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED the Union of BC Municipalities asks the BC Government to allocate the necessary resources to establish the following site level objectives on all new and existing snowmobile sites that are established under Section 56 of FRPA and that are considered to be high value forest recreation sites and trails, by Recreation Sites and Trails BC or identified as an important recreational area by the FLNR Regional Executive Director.

Opportunities for snowmobiling, viewing and exploring must be provided on this designated snowmobile trail (site) during the snowmobile operating season of December 1 to March 31.

From: Minister, ENV ENV:EX
Sent: July 21, 2021 1:15 PM
To: Alan Harrison
Subject: Rodenticide Ban

Reference: 378131

July 21, 2021

His Worship Mayor Alan Harrison
and Councillors
City of Salmon Arm
Email: aharrison@salmonarm.ca

Dear Mayor Harrison and Council:

I am writing to provide an update on the use of anticoagulant rodenticides in B.C. Since my last correspondence to you on this topic, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy staff have worked with me to develop a plan to improve how rodenticides are regulated in B.C.

As you may know, rodenticides are evaluated and registered for use by Health Canada. In B.C., they are further regulated under the *Integrated Pest Management Act* (IPMA) and Regulation (IPMR), administered by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. I acknowledge that several municipalities have requested a ban on anticoagulant rodenticides in B.C., and I am pleased to announce I have signed a Minister's Order, created under Section 8 of the IPMA, which bans the use of certain rodenticides to prevent wildlife poisonings.

The Minister's Order, effective July 21, 2021, bans the sale and use in B.C. of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs) that contain brodifacoum, bromadiolone or difethialone as the active ingredient. The Minister's Order will be in place for 18 months while ministry staff undertake a science review to better understand the risks of SGARs to wildlife and determine mitigation methods. Recommendations to amend the IPMR may be made based on the outcome of the science review. Exemptions to the ban are being provided for essential services and agricultural operators. This initiative forms part of the work undertaken by my ministry to mitigate unintended wildlife poisonings from rodenticide use in B.C.

In addition to imposing a temporary ban on the use of SGARs, ministry staff are taking action to address risks associated with the use of rodenticides, including:

- Conducting compliance inspections of vendors and users to ensure the products are only being used by certified operators for essential services and that an integrated pest management approach is being utilized prior to pesticide use;
- Raising awareness with rodenticide users on the impacts of misusing rodenticides with an emphasis that prevention is the only long-term strategy;
- Coordinating with Indigenous Peoples, local government, and provincial and national wildlife experts;

- Developing education materials for the public and agricultural operators to better manage rodents as part of an integrated pest management program;
- Updating materials used by individuals intending to become certified to apply or sell rodenticides; and
- Making recommendations for a long-term solution, including potential regulatory amendments.

Details of the ban, including a recorded presentation, are available at www.gov.bc.ca/RodentIPM. We will also be offering a series of live informative webinars on the Minister's Order. Please visit www.gov.bc.ca/RodentIPM for registration instructions.

If you have any questions about the Minister's Order temporarily banning the sale and use of SGARs, please direct them to BC.IPM@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you again for taking the time to express your concern regarding rodenticide use and participating in our efforts to protect wildlife.

Sincerely,

George Heyman
Minister

BRITISH COLUMBIA
Social Procurement
INITIATIVE

July 21, 2021

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

Re: Membership Opportunity: British Columbia Social Procurement Initiative

Dear Mayor Harrison,

We are writing to let you know about an exciting new opportunity for the City of Salmon Arm to join the [British Columbia Social Procurement Initiative \(BCSPI\)](#).

Previously only available to governments in the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities region, BCSPI has recently received support from the BC Government to expand province-wide, providing the opportunity for governments and institutional purchasers in communities across British Columbia to join.

BCSPI is a low cost, high value program that provides local governments with training, expertise, and support to integrate social procurement practices and add social value to their existing purchasing. This added social value can be connected directly to strategic or social planning goals.

For an annual membership fee equivalent to local area of government association dues, participating members and their staff get access to a full suite of professional development and training, templates, case studies, impact measurement tools and expert consultation support at no additional cost. Significantly, now is the best possible time to join. Building on the successes of the first two years, new members will join with all of the foundational work in place: over 50 pilot projects undertaken, a comprehensive library of templates and tools developed, best practice examples and thriving community of practice all available to support social procurement integration and implementation.

BCSPI (formerly CCSPI) started as a two-year pilot in the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities region in 2019 and, since its inception, has already grown in membership from 6 to 30 local governments and institutional purchasers. BCSPI members have now procured over \$200 million of goods, services and construction with added social value to the benefit of their local economies. This means that additional local business, employment and skills & training opportunities are being generated from existing procurement dollars at a time when our local economies need it most. (The CCSPI Phase 1 report is attached for your information).

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Mayor Alan Harrison

July 21, 2021

Social procurement is a key economic recovery and stability consideration for local governments. Joining BCSPi now will ensure that your organization has access to the training and expertise required to implement social procurement best practices, and the ability to take advantage of the opportunity to create additional community benefit from your existing spending.

We would be happy to discuss this opportunity with you directly, or to schedule a presentation for your Council or Board to provide more information about the Initiative. If you have any questions or would like to set up a meeting or presentation, please contact Robert Fisher, BCSPi Project Coordinator by email at rfisher@scalecollaborative.ca or by phone on (250) 886-3063.

Sincerely,

Karen Elliot
Mayor, District of Squamish
Co-Chair, BCSPi Steering Committee

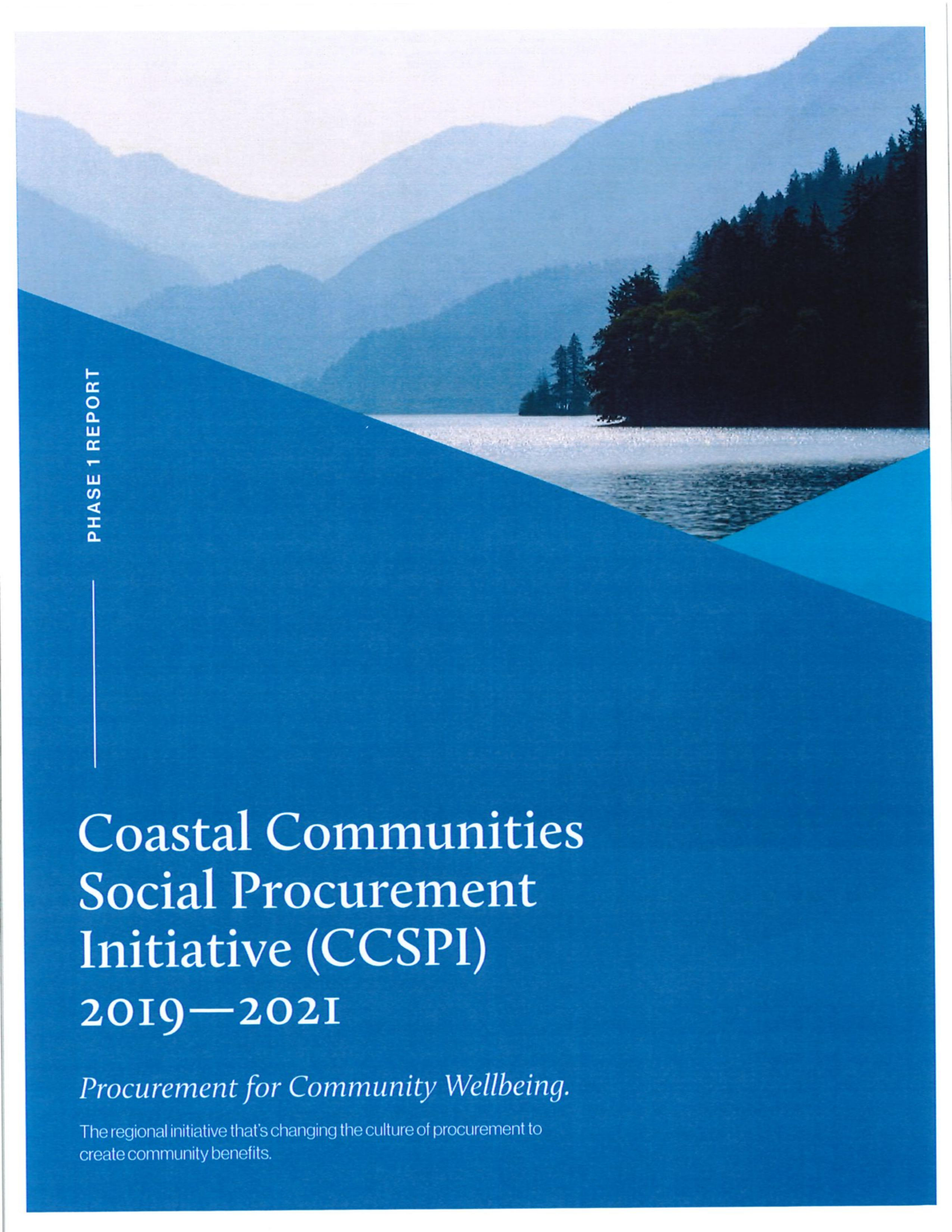


Colleen Evans,
Councillor, Campbell River
Co-Chair, BCSPi Steering Committee



Cc: Erin Jackson, Chief Administrative Officer
Chelsea Van de Cappelle, Chief Financial Officer

Attached: CCSPi Phase 1 Report



PHASE 1 REPORT

Coastal Communities Social Procurement Initiative (CCSPI) 2019—2021

Procurement for Community Wellbeing.

The regional initiative that's changing the culture of procurement to
create community benefits.

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Executive Summary

The Coastal Communities Social Procurement Initiative (CCSPI) was established in 2018 by and for local governments on Vancouver Island and in the Coastal Communities.

In just two years, CCSPI members have realized over \$200 million in social procurement spend by adding social value to their purchasing practices, generating significant community benefits from existing procurement dollars at a time when local economies need it most.

The initiative, which is unique in Canada as a regional approach, is delivered by a partnership team of social procurement, community impact and industry experts who provide the training, tools and quality assurance required to support CCSPI members on their journey towards integrating social procurement practices. These are new practices that can help to unlock additional social value from an organization's existing spending that can align with strategic objectives and community goals.

**LISA HELPS**

Mayor, City of Victoria
Co-Chair, CCSPI Steering Committee

It's been wonderful to see CCSPI grow from an idea and a small collaboration among six local governments to a fully functioning social procurement initiative with almost 30 members. CCSPI provides significant value to our procurement staff by empowering them to use procurement to the benefit of our local economies and communities. We look forward to working to scale CCSPI across British Columbia to help more communities and other public agencies to align their spending with the values of their communities.

**COLLEEN EVANS**

Councillor, City of Campbell River
Co-Chair, CCSPI Steering Committee

Getting to this point has been a truly collaborative effort and the lessons learned, models, and templates CCSPI has developed are playing a vital role in creating healthy communities, supporting social inclusion and enhancing the wellbeing of local residents. As CCSPI membership continues to grow, we're encouraged by the enthusiasm and commitment of elected representatives and members who are actively considering what could be achieved if even just a small percentage of public spend was focused on 'value adding' to generate positive community benefits.



CCSPI Goals & Outcomes

01

GOAL: Local governments in the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities region are embracing and implementing social procurement.

OUTCOME: 27 local governments are members of CCSPI and working towards social procurement implementation.

02

GOAL: Standardized approach to social procurement across local government, while each community has the ability to create community-specific social value.

OUTCOME: Standardized practices for procurement, vendor outreach and impact measurement are being adopted across the region. Members' strategic planning and policy inform community-specific needs.

03

GOAL: Procurement staff are trained in social procurement and have the ability to issue tenders and RFPs that result in community benefits.

OUTCOME: Over 150+ staff from CCSPI member organizations have taken part in training sessions and have access to a comprehensive library of examples, templates and other resources.

04

GOAL: Product and service suppliers are fully engaged, bidding on contracts, and responding to RFPs issued by local governments.

OUTCOME: CCSPI members are engaging with suppliers, creating a culture shift and building the capacity that allows them to respond to bid opportunities.

CCSPI Goals & Outcomes

05

GOAL: The provincial government is aware of and supportive of CCSPI.

OUTCOME: The BC Government has been represented at the CCSPI Steering Committee since its inception and is supporting the initiative's phase 2 expansion across the Province.

06

GOAL: A robust monitoring and reporting framework is in place.

OUTCOME: CCSPI has partnered with Royal Roads University to develop a standardized impact measurement framework, informed by both buyers and vendors, and connected to regional SDG targets.

07

GOAL: CCSPI is a long-term, sustainable initiative.

OUTCOME: CCSPI will be expanded through 2021-24 to advance the adoption and integration of social procurement policies and practices across British Columbia.

08

GOAL: Interest is demonstrated by the wider Municipal, Academic Institutions, Schools and Hospitals (MASH) sector.

OUTCOME: Recent CCSPI members include academic institutions and school boards. Interest is also being demonstrated by other institutional purchasers across the MASH sector.



What is Social Procurement & Why is it Important?

Social procurement is an emerging best practice that represents a significant shift from 'lowest price' to 'best value'.

Governments and other large purchasers like hospitals and post-secondary institutions collectively procure billions of dollars of goods and services. By implementing social procurement practices, these organizations can leverage a significant amount of additional social value and community benefit from this existing purchasing.

Social procurement takes into consideration not only price and quality, but also the community outcomes and potential benefits that can be generated through purchasing practices. It allows for procurement to become a tool for building healthy communities and local

economies by valuing local employment, training opportunities, social value supply chains and other community outcomes.

Social procurement can help to integrate social outcomes right across an organization's spending, from small spends that are made on a day-to-day basis, to integrating social value criteria into requests for proposals and tenders for goods and services, to major construction and infrastructure projects. Purchasing decisions can be measured against pre-determined criteria that are connected to an organization's community goals and strategic plans.

CCSPI is Delivered in Partnership by:



BUY SOCIAL CANADA

Buy Social Canada believes in building community capital: healthy communities that are rich in human, social, cultural, physical, and economic capital. By building relationships between social suppliers and purchasers, Buy Social Canada is leading the movement for community capital creators across the country.



David LePage — Managing Partner, Buy Social Canada

"CCSPI has become the showcase for community collaboration - leveraging shared resources to build resilient local economies, create local jobs, and provide opportunities for all the members of the community."



PRESENTATIONS PLUS TRAINING & CONSULTING INC.

Presentations Plus provides expert consulting and advice on social procurement to both public and private sector organizations, and has assisted many leading Governments and companies in the implementation of social procurement best practices.



Larry Berglund — Principal, Presentations Plus

"The awareness of social procurement options, within the communities, has led to more responsive and effective outcomes."



SCALE COLLABORATIVE

Scale Collaborative's mission is to create a thriving, connected, and financially resilient social change sector. Scale Collaborative works with nonprofits, social enterprises, and other social purpose organizations to explore how they can become more independent, innovative, resilient, and impactful.



Kristi Fairholm Mader — Co-Founding Partner, Scale Collaborative

"It is exciting to work with local governments and buyers who are using purchasing power to help support inclusive and sustainable communities."



VANCOUVER ISLAND CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION (VICA)

Vancouver Island Construction Association (VICA) serves the construction community on Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands, and other coastal areas of British Columbia.



Rory Kulmala — CEO, Vancouver Island Construction Association

"CCSPI is the model for working locally and together across the Island and along the coast."

CCSPI Statistics

\$200m

Procurement spend with
added social value.

150+

Individual staff
members trained.

50+

Pilot projects undertaken.

40+

Training sessions and
webinars held.

29

Participating governments
and organizations.

25+

Resources, case studies,
and templates developed.

Social Procurement Myths vs. Facts

Although many governments and organizations across the world are already seeing tangible and measurable results from implementing social procurement practices, moving to this new way of buying things still represents a significant change from the status quo. Common myths and questions about social procurement exist.

These types of questions are indicators of the change taking place at a broader level, and the growing voices calling for a shift from practices that harm people and the planet. Historically, procurement has excluded smaller businesses and diverse suppliers, and has viewed environmental and social outcomes as a cost, not a benefit. Social procurement represents systemic change.

Is it legal?

Yes! It is.

Is the quality lower?

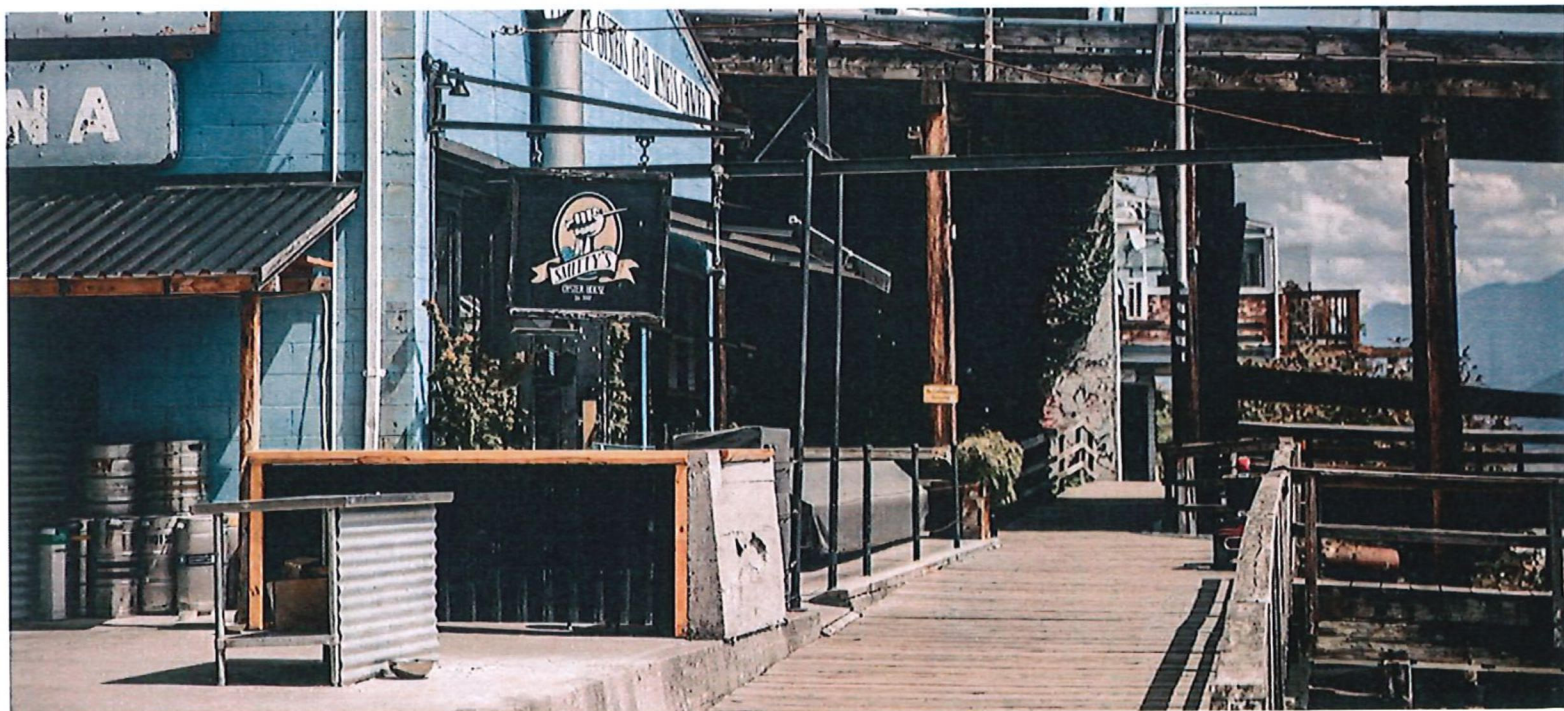
No! It isn't.

Does it cost more?

No! It doesn't.

Are the social value suppliers out there?

Yes! They are.



“Are the dollars we spend gaining the best value and outcomes for our communities?”

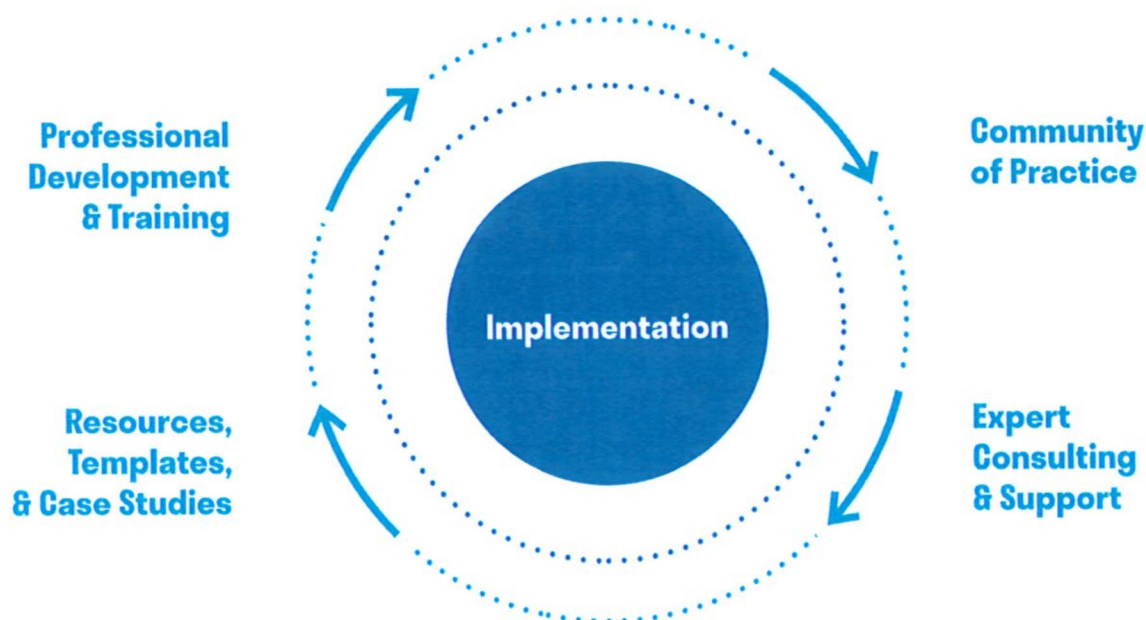
CCSPI Program Timeline

In 2016, a group of community leaders looked at the billions of dollars being spent across Vancouver Island and the Coast, and asked, “are these dollars gaining the best value and outcomes for our communities?”. Two years of development later, six local governments launched CCSPI as a 2-year pilot. Since then, CCSPI has grown to include almost 30 members (and counting) that have access to professional development and training, expert consulting and advice, a rich library of resources and tools, and a thriving community of practice.

Using these tools and resources, CCSPI members have piloted social procurement in over 50 projects across the region, from smaller credit card spends, to goods and services tenders to major construction projects.

Collectively, the membership is building a regional social value supplier database and other resources to build the capacity of suppliers to be able to bid on and deliver on government and institutional procurement opportunities.

In order to measure the important impact of this work, CCSPI is collaborating with Royal Roads University to develop a common measurement framework for CCSPI members to use that aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).





The Member Journey: From Onboarding to Implementation

CCSPI members are leading the way in changing the systems and culture of institutional procurement. This type of systemic and culture change can be challenging; it needs to be supported at multiple levels, including political, organizational leadership and staff level. These elements contribute to the successful adoption of social procurement:

- Support from both political and staff-level representatives
- “Champions” in positions of leadership that can set the vision for and support the implementation of social procurement practices
- Social procurement outcomes are aligned with community strategic plans and directions
- Representatives across organizational departments participate in education and training together
- Procurement and other staff are supported to learn and develop new practices
- Pilot projects are manageable and provide an opportunity for local suppliers and vendors to bid on
- Anticipation of learning and adaptation from pilot project outcome
- Support, in staff time, to learn and develop new practices

CCSPI CORE TRAINING:

SP101— Introduction to Social Procurement

SP201— Social Procurement Implementation

SP301— Social Procurement in Construction Projects

Select Member Highlights:



Alberni-Clayoquot
Regional District

Alberni Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD)

The ACRD has trained staff in implementation of social procurement practices, and piloted social procurement in several projects. They included creating a social procurement policy as an objective in their 2021-2024 strategic plan.



Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD)

The CVRD has trained staff, and piloted social procurement in a variety of projects of different sizes with successful outcomes. CVRD has social procurement included in their purchasing policy and have included social procurement as a key service outcome in their corporate plan.



Village of Cumberland

Cumberland was the first municipality in BC to adopt a social procurement framework. Social procurement is included in the Village's purchasing policy.



City of Nanaimo

The City has trained staff and included social procurement in their sustainable procurement policy. They now intend to move ahead with pilot projects and supplier engagement.



City of
**Campbell
River**

City of Campbell River

The City has trained their staff in social procurement implementation and is piloting social procurement in a number of goods and services contracts. Moving forward they plan to add social procurement to their purchasing policy.



CITY OF
COURTENAY

City of Courtenay

The City has trained staff in social procurement implementation and are intending to include social procurement in their purchasing policy before moving ahead with piloting social procurement in purchasing projects.



Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD)

The CVRD has trained staff and piloted social procurement practices in several projects. They released a Request for Information (RFI) to collect information about social value suppliers in the region. Developing procurement policies to promote social equity was included as an objective in their 2020 – 2022 strategic plan.



District of Port Hardy

The District has trained staff and included social procurement in their general purchasing policy. They have successfully trialed social procurement in a number of projects including their arena revitalization.

Select Member Highlights:



City of Powell River

The City has trained its staff in social procurement implementation and is currently working towards including social procurement in their purchasing policy.



Town of Qualicum Beach

Qualicum Beach has included social procurement in their purchasing policy and have piloted social value criteria in a variety of projects, leading to excellent outcomes that align with their community social objectives and goals.



City of Duncan

The City has included social procurement in their purchasing policy. They are moving towards staff training and social procurement implementation.



City of Victoria

The City has trained their staff in social procurement implementation. They are including social value criteria in many of their tender documents and in mandatory training for their corporate purchasing card holders. The City has also released a Request for Information (RFI) to collect information about social value suppliers in the region.



qathet Regional District

The Regional District has trained staff in social procurement implementation and updated its purchasing policy to include social procurement. They are piloting social value criteria in a number of projects some of which have led to some good local employment outcomes.



District of Sooke

Sooke has included social procurement in their purchasing policy and intends to move ahead with staff training and social procurement implementation.



District of Squamish

The District has included social procurement in their purchasing policy and have trained their staff in social procurement implementation. Squamish has also created an internal working group to focus on supplier outreach.



District of Tofino

Tofino has trained staff in social procurement implementation. They included social value criteria in a major streetscape revitalization project that allowed local contractors to be employed for some portions of the work and they are integrating community benefit outcomes within an upcoming wastewater treatment plant project.



Social Procurement In Action

CCSPI members have now successfully piloted social procurement in over 50 projects across the region. These include small spends like corporate purchasing card procurement, RFPs for goods and services like maintenance, and large construction & infrastructure projects. These snapshots of three of the pilot projects are taken from full case studies which are available at www.ccspi.ca

CASE STUDY #1

City of Victoria: Small Spends for Community Benefit

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When people are making small purchases, they don't think they can make a difference. However, telling them that the City makes a 3.9M collective purchase made them think they could do some good. This was exciting and empowering.

—Leah Hamilton
Buyer, City of Victoria

In 2019, the City of Victoria spent approximately \$3.9M using corporate purchasing cards on purchases under \$1500. There are over 600 purchasing card holders working at the City who have discretion on where and what they purchase and regularly make purchases related to catering, travel, restaurants and office supplies

By educating and empowering these staff, the City identified an opportunity to achieve many small wins that add up quickly and significantly. Now, when making purchases, staff consider supply chains, local jobs and living wages.

When the economic multiplier effect is applied, there is significant community benefit that can be generated from these purchasing decisions. Encouraging staff to consider social value in addition to price is a key shift and empowers them to make decisions that have positive outcomes in the community.

Moving forward, the City is continuing with mandatory internal training and building a dedicated resource site for its staff that is populated with a list of local social value suppliers and success stories.





CASE STUDY #2

District of Port Hardy: Test-Driving Community Value

Port Hardy's recreation centre is the beating heart of its community, providing health and wellness services and a place for people to gather. In 2019 the District identified various renovation work was required that included the refrigeration system, a new roof, and other work inside the arena. Working with one of CCSPI's sample templates, the District was able to incorporate social value definitions and used a 'descriptive' process so that proponents could describe how they wanted to achieve community benefits including any anticipated associated costs.

The resulting Request for Proposals (RFP) aimed to integrate local employment, local supply chain management and local living outcomes. One of the goals was that project managers would look for suppliers that also embody and create social value and community benefit. With respect to social value the proponents varied their responses, which included environmental conscience, employment of local labour force and individuals facing barriers, apprenticeships offered, involvement with and financial support of local community non-profit groups and unique methods of tracking energy savings upon completion of the project.

One of the key project outcomes was increased engagement with local First Nations, who use the recreation services regularly. The District consulted with local First Nations on how they would like to be involved in the project and also related business and employment opportunities.



Social procurement is about being inclusive, about the environment, and about the community, workforce and local economy.

—Allison McArrick, CAO (fmr), District of Port Hardy



How we spend taxpayer dollars should be reflective of the universal values of the communities we serve. In many cases social procurement can improve the overall value to the taxpayer by generating positive outcomes for the community without materially impacting cost.

—Scott Hainsworth, Manager of Operating and Capital Procurement (fmr), Comox Valley Regional District

CASE STUDY #3

Comox Valley Regional District: Keeping It Simple

The Comox Valley Regional District is constructing a new water treatment system with a project value of \$126M. The Regional District was able to obtain funding from a Federal grant that included Infrastructure Canada's Community Employment Benefits Program, and the project proved to be a good opportunity to incorporate social procurement concepts that included employment and skills training and apprenticeship opportunities for local marginalized people.

Proponent evaluation criteria was structured to maximize value. Response requirements included commitments of proposed community employment benefits for target groups which were evaluated alongside cost, experience and quality. The Regional District also held commercially confidential meetings with each proponent that allowed for a more collaborative process and an opportunity for engagement on desired social procurement outcomes.

The project is now well underway and on track for its original completion date. Per the latest project updates, community employment benefit hours are tracking well above the committed totals, with forecasts projecting almost twice the committed hours for underrepresented populations. Notably, there were no additional cost implications associated with the social procurement concepts that were included in the request for proposals.

Supplier & Industry Engagement

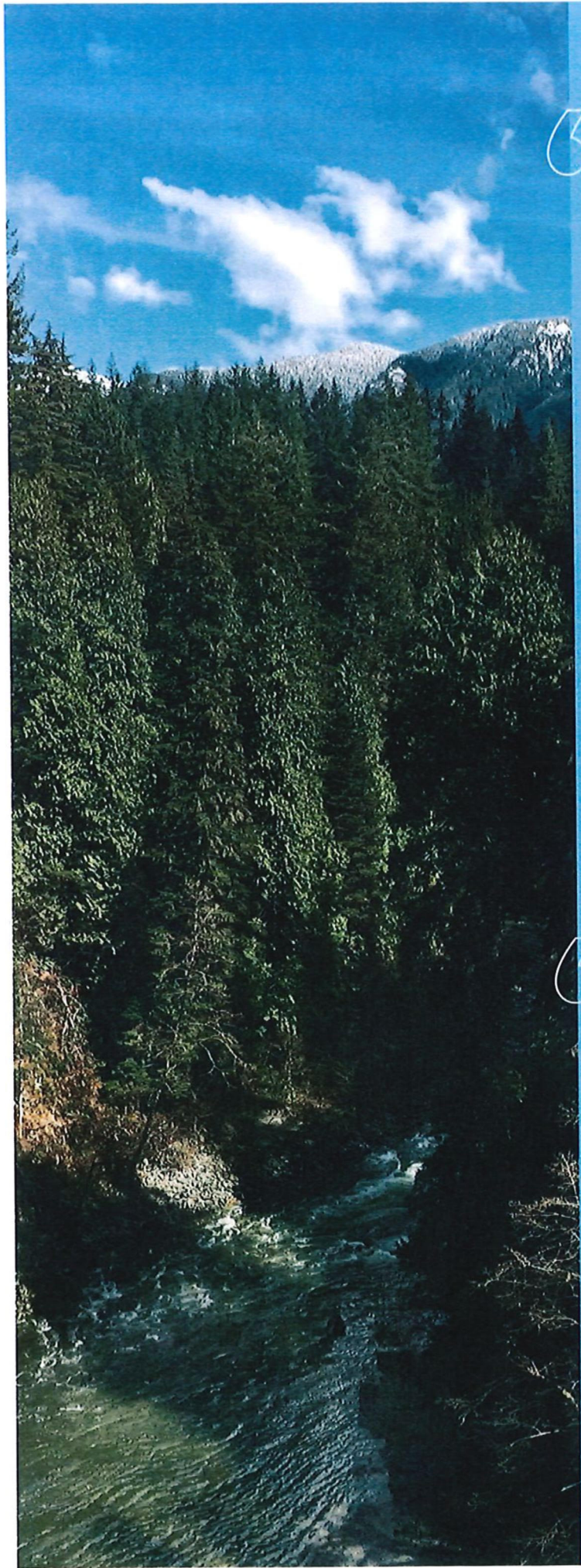


CCSPI works with its members to help identify and connect with the social value suppliers and vendors in their communities.

The initiative provides supplier education, support and resources to help social value suppliers build their capacity to respond to and deliver on institutional procurement opportunities.

Working with Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development Organizations, CCSPI members are building a regional social value supplier directory that will allow them to identify those suppliers in the region who have a social value component to their business or enterprise.

This 'whole ecosystem' approach recognizes that both purchasers and suppliers need to speak the same language, foster common understanding, and helps build bridges to lasting business relationships that can support local economies.



Social procurement, primarily through the Community Employment Benefits initiative, is important in our industry. While it can be more challenging for contractors to make community employment commitments during the tendering phase, the initiative is enabling the industry to improve and progress. I am proud of the Aecon team here at the Comox Valley Water Treatment Project as we were able to double all of our employment commitments to date (e.g., Indigenous Peoples, Under-represented Populations, and apprentices) while maintaining a workforce almost entirely local to the Island.

—Jamie Abernethy, Project Director
Aecon Water Infrastructure

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Achieving meaningful, positive, social value, while remaining financially prudent, is a challenging balancing act for any organization. With the resources and best practices CCSPi has developed, through continued consultation with local suppliers and vendors, we are optimistic their members will be well equipped to realize measurable social benefits with their spending.

—Yosef Suna ASoT, GSC
General Manager, Knappett Industries

 **Knappett**
INDUSTRIES

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A regional measurement framework will provide certainty for suppliers while also creating opportunities for CCSPI members to share best practices and improve the implementation of their social procurement policies.

—Heather Hachigian, Assistant Professor, Royal Roads University



Impact Measurement

CCSPI has partnered with Royal Roads University to develop a region-wide impact measurement framework that aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Both procurement officials and the supplier community are engaged in developing meaningful and effective impact metrics and processes.

Looking Ahead

As Phase 1 draws to a close, this is a moment to reflect on all that has been achieved, and set our sights collectively on next steps.

Phase 2 will see CCSPI expand across British Columbia. The initiative will build on existing training, resources and learning and expand on supplier and vendor outreach and capacity building. BCSPI will create a connected network of local governments and institutional purchasers across the Province, who are implementing social procurement best practices. Phase 2 will also focus on the impact measurement tools and resources required to measure the impact of their social procurement, both by organization as well as across the region.



Next Steps:

→ 2021

Expand CCSPI membership on Vancouver Island and in the Coastal Communities, inviting participation from institutional purchasers like school boards, post-secondary institutions and health authorities.

→ 2022—2024

Expand CCSPI membership to more communities across British Columbia.

What Could Be Possible If...?

- ✓ By 2024 at least 100 local governments and institutional purchasers in BC have participated in CCSPI membership offerings
- ✓ Member governments and institutional purchasers are including social value outcomes in at least 50% of their procurement
- ✓ Suppliers have been engaged and submitted RFPs or other bid documents that meet or exceed local government and purchaser objectives and expectations
- ✓ Suppliers with no previous engagement with institutional purchasers have gained the capacity to bid and deliver on contracts
- ✓ CCSPI members are utilizing a common impact measurement framework, demonstrating in full the local community impacts and benefits of their purchasing practices.

Participating Organizations



Acknowledgements

CCSPI is supported by ICET. We acknowledge the leadership shown by the steering committee and local governments, organizations and institutions who are pioneering social procurement practices in our region and beyond.



Learn more about CCSPI at www.ccspi.ca

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