

INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - November 14, 2022

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| 1. | Building Department - Building Statistics - October 2022 | N |
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| 5. | M. Normandeau - Letter dated October 24, 2022 - Letter of Concern | R |
| 6. | S. Miller - Email dated October 31, 2022 - Concern regarding land drawn out of Agricultural Land Reserve and it's replacement property | R |
| 7. | G. Perkins, Columbia Shuswap Selkirk Swim Club - Letter dated October 21, 2022 - Thank you for COVID Restart Grant | N |
| 8. | M. Bennett, Salmon Arm Event Director, Shuswap Food Action Society - Email dated October 31, 2022 - Request for Support - 2023 Coldest Night of the Year | R |
| 9. | J. Broadwell, Manager, Downtown Salmon Arm - Letter dated November 3, 2022 - Request for Hudson Street Closure for Downtown Holiday Market 2022 | R |
| 10. | J. Torrens, The Salvation Army Salmon Arm Ministries - Letter dated November 8, 2022 - Request to close Canoe Beach Drive and Lakeshore Drive for CPR Holiday Train Event - December 15, 2022 | R |
| 11. | Shuswap Watershed Council - October 12, 2022 - Media Release - Phosphorus Action Plan | N |
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| 13. | Premier J. Horgan - Letter dated October 11, 2022 - Follow-Up on UBCM Meeting | N |
| 14. | Honourable M. Dean, Minister of Children and Family Development - Email dated October 31, 2022 - November declared as Adoption Awareness Month | N |
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N = No Action Required
A = Action Requested

S = Staff has Responded
R = Response Required

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	50,263,120	53,739,370
2022	2,742,700	4,614,700	11,785,510	15,199,184	19,664,691	26,059,056	29,452,833	40,073,183	43,982,753	51,601,717		

Erin Jackson

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2022 9:05 AM
To: Alan Harrison; Chad Eliason; Debbie Cannon; Kevin Flynn; Louise Wallace-Richmond; Sylvia Lindgren; Tim Lavery; Erin Jackson
Subject: [External] Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council

First Name Alyssa
 Last Name Purdon
 Address: [REDACTED]
 Return email address: [REDACTED]
 Subject: Homeless harassment
 Body Good morning,

My name is Alyssa and I work at [REDACTED]. I moved last year from Revelstoke and before moving here I've never been afraid to walk anywhere in any of the towns I've lived in. Over the past few months on the property of my work place one lady has been harassing me and the gym. Most days when she walks through the parking lot she screams horrible things at our customers and at the staff. I'm [REDACTED] years old and today (Oct 17th) she screamed in my face calling me the c word (which I apparently can't type out in this email) and telling me vile things. I was afraid she would try to follow me into my work place so as soon as I was able to unlock the door I locked it from inside. This should not have to be the case. Now I'm terrified to walk to work alone although I have no other choice. The homeless/drug problem in this town is terrible. Something needs to be done. I have no way of defending myself if she had decided to attack me. So please help me with a solution. Do I tell my boss I can no longer work because I'm scared to walk here on my own? Or will you actually do something to help these people and get them off our streets.

Would you like a response: Yes

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Erin Jackson

From: Erin Jackson
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2022 2:24 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Mayor and Council
Subject: Harassment

Good afternoon Alyssa,

Thank you for reaching out. This kind of behavior is completely unacceptable. We are saddened to hear that you have been harassed over the last several months and would strongly encourage you to advise the property owner of this and contact the RCMP non-emergency line to file a complaint about the individual who has been threatening you. What you are describing is a concern for your safety and that is outside of the scope of Bylaw Enforcement. While we hope that this does not occur again, you should immediately call 911 if it does.

The homelessness in communities has been growing, that is without question. What we can and will do, is commit to working with BC Housing to secure winter emergency shelter and make additional supportive units available to our most vulnerable citizens. This is a complex problem and Council has been advocating for more resources from the province, including additional outreach services that we understand will soon be in place.

Kind regards,

Erin Jackson | Chief Administrative Officer
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Rhonda West

From: Rhonda West
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2022 10:16 AM
To: Rhonda West
Subject: FW: [External] Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 3:17 PM
To: Alan Harrison <aharrison@salmonarm.ca>; Chad Eliason <celiason@salmonarm.ca>; Debbie Cannon <dcannon@salmonarm.ca>; Kevin Flynn <kflynn@salmonarm.ca>; Louise Wallace-Richmond <lwallacerichmond@salmonarm.ca>; Sylvia Lindgren <slindgren@salmonarm.ca>; Tim Lavery <tlavery@salmonarm.ca>; Erin Jackson <ejackson@salmonarm.ca>
Subject: [External] Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council

First Name: Todd
 Last Name: Schiman
 Address: [REDACTED]
 Return email address: [REDACTED]
 Subject: Yardwaste Fall 2022
 Body: ☺ Afternoon... Just a quick inquiry. With October being so unusually warm this year... would maybe bumping fall yardwaste pickup by a couple weeks/ or a secondary pickup for end of November be considered?? As most prunings ,etc being affected by and weather sensitive. ,I am aware the dump tends to offer free yardwaste. However, not everyone has access to proper transportation.
 Really appreciate/ support- the yardwaste pickup program. Would like to see it utilized to it's fullest.
 Thankyou, very much for your time and effort in this matter. T

Would you like a response: Yes

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Salmon Arm, B.C. V1E0A7
October 24, 2022

City of Salmon Arm
Mayor & Council

Dear Mayor & Council Members,

Congratulations to you all on your recent decisive victory to office. I trust you will continue to work for the welfare and safety of the residents of Salmon Arm, and it is in this regard I am writing to you.

Yesterday, Sunday October 23rd around 10:00 am I drove past the Sun Sparrow hall in downtown Salmon Arm where, I believe, a drag queen luncheon was being held and observed two young teenage girls and a smaller girl entering the hall. The teenage girls were I'm estimating around 16 – 17 yrs of age, but the smaller girl was much younger, perhaps around age 10. I was instantly saddened and sickened to see these young people being admitted to this drag luncheon. I was told that the advertisement for this event said, "all ages welcome". Is this legal and are these drag luncheons the type of events we as a community of Salmon Arm want to host?

I understand everyone wants their rights, but what about the rights of our children who are vulnerable and can be so easily influenced.

Respectfully submitted by a concerned grandparent,



Margaret Normandeau (Mrs)

Rhonda West

From: Rhonda West
Sent: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 11:05 AM
To: Rhonda West
Subject: FW: [External] Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 10:19 AM
To: Alan Harrison <aharrison@salmonarm.ca>; Chad Eliason <celiason@salmonarm.ca>; Debbie Cannon <dcannon@salmonarm.ca>; Kevin Flynn <kflynn@salmonarm.ca>; Louise Wallace-Richmond <lwallacerichmond@salmonarm.ca>; Sylvia Lindgren <slindgren@salmonarm.ca>; Tim Lavery <tlavery@salmonarm.ca>; Erin Jackson <ejackson@salmonarm.ca>
Subject: [External] Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council

First Name SHARLEEN
Last Name MILLER
Address: [REDACTED]
Return email address: [REDACTED]
Subject: Land Drawn out of Agricultural Land Reserve and Where is it's Replacement Property?
Body To Whom it May Concern,

I am a resident of Salmon Arm, I own and reside on ALR property in the City. I have noticed in the last few years that there has been a rather concerning amount of ALR land being drawn out of the land reserve in our area. I understand that it is being designated M1, Light Industrial, which is being used for RV storage and Mini Storage facilities for instance, and residential.

In the City of Salmon Arm in the 10AVE and 10 STREET SW area of our City, there is some very desirable agricultural land being drawn out for the residential area. This land in question is very beautiful, sub-irrigated flat land. The other parcels in question are up near the industrial park along 10 AVE SE and 20 AVE SE and HWY 97B SE. I understand that Salmon Arm is growing but to use up this prime farmland for the residential area just is a total shame.

My question to you is; Where is the land that is being put back into the reserve to replace these properties that have been

drawn out? (Address' Please if possible) Is this replacement property in our area or way out in Tim Buck Two?

These are just a couple of parcels that have been drawn out:
4091 Hwy 97B SE Salmon Arm / 4270 10 Ave SE Salmon Arm
/ 4331 Auto Road SE Salmon Arm.

I look forward to hearing from you with my requested information.

Sincerely

Sharleen Miller



Salmon Arm, BC

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Would you like a response:

Yes

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October 21, 2022



Columbia Shuswap Selkirk Swim Club

To: City of Salmon Arm

Attention: Mr. Harrison and Councillors

Re: COVID Restart Grant

The Columbia Shuswap Selkirk Swim Club would like to say thank you so much for awarding us with a COVID Restart Grant. This grant was crucial for our club to be sustainable throughout the uncertainty of the pandemic. Funds were used to cover Coaching costs and pool rental fees during a time when our membership had to be limited.

We are pleased to report that our registration is strong this year with over 60 swimmers. Our swimmers range in age from 7 to 18 year olds. Some are just learning to swim a lap and others swim an average of 4000 meters (160 laps) per practice.

As things have opened up, we are now back to attending a number of Regional swim meets in the Okanagan as well as Provincials in Victoria.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Greg Perkins

CSSSC Columbia Shuswap Selkirk Swim Club



Re: Coldest Night of the Year 2023 Support

Dear Mayor Harrison and City Council,

On February 25, 2023, Salmon Arm has something to unite behind! The Shuswap Food Action Society is once again hosting the Coldest Night of the Year and this year we will host an in-person, outdoor event to bring our communities together. Salmon Arm will join thousands of others in 150+ cities across Canada in support of people experiencing hunger, hurt, and homelessness in our communities.

Shuswap Food Action is creating community around local food. We endeavour to help everyone have access to great quality food and to build our regional food production capacity. This event allows us to not only raise funds for our charity to continue this important work but also to raise awareness about the food insecurity too many people face and our projects to help create sustainable solutions.

Our goal in CNOY23 is to raise \$80,000 with the support of 50+ teams and 300+ walkers. I'm writing you to ask for your support in three ways:

- First: would the City of Salmon Arm consider sponsoring our event with an investment of \$1500 as a supporting sponsor?
- Second: would you consider engaging our community by registering a City of Salmon Arm team and recruiting 8-10 employees to walk and raise money with us?
- Third: will the City grant us the permit required to use city property - the downtown core and sidewalks - for our in-person event? See below for an event itinerary.

The need for proactive solutions to ensure adequate food supply for Shuswap households is higher than ever. We are incredibly blessed to live here and Shuswap Food Action, with the support of our City, businesses and residents, can create inspiring, inclusive projects to engage residents to take ownership of their own food security, support our local food producers and take part in caring for our beautiful Shuswap.

Warmly,
 Melanie Bennett
 Salmon Arm Event Director
 cnoy.org/salmonarm
projects@shuswapfood.ca 250-804-5348

The Coldest Night of the Year is operated under the charitable and financial oversight of Blue Sea Foundation, a CRA-registered Canadian charitable foundation: #819882655RR0001.

Save the date - Event Day is February 25, 2023!

Schedule

- 4:00 pm: Check-in opens at SASCU downtown branch.
- 5:00 pm: Opening remarks - chance for City representative to speak
- 5:15 pm: Walker send off (both distances)
- 6:15 pm: Rest stop closes.
- 6:30 pm: Light meal served at Askew's Patio and the Treble Clef. We intend on making a simple soup as we did last year and serving outside as long as weather allows
- 7:00 pm: Route closes

Route Details

- Route Distances: 2 km or 5 km
- Rest stop: There will be one rest stop at the Salvation Army Food Bank
- Signage: All routes will be well-signed with our bold blue CNOY signs
- Route Support: volunteers will be available to keep the route well organized
- 12 and under walkers must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times



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

November 3, 2022

Dear Mayor and Council

RE: Hudson Street Closure for Downtown Holiday Market 2022

Downtown Salmon Arm, on behalf of the Shuswap Food Action Society, is requesting pedestrian use only of the 200 block of Hudson Avenue NE (from Alexander Street to Ross Street) for the Saturday, December 3, 2022, Downtown Holiday Farmer's Market.

The market is scheduled to run during winter market hours from 11 am – 3 pm, therefore we are requesting the street closure from 9 am – 4 pm, to allow ample time for set-up and take-down in winter conditions.

Last year was the inaugural Holiday Market downtown and was a very successful event. This year we anticipate the return of "Photos with Santa", the Salmon Arm Rotary "Chili Cook-off", numerous returning market vendors, new holiday vendors, and the much anticipated "Tuba Christmas" entertainment by Zachary Powers and company.

We have been in contact with SA Roads and Parks Mgr. Darin Gerow regarding snow clearing for this day to ensure he is aware this event has been requested.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

With respect,

Jennifer Broadwell
Manager
cc. Serena Caner, Shuswap Food Action Society

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



Downtown Holiday Market Dec 3

-  Photos with Santa
-  Holiday Market vendors
-  Weekly /Holiday Market vendors



Giving Hope Today

The Salvation Army
Salmon Arm Ministries
New Hope Community Church
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191 2 Avenue NE Salmon Arm BC V1E 1H6
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(250) 832-9194

8 November 2022

City of Salmon Arm
450 - 2 Avenue NE
PO Box 40
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

FAO Robert Niewenhuizen – Director of Engineering and Public Works

Dear Rob

CPR HOLIDAY TRAIN EVENT – DECEMBER 15, 2022

We are excited that the CPR Holiday Train will be arriving in Salmon Arm on Thursday, December 15th and that this year it will be stopping for shows in both Canoe and Downtown Salmon Arm.

The schedule for the train is:

Canoe:	Arrival 6:30 PM	Event Time	6:45 – 7:15 PM
Downtown	Arrival 7:45 PM	Event Time	8:00 – 8:30 PM

In the interest of safety, we would seek your approval to close the following roads for the events:

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM: **Canoe Beach Drive from 4600 CBD to 51 Street NE and 50 Street NE from 72 Avenue NE to CBD**

6:45 PM – 8:45 PM: **Lakeshore Drive NW from Shuswap Street to Hudson Avenue**

Additionally, in Canoe, 75 Avenue will be completely cut off by the train from 6:30 PM – 7:15 PM, the residents affected by this will all be informed prior to the event.

Please see attached plans for further clarification. Emergency Services will be advised of the event and Citizens on Patrol will once again be supervising the road closures.

A copy of The Salvation Army’s Liability Insurance, with the City of Salmon Arm added as an additional named insured party will closely follow this letter.

Once again we would appreciate the loan of the City’s barricades, garbage cans, trailer, etc. and will contact Darin Gerow directly concerning these.

If you require further clarification, please contact Chris Moore who is co-ordinating this event for The Salvation Army.

Yours Sincerely,

Joel Torrens (Lt.)
The Salvation Army Salmon Arm Ministries

William and Catherine Booth Founders	Brian Peddle General	Floyd Tidd Territorial Commander	Jamie Braund Divisional Commander
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MEDIA RELEASE

12 October 2022 – For Immediate Release

Shuswap Watershed Council publishes Phosphorus Action Plan

The Shuswap Watershed Council (SWC) has just published a new document to encourage residents in the Shuswap to take steps that will protect water quality. The 'Phosphorus Action Plan' provides guidance to everyone living and/or working in the Shuswap about how to reduce the amount of phosphorus being released into the watershed.

The Phosphorus Action Plan builds upon previous work done by the SWC to educate and inform residents about water quality through annual water quality reporting. See [Shuswap Watershed Council releases 2021 water quality report](#).

For the past few years, the SWC's reports have summarized that in most areas of the Shuswap watershed, water quality is good but there are issues related to the amount of phosphorus flowing into the Salmon Arm of Shuswap Lake via the Salmon River and, to a lesser extent, from non-point sources around the lake.

Phosphorus (P) is a mineral nutrient essential to many forms of life, and it is found in all kinds of ecosystems. However, when there are excessive amounts of phosphorus in aquatic environments, it can cause an increase in algal growth, reduce water clarity, create odours, reduce the quality of water for drinking and recreation, and in a worst-case scenario it can lead to harmful algal blooms that are toxic to people, pets, and livestock. The impacts of P on aquatic ecosystems has been studied extensively in North America, and P is a determining factor in harmful algal blooms (i.e., Lake Winnipeg).

The Salmon Arm of Shuswap Lake has experienced two wide-spread, long-lasting algal blooms in the last three years: this year, and in 2020. Both blooms have been attributed to influxes of phosphorus into the lake, as well as other factors.

"To have two large algal blooms occur in three years is unprecedented. We are very concerned about the health of the lake," says Jay Simpson, Chair of the SWC. "We know residents are also very concerned and they're wondering what can be done to protect the lake from future algal blooms."

The 16-page action plan lists voluntary actions and best practices for residents and industry sectors to minimize their 'phosphorus footprint'. It also explains the sources of P in the Shuswap watershed and summarizes an extensive regulatory framework for P.



The SWC, which is not a regulatory organization, says that more regulatory oversight by government agencies – something the SWC is advocating for – combined with more proactive stewardship will help to protect water quality and prevent future algal blooms.

“We are all stewards of Shuswap Lake,” says Erin Vieira, program manager for the SWC. “There are things everyone can do to help protect water quality whether you’re working in agriculture or silviculture; building or maintain roads; tending to parks, lawns and gardens; or managing your household wastewater.”

The Phosphorus Action Plan is available on the SWC’s website, www.shuswapwater.ca.

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About: The Shuswap Watershed Council is a watershed-based partnership organization that works on water quality and safe recreation in the Shuswap.

Contact: For more information, please contact Erin Vieira or Alex de Chantal c/o the Fraser Basin Council in Kamloops at 250 314-9660 and visit www.shuswapwater.ca.



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MEDIA RELEASE

19 October 2022 – For Immediate Release

Shuswap Watershed Council calls for more action from Province on algal blooms

The Shuswap Watershed Council (SWC) has written a letter to George Heyman, Provincial Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, calling for more action and intervention from the Province to prevent future algal blooms in Shuswap Lake.

The letter – which was sent to the Minister last week – explains the SWC’s concerns about deteriorating water quality in the Salmon Arm of Shuswap Lake, as evidenced by two widespread, long-lasting algal blooms in that part of the lake over the last three years. Salmon Arm Bay, Tappen Bay, and downstream toward Canoe and Herald Provincial Park were impacted by algal blooms in 2020 and this summer. The letter mentions the SWC’s concerns about the overall health of the lake, as well as how algal blooms could be impacting fish and wildlife, the safety of drinking water, recreational enjoyment of the lake and the tourism economy. Also expressed are the SWC’s concerns about the potential for algal blooms to become toxic – which, fortunately, didn’t occur in 2020 or 2022 as demonstrated by regular water quality monitoring by various agencies.

The SWC’s letter points to the importance of nutrient management in protecting water quality and preventing future algal blooms.

The SWC is doing its part by administering a grant program that provides financial assistance to farms and stewardship groups to improve nutrient management, thereby retaining nutrients on the landscape, not washing off or leaching into creeks and rivers that flow into Shuswap or Mara Lake. Additionally, the SWC just published a Phosphorus Action Plan to provide guidance to everyone in the Shuswap about what they can do to minimize their ‘phosphorus footprint’ and help protect water quality. Both of these initiatives were informed by a [water quality research](#) project carried out by the SWC in partnership with UBC-Okanagan.

See [Shuswap Watershed Council publishes Phosphorus Action Plan](#).

“We’ve done water quality research, created a grant program to support better nutrient management, and most recently we’ve published an educational Phosphorus Action Plan for the watershed,” says Jay Simpson, Chair of the Shuswap Watershed Council. “However, we’re not a regulatory group. We don’t have any authority over pollution or nutrient-loading. That’s where the Province must act.”



The SWC's letter asserts the Province's lead role in protecting environmental water quality through regular water quality monitoring, setting water quality objectives, investigating and responding to spills and pollution, and ensuring compliance with regulations to protect the environment. The letter specifically mentions the SWC's concerns about nutrient contributions from the Salmon River – a large tributary to Shuswap lake flowing into Salmon Arm Bay – and requests that the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy act quickly to investigate and correct water quality problems to restore Shuswap Lake to a healthy state.

The SWC's letter to Minister Heyman can be viewed on the SWC's website, www.shuswapwater.ca.

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Attachment: Letter from Shuswap Watershed Council Chair Jay Simpson to Hon. George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, dated October 12th 2022. The letter can also be found on the SWC's website, www.shuswapwater.ca – on the left-hand menu bar click on 'Advocacy for Watershed Health'.

About: The Shuswap Watershed Council is a watershed-based partnership organization that works on water quality and safe recreation in the Shuswap.

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Hon. George Heyman
BC Minister of Environment & Climate Change Strategy
Sent by e-mail to env.minister@gov.bc.ca

12 October 2022

Re: Water quality concerns and algal bloom in the Salmon Arm of Shuswap Lake

Dear Minister Heyman,

I am writing on behalf of the Shuswap Watershed Council (SWC) to express our deep concern about deteriorating water quality in the Salmon Arm of Shuswap Lake, and to ask for your ministry's leadership in restoring and protecting this incredible waterway.

The Salmon Arm of Shuswap Lake – including Salmon Arm Bay, Tappen Bay, and downstream toward Herald and Canoe (see map, attached) – was impacted by a large algal bloom throughout August and into September. In some of the affected areas, the lake water has been compared to “pea soup”, being thick and green with algae (see photo, attached). Interior Health put a Cautionary Advisory in place for the affected areas of the lake, recommending residents and visitors not swim in the lake where algae are present. The algal bloom significantly impaired residents' and visitors' enjoyment of the lake and recreational use this summer.

To make the matter worse, this isn't the first large bloom that the Salmon Arm of Shuswap Lake has experienced. A similarly wide-spread, long-lasting bloom occurred in August-September 2020. For two large algal blooms to occur in three years is unprecedented, and we are very concerned about the health of the lake, impacts to fish and wildlife, safety of drinking water, and effects on our tourism economy. The species of algae identified in the 2020 and the 2022 blooms have the potential to produce cyanotoxins, and so we are also gravely concerned about the possibility of an algal bloom becoming toxic. This could result in illness to people, pets, or livestock – it could even cause a fatality.

There are a few factors that contribute to the formation of an algal bloom: sunlight, calm weather, a stable water column, and a supply of nutrients. It is well-known that phosphorus, in particular, is a determining factor in harmful algal blooms in North America. [A research project commissioned by the SWC and led by UBC-Okanagan](#) demonstrated that the highest proportion of phosphorus in Shuswap Lake is coming from agricultural lands via the Salmon River; the research also demonstrated that phosphorus-loading into Shuswap and Mara Lakes has been steadily increasing since the 1980s.

Nutrient management is critical to protecting water quality and preventing future algal blooms. For our part, we are invested in education and incentives to help protect Shuswap water quality. The SWC administers a [grant program](#) that provides financial assistance to farms to improve nutrient management. Additionally, the SWC has just published a [Phosphorus Action Plan](#) for the Shuswap



watershed. The plan is an informational, educational document that provides guidance to everyone in the Shuswap about actions they can take to minimize their 'phosphorus footprint'.

Your Ministry plays a lead role in protecting environmental water quality through regular water quality monitoring, setting water quality objectives, and investigating causes of pollution and water quality degradation. In addition, your Ministry has the jurisdictional responsibility for ensuring environmentally protective agricultural practices through implementing and ensuring compliance with the *Agricultural Environmental Management Code of Practice*. With these in mind, we have the following comments and questions for you:

- Draft Water Quality Objectives (WQOs) for Shuswap Lake were published recently by your Ministry in partnership with Pespesellkwe te Secwepemc. The document states that the objectives are developed to “promote the full protection and improvement of water quality” of Shuswap Lake, and that “phosphorus and nitrogen concentrations are the primary water quality concern”. These WQOs are now being finalized by staff, and we eagerly await the publication. How will the Ministry measure and report on the attainment of these objectives? How will the Ministry respond if/when water quality does not meet the objectives?
- Ministry staff are also working on a report about water quality in the Salmon River (a large tributary to Shuswap Lake at Salmon Arm Bay, as previously mentioned). The report summarizes declining water quality in the river, including poorer (i.e., higher) results for phosphorus concentrations¹. These results are consistent with our concerns about the Salmon River contributing to algal blooms. What will the Ministry do to address the report’s findings, and work toward restoring water quality in the Salmon River? Will the results prompt new monitoring programs focusing on nutrient-loading into the Salmon River and Shuswap Lake? Will the results prompt an investigation of the sources of phosphorus?
- The Ministry released the *Agricultural Environmental Management Code of Practice* in early 2018. How has the Ministry promoted the Code of Practice and its requirements with the agriculture sector? How is the Ministry measuring awareness of and compliance with it?

We are very appreciative of the work your staff are doing on the above-mentioned initiatives, including monitoring, setting water quality objectives, and analysing water quality data. It is clear that the Salmon River is contributing a nutrient-load to Shuswap Lake substantial enough to produce wide-spread, long-lasting, potentially toxic and potentially economy-crippling algal blooms. Furthermore, water samples are not consistently meeting WQOs set by your Ministry. Therefore, we are now asking your Ministry to act quickly to investigate and correct the water quality problems in the Salmon River and Salmon Arm of Shuswap Lake, and restore Shuswap Lake to a healthy state.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

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¹ The report, authored by Chalifour et al. (February 2022) was not finalized at the time of writing this letter.



Attachments:

- [ShuswapLakeAlgaeBloom_Aug2022_key.pdf](#). Map of approximate algal bloom-impacted area in the Salmon Arm of Shuswap Lake.
- [IMG_3131.jpg](#). Photo of a water sample collected by Linda Franklin, resident of Sunnybrae, on August 22nd 2022 showing the severity of the algal bloom (shared with permission).

CC:

- Hon. Josie Osborne, Minister of Land, Water & Resource Stewardship
- Shuswap MLA: Greg Killo
- Columbia Shuswap Regional District Chair: Kevin Flynn
- Shuswap Mayors: Alan Harrison (Salmon Arm), Terry Rysz (Sicamous), Rod Crowe (Chase)
- Provincial Critic for Environment and Climate Change: Renee Merrifield



About the Shuswap Watershed Council

The Shuswap Watershed Council (SWC) was established in 2014 as a watershed-based partnership of several organizations with an interest in or responsibility for protecting water quality. There are up to 22 members that represent three regional districts, two municipalities, the Secwepemc Nation, three provincial government agencies, and Shuswap communities. The SWC is a collaborative, non-regulatory group that focuses on strategic initiatives to protect, maintain, and enhance water quality and promote safe recreation in the Shuswap. The SWC works alongside organizations that have regulatory roles in managing the Shuswap watershed, complementing their work and carefully avoiding duplication.



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October 11, 2022

His Worship Alan Harrison
Mayor of the City of Salmon Arm
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Dear Mayor Harrison, Councillors and Staff:

Thank you for meeting with me during the 2022 UBCM Convention and for your follow-up letter of October 3, 2022. I greatly appreciated the opportunity to gather in person after two years of virtual conventions. British Columbia is home to many diverse communities with unique needs and perspectives, and these discussions provide crucial insights that help guide our policies and decisions.

I appreciated learning more about the innovative work that the City of Salmon Arm is undertaking to support climate action and active transportation. I commend you for your leadership in creating a plastic bag bylaw and your efforts to prohibit the use of aquifers in Salmon Arm for commercial water sales. Active transportation is an important part of our government's CleanBC plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and I was happy to hear of Salmon Arm's initiatives to encourage active transportation in your community. I am also glad that you were able to get support from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for active transit as part of the Ross Street Underpass project.

Your interest in partnering with the Province on pilot projects has also been noted, and I will ensure my cabinet colleagues are aware of this when considering future projects.

Thank you, again, for meeting and for your service to the City of Salmon Arm.

Sincerely,

John Horgan
Premier

cc: Honourable Nathan Cullen, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

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Mayor and Council
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Dear Mayor and Council:

As Minister of Children and Family Development, I am honoured to declare that November will once again be recognized as Adoption Awareness Month.

This month is about raising awareness for adoption and permanency in British Columbia and celebrating the families that provide children and youth with love and support as permanent members of their family. Adoptive families make a difference in the lives of children and youth by providing care, guidance, and a sense of belonging. They offer a welcoming stability, ensuring children and youth have the foundation they need to build the lives they dream of, while recognizing the importance of staying connected to their community and culture.

November is also about recognizing that there are children who are still waiting for permanent families. There continues to be a need for more adoptive families in British Columbia to provide children with permanent, secure, and loving homes.

There are many online resources and support services that can help families who are considering adoption in British Columbia.

- The [Ways to Adopt in British Columbia Web site](#) provides information on adoption in British Columbia, such as infant adoption, relative and step-parent adoption, and adopting a child or youth from another country.
- [Adopt BC Kids](#) is an online portal that provides British Columbians wishing to adopt children and youth from foster care with information and guidance through their 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.

I encourage you to share these resources with your community members who are interested in becoming an adoptive or permanent family.

Please join me in celebrating November as Adoption Awareness Month to recognize all the families that have provided children and youth with the care, compassion, and the unselfish commitment of a permanent home, 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 and permanent families in your community.

Sincerely,

Mitzi Dean
Minister

Sent on behalf of the Minister by:



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VIA EMAIL

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November 3, 2022

His Worship Alan Harrison
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Dear Mayor Harrison:

I would like to thank the City of City of Salmon Arm for such an informative meeting at this year's Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention held virtually this year. It was a pleasure to meet with you and your delegation and hear about the issues of importance to your community. I am writing to follow up on our discussion regarding provincial Royal Canadian Mounted Police resources.

I appreciate your concerns with respect to the level of provincial resources at the integrated Salmon Arm RCMP Detachment. It is essential that provincial and municipal resource levels and service delivery at integrated detachments are accountable to and commensurate with the workload generated by the respective jurisdictions.

The ministry is aware of the front-line resourcing pressures on the BC Provincial Police Service and worked to secure limited funding to augment provincial front-line resources in both 2019 and 2021. With limited funding available, the Province and RCMP prioritized those Provincial Detachment Units identified as the highest risk and highest needs based on assessment of a variety of police workload, crime statistics, and contextual factors.

I can assure you that the Salmon Arm Provincial Unit was given consideration in both initiatives. Unfortunately, the 38 Regular Member positions secured for front-line policing through these initiatives was not sufficient to address all needs within the Provincial Service. The ministry continues to work with the RCMP, and internally to government, to further address front-line, uniformed provincial police resourcing.

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His Worship Alan Harrison
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With respect to increasing the authorized strength in Provincial Detachment Units, the RCMP maintains internal processes by which local detachments identify resource pressures to BC RCMP Headquarters. These pressures are then prioritized and considered in the context of the entirety of the Provincial Service. Should the RCMP advance any business cases to increase resources at the Salmon Arm Provincial Unit to the ministry, in accordance with the terms of the *Provincial Police Service Agreement*, I can assure you it will be carefully considered by the ministry.

In the interim, you may be interested to know that the local RCMP Detachment Commander may request support of the RCMP's Provincial Support Team which provides mobile, temporary relief to Provincial Detachment Units experiencing resourcing pressures due to vacancies or absences.

Should you have further concerns or questions with respect to RCMP Policing in your community, Jamie Lipp, Executive Director, Indigenous, Core Policing & Contract Management, Policing and Security Branch, is available to you and may be reached by telephone at: 604-398-4606 or by email at: Jamie.Lipp@gov.bc.ca. I welcome any policing statistics that you would like to share. Please send via Jamie's email address.

This meeting was a welcome opportunity to exchange ideas and share information. Through continued partnership, I am confident we can work together to address issues of importance to the City of Salmon Arm.

Sincerely,



Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
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