

# INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE – NOVEMBER 1, 2021

1.	Building Department – Building Statistics – October 2021	N
2.	Building Department – Building Permits – Yearly Statistics	N
3.	G. Taylor – email dated October 22, 201 – Sidewalk to Canoe Beach	A
4.	V. Morris – email dated October 28, 2021 – Library Vission	A
5.	M. Gendron – email dated November 1, 2021 – Smoke, Climate Change, Health	A
6.	N. Moore – letter dated November 3, 2021 – Handicap Parking Stall	A
7.	B. White – email November 4, 2021 – McGuire Lake in the Winter	A
8.	L. Painchaud, President, Salmon Arm branch, Okanagan Historical Society – letter dated October 29, 2021 – 31 Hudson Avenue NE	A
9.	D. Mangold, Manager, Churches of Salmon Arm Used Good Society – letter dated October 28, 2021 – Grant funding	A
10.	J. Broadwell, Manager, Downtown Salmon Arm – letter dated November 2, 2021 – Downtown Holiday Market – Hudson Street Closure December 4, 2021	A
11.	Governance Advisory Committee, Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail Corridor – Minutes of July 16, 2021	N
12.	J. Bascu, Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Nursing, Thompson Rivers University – email dated October 27, 2021 – Regional Centre to support Health Aging	A
13.	S. Kozuki, Executive Director, Forest Enhancement Society of BC – letter dated October 26, 2021 – BC Forestry Workers are Climate Change Heroes	N
14.	C. Heavener, Assistant Deputy Minister and Provincial Director of Child Welfare and R. Bacy, Provincial Director of Adoption – email – Adoption Awareness Month	N
15.	E. Vidal, Director of Resource Management, Thompson-Okanagan Region, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – letter dated October 27, 2021 – <i>Emergency</i> Motor Vehicle Closures	N
16.	D. Eby, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing – letter dated October 26, 2021 – UBCM delegation	N

N = No Action Required  
A = Action Requested

S = Staff has Responded  
R = Response Required

## CITY OF SALMON ARM BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT OCTOBER 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	9	2,585,000	48	16,428,785	5	1,905,000	52	19,381,800
2	Misc. Additions etc. to SFD's	16	638,532	95	4,903,351	9	942,200	87	4,703,796
3	New Single Family Dwellings with suites	3	1,350,000	12	4,815,000	2	757,000	15	6,592,000
4	New Secondary/Detached Suites	3	285,000	14	711,200	3	669,000	18	3,324,000
5	New Modulars/MH's (Factory Built)	2	255,000	16	2,931,633	-	-	10	1,737,379
6	Misc. Additions etc. to Modulars/MH's	3	28,700	18	377,815	-	-	6	90,192
7	MFD's (# Units)	-	-	2 (41)	6,750,000	-	-	5 (14)	2,950,000
8	Misc. Additions etc. to MFD's	-	-	8	102,309	-	-	7	441,382
9	New Commercial	1	2,500,000	4	5,120,960	-	-	-	-
10	Misc. Additions etc. to Commercial	2	16,000	13	670,630	-	-	15	1,220,600
11	New Industrial	1	1,750,000	2	1,850,000	-	-	5	2,525,000
12	Misc. Additions etc. to Industrial	-	-	5	1,348,200	-	-	-	-
13	New Institutional	-	-	1	15,000	-	-	-	-
14	Misc. Additions etc. to Institutional	-	-	2	6,000	-	-	3	2,410,000
15	Signs	2	5,480	15	68,044	4	4,415	39	220,471
16	Swimming Pools, Pool Buildings	1	30,000	7	407,000	-	-	4	410,000
17	Demolitions	-	-	11	-	2	-	17	-
18	Temporary Trailers, A & B Permits	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	-
19	Misc. Special Inspections, etc.	4	-	19	-	1	-	22	-
	<b>TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>9,443,712</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>46,505,927</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4,277,615</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>46,006,620</b>

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	21,402,310	29,030,210	33,528,039	37,494,801	41,729,005	46,006,620		

**Sent:** Friday, October 22, 2021 12:25 PM

**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council

First Name Glenda

Last Name Taylor

Address:

Return email address:

Subject: Sidewalk to Canoe Beach

Body Dear Mayor Harrison,  
I was just wondering if a sidewalk to Canoe Beach from Canoe Store corner has ever been considered. There are a lot of people including children who walk that road and it just would be so much more safer if there was a sidewalk.  
Thank-you a head of time for your considerations.

Would you like a response: Yes

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 4:54 PM  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council

First Name	Vivian
Last Name	Morris
Address:	
Return email address:	
Subject:	Library vision
Body	<p>Dear Mayor and Council,</p> <p>A recent Observer article on taxation and the library has prompted me to write a letter on an issue I have thought about for years. I am an avid library user. I see the value it provides for all and not just books. Low-income citizens come for the free internet. Teenagers have a safe place to hang out. Community events are regularly held there. Clubs meet there. I have admired libraries across Canada and felt discouraged by ours. I feel the city needs to develop a master plan for the library, one that incorporates it into the heart of the community. The Piccadilly Mall is too far for people with no cars. Anyone can see that they frequent the Centenoka Mall. The libraries in Kelowna and Vernon, admittedly larger centres, put ours to shame. One of my favourite libraries is in Red Deer. It has a little cafe beside it. I would love to see the library back downtown where low-income people can access it. My fantasy would see it located in the CSRD building with a cafe in front of it. I am asking council to develop a vision for our library. One that is more inclusive in terms of location and one that is worthy of our city. We do not have that now.</p> <p>Regards, Vivian Morris</p>

Would you like a response: Yes

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From: [noreply@civicplus.com](mailto:noreply@civicplus.com) <[noreply@civicplus.com](mailto:noreply@civicplus.com)>

Sent: Sunday, October 31, 2021 2:42 PM

To: Alan Harrison <[aharrison@salmonarm.ca](mailto:aharrison@salmonarm.ca)>; Chad Eliason <[celiason@salmonarm.ca](mailto:celiason@salmonarm.ca)>; Debbie Cannon <[dcannon@salmonarm.ca](mailto:dcannon@salmonarm.ca)>; Kevin Flynn <[kflynn@salmonarm.ca](mailto:kflynn@salmonarm.ca)>; Louise Wallace-Richmond <[lwallacerichmond@salmonarm.ca](mailto:lwallacerichmond@salmonarm.ca)>; Sylvia Lindgren <[slindgren@salmonarm.ca](mailto:slindgren@salmonarm.ca)>; Tim Lavery <[tlavery@salmonarm.ca](mailto:tlavery@salmonarm.ca)>; Rob Niewenhuizen <[rniewenhuizen@salmonarm.ca](mailto:rniewenhuizen@salmonarm.ca)>; Erin Jackson <[ejackson@salmonarm.ca](mailto:ejackson@salmonarm.ca)>

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

## Mayor and Council

First Name	Mark
Last Name	Gendron
Address:	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Return email address:	<div></div>
Subject:	smoke, climate change, health
Body	If the city was actually concerned about mitigating climate change and the health of its citizens it would amend the camp fire bylaw. We have recorded many air quality readings in the 300 range which is comparable to those during this summer's wildfires.
Would you like a response:	Yes
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November 3, 2021

TO: City of Salmon Arm

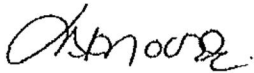
FROM: Nancy Moore

[REDACTED]  
Salmon Arm, BC

I work in downtown Salmon Arm on Alexander Street and use the pay parking lot behind the Shuswap Pie Company. I have noticed that while there is one handicapped parking stall it is located at the pay station – the furthest stall from Alexander Street which does not seem to support the needs of mobility challenged individuals. Yes, there is one handicapped stall on Alexander but as a worker on Alexander I have been told by Bylaw that this stall is not to be used by me.

I am requesting that the city consider designating at least one parking stall at the east end of the parking lot as close to Alexander Street as possible.

Thank You



**From:** [noreply@civicplus.com](mailto:noreply@civicplus.com) <[noreply@civicplus.com](mailto:noreply@civicplus.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 1:35 AM

**To:** Alan Harrison <[aharrison@salmonarm.ca](mailto:aharrison@salmonarm.ca)>; Chad Eliason <[celiason@salmonarm.ca](mailto:celiason@salmonarm.ca)>; Debbie Cannon <[dcannon@salmonarm.ca](mailto:dcannon@salmonarm.ca)>; Kevin Flynn <[kflynn@salmonarm.ca](mailto:kflynn@salmonarm.ca)>; Louise Wallace-Richmond <[lwallacerichmond@salmonarm.ca](mailto:lwallacerichmond@salmonarm.ca)>; Sylvia Lindgren <[slindgren@salmonarm.ca](mailto:slindgren@salmonarm.ca)>; Tim Lavery <[tlavery@salmonarm.ca](mailto:tlavery@salmonarm.ca)>; Rob Niewenhuizen <[rniewenhuizen@salmonarm.ca](mailto:rniewenhuizen@salmonarm.ca)>; Erin Jackson <[ejackson@salmonarm.ca](mailto:ejackson@salmonarm.ca)>

**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

## Mayor and Council

First Name	bob
Last Name	white
Address:	
Return email address:	
Subject:	McGuire Lake in the winter
Body	<p>Your worship and City Council:</p> <p>Many years go back in Ontario I had a pond that I used for skating on a farm. It just happened that right near the pond was a school bus drop off for students. I approached them with a plan in that I would supply shovels and a couple of benches so that they could go skating on the pond once it was ready. I rented a pump a couple times, chopped a hole in the ice and pumped up the water to make for a great ice rink. I also ended up putting some cupboards down there so they could stow their skates and just get off he bus and play. Eventually some of the boys opened up another area for hockey and I supplied some old nets. Of course, I loved using the rink for myself as well. Back in 1942 there was a fire at the stock sheds and people moved down to McGuire Lake for their public skating. Why can't the city use it for skating now? Perhaps a couple times over the winter on a night when nothing is going on, the fire department could flood the rink. Along with the good will and support from the public, I will personally supply some shovels and benches if the city is interested in pursuing this. Those that use the rink will be more than happy to keep it shoveled.</p> <p>On another note. I have also seen ponds where a fountain pump has been left on all winter. It makes for some great viewing of ice formations. The secret is to place a few logs around the fountain (tied together) so that they are constantly</p>



bobbing and moving around so as to not allow the pond to completely freeze over.

We have a gem in the heart of the city that is not being used to it's fullest.

Where do I start in trying to make these things possible. We can easily do it with the co-operation and guidance of the parks department. I'm sure the city union membership can also co-operate with this idea. At my old age I won't be able to go out for a skate, but would love to see others enjoying doing so. I'm sure somebody will show up with a hot dog cart and some hot chocolate that the city can tax for some extra revenue.

Very best regards

Bob White

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Would you like a response:

Yes

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Okanagan Historical Society, Salmon Arm Branch  
820 60 Street NE  
Salmon Arm, B.C. V1E 1Y3  
[REDACTED]

October 29, 2021

Mr. Mayor and Councillors,  
City of Salmon Arm  
500 2 Avenue NE  
Salmon Arm, B.C. V1E 4N2

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Salmon Arm Branch of the Okanagan Historical Society wish to indicate our strong support for finding a lasting solution to the preservation of one of our few remaining heritage buildings in downtown Salmon Arm. We strongly encourage council to find a solution for the issues associated with the building at 31 Hudson Avenue N.E. and are willing to support any future efforts to preserve this important building, representative of the Arts and Crafts style.

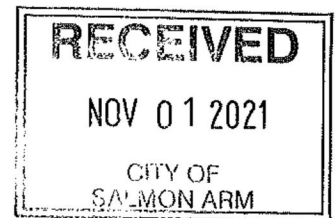
The former Municipal Hall, 31 Hudson Avenue N.E., is one of the three buildings in our 'golden triangle' in the heart of the city. The Old Court House, Old Post Office and Old Municipal Hall are the anchors of our downtown and represent how heritage can be incorporated into bringing the past into the present. We hope that they may continue to be strong cornerstones for the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Painchaud". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Linda Painchaud  
President, Salmon Arm Branch, Okanagan Historical Society

October 28, 2021



Dear Mayor and Council:

It is with real pleasure that Churches of Salmon Arm Used Goods Society – better known as the Churches Thrift Store – announces its renewed ability to financially support community groups with grant funding. Our operation at 461 Beatty Avenue is a busy place and provides a much needed shopping venue for residents from all income groups; we serve hundreds of patrons a day and have annual sales of approximately one million dollars. That means we are once again in a good financial position and look forward to making grant money available to worthy groups. Although we are a faith-based society, grant money is available to organizations and groups whose charitable work benefits the many underprivileged local residents. It is the benevolence that matters, not religious affiliation.

Attached you will find a grant request application form that can be duplicated by members of Council if they have a charity in mind that may be eligible for support. We ask that any group applying for a grant-in-aid carefully read and complete the application. Only fully completed and accurate forms can be considered. Completed application packages must be submitted before November 19<sup>th</sup> and addressed to the attention of the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Society.

It is our hope that Council will highlight our offer to provide grants at your next meeting and encourage groups in the Salmon Arm area to apply. The issuing of grants will be dependent on the availability of funds and the appropriateness of the service to the community.

We thank you for considering our request to publicize the grant offer and for supporting our past and current efforts in Salmon Arm. Blessings to you all.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Mangold".

Diana Mangold, Manager

Churches of Salmon Arm Used Goods Society

Charitable Registration # 87120 6942 RR0001

**CHURCHES OF SALMON ARM USED GOODS SOCIETY**  
**GRANT REQUEST APPLICATION FORM**

To be completed by requesting charitable organization

Foreword: Any requests for financial support must meet the aims and goals of our organizations purposes, namely, to minister to the needs of individuals and families within our community who are unable to cope within the range of their individual or family incomes.

Legal Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Organization's Website \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name at Charity: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Canada Revenue Agency Registration # BN \_\_\_\_\_ RR \_\_\_\_\_

In order for your Grant-In-Aid to be considered by us, all of the following information MUST be attached to this form:

1. A brief description of the purpose and mandate of your charity;
2. A brief description of the purpose for which our aid is being requested;
3. Estimated total cost of the project, if of a capital nature;
4. How the grant funds will be used;
5. A copy of the organization's latest financial statements;
6. Any other information that may help us assess your request.

**Note:** *if this is the organization's first financial request to us, a three year financial history, together with your current year budget, would aid us in our assessment of your application.*

Incomplete or illegible applications will be returned

In signing this document we, the undersigned, certify that this application has been submitted in accordance with the recommendations of our Board of Directors and that, if approved, the grant funds will be used to support the described program.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Submit completed application package no later than November 19th to:  
Churches of Salmon Arm Used Goods Society, 461 Beatty Ave. NW., Salmon Arm, B.C. V1E 1W3  
Attention: Treasurer

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

November 2, 2021

Dear Mayor and Council

RE: Downtown Holiday Market – Hudson Street Closure December 4, 2021

On behalf of the Downtown Farmer's Market, thank you for granting permission to close Hudson Street for the expansion of the market on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. These market days were very successful for the set-up of market booths and flow of market patrons while still allowing for visibility and accessibility to Pharmasave, the only other business located on that city block.

We are kindly requesting another closure to Hudson Street (between Ross St and Alexander St) on Saturday, December 4, from 10am – 5 pm, for our Downtown Holiday Market. The market will operate 12pm – 4pm.

We have received expressions of interest from over 30 vendors to participate in this once-a-year themed market; the size of the market will be too large to keep contained around Ross Street Plaza. Additionally, we are looking to include safe/distanced photos with Santa on the Ross Street Stage, holiday music and entertainers. The use of Hudson Street will allow us to ensure proper management of booth placement and pedestrian traffic flow.

Attached, please find correspondence between myself and Pharmasave Manager, Chad Cronk, expressing his support for the street closure on this day stating the location of the market increases sales for his store on market days.

We continue to look for ways to safely celebrate the seasons, our local farmers/makers, and our downtown merchants. We hope you will find value in the plans for this outdoor event and support this street closure. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

With respect,

Jennifer Broadwell  
Manager

cc. Serena Caner, Downtown Farmer's Market / Shuswap Food Action Society

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

Thank you for your time,

Jennifer Broadwell  
Manager

Downtown Salmon Arm  
250-832-5440

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**Attachments** ( 1 file, 31.1 KB)  
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## Governance Advisory Committee Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail Corridor MINUTES - APPROVED

July 16, 2021, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm via ZOOM

Minutes Updated: October 08, 2021

**Meeting Purpose:** to provide policy direction relative to the planning, development, management and governance of the Rail Trail Corridor project.

### Objectives:

- To review minutes and business arising from the previous meeting
- To update/discuss project development, fund raising, and upcoming priorities
- To direct communications to update the public

### Agenda:

1. **Welcome**, Splatstsin te Secwépemc Acknowledgement, and Introductions – 9:05 am – Chair Kukpi7  
Wayne Christian called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and introduced new participants.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
  - a. **Motion:** *THAT: the agenda of the July 16, 2021 Sicamous-to-Armstrong Rail-Trail Governance Advisory Committee meeting be approved.*  
**Moved:** Director Denis Delisle **Seconded:** Councillor Chad Eliason **Carried:** by consensus
3. **Adoption of Minutes**
  - a. **Motion:** *THAT: the minutes of the May 21, 2021 Sicamous-to-Armstrong Rail-Trail Governance Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated. ([May 21, 2021 APPROVED](#))*  
**Moved:** Director Denis Delisle **Seconded:** Councillor Chad Eliason **Carried:** by consensus
4. **Presentations**
  - a. Unfolding the True Story: Splatstsin & Secwepemc History, Values, & Interests – PENDING
5. **Reports**
  - a. **Financial Update** – see Project Financial Report ([July 09/2021](#))  
**Motion:** *THAT: the financial update as presented be accepted.*  
**Moved:** Director Denis Delisle **Seconded:** Councillor Chad Eliason **Carried:** by consensus
  - b. **Technical Operational Committee Report** – an update summary was received ([July 13, 2021](#))
    - i. **Project & Funding Campaign Support** – contract extension for project support to December 31, 2021 utilizing BCRDP and CSRD Area E and District of Sicamous Economic Opportunities funding was confirmed.

- ii. **Effective and consultative planning** for safe road crossings, adequate parking, and trail head amenities with municipalities and electoral areas along the rail corridor (Regular Standing Item) – included an update on the Pilot Section and Correspondence with adjacent properties within the Sicamous Narrows (see following items).
- iii. **Enderby-Splatsin Pilot Test Section** – an update was provided ([combined project plan overview](#)), including funding to date (see following)
- iv. **Revegetation Plan** – the Technical Operational Committee (TOC) recommend include this in Pilot Section Project work scope. Question asked regarding what the plan will include. Concern expressed regarding fire hazard potential. TOC staff provided an update on the current approach proposed. Noted working with City of Enderby to look for a contractor to maintain the weeds in the interim. Question also raised: who will bare the long-term maintenance costs? TOC indicated that will be part of developing the test section to determine how to incorporate this into development services shared between the rail trail partners.

**c. Funding Strategy**

- i. **Capital Funding Campaign Update** – Alex de Chantal (Funding Campaign Coordinator) provided an update on the capital campaign. Noted recent publicity announcing the partnership with Community Foundations. Current donations received through July 5, 2021 total \$63,780, totaling 155 gifts averaging \$411.48 each. The first donation of securities was also received through the Shuswap Community Foundation of \$5243. Also received have been pledges of \$10,000 from Fortis BC, and a multi-year pledge for \$100,000 which will be announced shortly. (See: [Briefing Note July 16, 2021](#))
  1. **Test Section Signage** – Alex provided a draft of the proposed promotional signage for the Enderby-Splatsin pilot section.
  2. **Poster and Public Countertop Presence** – Alex also provided an update on new posters and a public countertop presence designed by 55 Creative to promote the campaign and keep it in front of the public through the summer. Councillor York requested these graphic promotional materials be forwarded on to the partners as quickly as possible so they can be posted and circulated widely.  
**ACTION: Alex** – to circulate final versions of the poster and countertop designs to GAC for public distribution through social media.
  3. **Question asked: regarding the \$160 finish** – if asked, what does that cover? Alex reviewed how this targets the surfacing of the trail; based on what the community has expressing willingness to raise funds for, but also noted this provides funds to leverage against grant opportunities.
  4. **Political Leadership Donor Challenge** – Director Denis Delisle reminded everyone of his donation challenge, and said he would double his \$160 if a quarter of the Governance Advisory members contribute a \$160. Mayor Acton indicated he would make a donation immediately.
  5. **Kukpi7 Christian expressed thanks** on behalf of the whole Governance Advisory to all of the community leaders involved in the capital campaign effort.





ii. **Grant Updates** – Alex and Phil provided an update on the status of current grant applications, and two new grant opportunities.

1. [TOTA](#) - \$250,000 successful
2. [CHCI](#) - second intake submitted June 25/21 (Results in Sept)
3. [CVRIS](#) – update pending
4. [BC Active Transportation Grant](#) – Deadline July 30, 2021
5. [Canada Community Revitalization Fund](#) – Deadline July 23, 2021

Discussion: Councillor Eliason indicated he spoke with leadership at the MoTI Active Transportation grant funding, and gave them heads up that an application would be coming from the Rail Trail partners. Recommend we have our local MLA reach out to the Deputy Minister of MoTI (Kevin Richter) and the staff involved in the grant. Also suggests RDNO MLA reach out.

**6. Correspondence**

- a. MoTI Correspondence Response to GAC presentation questions ([May 28, 2021](#))  
**Motion:** *THAT: correspondence from MoTI regarding Bruhn Bridge development* be received.  
**Moved:** Mayor Kevin Acton **Seconded:** Director Denis Delisle, **CARRIED:** by consensus
- b. District of Sicamous Correspondence re Communications with Adjacent Properties ([June 14, 2021](#) and [July 15, 2021](#)) – **Motion:** *THAT: correspondence from District of Sicamous* by received.  
**Moved:** Mayor Kevin Acton **Seconded:** Director Denis Delisle **CARRIED:** by consensus

**7. Business Arising**

- a. **Update on TOC/District of Sicamous (DoS) staff review of RAPR Assessment Report and strategy related to communication**, compliance and procedures for adjacent property owners to address encroachments within the Rail Corridor property between km 0.5 and 1.5 within the District of Sicamous (DoS/TOC staff) (See Brief [Jan. 13, 2021](#) and GAC resolution 6.c. [Jan. 15, 2021](#)) – copies of the draft letter and guidelines proposed to send to adjacent property owners along the rail corridor within the District of Sicamous were reviewed. Charles Hamilton (CSR D CAO) provided background comment. A letter of response was received from the District of Sicamous in response to the suggested draft letter (see 6.b. above). Councillor Mallmes reviewed the content of the DoS letter in response. Governance Advisory leadership clarified that the decisions being made are shared jointly by Splat sin, RDNO, and CSR D as inter-jurisdictional partners. Technical Operational Committee staff provided clarification on the upland property status of the adjacent properties within the DoS. DoS continue to express concern about the content of the Rail Trail crossing agreements. Kukpi7 Christian noted DoS has taken a political position and reminded everyone of the Governance Advisory's role in making recommendations to the respective inter-jurisdictional owners. Also emphasized our commitment to work together, and noted this needs to allow us to disagree, but also to move forward. Need to think about this as a whole. Recommend the TOC review the letter with regards to its structure, and come up with suggestions.



**Motion:** *THAT: this discussion be taken off line and that the Technical Operational Committee come up with a response to the District of Sicamous letter, and come up with a response to the GAC on how best to proceed.*

**Moved:** Director Paul Demenok **Seconded:** Councillor Chad Eliason **Defeated:** 3 in favour, 7 opposed, no abstentions.

**Discussion:** Noted this letter has been delayed a year and a half to work with DoS. Concern about unduly delaying the letter further. Councillor Mallmes affirmed the DoS continues to be a willing participant in the Rail Trail. Clarified DoS desire is to reduce the tone of the letter and make it more cordial to the property owners. GAC leadership noted this has been delayed already in order to have DoS staff work with TOC. Encouraged moving on with getting the correspondence out.

**Motion:** *THAT: the Technical Operational Committee be directed to proceed with sending the letter to adjacent property owners within the District of Sicamous.*

**Moved:** Mayor Kevin Acton **Seconded:** Director Denis Delisle **Carried:** 8 in favour, 2 opposed, no abstentions.

**b. Implementation/Funding Strategy**

- i. **Erosion Mitigation** – RDNO staff/Director Delisle to present funding strategy proposal re erosion mitigation in a briefing document for consideration. (See GAC Minutes Item 5.c.ii.5. [May 21, 2021](#)) – pending – RDNO staff provided a quick update that they will be working with RDNO finance to bring an update to the next GAC meeting.
- ii. **Phased Implementation** – RDNO to present a brief outlining their position in response to the March 19, 2021 brief re need for a more adaptable phased implementation approach for consideration. (See: Discussion Brief - [Mar. 14, 2021](#) and GAC resolution 5.c.iv. [Mar. 19, 2021](#)) – a brief was not prepared for the GAC meeting, but Mayor Acton spoke to the RDNO concern about the recommendation. RDNO leadership is concerned small pieces of the corridor would get built under a phased approach, but leave more complex sections unbuilt. RDNO staff noted the test section will provide an opportunity to determine long-term operating costs and maintenance for the rail corridor and make better decisions moving forward. The concern RDNO has raised is how will we share the costs of maintenance. RDNO uses an automatic operational cost of \$10 per/metre. The governments would have to go back to a resolution to maintain the trail. Recommend establishing a base level standard for amenities and operational maintenance, and then communities who want more than that base level could determine what/how they might take that on. The pilot test section allows the inter-jurisdictional owners to establish the base line amenities package standards, then bring this forward for recommendation and adoption. Recommend working this out first. Noted, however, there is opportunity to apply for further grants as we develop the pilot section and work





out amenity standards and maintenance package. TOC staff noted they will need direction. Further written briefing was not considered necessary at this time.

- c. **Governance Advisory Committee Terms-of-Reference** – amendment recommendations to the Terms of Reference for the Governance Advisory Committee were presented by regional staff from the Technical Operational Committee (See Brief: [July 12, 2021](#))

**Motion:** *THAT: the briefing be deferred to allow more time for review and discussion.*

**Moved:** Councillor Chad Eliason **Seconded:** Mayor Kevin Acton. **Carried:** by consensus.

Discussion – desire expressed there be an opportunity to refer the briefing recommendations to the inter-jurisdictional councils and boards first for further discussion before decisions to change the GAC Terms-of-Reference are made. Noted there have been some challenges in miscommunication gaps between GAC representatives and board discussions. Kukpi7 Christian affirmed deferring the discussion. Suggests it is time to conduct an evaluation review as a Governance Advisory and Inter-jurisdictional partners, particularly now we are starting to move more quickly into implementation. **ACTION: TOC** – to consider how the GAC might conduct a review of their governance process and make recommendations to move forward.

## 8. New Business

- a. **Application to new grants** (BC Active Transportation, Canada Community Revitalization Fund) – Phil provided an overview of the TOC briefing recommendation. (See: [Brief July 13, 2021](#))

**Motion:** *THAT: the Governance Advisory Committee recommends Splitsin Chief and Council, and RDNO and CSRD Boards support the Columbia Shuswap Regional District in applying to the BC Active Transportation Grant program and the Canada Community Revitalization Fund on behalf of the inter-jurisdictional partners for the Sicamous-to-Mara section, which requires rock scaling, bridge repair, and would benefit from surface grading to berm the lake side edge of the exiting rail bed and help deter wave erosion impacts in some areas;*

*AND THAT: if budget scope allows, to add the Mara-to-Grindrod Section;*

*AND THAT: these sections be open for early access to the public through installation of safety signage and road crossings upon completion of these works.*

**Moved:** Director Denis Delisle, **Seconded:** Councilor Jeff Mallmes. **Carried:** by consensus.

Discussion: Councilor Mallmes reminded the GAC of the potential to leverage federal friendship accord funding available to the District of Sicamous and Splitsin based on their friendship accord. Suggested there might be additional funding leveraged from this.

**ACTION:** Kukpi7 Christian will have his staff follow-up on this to see if Splitsin can take the initiative to get this rolling. DoS leadership recommend contacting Evan Parliament for assistance.





Question: where will the leverage funding come from, also clarity regarding operation and maintenance funding once built? Operations & Maintenance were noted as a key concern to address. TOC staff responded noting they are hoping to meet with MoTI regarding the AT grant funding to see if there is any flexibility in the grants. Noted the Capital Campaign funds as a current source of funding that can be leveraged. Also noted some funds from current agreements, as well as currently committed funds will be considered. TOC will look at all these options to determine sufficient funds to leverage.

- b. **Corporate Utility Rail Corridor Crossing Authorization** – See Memo ([June 10, 2021](#)) – Charles Hamilton (CSR CAO) provided background on the briefing recommendation..

**Motion:** *THAT: The Governance Advisory Committee revisit its previous policy recommendation, which is to rely on unregistered Master Agreements as a means of authorizing existing and future utility crossings for the three major utility corporations, i.e., TELUS, Fortis BC, and BC Hydro; and authorize staff to enter into negotiations with these three utility corporations (the Utility/Utilities);*

*AND THAT: the negotiations include a request that the Utilities provide the Owner of the Rail Trail land (the Owner) with a customized proposal to ensure that the Owner's interests are protected to the greatest extent possible; that the proposal clearly makes the Utility responsible for all costs of the Statutory Rights of Way, including legal, survey and registration; and that the proposal includes consideration of a one-time upfront payment.*

**Moved:** Mayor Kevin Acton **Seconded:** Councilor Chad Eliason. **Carried:** by consensus.

Discussion: Encouraged to move forward with these Statutory Rights of Way (SROWs). Question regarding what level of revenues might come from agreements compared to SROWs. Charles noted long-term ongoing revenue would not be likely, but the cost benefits would be in the savings the SROWs would provide in administration and transaction costs. SROWs also create certainty for the Inter-jurisdictional partners and corporate utilities. Might provide an opportunity to discuss partnership in the donor sponsorship of the rail trail corridor. Suggested TOC check out grants in lieu of taxes.

9. **Direction on next communication updates to the public** – Phil reviewed publicity to date, and upcoming opportunities. Question for Alex – are communications being tracked in order to understand who we are interacting with? Alex confirmed all communications are being tracked in the Donor Perfect software purchased to support the campaign. Kukpi7 Christian also asked for information from social media sources. **ACTION: Alex** – to prepare a summary report.
- a. News Release – [July 7, 2021](#) re: MoU with Community Foundations
  - b. Updated Info Bulletin – [Spring 2021](#) (posted to all trail signs)
  - c. Upcoming News Releases – new donor commitment announcements, pilot section update



10. **Summary and Next Steps** – Mayor Pieper and Mayor Acton both confirmed they have made donations to Director Delisle’s campaign challenge. Recommendation to host a GAC site visit now COVID-19 restrictions are allowing. Suggest Enderby-Splatsin test section site visit.

**ACTION:** Phil/TOC staff will work to set up a site visit in conjunction with next GAC meeting.

11. **Next Meeting:**

- a. Regular Advisory – Sept 17, 2021, 9:00 am – 12 Noon – Location: TBA – Recommended next meeting in either Enderby or Splatsin. **ACTION:** Phil to follow-up with Splatsin staff.

12. **Adjournment**

- a. **Motion:** *THAT: the July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Sicamous-to-Armstrong Rail-Trail Governance Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.*

**Moved:** Director Denis Delisle **Seconded:** Councilor Chad Eliason. **Carried:** by consensus.

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**Site-Visit:** Due to COVID-19 restrictions, on-site field visits following the meeting along the rail-trail corridor are on hold.

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**Attending:** appointed inter-jurisdictional representatives (one designate from each of the 12 jurisdictions within the two regional districts, plus two Splatsin representatives), as well as additional staff representation including CAOs and/or designates.

**RSVP Contact: Secretariat/Facilitation** – Phil McIntyre-Paul (Shuswap Trail Alliance) – interim secretariat to the Governance Advisory Committee (Contact: [phil@shuswaptrails.com](mailto:phil@shuswaptrails.com), 250-804-1964)

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**Meeting Documents:** (Note: linked to Dropbox – requires free Dropbox app installed on device or computer)

1. Rail Trail Governance Advisory Committee Minutes ([May 21, 2021 APPROVED](#))
2. Project Financial Report ([July 09/2021](#))
3. Technical Operational Committee Progress Report ([July 13, 2021](#))
4. Capital Campaign Briefing Note ([July 16, 2021](#))
5. MoTI Correspondence Response to GAC presentation questions ([May 28, 2021](#))
6. District of Sicamous Correspondence re Communications with Adjacent Properties ([June 14, 2021](#) and [July 15, 2021](#))
7. Segmented Grant Funding Approach – Discussion Brief ([Mar. 14, 2021](#))
8. Amendments to Governance Advisory Committee Terms-of-Reference – Discussion Brief ([July 12, 2021](#))
9. Application to the BC Active Transportation and Canada Community Revitalization Fund Grant Intake – Discussion Brief ([July 13, 2021](#))
10. Corporate Utility Rail Corridor Crossing Authorization – Memo ([June 10, 2021](#))
11. News Release – [July 7, 2021](#) re: MoU with Community Foundations
12. Updated Info Bulletin – [Spring 2021](#)





#### Background Documents: (for Reference)

1. [Rail Trail Development Plan](#) (Jan 15, 2021) and [Staged Class C Costing](#) (Sept 9, 2020)
2. [Capital Investment Strategy – Staged Leverage Proposal](#)
3. [Rail Trail ½ KM Markers Reference Mapbook](#) (Aug. 01, 2019)
4. [Communications Plan & Consultation Strategy FINAL](#)
5. [Memorandum of Understanding \(Master Agreement\) between CSRD, RDNO, and SplatSIN – FINAL](#)
6. [Terms of Reference - Governance Advisory Committee - Sicamous to Armstrong Rail Trail Corridor FINAL](#)
7. [Terms of Reference - Technical Operational Committee - Sicamous to Armstrong Rail Trail Corridor FINAL](#)
8. [Preliminary Concept Design Report – Sicamous-to-Armstrong Rail Trail Corridor \(Updated Aug 2019\)](#)
9. [Overview Map – Rail Corridor](#)
10. [Information Poster Board Display Set](#) (Nov. 05, 2019)
11. [Information Bulletin #1](#) (Nov. 05, 2019)
12. [Information Bulletin #2](#) (May 04, 2021)
13. [Website](#)

#### Summary of Actions from Minutes – July 16, 2021

Task or Action	Responsibility	Timeframe/Status
Circulate final versions of the poster and countertop designs to GAC for public distribution through social media	Alex de Chantal	To do
Consider how the GAC might conduct a review of their governance process and make recommendations to move forward	TOC	To do
SplatSIN staff to follow-up regarding Friendship Accord funding available to District of Sicamous and SplatSIN to see if SplatSIN can take the initiative to get this rolling. (DoS leadership recommend contacting Evan Parliament for assistance.)	Kukpi7 Christian/ SplatSIN Staff	To do
Prepare a summary report of capital campaign communications tracking to better understand interactions, including social media sources	Alex de Chantal	To do
Set up a site visit of Enderby-SplatSIN test section in conjunction with next GAC meeting	Phil/TOC	To do
Follow-up with SplatSIN staff to schedule next GAC meeting in either Enderby or SplatSIN	Phil McIntyre-Paul	To do

#### Summary of Actions from Minutes – May 21, 2021

Task or Action	Responsibility	Timeframe/Status
RDNO to present funding strategy proposal re erosion mitigation in a briefing document for consideration at the next Governance Advisory Committee.	RDNO/Director Delisle	To do (for GAC July 16/2021) DEFERRED to GAC Sept 17/2021



prepare a project management work plan for 2022-2023 during fall budget discussions.	TOC with Governance Partners	To do (for fall 2021)
RDNO leadership will present a discussion brief outlining their position in response to the March 19, 2021 brief re need for a more adaptable phased implementation approach for consideration of the Governance Advisory Committee	RDNO	To do (for GAC July 16/2021) DEFERRED to TOC
coordinate a 4x8 sign for the Enderby-Splatsin test section to profile the coming development, partnerships, and encourage rail trail donations	Alex de Chantal	In progress

**Summary of Carry Forward Actions from Minutes – March 19, 2021:**

Task or Action	Responsibility	Timeframe/Status
Draft an MOU with ALC based on the ORT	TOC	In progress
Get pricing estimates for interim maintenance for TOC.	Brad	In progress
Review and continue sharing updates on technical meetings between Rail Trail TOC and MoTI, as available	TOC	Ongoing
Prepare business access use policy and process for review	TOC	Carry forward
Review the dialogue to date regarding Vernon to Armstrong Connection, and bring forward a resolution to the Governance Advisory for moving forward on this	TOC	Carry forward

Abbreviations: GAC (Governance Advisory Committee), TOC (Technical Operational Committee), PMT (Project Management Team)





**Attendance: Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail Governance Advisory Committee – July 16, 2021**

**Acting Governance Representatives at Meeting:**

- Wayne Christian, Kukpi7, Splat-sin - CHAIR
- Chad Eliason - Councillor, City of Salmon Arm - Appointed Rep
- Chris Pieper - Mayor, City of Armstrong - Appointed Rep
- Denis Delisle - Director, RDNO Area F - Appointed Rep
- Jay Simpson - Director, CSR Area F - Appointed Rep
- Jeff Mallmes - Councillor, District of Sicamous - Appointed Rep
- Paul Demenok - Director, CSR Area C - Appointed Rep
- Rene Talbot - Director, CSR Area D - Appointed Rep
- Rick Fairbairn - Director, RDNO Area D - Appointed Rep
- Theresa William - Councillor, Splat-sin - Appointed Rep
- Todd York - Councillor, Township of Spallumcheen - Appointed Rep
- Brian Schreiner - Councillor, City of Enderby – Acting Alternate Rep

**Alternate Representatives (Observing)**

- Brad Case - Councillor, City of Enderby - Alternate Rep
- John Bakker – Councillor, Township of Spallumcheen – Alternate Rep
- Randal Ostafichuk - Councillor, Village of Lumby - Alternate Rep
- Shawn Tronson - Councillor, Splat-sin - Alternate Rep
- Shirley Fowler - Councillor, City of Armstrong - Alternate Rep

**Staff:**

- Brad Ackerman – Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture, RDNO – TOC Rep
- Carie Liefke - Planner, Township of Spallumcheen,
- Charles Hamilton - CAO, CSR
- Dawn Low – CAO, City of Armstrong
- Frank Joe – Territorial Lands Manager, Splat-sin Title & Rights – TOC Rep
- Ryan Nitchie – Team Leader, Community Services, CSR – TOC Rep
- Sharen Berger – Rail-Trail License/Legal Administration, CSR/RDNO – TOC Rep

**Other:**

- Alex de Chantal – Rail Trail Funding Strategy Coordinator
- Phil McIntyre-Paul – Shuswap Trail Alliance – Governance Advisory Secretariat
- Terry Rysz – Mayor, District of Sicamous

**Regrets:**

- Rhona Martin - Director, CSR Area E - Appointed Rep
- Tundra Baird - Councillor, City of Enderby - Appointed Rep



Dear Mayor and City Council of Salmon Arm,

A group of researchers at Thompson Rivers University, are proposing a Regional Centre to support Healthy Aging in Place in rural, remote, and small communities within the Thompson Cariboo, Shuswap Health Service Area. The Canadian Frailty Network is sponsoring three centres across Canada with the goal of the centres to implement the AVOID Frailty program <https://www.cfn-nce.ca/research/request-for-proposals-avoid-frailty-regional-centres-for-healthy-aging-grants-competition/>. The AVOID Frailty program focuses on prevention and healthy aging initiatives, along with physical activity and social interaction to support older adults to age in-place. This program would be free of charge to older adults.

What we are looking for from the communities in which our Regional Centre would support are two things: 1) a letter indicating the City of Salmon Arm's support of our proposed centre and services, and 2) in-kind support of your organization. The in-kind support is non-monetary, and examples could include a space donation for hosting our older adults' exercise program, help with recruiting older adult participants, helping to find a volunteer-exercise leader, help sharing and advertising information about the program, etc. We are already working in collaboration with the Seniors Resource Centre in Salmon Arm, and we are very much hoping that the City of Salmon Arm could also be a partner.

My colleague Dr. Tracy Christianson in the School of Nursing at Thompson Rivers University did some community consultations in your region back in 2018 and what she learned from the communities was the concern for the aging populations and the need to have services and supports closer to home. This proposed center certainly would go some way to addressing these concerns.

Your letter of support would be needed by November 25, 2021. I have attached a summary of our AVOID Frailty RCHA proposal. If you would like more information or have any questions, we would be happy to meet to discuss with you at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your consideration and support, as it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Juanita

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## **Improving Healthy Aging for Older Adults in British Columbia's Thompson Cariboo Shuswap Area**

### **Summary**

Urgent action is needed to improve healthy aging in small cities and rural and remote communities. Older adults living in small cities and rural and remote communities often face unique challenges related to social isolation, limited transportation, income, education, and access to health and support services. Research shows that frailty impacts almost one in five rural older adults with increasing age, malnutrition, disability, cognitive impairment, and depression being key risk factors for frailty. Despite this knowledge, few studies examine actions to prevent frailty and support healthy aging in rural and remote communities.

Through our Regional Centre on Healthy Aging (RCHA), we will work with our community partners to implement the AVOID Frailty Program by developing and evaluating an innovative group exercise program to support healthy lifestyles amongst older adults. Specifically, our exercise program will target promotion and maintenance of healthy lifestyles at the individual and community level by providing physical activity, social interaction, and education (diet, falls prevention, cognitive health, vaccinations, and healthcare navigation). Our exercise program will run in different communities by volunteer-leaders who will receive training on hosting safe exercise programs, falls prevention, and education. This program will be community-driven and adaptable to unique needs of each community. Our RCHA will host a digital platform that will include a website, online exercise program, podcast/local radio show interviews (e.g., rural/remote internet challenges) with health/community leaders to support navigation of health and support services (e.g., meal programs, transportation, healthcare, etc.). Our RCHA will focus on three objectives:

1. Implement the AVOID Frailty Program by developing an innovative volunteer-led group exercise program (both in-person and online) that will support healthy lifestyles through physical activity, social interaction, and education.
2. Develop a digital platform (e.g., website, online exercise program, podcast/radio show) to aid older adults in navigating and accessing health and support services.
3. Establish an evaluation framework to assess our RCHA's AVOID Frailty Program both at the individual (mobility, depression) and community-level (uptake).

Our community, located in BC's Thompson Cariboo Shuswap Health Services Area is particularly well-suited for a RCHA as it is one of Canada's most rapidly aging regions with approximately 30% of the population age 60+ years. Geographically, it is the largest health service area in BC but lacks any large city resulting in fewer health and specialist services. This means that rural and remote residents must either travel to access services or risk foregoing them, which contributes to additional frailty in the region.

Five milestones of our program will include the: i) grand opening of our RCHA; ii) train-the-trainers' sessions; iii) implementation of our exercise program; iv) launch of our digital platform (e.g., website, podcast/local radio interview show); and v) program evaluation. Key deliverables from our project will include: i) our website and podcast/radio show to support navigation of health and support services; and ii) our innovative exercise program which will serve as a model to prevent frailty and support healthy aging in other small cities and rural and remote communities across Canada.





October 26, 2021

**Re: B.C. Forestry Workers are Climate Change Heroes**

Dear Mayor Alan Harrison and Salmon Arm (City) Council,

Climate change is a concern for many people around the world. In British Columbia, there are local people taking action on climate change right here in our forests.

**Forestry helps mitigate climate change which makes our forests the biggest nature-based tool we have.** – S. Kozuki

One approach to tackle climate change is **to adapt** to increases in drought, wildfires, flooding, and other extreme weather occurrences. As a society we could learn to adapt.

The second approach is **to take action** to prevent or at least limit further climate change. To do that, we need to improve the management of greenhouse gases. International carbon accounting standards recognize that forestry helps mitigate climate change which makes our forests the biggest nature-based tool we have.

The government of British Columbia has climate scientists and expert carbon modellers on staff who evaluate projects for potential greenhouse gas benefits and carbon expenditures to determine how much net benefit there will be.

Trees will absorb carbon dioxide once they start growing and will continue to absorb carbon for many years. **Planting trees** that otherwise would not be planted, usually following natural disasters such as insect epidemics or catastrophic wildfires, is a significant way to help mitigate climate change. We can also **fertilize trees** to help them grow faster and therefore absorb carbon dioxide faster. And finally, we can **reduce the burning of wood waste** so there are less greenhouse gas emissions. The emissions profile from the open burning of wood contains not only carbon dioxide but also very potent greenhouse gases including methane and nitrous oxide. Using the wood instead of burning it helps reduce these greenhouse gases.

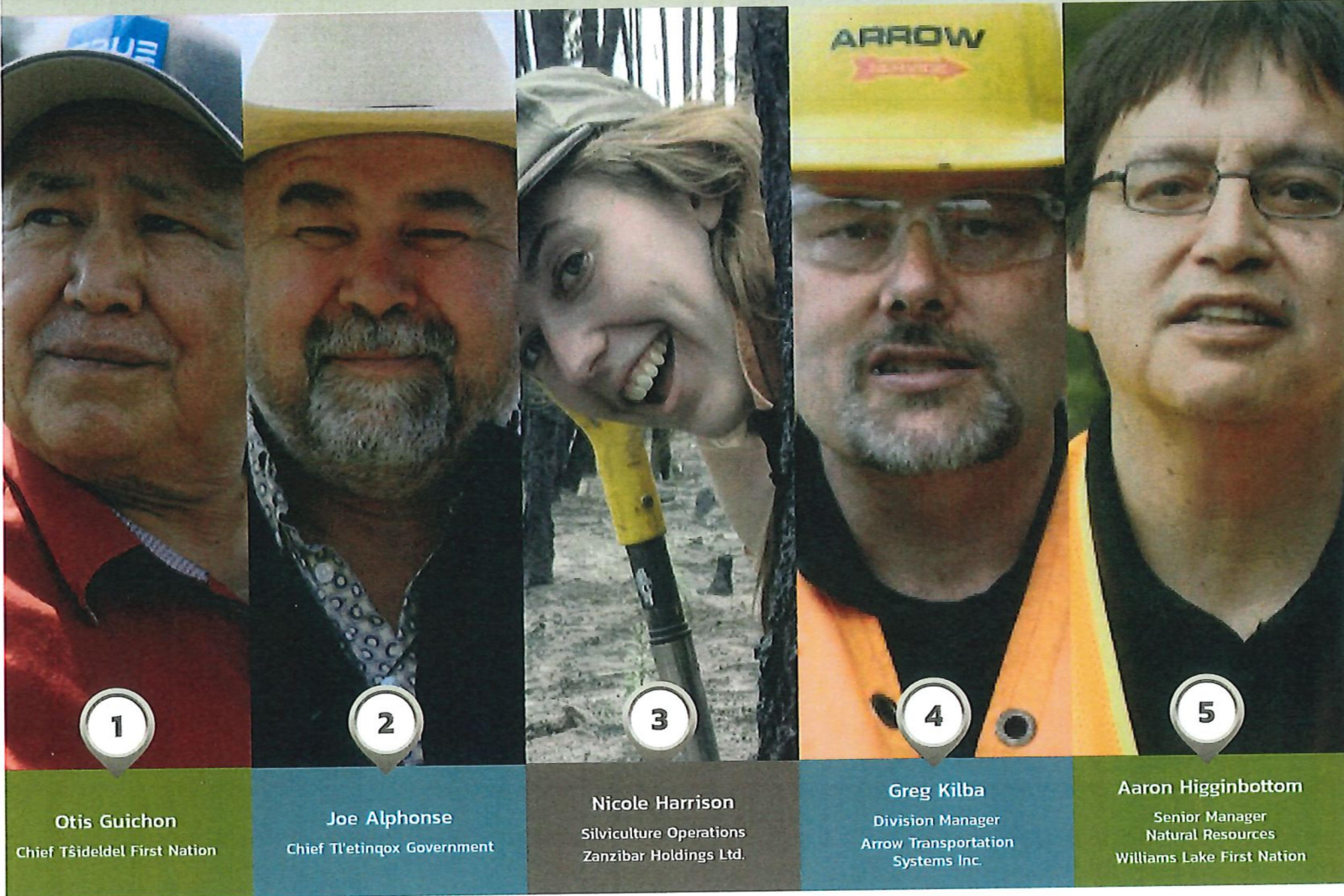
The enclosed ***B.C. Forestry Workers Are Climate Change Heroes*** brochure highlights several local climate change heroes working on projects funded by the Forest Enhancement Society of BC. We also invite you to watch our newly released video *B.C. Forestry Workers Are Climate Change Heroes* at [www.bit.ly/ClimateChangeHeroes](http://www.bit.ly/ClimateChangeHeroes) so that you can support the action being taken on climate change by sharing it with the people in your networks. Together, we can **all** be Climate Change Heroes.

Sincerely,

Steven F. Kozuki, RPF  
Executive Director,  
Forest Enhancement Society of BC

(107) MC-21188





# CLIMATE CHANGE HEROES

## B.C. Forestry Workers are Climate Change Heroes

Climate change is a concern for many people around the world. In British Columbia, there are local people throughout the province taking action on climate change through their work in forestry.

We produced and shared a video to highlight some of the nature-based forestry solutions that the hard-working women and men within B.C.'s forestry sector are implementing to take action on climate change. **Tree planting, the fertilization of trees, and reducing the burning of wood waste** after harvesting are some of those solutions. Our goal is to provide an educational video to help British Columbians better understand the important role of forestry to help in the achievement of British Columbia's and Canada's climate change targets. We encourage you to watch the video and share it with your colleagues and friends to help build awareness of the important work happening in forests throughout our province.

—Steve Kozuki, RPF, Executive Director, Forest Enhancement Society of BC



Forest Enhancement  
Society of British Columbia

Learn how the hard-working women  
and men in B.C.'s forestry sector  
are climate change heroes.



# Nature-Based Forestry Solutions: Taking Action on Climate Change



## About FESBC

The B.C. government has invested \$238 million in the Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC), of which \$237.6 million has been allocated for 269 forest enhancement projects as of March 2021. FESBC has empowered local people and funded local projects that contribute to the achievement of our climate change goals and enhance B.C.'s forests through:

- wildfire risk mitigation,
- accelerated ecological recovery after wildfires,
- wildlife habitat enhancement, and
- increased utilization of forest fibre.

Visit our website to learn more about the 269 FESBC-funded projects throughout British Columbia [www.fesbc.ca](http://www.fesbc.ca)

### Central Chilcotin Rehabilitation Ltd. (CCR)

CCR is an indigenous company, a collaborative venture between the T'sideldel First Nation and the Tl'etinqox Government, operating on traditional territory west of Williams Lake. CCR has become one of FESBC's largest funding recipients with projects valued at 29 million dollars. They are motivated by a desire to protect their communities from wildfire, to take care of the land, and to participate in the forest bioeconomy.



**Otis Guichon** | Chief, T'sideldel First Nation

"All of the things we've been doing, looking after the forest, even way back in history that is how we lived. We lived off the land. We need to keep it clean, just like you would keep your freezer clean at home."

—excerpt from the Climate Change Heroes video



**Joe Alphonse** | Chief, Tl'etinqox Government

"The people that arrived here in British Columbia, when they first looked at the forest, I tell people the forest was managed so well it looked untouched. Our people relied on that, and we want to get back to that."

—excerpt from the Climate Change Heroes video



### Zanzibar Holdings Ltd.

**Nicole Harrison** | Silviculture Operations  
Zanzibar Holdings Ltd.

Tree planting is one of the ways forestry contributes to reducing potent greenhouse gases and forests are extremely important storage places for carbon. Zanzibar is a tree planting company working with funding from FESBC to reforest the Hanceville fire. In fact Zanzibar, along with 23 other partners and the Office of the Chief Forester, has helped us plant over 70 million trees in B.C. in the last 5 years. These trees are going to develop into forests much sooner than if the areas were left to reforest naturally.





## Our New VIDEO



### Arrow Transportation Systems Inc.

**Greg Kilba** | Division Manager  
Arrow Transportation Systems Inc.

Historically, there has always been wood waste from harvesting operations to get logs to the sawmill and every fall crews would go out and burn piles of wood waste.

"We've been utilizing that fibre by either bringing it in as biomass logs or taking a horizontal grinder and trucks out to the slash piles, grinding them, and creating hog fuel. That hog fuel is then burned inside Domtar's generator creating electricity for Domtar, and any excess energy gets sold back into the grid."

—excerpt from the Climate Change Heroes video



### Williams Lake First Nation

**Aaron Higginbottom** | Senior Manager Natural Resources  
Williams Lake First Nation

The Williams Lake Community Forest has carried out pre-commercial thinning to reduce the density of the overstory to give culturally important plants the opportunity to better express themselves. Thinning and fertilizing these trees creates more berries for the Williams Lake First Nation. "This program allows First Nations to take the first steps back into land management. The community forest provides opportunities for the Williams Lake First Nation to help in environmental stewardship, bringing the forest back, and creates employment and revenue."

—excerpt from the Climate Change Heroes video

Special Thanks to all of our featured Climate Change Heroes

## CLIMATE CHANGE HEROES

**Bill Layton**  
Zanzibar Holdings Ltd.

**Dave Conly**  
FESBC

**Ervin Charleyboy**  
Central Chilcotin Rehabilitation Ltd.

**Gerri Lust**  
Arrow Transportation Systems Inc.

**Gord Pratt**  
FESBC

**Jim Snetsinger**  
FESBC

**John Walker**  
Williams Lake First Nation  
Stewardship Forester

**Ken Day**  
Consultant for Williams Lake  
Community Forest

**Percy Guichon**  
Central Chilcotin Rehabilitation Ltd.

**Ray Watts**  
Arrow Transportation Systems Inc.

**Robert Hember**  
Office of the Chief Forester







## FESBC by the numbers\*

**269** APPROVED  
PROJECTS

throughout B.C.

**\$357** MILLION  
DOLLARS

in economic activity  
created by 269 projects

**5.3** MILLION  
TONNES

of CO<sub>2</sub>e sequestered or  
avoided = 1.1 million cars  
off of the road for a year

**2,214** JOBS

full time equivalent  
jobs created

**3.9** MILLION CUBIC METRES  
OF FIBRE UTILIZED

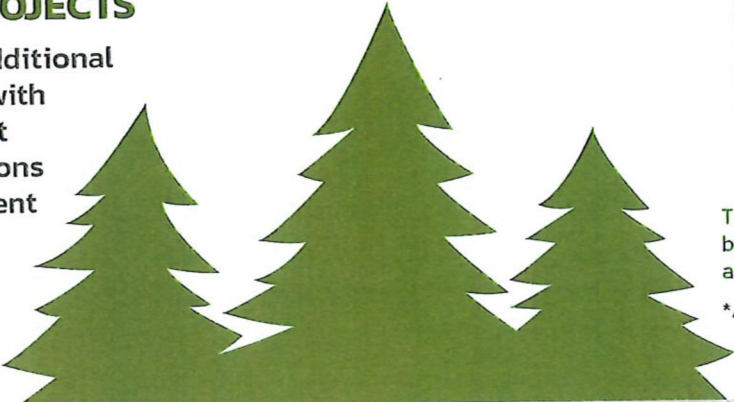
= 80,000 truckloads  
of fibre recovered  
and not burned

**63** FIRST NATIONS  
LED PROJECTS

and 23 additional  
projects with  
significant  
First Nations  
involvement

**70+**  
MILLION  
TREES PLANTED

with FESBC funding



These projects are funded in part  
by the Government of Canada  
and the Province of B.C.

\*All numbers current as of March 2021



### Message from FESBC Board Chair Jim Snetsinger

Over the past five years, the Forest Enhancement Society of BC has funded 269 projects across the province of British Columbia. We've had over 86 projects which have either been led by First Nations or had significant First Nations involvement. Projects have recovered 80,000 truckloads of wood fibre which may have otherwise been burned, and enhanced the utilization of that fibre. Additionally, projects have sequestered or avoided 5.3 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e which is like taking 1.1 million cars off of the road for one year.

We're very pleased to share our **B.C. Forestry Workers are Climate Change Heroes** video with you to highlight some of the projects which have been funded by the Provincial government in your forests.





### Learn More

If you'd like to learn more about the Forest Enhancement Society of BC and how people in British Columbia's forests are helping create climate change solutions, reduce wildfire risk, and keep workers employed through our funded projects, connect with us!

Steve Kozuki, FESBC Executive Director  
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His Worship Mayor Alan Harrison and Council  
City of Salmon Arm  
E-mail: [cityhall@salmonarm.ca](mailto:cityhall@salmonarm.ca)

Dear Mayor Harrison and Council:

As the Provincial Director of Child Welfare and Provincial Director of Adoption and Permanency, we are honoured to proclaim November as Adoption Awareness Month. This month is about raising awareness for adoption in British Columbia and celebrating the families who have welcomed children and youth as permanent members of their family.

Every child deserves the love and support of a nurturing family. November is about celebrating the adoptive families that have made a difference in the lives of children by providing care, guidance, and a sense of belonging. Adoptive families are committed to ensuring stability and sharing their love, whether that is in their role as parent, sibling, or extended family member.

November is also about recognizing that there are children who are still waiting for permanent homes. There continues to be a need for more adoptive families in British Columbia to offer their support to help children grow and develop into their full potential.

There are many online resources, information, and support services that can help families who are considering adoption. [Adopt BC Kids](#) is an online portal that allows British Columbians wishing to adopt children and youth from foster care to complete an adoption application. [The Adoptive Families Association of British Columbia](#) provides information and support services for families who wish to adopt now or in the future. We encourage you to share these resources with your community members who are interested in learning more about adoption or who are ready to open their hearts and homes.

Please join us in celebrating November as Adoption Awareness Month to recognize all the individuals who have grown their family and their hearts through adoption, and to all those who may do so in the future. On behalf of the Government of British Columbia, thank you for your continued leadership in supporting adoptive families in your community.

Sincerely,

Cory Heavener  
Assistant Deputy Minister and  
Provincial Director of Child Welfare

Renaa Bacy  
Provincial Director of Adoption

*Sent on behalf of the Office of the Provincial Director of Child Welfare by:*



**Client Relations Branch**  
Executive Operations  
Ministry of Children and Family Development



## Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

The summer of 2021 represented an unprecedented wildfire year in British Columbia in which over 550,000 hectares burnt across the Thompson Okanagan Region.

The fires and fire suppression activities (e.g. the creation of more than 2,900 km of fire guards) have opened areas that were previously difficult to access and resulted in habitats that are extremely sensitive to disturbance.

The BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) has responded by proposing *Emergency Motor Vehicle Closures (MVC)* under the Motor Vehicle Prohibition Regulation (MVPR) of the *Wildlife Act* (Section 109) over the following major wildfire areas.

Fire	Fire number	MVC area (ha)
Sparks Lake	K21001	105,131
Momich Lake	K21658	28,651
Tremont Creek	K21849	74,509
Two Mile Road	K42078	4,724
Bunting Road	K41561	7,167
Hunakwa/Crazy Creek complex	K41676/ K41769	8,592
Thomas Creek	K51794	16,350
Nk'Mip	K52061	20,714
July Mountain	K61882	23,316
White Rock Lake	K61884	99,409
Garrison Lake	K62088	18,328
Mckay Creek	K71030	44,784
Mowhokam Creek	V11669	8,941
Lytton complex	K71086/ K70804	96,087

These MVC have been put in place to prevent further damage to the now sensitive soils and vegetation within the burned areas, to prevent the spread of invasive species, and to minimize access to vulnerable wildlife populations. This is a temporary measure that will be in effect while restoration activities for the fire area are being planned and initiated.



The motor vehicle prohibitions close all backcountry roads and trails in the above areas to all unauthorized use of vehicles (highways and other roads maintained by the Ministry of Transportation will remain open). This includes automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, motorhomes, e-bikes, and all types of off-road recreational vehicles, wheeled or tracked, including snowmobiles. Non-motorized uses (e.g. bicycle, horse) will not be restricted.

These motor vehicle closures do not apply to authorized commercial activities other than hunting. As such, any activities performed in association with a tenure or agreement under a provincial statute will be permitted in the closed area. Additionally, the motor vehicle closure will not restrict individuals using motor vehicles on, or requiring access to, private land.

As these areas are sensitive to disturbance, if you do have authorization to go into the closure areas, please stay on existing roads to minimize any disturbance.

More information on the motor vehicle closures is included below. Additionally, maps and details are available at [www.gov.bc.ca/motorvehicleprohibitions](http://www.gov.bc.ca/motorvehicleprohibitions).

Any other questions on these closures can be directed to [2021Wildlife.closures@gov.bc.ca](mailto:2021Wildlife.closures@gov.bc.ca) or 778-362-4683. Note that this is an answering service. Staff will return your call within 2 business days.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we focus on recovering the land base affected by these wildfires.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Valdal', with a stylized, cursive script.

**Eric Valdal**

Director of Resource Management

Thompson-Okanagan Region

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Kamloops, BC.



### Thompson Okanagan Wildfire Motorized Vehicle Restrictions

Motor vehicle closures are in place for the following wildfire areas in the Thompson Okanagan Region. This is pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Prohibition Regulation under Section 109 of the *Wildlife Act*.

Fire	Fire number	closure area (ha)
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#### Why are these motorized vehicle restrictions in place?

- Communities and forests were severely impacted by the 2021 Wildfire season with more than 550,000 ha of habitat in the Thompson Okanagan Region burnt.
- The 2021 wildfires and fire suppression activities (e.g., creation of approximately 2,900 km of fire guards) have opened up areas that were previously difficult to access.
- High road and fire guard densities, improved sight lines for hunters and predators across burnt landscapes, and concentration into remnant habitats is likely to increase vulnerability of wildlife populations.
- Unauthorized public access can have negative effects on sensitive burned ecosystems including increased soil compaction, increased spread of invasive species, and accelerated erosion of wildfire-charred soils which impacts aquatic ecosystems and fish habitat.

#### Will these motor vehicle prohibitions be permanent?

- These closures are intended as a temporary measure that will be in effect while restoration activities for the fire area are being planned and initiated. Although there is no 'sunset clause' in the Motor Vehicle Prohibition Regulation, the intent is to repeal or replace these closures in approximately 18months time. Where appropriate, they will

be replaced with site-specific mechanisms that reflect the fire severity, the degree of recovery, and the intent of the recovery plans that will be collaboratively developed with First Nations, and informed by Stakeholders.

**What types of vehicles are included in this prohibition?**

- The motor vehicle closures apply to all motorized vehicles including automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, motorhomes, electric bikes and all types of off-road recreational vehicles, wheeled or tracked.

**Which roads and trails are included in this motor vehicle closure?**

- All forest service roads except those identified in green on the motor vehicle closure maps.
- All recreation trails, and trail networks.

**Which roads are not included in this motor vehicle closure?**

The following roads are accessible within the closure areas:

- All public roads. For the purposes of this closure, a public road is defined as a road that is maintained by the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.
- Forest Service roads that are explicitly identified as open and highlighted green on the motor vehicle closure maps. Accessible Forest Service Roads are typically two-lane mainline gravel roads that provide routes through a motor vehicle closure polygon.

**Can I hunt, trap or recreate within the motor vehicle closure areas?**

- Motor vehicle closures can be accessed by non-motorized means (e.g., on foot, horseback or non-electric bicycle).
- As this area is sensitive to disturbance, if you do need to go into the area, please stay on existing roads and trails to minimize any disturbance.

**Are there any exceptions to the current motor vehicle prohibitions?**

- The closures do not apply to commercial activities other than hunting
- Individuals may use or operate a motor vehicle on private property and on roads used to access private property.

**Can I get a permit to access a closure area using a motor vehicle?**

- You may apply for an exemption to access a motor vehicle closed area through Front Counter BC at [General Wildlife Permit - Authorization Guidance - Natural Resource Online Services \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildlife/permits/authorization-guidance-natural-resource-online-services)

- Currently, exemptions will be considered only for disabled access, for activities required for assessment, maintenance, and public safety, or for activities that otherwise support the goals of wildfire recovery.
- For all other purposes, please contact staff at [2021Wildlife.closures@gov.bc.ca](mailto:2021Wildlife.closures@gov.bc.ca) prior to submitting an application.

**Will the closures be enforced?**

- Enforcement patrols will ensure compliance with these prohibitions.

**How can I find out more information?**

More Information on the motor vehicle closures, including maps, can be found:

- At [www.gov.bc.ca/motorvehicleprohibitions](http://www.gov.bc.ca/motorvehicleprohibitions)
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VIA EMAIL

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October 26, 2021

His Worship Alan Harrison  
and Members of Council  
City of Salmon Arm  
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Dear Mayor Harrison and Councillors:

Thank you to your delegation for meeting with ministry representatives during this year's virtual Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention process. I would also like to thank you for your September 13, 2021 letter. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have continued to adapt and develop new approaches to how we conduct our work. I am pleased that our governments have had the chance to connect and I want to thank your delegation for its flexibility with provincial appointments this year.

Thank you for the update on the important work that the City of Salmon Arm and its Community Housing Taskforce have underway. I am pleased to hear of the successes you have achieved so far, and I look forward to working with the City of Salmon Arm to help your community become a provincial leader in affordable home ownership.

I was pleased to hear that you have met already with Raymond Kwong, Provincial Director of the HousingHub at BC Housing. The HousingHub was established to seek innovative partnerships to create affordable rental housing and homeownership options for middle-income households. The HousingHub works collaboratively with an array of industry groups to facilitate the partnership of suitable land, equity, low-cost financing and development expertise to create new affordable housing.

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I also encourage you to work with John McEown, BC Housing's Regional Development Director for the Interior to explore other partnership opportunities. While certain funding streams have intake deadlines, BC Housing welcomes discussions on an ongoing basis with partners interested in developing new housing through programs such as the Community Housing Fund, the Supportive Housing Fund and/or the Women's Transition Housing Fund. John McEown can be reached at: [jmceown@bchousing.org](mailto:jmceown@bchousing.org).

Thank you, again, to your delegation for the meeting.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DE', written in a cursive style.

David Eby, QC  
Attorney General and  
Minister Responsible for Housing

pc: Greg Kylo, MLA, Shuswap  
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John McEown, Regional Development Director, BC Housing  
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