

INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - April 25, 2022

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N = No Action Required
A = Action Requested

S = Staff has Responded
R = Response Required

April 6, 2022

To Mayor Alan Harrison and City Council

Re Cabin #5 Canoe Beach/Bench

Hello, I hope you are all doing well.

This letter is for a request to have a bench put at the location of our former cabin #5 at Canoe beach. This would be in Memory of our Mom and Dad, Marty and Margaret Bootsma. We thought this would be an ideal place to have a bench, as our parents, ourselves, their grandchildren, friends and extended family have had over 35 years of memories at this location.

If this is something that can be considered, please let us know how we are to move forward.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

The Bootsma/Lentz Families



SHUSWAP YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

351 3 St SW, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 1V4

PHONE 250.833.5607

www.shuswapsoccer.com

March 28, 2022

Dear Mayor Harrison and Honourable Council Members,

I am writing to ask for approval for the locations of two 20-foot Sea-Can storage containers for our Youth Soccer Programs.

The first location is at the Little Mountain Sports Complex, where we have used the utility room in the Little Mountain Field House for many years. As access to this room is no longer available through the City of Salmon Arm we will need a year-round storage container to store soccer equipment, first aid supplies, and emergency contact information for the over 450 players who use this venue weekly. With the addition of this storage container, we will also be able to store our field line painting equipment, which we use to provide a field line painting service to all the City of Salmon Arm field users.

The second location is in the parking lot between 3rd ST SW and the Downtown fields and will only be needed from April-June. Until covid procedures changed our program in 2020, SYSA would have a container here every spring. This container holds soccer equipment, first aid, and emergency contact information for 500+ players who use this venue weekly and its location drastically reduces risk of children/volunteers having to cross this very busy street to retrieve practice equipment from our office.

We greatly appreciate the support you give our over 1,000 youth players and our local sports community.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns,

Chad Forman
Operations Manager
Shuswap Youth Soccer Association
250-833-5607

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeremy Relmer [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 10:14 AM
To: Barb Puddifant <bpuddifant@salmonarm.ca>
Subject: [External] Blackburn Park Booking

To the members of Salmon Arm City Council:

Salmon Arm Mennonite Church is interested in renting Blackburn Park ball diamond for a tent meeting July 28 to 31. We have done this event at this location a number of years up until 2020 when Covid restrictions made it impossible.

Donna Flatman from the recreation department asked that I contact the city council for permission to host this event.

We erect our own tent, about 30' by 60'. The tent is erected Thursday afternoon and is taken down Sunday evening. The services Thursday through Saturday are held between 6 and 9 pm, and on Sunday there is a 10 am service and an evening service between 6 and 9 pm. The average number of people attending is 80 to 100.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Salmon Arm Mennonite Church
Jeremy Relmer



101 - 371 Hudson Ave NE, PO Box 304,
Salmon Arm BC, V1E 4N3,
P:250-804-2726 www.sissociety.ca

April 14, 2022

RE: Final Report on the Safe Re-opening Funding

Dear Salmon Arm City Council,

On behalf of Shuswap Immigrant Services Society (SISS), I am extending gratitude to the City of Salmon Arm for granting funds to assist our organization in re-opening safely. Covid-19 has been challenging for all segments of society and especially so for vulnerable populations and those already feeling socially isolated. Welcoming our clients back to our office is an important step in creating a sense of belonging.

SISS is a registered non-profit organization that serves and empowers new immigrants, permanent residents, refugees, and temporary foreign workers in the Columbia-Shuswap. We value diversity, collaboration, and respect. Encouraging participation in community life and assisting new Canadians in settlement are key elements of organizational work. SISS offers service in multiple languages and works directly with immigrants, creating strong relationships with vulnerable populations. We have clients of all ages who come to Canada from many different unique contexts all around the world. Our aim is to stand alongside them as they settle into life in the Shuswap. SISS acts as a bridge to resources in the community and supports new residents as they navigate any challenges that arise. We currently offer settlement services, employment services, language classes, social events, and emergency support in times of crisis.

Activities completed under the City of Salmon Arm Safe Re-opening program include:

- The creation of organizational plans such as the Communicable Disease Plan, Updated Covid Safety Plan, and Emergency Action Plan
- The transformation of the office entrance to create a safe and welcoming reception area for clients as the SISS office re-opens. Including easily cleaned furniture, a design to encourage appropriate social distancing and an easy-to-use hand sanitation dispenser.
- The upgrading of window decals and electronic signage to create a more welcoming feel and to ensure our services and communication regarding public health orders are accurately conveyed.
- The implementation of a twice weekly cleaning schedule.

As an organization serving vulnerable populations, many of whom were severely impacted by the global pandemic, SISS appreciates the support from the City of Salmon Arm in safely re-opening our office space.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jen Gamble", with a stylized, cursive script.

Jen Gamble
SISS Executive Director

Safe Restart Grant Final Financial Report

City of Salmon Arm

As at March 31, 2022

Income	
Safe Restart Grant	\$10,000.00
Total Income	\$10,000.00
Expenses	
Capital	\$3,695.58
Publicity and Promotion	\$536.55
Office supplies	\$1,210.58
Repairs and Maintenance	\$1,498.87
Wages	\$3,063.74
Total Expense	\$10,005.32
Net Income	-\$5.32

April 19th, 2022
Mayor and Council
City of Salmon Arm
500 2 Ave NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

Dear Mayor Harrison and City Councilors,

The Shuswap Children's Associations has a new program called the Outdoor Recreational Program. The program is making use of family friendly spaces in the Salmon Arm area and would like to organize a series of play events at a few City of Salmon Arm parks. The program focuses on children birth to school age, and their parents/caregivers. The purpose of the group is to provide safe, accessible, and free outdoor programming for children and increase community connections for parents and caregivers. These groups are small in nature, and will follow our strict Covid-19 policies, as well as adhere to any provincial orders.

We would like permission to use these parks on the following dates:

May 3rd, 2022 at Blackburn Park (10am-1pm)
May 10th, 2022 at Blackburn Park (10am-1pm)
May 17th, 2022 at Fletcher Park (10am-1pm)
May 24th, 2022 at Blackburn Park (10am-3pm)
May 31st, 2022 at Klahani Park (10am-1pm)
June 7th, 2022 at Little mountain sports complex playground (10am-1pm)
June 21st, 2022 at Fletcher Park (10am-1pm)

Thank you so much for your consideration

Sincerely,

Jessica Evans
Early Years Family Navigator and Outdoor Play Facilitator
Shuswap Children's Association

Brady Magneson
[REDACTED]
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 2Z7

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

April 20, 2022

Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: 42nd Annual Terry Fox Run, now proclaimed to be 'TerryFox Day', Sunday September 18, 2022

The Terry Fox Run has been held in Salmon Arm for many years, thanks to the on-going commitment of run organizers and volunteers.

Please consider this letter to request booking of the Blackburn park gazebo for Sunday September 18, 2022 from 0700 to 1300 hrs.

The event is held at Blackburn Park, starting with registration, followed by announcements before the run begins. The park has been a great location for participants to gather and socialize during the event.

The Run attracts over 200 participants, raising over \$5000 for cancer research.

On behalf of the Terry Fox Run Organizers, I am also requesting that Mayor and Council please consider waiving the booking fee for Blackburn Park. Over the years, the run organizers have paid this fee. While nominal, the volunteers and their families already dedicate many hours to host this event, create awareness in the community and raise funds for cancer research.

The event will take place from approximately 8am – 1pm, with registration opening at 8:30am and the run starting at 10am.

Should you have further questions, please contact me [REDACTED], email

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your support for the Terry Fox Run and Research for Cancer.

Regards



Brady Magneson



Government Finance Officers Association
203 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2700
Chicago, Illinois 60601-1210
312.977.9700 fax: 312.977.4806

April 14, 2022

Ms. Chelsea Van de Cappelle
Chief Financial Officer
City of Salmon Arm
500 - 2 Avenue NE
Salmon Arm, British Columbia V1E 4N2

Dear Ms. Van de Cappelle:

We are pleased to notify you that your annual financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, qualifies for a Canadian Award for Financial Reporting (CAnFR). The CAnFR recognizes excellence in governmental accounting and financial reporting and represents a significant accomplishment by a local government and its management. Congratulations on having met the high standards of the CAnFR Program. We hope that your example will encourage others in their efforts to achieve and maintain excellence in financial reporting.

Your award package contains the following:

- **A "Summary of Grading" form and a confidential list of comments and suggestions for possible improvements.** We strongly encourage you to implement the recommended improvements in your next report. Canadian Award for Financial Reporting Program policy requires that written responses to these comments and suggestions for improvement be included with your next report. If a comment is unclear or there appears to be a discrepancy, please contact the Technical Services Center at (312) 977-9700 and ask to speak with Jim Phillips.
- **Canadian Award for Financial Reporting.** A Canadian Award for Financial Reporting is valid for a period of one year. A current holder of a Canadian Award may reproduce the Award in its immediately subsequent CAnFR. Please refer to the instructions for reproducing your Award in your next report.
- **Sample press release.** Attaining this award is a significant accomplishment. Attached is a sample news release that you may use to give appropriate publicity to this notable achievement.

Chelsea Van de Cappelle
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In addition, award recipients will receive via mail either a plaque (if first-time recipients or if the government has received the Award ten times since it received its last plaque) or a brass medallion to affix to the plaque (if the government currently has a plaque with space to affix the medallion).

To continue your participation in the program, it will be necessary for you to submit your next annual financial report to GFOA within six months of the end of your entity's fiscal year. A Canadian Award for Financial Reporting Award Program Application and other information about the CANFR Program can be found [here](#).

Over the course of the year, we are anticipating some changes to our application process. We will still be asking governments for the same documents we asked for in the past, but we are encouraging electronic submissions to canfr@gfoa.org and expect to be making other changes going forward. We will keep members informed of any changes via email, and application instructions will be updated on our website.

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, GFOA staff have transitioned to a remote working environment, which requires temporary adjustments to our process. This means that for the foreseeable future, we will not be able to accept hard copy, CD or flash drive submissions for our award programs; only electronic submissions will be accepted. Once public health officials deem it safe to do so, we will resume our normal operations, but we will always encourage PDF submissions.

Your interest in and support of the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting Program is most appreciated. If we may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the CANFR Program staff in the Technical Services Center at (312) 977-9700.

Sincerely,



Michele Mark Levine
Director, Technical Services Center

Enclosures



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City of Salmon Arm, British Columbia

Fiscal year end: December 31, 2020

CANADIAN AWARD FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

SUMMARY OF GRADING RESULTS

The Canadian Award for Financial Reporting program Canadian Review Committee (CRC) has completed its review of your annual financial report. Listed below are the grading categories used and a summary of the CRC's evaluation of your report. The detailed comments and suggestions for reporting improvements on the attached listing are grouped under similar grading categories. Any category that received a grade of "UNACCEPTABLE" indicates an area of particular concern to the CRC and the related comments and suggestions for improvement in this category should be given special attention. However, all comments should be addressed. Written responses to each comment and suggestion for improvement are required as an integral part of your next submission.

	ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE
<u>Reporting in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles and provincial requirements</u>	X	
<u>Demonstration of compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions</u>	X	
<u>Completeness</u>	X	
<u>Clarity</u>	X	
<u>Use of standardized terminology and formatting conventions</u>	X	

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City of Salmon Arm, British Columbia
Fiscal year end: December 31, 2020

	ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE
<u>Disclosure thoroughness and detail sufficiency</u>	X	
<u>Minimization of ambiguities and potentially misleading inferences</u>	X	
<u>Cohesiveness and internal consistency</u>	X	
<u>Responsiveness to prior year comments and suggestions for improvement</u>	X	
<u>Reader appeal</u>	X	



GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 14, 2022

For more information, contact:
Michele Mark Levine, Director/TSC
Phone: (312) 977-9700
Fax: (312) 977-4806
E-mail: Mlevine@gfoa.org

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

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

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



Government Finance Officers Association

Canadian Award for Financial Reporting

Presented to

City of Salmon Arm

British Columbia

For its Annual
Financial Report
for the Year Ended

December 31, 2020

Christopher P. Morill

Executive Director/CEO

From: Dd [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2022 11:48 AM
To: Barb Puddifant <bpuddifant@salmonarm.ca>
Subject: [External] May 3rd - Light up Green for Lyme Disease Awareness

Dear Mayor and Council,

The month of May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month across Canada. In order to raise awareness, BC Lyme is reaching out to communities and landmarks across BC to Light up Green on May 3rd and/or to share information about Lyme Disease on social media. I am hoping that the City of Salmon Arm will participate in this awareness campaign.

Last year, the month of May was declared BC Lyme Awareness month by the Provincial Government. We are very proud of this accomplishment. You can see the Proclamation here: <https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/proclamations/proclamations/LymeDiseaseAwarenessMth2021>

Lyme disease is the most common and fastest-growing vector-borne infection in Canada and in the United States. It is caused by the bacteria *Borrelia Burgdorferi* transmitted by a tick. The tick also carries many co-infections! It has now spread to every province and state in North America and it is directly impacting people in our communities.

Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases are preventable. By taking the right precautions and spreading the word, we can effectively protect all from Lyme Disease. As we spend more time outdoors in beautiful BC, it is more important than ever that people are well informed on how to protect themselves and their loved ones from these vector borne diseases. This is why this Awareness campaign is very important. Prevention is our best chance to avoid infection! You will find information on prevention, safe tick removal, transmission and more on our website <https://www.bclyme.com/>

I can provide you with information on prevention, safe tick removal, transmission, etc. in a format that can easily be shared on your social media.

BC Lyme Support Group continues to meet on Zoom because of Covid. Attendance is free and open to all, including family and friends of those suffering from Lyme disease. The group invites prominent guest speakers and shares current information on all aspects of Lyme disease.

I hope the City of Salmon Arm will participate in the May 3rd Light up Green event and light up the City Hall and/or any other location in the city that supports green lighting and/or post information about Lyme on your social media.. If possible, we would appreciate it if you can keep the lights green a little longer past May 3rd as the whole month of May is Lyme Awareness Month.

If you require more information, please do not hesitate to ask.

I look forward to hearing back from you

Regards,

Darquise Desnoyers
BC Lyme, Vice-President
Non-Profit Society

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Barb Puddifant

From: Paul Gregory <pgregory@naturecanada.ca>
Sent: Thursday, April 7, 2022 7:48 AM
To: Barb Puddifant
Subject: [External] [MayBeFraud] World Ocean Day, June 8th - Motion for Ocean Protection
Attachments: Municipal cover letter for the resolution.pdf; Oceans Day Resolution - 2022 .pdf

His/Her Worship Mayor,

I'm writing to you on behalf of Nature Canada's ocean protection team with an opportunity to help create positive change for your community, and the natural world we all rely on.

Canada has the longest coastline in the world. With it comes the duty to be leaders in protecting and restoring the ocean. As part of the Global Deal for Nature in the Paris Accords, our government **has promised to protect 30 percent of oceans by 2030** through establishing Marine Protected Areas. In 2015 only one percent of Canadian oceans were protected. But as of 2020, due advocacy by Canadians like you, nearly 14 percent of the world's oceans are now safeguarded for generations to come.

Municipalities can be powerful change agents in the goal to protect 30 percent of the world's oceans by 2030. We have seen this leadership in action in combating climate change, when cities and towns across the world stepped up to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and pressured federal governments to do the same. Whether on the coast or far inland, municipalities rely on ocean ecosystems for seafood production, climate regulation, and the preservation of unique and beautiful animals and ecosystems.

Municipalities are on the front lines of climate change and feel effects firsthand, from extreme heat to extreme precipitation.

Reaching our ocean protection goal will help us win the fight against global warming. Municipalities are on the front lines of climate change and feel effects firsthand, from extreme heat to extreme precipitation. The oceans play a pivotal role counteracting climate change as the largest carbon sink, providing more than half our oxygen while storing fifty times more carbon than the atmosphere. Oceans also regulate weather, helping to balance the uneven distribution of solar radiation.

Here's why we need you: Your voice as a municipality can influence national governments and have a direct effect on the quality of life for your residents. It's as easy as having the council pass the attached resolution. By taking this simple step, you will be helping our policy team show government officials that Canadians support National Marine Protected Areas and encourage them to implement effective policies.

It would mean a great deal to us if you could sign on to help secure a future for our generation and the generations to come.

In solidarity with you and with our natural world,



Paul Gregory (He/Him)
Nature Network Organizer

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🌐 | NatureCanada.ca

📍 | Suite 300, 240 Bank St., Ottawa, ON, K2P 1X4



DONATE

Nature Canada acknowledges that our offices are located on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation, ancestral lands which the Algonquin Anishinabeg people continue to occupy.

Nature Canada is one of the oldest national nature conservation charities in Canada. For 80 years, we've helped protect over 110 million acres of parks and wildlife areas in Canada and countless species. Today, Nature Canada represents a network of over 130,000 members and supporters, guided by more than 1,200 nature organizations.

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Senior Oceans Campaigner

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**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MUNICIPALITY X RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING
WORLD OCEANS DAY 2022 AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF OCEAN CONSERVATION IN
CANADA**

WHEREAS, Wednesday, June 8, 2022, is the 30th annual World Ocean's Day. World Oceans Day is the United Nations day for celebrating the role of the ocean in everyday life and inspiring action to protect it.

WHEREAS, Countries around the world, including Canada as a prominent leader, have committed to protecting 30% of their ocean territory by 2030 in order to reverse nature loss in the ocean and safeguard at-risk marine life.

WHEREAS, The ocean is home to hundreds of species at risk, vulnerable ecosystems, and is a crucial carbon sink shielding us from the worst of climate change.

WHEREAS, The ocean produces over half of the world's oxygen and absorbs 50 times more carbon dioxide than our atmosphere. Therefore protecting the ocean is in the interest of all life on Earth, and communities both coastal and inland, as it is essential to our shared future.

WHEREAS, It is the jurisdiction of the Government of Canada, under various pieces of legislation and regulation, to establish marine protected areas in consultation with Indigenous Peoples. Many Indigenous nations and communities are leading in the conservation of the ocean, and have been stewards of the ocean since time immemorial.

WHEREAS, It is important for municipal leaders to demonstrate support for actions to safeguard the ocean, as they have for action on climate change and other environmental matters of national importance.

WHEREAS, In celebrating the ocean, and protecting its habitats and ecosystems, we can together raise the profile of ocean conservation's critical role in improving planetary health and slowing the crisis of species collapse and ecosystem decline.

Therefore be it resolved that the MUNICIPALITY OF X recognizes the 30th anniversary of World Oceans Day on June 8th, 2022 and supports national and international efforts to protect 30% of the ocean by 2030.

From: Lorna Hillman <outreach@moosehidecampaign.ca>
Sent: April 12, 2022 1:58 PM
Subject: [External] Invitation to join the Moose Hide Campaign
Good Afternoon,

I am reaching out today to invite you to learn more about the Moose Hide Campaign.

The Moose Hide Campaign began as an Indigenous-led, British Columbia-born, reconciliation movement that calls upon all Canadians to stand together to end violence against women and children. It has since grown into a nationwide movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians from communities, First Nations, governments, schools, colleges and universities, police forces and many other organizations across Canada --all committed to taking action to end this violence.

Please see the attached correspondence for an overview of how your Municipality can get involved!

Best Wishes,

Lorna



Lorna Hillman
Outreach and Engagement Coordinator
outreach@moosehidecampaign.ca



Offering acknowledgement in respect of the Lekwungen-speaking peoples, traditional keepers of this land, and the Songhees, Esquimalt, and WSÁNEĆ Nations whose historical relationships with this land continue today.

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**MOOSE HIDE
CAMPAIGN**
**CAMPAGNE
MOOSE HIDE**

April 12, 2022

Dear Mayor and Council,

We are inviting you to join us to learn more about the Moose Hide Campaign, an Indigenous-led, British Columbia-born, reconciliation movement that calls upon all Canadians to stand together to end violence against women and children.

The Moose Hide Campaign is setting out a challenge to municipal leadership to join the rapidly growing number of municipalities across British Columbia that are embracing the Moose Hide Campaign as one way of advancing reconciliation and creating safe communities. We are seeking your support and calling on you to champion the Moose Hide Campaign within your municipality.

Beginning along the Highway of Tears by Paul Lacerte and his daughter Raven and their personal calling to spread awareness against the crisis of gender-based violence, the Moose Hide Campaign has grown substantially over 10 years to a national movement of reconciliation.

We know the impacts of residential schools and the full extent of violence against women and children have been deeply felt by Canadians from Coast to Coast over the last two years. Individuals, organizations, and communities are looking for meaningful ways to help advance reconciliation and create safe workplaces, schools and communities for all woman and children.

The Moose Hide Campaign is one of the most recognized and impactful action-oriented campaigns in Canada, providing both an effective way to advance reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and create a society free of violence against women and children.

Each year on Moose Hide Campaign Day, Canadians from across the country stand together in ceremony and solidarity to create a safer Canada for all women and children. And thousands of determined and decided Canadians join the ceremonial fast for the day to support the campaigns vision of 1million Canadians fasting together in Ceremony end violence against women and children.

Since it's inception, organizations, municipalities, and schools have spearheaded thousands of local Moose Hide events with hundreds of thousands of Canadians participating in events and in the Moose Hide Campaign Ceremony.

For organizations wanting to join the Moose Hide Campaign, our goal is to ignite inspiration while ensuring administrative ease. To support these goals, we have prepared communications assets, a draft proclamation, and social media posts for your convenience. Your participation in Moose Hide Campaign Day is an opportunity to contribute to our collective healing journey, reconciliation and foster positive change in our communities.



**MOOSE HIDE
CAMPAIGN**
**CAMPAGNE
MOOSE HIDE**

Here's how you can help:

- Join the growing number of municipalities across Canada in **proclaiming May 12 2022, Moose Hide Campaign Day.**
- Attend our virtual ceremony on May 12, 2022. Register [here](#).
- Join one of the live interactive workshops happening on Moose Hide Campaign Day. These workshops provide a great opportunity to deepen your experience and understanding of reconciliation and gender safety. Many organizations use this opportunity to encourage and support professional development for their staff.
- Wear a moosehide pin and join the conversation- You can order pins [here](#). So far, our campaign has distributed nearly three million moosehide pins. Independent research has shown us that each pin leads to at least five conversations about issues of violence against women and children. And we know, it is only through honest, open discussion that we see positive change.
- Share about the Campaign via your municipal social media pages. We have many easy plug and play communications assets available for download in our sharable communications folder [here](#).
- Participate in the ceremonial Fast for the day (sunrise to sunset) from anywhere in BC. Learn more about our ceremonial fast [here](#).

We know the will of leaders throughout BC municipalities can make a meaningful impact. Please spread the message of the campaign and your support among your team and encourage them to register for Moose Hide Campaign Day!

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Paul Lacerte
National Ambassador
& Co-Founder

Raven Lacerte
National Ambassador
& Co-Founder

David Stevenson
Chief Executive Officer

From: Prillo, Denis <Denis.Prillo@firstgroup.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2022 5:51 PM

To: Kirk Graham <kgraham@salmonarm.ca>

Cc: Glynn Warnica <Glynn.Warnica@firstgroup.com>; Saulnier, Lisa Mae <Lisa.Saulnier@firstgroup.com>

Subject: [External] Parking Restrictions Needed April 26th, 27th & 28th 2022

Hello Kirk,

Would you be the Person to communicate with if I'd have a "Special Event requiring Parking Restrictions" to be posted

On the streets of Salmon Arm Area ?

We have the SILGA (**Southern Interior Local Governments Association**) event coming up on April 26th, 27th & 28th 2022.

These Dignitaries and Government Representatives have requested Transportation between venues in The Downtown Core of Salmon Arm.

Up to 50 people, therefore, we are allocating a 40' Bus (NOVA) at their request.

These are the Individuals who are responsible for funding Public Transit throughout the Okanagan Region.

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- 3 - SPARROW HALL, 180 Lakeshore Dr., >> (Access from Hudson St), requested parking restrictions would apply On Hudson Street Northbound just before Lakeside Dr. (see Photo Attached)

*** I hope this makes sense to you Kirk, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate and reach out.

Kind Regards;

Denis J. Prillo

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From: manager@salmonarmdowntown.com <manager@salmonarmdowntown.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 9:14 AM
To: Erin Jackson <ejackson@salmonarm.ca>
Subject: Re: [External] Parking Restrictions Needed April 26th,27th & 28th 2022

Hi, Jenn. Thank you for including DSA in this conversation.

Downtown Salmon Arm, and its members, truly welcome the SILGA Conference to our town. We look forward to providing our guests with a memorable stay in Salmon Arm that will hopefully lead to many returns.

As you are aware, parking is currently a concern in the downtown core during business hours due to the underpass construction. Shuswap Street NE and Hudson St NE are extraordinarily busy with moving and parked vehicles during the hours of 9 am - 5 pm daily.

I believe the bus is a smart way to move the SILGA delegates through town. In lieu of reserving parking spaces along Hudson and Shuswap St as requested, I would like to offer a few alternatives to the Arts Centre and Innovation Centre stops for consideration.

1. Arts Centre: I would like to suggest moving the reserved stalls from Hudson Street to McLeod Street, which experiences less traffic flow during business hours.

2. Innovation Centre: Due to the proximity of pedestrian cross-walks that lead to the Innovation Centre doors, may I suggest reserving stalls directly adjacent to the former Senior's Centre / across from Skookum, **or** along Hudson Street, just past the Shuswap Street intersection, before Shuswap Theatre.

I have included a map with highlights to indicate these areas.

We are grateful to have been given the opportunity to share our thoughts on this request and are eager to welcome these visitors to our town.

I am available to answer further questions should they arise.

Thank you, again.

Jennifer Broadwell
Manager

Downtown Salmon Arm

On Tue, 19 Apr 2022 22:33:48 +0000, Jennifer Wilson <jwilson@salmonarm.ca> wrote:

Hi Jen,

We received the following request from First Transit for temporary reserved parking within the downtown core during the SILGA conference (last minute request!). We are going to forward the request to Council on Monday and would like to make sure that DSA has had an opportunity to provide comment. Please let me know if you have any concerns – thank you!

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Hope you had a great long weekend!

Regards,

Jenn Wilson, P.Eng. | City Engineer

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From: Minister, JERI JERI:EX <JERI.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 1:29 PM
To: Erin Jackson <ejackson@salmonarm.ca>
Subject: [External] StrongerBC: A Plan for Today, a Vision for Tomorrow

Ref: 157391

Good afternoon:

Just over a year ago, our Government asked for the assistance of Professor Mariana Mazzucato and her team at University College London's Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose (UCL IIPP) on developing a plan to help British Columbia (BC) be a front-runner in the post-pandemic world, with an economy that was clean and inclusive. As a former Olympian, I know that in order for us to be the best, we need to learn from the best.

This February we launched BC's new economic plan, "StrongerBC: A Plan for Today, a Vision for Tomorrow." The plan sets out an ambitious agenda for economic growth and transition to a more sustainable, inclusive, and innovative economy and is our Government's economic vision for the next decade.

On March 31st, Professor Mazzucato released "Inclusive and sustainable British Columbia: A mission-oriented approach to a renewed economy" (<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/bartlett/public-purpose/publications/2022/mar/inclusive-and-sustainable-british-columbia-mission-oriented-approach>) with her recommendations on how BC can achieve economic targets while also tackling social inequalities and creating a sustainable economy by embracing a problem-oriented, cross-sectoral economic strategy. The aim of her report is to provide guideposts to help BC move forward with implementing a mission-oriented economic plan.

This report underlines the Government's belief that an economy built for all is an economy built to succeed.

You can find more information at the following sites:

- Read my statement on the report: https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2022JERI0013-000465.htm.
- Watch a recording of the GLOBE Forum fireside chat that included Premier John Horgan and Professor Mariana Mazzucato: <https://youtu.be/iXN2f2B0PK8>.
- Visit the StrongerBC Economic Plan website: <https://strongerbc.gov.bc.ca/plan>.

We look forward to continuing to find ways to work together to build a StrongerBC for everyone.

Sincerely,

Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation

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April 7, 2022

BC Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
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Re: Invasive Mussel Defense Program

The District of Sicamous implores the Ministry to not only continue, but to increase the funding for the Invasive Mussel Defense Program and prioritize enforcement of watercraft inspections at the BC Provincial border.

The Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) communicated a list of calls to action to stop zebra and quagga mussels from infesting B.C. waterways (enclosed). We strongly support these actions and the continued funding for this vital program.

The OBWB's six recommendations include:

1. *Maintain IMDP core program funding at 2021 levels of minimum \$3.5 million per year, adjusted for inflation going forward.*
2. *Introduce "pull-the-plug" legislation, requiring all watercraft to remove drain plugs prior to travelling on B.C. roads.*
3. *Review and update B.C.'s 2014 Early Detection, Rapid Response (EDRR) Plan for invasive mussels, and provide a window for public consultation prior to final publishing.*
4. *Provide toolkits and resources for local governments to conduct vulnerability assessments and put in place mitigation measures like retrofitting in-water infrastructure.*
5. *Introduce legislation to require all out-of-province watercraft to be inspected prior to being launched in B.C. waters.*
6. *Provide additional funding to invasive species groups in high-risk regions for monitoring, outreach and education.*

Increased funding and enforcement is necessary to avoid the dire consequences should invasive mussels enter our waterways. An infestation will affect our drinking water, our eco system, local businesses, and the tourism business that Sicamous depends on.

Local municipalities have taken up the call to educate residents and visitors to "Clean, Drain and Dry" watercraft when leaving our lakes and rivers but we rely on the Province to enforce the protection of our waters from invasive species with the use of border inspection sites.

We call upon on the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to reconsider the long-term consequences of reducing funding for watercraft inspections. We must make the effort to prevent invasion of our water resources.

Regards,

DISTRICT OF SICAMOUS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Rysz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Terry Rysz, Mayor

cc: MP Mel Arnold
MLA Greg Kylo
Shuswap Watershed Council
UBCM Member Municipalities
First Nations Communities
Okanagan Basin Water Board

Enclosure.

March 9, 2022

NEWS RELEASE

WATER BOARD CALLS FOR STRONGER MUSSEL PROTECTION AS COVID TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS EASE

Kelowna, B.C. – As boating season quickly approaches and COVID-19 travel restrictions ease, the Okanagan Basin Water Board is calling on the province to bolster its Invasive Mussel Defence Program (IMDP) in preparation for what is expected to be a busy tourist season. Today, the local government agency sent a letter to B.C.'s Minister of Environment and Climate Change, George Heyman, with a list of six calls to action.

"Since 2015, the IMDP has prevented 137 infested watercraft from entering provincial waters by conducting more than 220,000 inspections. Many of the infested watercraft were headed to high-risk Okanagan waters. Still, gaps remain in prevention," the letter reads.

For one, there are still motorists with watercraft who are failing to stop at mandatory, open inspection stations. Given that inspectors snagged 17 zebra and/or quagga mussel-fouled watercraft this summer during times when the stations were open, it raises the question as to how many more come in outside of inspection hours.

Also, a review of last summer's provincial mussel inspection numbers indicates that, for the second year in a row, the Okanagan is the top destination for these watercraft. This year, eight of the 17 infested watercraft were headed to our valley.

"If we are B.C.'s #1 destination for incoming mussel-infested watercraft, and we are encouraging tourism, we need to be better prepared," explains Sue McKortoff, Chair of the Water Board (OBWB) and Mayor of the border-town of Osoyoos.

Watercraft purchases have increased in the last couple of years, on both sides of the border, as people were staying closer to home. Now with the border opening up, it's expected more people will be coming with their water toys, increasing the chances of invasive mussels being introduced to B.C. waters.

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1. Maintain IMDP core program funding at 2021 levels of minimum \$3.5 million per year, adjusted for inflation going forward.
2. Introduce "pull-the-plug" legislation, requiring all watercraft to remove drain plugs prior to travelling on B.C. roads.
3. Review and update B.C.'s 2014 Early Detection, Rapid Response (EDRR) Plan for invasive mussels, and provide a window for public consultation prior to final publishing.
4. Provide toolkits and resources for local governments to conduct vulnerability assessments and put in place mitigation measures like retrofitting in-water infrastructure.
5. Introduce legislation to require all out-of-province watercraft to be inspected prior to being launched in B.C. waters.
6. Provide additional funding to invasive species groups in high-risk regions for monitoring, outreach and education.

"A 2013 OBWB study found the cost of an infestation to our region would be at least \$42 mill. annually to manage," the OBWB letter states. "As such, we remain committed to protecting B.C. waters and supporting provincial efforts. This commitment has included delivery of our 'Don't Move A Mussel' campaign, promoting

the clean, drain, dry message, and valued at more than \$996,000 to date, and another \$266,000 in funding over that time provided to the Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society to conduct direct boater outreach and more."

"If invasive mussels arrived here, it's not just people who drive boats who will be affected. It will affect everyone," cautioned McKortoff. The mussels will become a recurring maintenance expense for in-lake infrastructure such as water lines, docks, and bridges. They will affect water quality and harm aquatic ecosystems. Plus, when the mussels were introduced to Lake Winnipeg, it took only two years for the molluscs to reproduce in such numbers that beaches became foul-smelling and un-walkable, she added. "Can you imagine not taking your kids or grandkids to the beach in summer?"

Please find attached, the OBWB's letter to the province with recommendations.

For more information on zebra and quagga mussels, the risks to the Okanagan, and how to prevent their spread, please visit www.DontMoveAMussel.ca.

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March 9, 2022

Re: Calls to Action for Invasive Mussel Prevention

Dear Minister Heyman,

Thank you for your correspondence of April 7th, 2021, responding to our continued calls for action to prevent the spread of invasive zebra and quagga mussels into B.C. As the boating season quickly approaches, I am writing again on behalf of the Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) to call for continued support and proper resourcing of the province's Invasive Mussel Defence Program (IMDP), recognizing the significant cost if invasive mussels became established here.

The OBWB acknowledges the significant improvements in the province's IMDP and its work with counterparts in neighbouring jurisdictions over the past seven years. Since 2015, the IMDP has prevented 137 infested watercraft from entering provincial waters by conducting more than 220,000 inspections. Many of the infested watercraft were headed to high-risk Okanagan waters. Still, gaps remain in prevention, and other significant issues remain for limiting the spread and damage should an infestation occur in any part of the province. We urge you to consider the following priority actions to enhance the protection of B.C. waters.

1. Maintain IMDP core program funding at 2021 levels of minimum \$3.5 million per year, adjusted for inflation going forward.

The IMDP has become the first line of defense to protect provincial waters, but the program's budget allocation has changed annually, and has been dependent on a number of non-government funders, including Fortis BC which has not renewed its original funding agreement. This program is important to the environment and economy of the province and should have stable, predictable annual funding.

2. Introduce "pull-the-plug" legislation, requiring all watercraft to remove drain plugs prior to travelling on B.C. roads.

We understand that the province is pursuing this legislation as part of updates to the Wildlife Act. We strongly support this action and urge you to prioritize it as another boating season is quickly approaching.

3. Review and update B.C.'s Early Detection, Rapid Response (EDRR) Plan for invasive mussels, and provide a window for public consultation prior to final publishing.

The EDRR is an important document that provides direction on how to rapidly detect and respond to a new infestation of invasive mussels. We believe it is important to consult with the public, and especially local and regional invasive species groups to understand where there may be gaps in the plan, or where more detail may be needed, beyond what is provided by the provincial inter-ministry working group. Complex watersheds, like the Columbia, the Okanagan and the Fraser would also be better protected with further planning for

containment and long-term management strategies, beyond what little is considered in the current version of the EDRR. Local consultation could provide support for developing those plans.

4. Provide toolkits and resources for local governments to conduct vulnerability assessments and put in place mitigation measures like retrofitting in-water infrastructure.

In your reply to our previous call for this action, you stated that “this has not been something that local governments have been asking for, individually or through UBCM,” and that it “will be considered for the future, but not considered as an immediate priority.” The OBWB is a local government agency, a partnership of three regional districts, and provides services to 12 municipalities and works with Okanagan First Nations. Part of our mandate is “to present proposals and recommendations to appropriate agencies, being municipalities or governments, according to jurisdiction and responsibility.” We will work with local governments to support this call to action and work to have it brought forward to UBCM.

We have extensive experience providing technical and scientific support to local governments, including in the form of toolkits and guides, and are a service partner with CivicInfoBC, providing the Planning Guides resource database. The OBWB could provide project management and coordination in partnership with provincial staff to develop a local government guide to vulnerability assessments and mitigation measures for invasive mussels. We would welcome an opportunity to discuss this further.

5. Introduce legislation to require all out-of-province watercraft to be inspected prior to being launched in B.C. waters.

OBWB first made this call to action in May 2016 and has called for it again every year since. While we recognize that boat registration and safety are regulated at the federal level, the province does have the authority to regulate activities on provincial waters, similar to motor vessel restrictions on certain lakes as outlined in the fishing regulations. Alternatively, the province could call on the federal government to regulate watercraft in B.C., under their authority in the Fisheries Act, Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations 43 (1), or through the Canada Shipping Act, providing extra tools to protect B.C. waters beyond the current scope of the Invasive Mussel Defence Program.

Analysis of provincial inspection numbers suggests a 30% chance in any given year that a non-compliant, motorized watercraft will be carrying invasive mussels. This only accounts for watercraft that were recorded failing to stop at open inspection stations and does not include any craft that may have entered outside of inspection station hours. In 2021 this accounted for more than 580 motorized watercraft, and more than 3,500 non-motorized watercraft. This is an important gap we feel has not been given due consideration over the past six years.

6. Provide additional funding to invasive species groups in high-risk regions for monitoring, outreach and education.

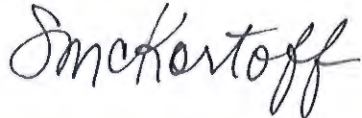
Current funding for ongoing water monitoring, administered through the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund, is set to expire after the 2022 season. Part of this funding was provided by the federal government over a three-year term. We would strongly support any provincial request for federal funding to continue this program, as well as federal or provincial funding to regional invasive species groups to continue or expand their outreach and education campaigns. These non-profit groups provide a significant service to their regions, but often struggle with operational costs, and the time required to apply for funding. Ongoing, direct funding would enhance their ability to monitor, engage and educate, bolstering provincial efforts.

A 2013 OBWB study found the cost of an infestation to our region would be at least \$42 mill. annually to manage. As such, we remain committed to protecting B.C. waters and supporting provincial efforts. This

commitment has included delivery of our "[Don't Move A Mussel](#)" campaign, promoting the clean, drain, dry message, and valued at more than \$996,000 to date, and another \$266,000 in funding provided to the Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society to conduct direct boater outreach and more.

We look forward to hearing from you, and supporting the enhanced efforts noted above to keep B.C. waters free from invasive mussels.

Sincerely,



Sue McKortoff, Chair
Okanagan Basin Water Board

CC:

- Hon. Josie Osborne, B.C. Minister of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship
- Okanagan MLAs: Harwinder Sandhu, Norm Letnick, Renee Merrifield, Ben Stewart, Dan Ashton, Roly Russell
- Okanagan Nation Alliance, Chiefs Executive Council
- Okanagan Local Government Chairs and Mayors
- Okanagan MPs: Mel Arnold, Tracy Gray, Dan Albas, Richard Cannings
- Pacific NorthWest Economic Region: Matt Morrison, Chief Executive Officer
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April 7, 2022

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Re: Luxury Tax on Recreational Boats

The District of Sicamous is considered the *Houseboat Capital of Canada*, and as such, we strongly object to the implementation of a luxury tax on the sale of recreational boats over \$250,000.

The houseboating industry in Sicamous is comprised of small business owners who provide short-term rentals of houseboats to residents and tourists to explore the Shuswap; tens of thousands visit Sicamous every year bringing their tourist dollars into our community, supporting our small business owners such as our local restaurants and shops.

Our local houseboat companies form part of the fabric of our community, offering local employment opportunities for residents in both tourism and manufacturing trades; these companies are responsible corporations which annually provide financial and in-kind donations to support our community, benefiting local not-for-profit organizations and our elementary and high school students.

The District opposes the proposed introduction of a tax on the sale of boats over \$250K as it would hinder investment in the houseboat industry which supports local employment and creates substantial economic spinoffs within the community. The average houseboat costs \$750,000 – a luxury tax of 10 percent would add \$75,000 in expense directly to our houseboat operators. Beyond houseboats, other boat rental providers will be limited in their offerings as a result of increased taxation. Operators are required to update their rental fleet and the proposed luxury tax will have significant financial implications for our boating industry.

Following the 2008 Financial Crisis, the houseboat manufacturing industry took a devastating hit and is just now starting to witness interest for custom and fleet manufacturing. It is Council's opinion that the federal government has a responsibility to support the industry which has already been negatively impacted, not cause further disruption and damage.

We respectfully request the federal government to reconsider the intent of this luxury tax and the impact it has on small business. Further, we ask for the federal government's continued support of the boating industry and tourism economy that keeps our community the vibrant and attractive destination that it is.

Regards,

DISTRICT OF SICAMOUS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Rysz".

Terry Rysz, Mayor

cc: MP Mel Arnold
MLA Greg Kylo
Boating BC Association
UBCM Member Municipalities

April 7, 2022

File # 0400-20

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

Ministry of Education and Child Care
PO Box 9045 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Whiteside:

Re: Extended Hour Child Care for Shift Workers

At the March 28, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, the City of Fort St. John Council passed the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, provisions in the Community Care and Assisted Living Act - Child Care Licensing Regulation state that a licensee must not provide care for more than 13 hours each day to each child;

AND WHEREAS, there is a need for extended shift workers to access child care beyond the current 13 hours per day per child;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that NCLGA and UBCM lobby the Provincial Government to amend the Child Care Licensing Regulation to accommodate extended hour child care to support shift workers and their families.

AND THAT, the resolution also be sent to the Ministry of Education, MLA Dan Davies, and copied to all UBCM member municipalities."

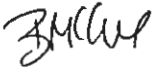
Northern Health, YMCA of Northern BC and School District 60 have partnered to pilot an extended care and learning centre in our community. The 13-hour day of care per child limitation places an additional stress on the licensee to meet that metric when the target population for the pilot program consists of the extended work day healthcare shift worker.

With the limited extended hour child care options for families of shift workers we ask for an amendment to the Child Care Licensing Regulation to accommodate a variety of work schedules.

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Sincerely,



Bonnie McCue
Corporate Officer

cc MLA Dan Davies, Peace River North
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Union of BC Municipalities

From: Better Bonding ENV:EX <Better.Bonding@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 2:02 PM
Subject: [External] Public Interest Bonding Strategy notification

Good afternoon,

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (the ministry) wishes to notify you that a discussion paper on the Public Interest Bonding Strategy is posted and broad engagement on policy considerations is commencing. This project was formerly called the Better Bonding Strategy but going forward will be the Public Interest Bonding Strategy. The discussion paper outlines opportunities to address the Minister's mandate commitment on bonding:

"With support from the Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, take steps to ensure owners of large industrial projects are bonded moving forward so that they – not British Columbians – pay the full costs of environmental clean-up if their projects are abandoned."

The discussion paper provides an overview of the Public Interest Bonding Strategy, guiding principles for the work, and current status of bonding (referred to as financial assurance) in B.C. We are seeking comment on nine areas for discussion where the Province sees opportunities to strengthen financial assurance in B.C. The areas of discussion are organized into three broad categories: Legal Framework, Statutory Liability Tools and Financial Assurance Mechanisms.

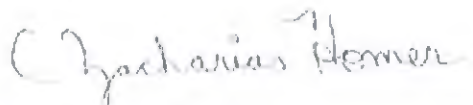
The discussion paper is available on the B.C. Government engagement website
<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/public-interest-bonding>.

The ministry is undertaking Indigenous and stakeholder engagement from April 13 until May 28, 2022. During this period, we will be facilitating webinars and seeking your comments and feedback. Please visit the site to review the discussion paper, register for webinar sessions and to submit comments and feedback. Information gathered during this engagement initiative will be summarized in the "What we heard" report and will be available to the public shortly after.

If you are receiving this communication as an association contact, please distribute this to your members as appropriate. Additional questions or comments about the Public Interest Bonding Strategy, can be submitted to Better.Bonding@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you for your time and consideration – we look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours Truly,



Christa Zacharias-Homer
Director, Environmental Standards Branch
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy