

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Kevin Pearson, Director of Development Services  
City of Salmon Arm  
Box 40  
Salmon Arm BC, V1E 4N2

Dear Kevin,

Re: Water Extraction/Bottling

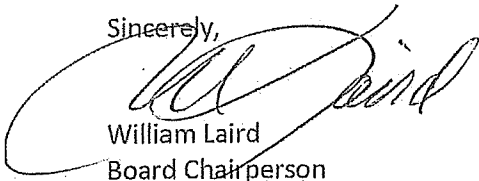
In response to your April 29th, 2021, letter requesting comment from Salmon Arm Economic Development Society (SAEDS) regarding the pending water extraction application, SAEDS has reviewed available information and has compiled the following comments.

The Salmon Arm Economic Development Society board of directors supports the resiliency and growth of our local entrepreneurs, new business development, and related job creation. We actively support our community's start-up economy. Our organization acknowledges the important economic contribution of every business operating within the City of Salmon Arm. Further, SAEDS values the applicants' reputations for providing environmental solutions, as well as the significant community economic contribution which continues to be generated through their existing businesses.

The board has concerns related to how an application for water extraction aligns with our community brand, affects environmental sustainability, and potentially impacts the community in the long-term. Core to our community's brand pillars is a commitment to the long-term sustainability of our natural environment, which includes water resources. The SAEDS board noted concern related to the unknown long-term implications to community water availability.

This application is a unique and nuanced proposal with numerous intricacies. There are many factors at play, some of which our organization has not previously encountered. As a result, this was a carefully considered but difficult response.

Sincerely,



William Laird  
Board Chairperson

**From:** King Campbell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 10:19 AM  
**To:** Caylee Simmons [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Agenda 23.2 Sept 27, 20-21 water bottling plants in the city of salmon arm

Attention City of Salmon Arm Councillors

<http://www.salmonarm.ca/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/184?fileID=729>

**Agenda 23.2 Sept 27, 20-21 water bottling plants in the city of salmon arm**

I just want to state that I do use well water for my farm business in the city of Salmon Arm.

The use of ground water for farming purposes and ground based activities is part of the water cycle over the aquifer.

I am opposed to the use of groundwater aquifers for water bottling that results in the export of water beyond the local aquifer to other cities and countries.

Water removed from the aquifer and exported significantly reduces the local groundwater supply and the natural water cycle.

8, 10, or 24 hour a day water pumping from the aquifer for export beyond our local area is not in the best interest of our local economy and environment.

Local water use for farming is limited generally to the growing season (other than greenhouses etc) and is not a year round water removal, and allows the aquifer to recharge.

Water bottling plants would be removing water from the local high quality groundwater drinking water supply and it should not be approved.

The city of Salmon Arm would be wise to consider long term water supply needs and what may be required if South Canoe Creek is rehabilitated as a Salmon Stream and the dam supply in South Canoe is required to maintain stream flows in Canoe Creek. (Less water for city use in the future)

The groundwater aquifer is a source of excellent water for supplying the city if the South Canoe supply at the dam is reduced in the future in an effort to rehabilitate the stream for Salmon and other fisheries resources.

The city should oppose development of water bottling plants using ground water within the city limits of Salmon Arm.

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Sincerely,  
King Campbell P. Ag.  
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