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Rhonda West

From: Erin Jackson
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 10:30 AM
To: kristinewickner@gmail.com
Cc: Mayor and Council; Sue Wood; Rhonda West
Subject: FW: [External] Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

Good morning Kristine,

Thank you for your email. We will include it in the Correspondence section of the March 27, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Kind regards,

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Mayor and Council

First Name Kristine
Last Name Wickner
Address: [REDACTED]
Return email address: [REDACTED]
Subject: In honour of Embracing Equity
Body

Dear Mayor and Council,
 On the heels of International Women's Day and the City's commitment to "Embrace Equity" as seen on social media channels I thought I might share some of the systemic barriers I faced in my run for city council in Salmon Arm. I have concrete suggestions as to how yourselves and staff can make good on your commitment to this worthy endeavor both for me and in

solidarity with future equity seeking candidates.

International Women's Day holds a special place in my campaign experience as I announced my intention to run for council two years ago to that day. This year I spent the day deliberating whether to speak publicly about the inequity I experienced during the campaign and have concluded that I likely will at some point. To what extent, in what form, and with what detail I am unsure of, but I know in my gut that it will be a requirement for closure and further decisions about whether or not I will engage with electoral politics as a candidate ever again.

I am forewarning you because I will be naming my experience as many women do in politics- toxic and traumatic. Those words might surprise you or sound dramatic in comparison to your own experience but it's my truth and while I know my experience was real and true to me, I also recognize that it was a shared experience, and you have your own truths that are just as valid as mine. I would welcome a debrief with any of you that are interested in coming to a common understanding of each other's experience. It could be healing for me and inform how I proceed speaking publicly in a good way. I will leave that ball in your court but please request soon if interested.

With amazing women like Melanie Mark leaving politics in droves never mind the ones that never dare step forward out of fear of the toxicity, I firmly believe that it's time we start naming our experiences and advocating for change before we let women and other marginalized folks reach their breaking point. Until then Embracing Equity is just a nice slogan or hashtag but not the experience of many folks when it comes to politics.

I will be in the gallery on Monday if you have any questions about the concrete actions I am suggesting advocating for below.

Sincerely and Respectfully,
Kristine Wickner

1) Bring City Bylaws surrounding elections into accordance with:
Section 77 paragraph (8) of the Local Government Act:

(8)Each person who has been nominated in accordance with section 89 [nomination by delivery of nomination documents] is entitled, for use by the person for the purposes of the election, to

(a)one copy of the list of registered electors without charge.

https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/r15001_00

Voters lists are an essential tool to any free and fair democratic election. Without access to this important tool new candidates that do not have the name recognition that incumbents or high status individuals benefit from candidates are left to spend an exceptional amount of money trying to achieve the same level of notoriety. This creates a financial barrier for new candidates in general but even further racialized candidates, young candidates, disabled candidates, single parent candidates, and working

class candidates based on socio-economic status rather than whether they are a worthy candidate with a lived experience that the electorate may see themselves in and want representation of at decision making tables. The last I heard from staff on this matter they indicated that Salmon Arm could look at providing a voters list. Personally I don't think Salmon Arm bringing its bylaws into accordance with the Local Government Act is something they could do but rather should do given that standard practice when Governing documents contradict each other the overarching legislation (this case Local Government Act overrides the subsidiary (this case Salmon Arm bylaws). I had the opportunity to meet with Minister Kang on her Interior tour and her office is aware of the lack of accountability mechanism and has assured there will be discussion about this before the next municipal election.

2) Request the Voters List Report from Elections BC and Give to all Candidates From the 2022 Salmon Arm Municipal Elections if they want it by Oct. 15 2023

While I am concerned about the above action item as necessary solidarity with future equity seeking candidates I am also concerned about my own equity in the past election. As someone very familiar with election campaigns part of my strategy included a voters list that could be used for direct contact with residence. I was quite surprised to learn that Salmon Arm by laws had not kept up with the local government act of which I'm quite certain are meant to be aligned. When I inquired about a list I was told there wasn't one due to Salmon Arm's choice to do same day registration with destruction of the list in 30 days. That is no problem. In that case Elections BC offers a service to municipalities in that situation. They have a report that is ran at the end of every month for those that request it that will create a list based on the last provincial election removing geographical areas not included in the municipality. Unfortunately, when I provided this information that I had gotten from Elections BC communication ceased even when I asked to meet in person and present a voicemail from Elections BC explaining both obligation and process. This forced me to physically come to city hall unscheduled to resolve the issue which felt unnecessarily confrontational and very uncomfortable for all. In the end we discovered that staff had inquired themselves with Municipal Affairs and got contradicting information. No evidence of this communication was provided to me nor was I notified that it had happened. Of note is that after this conversation took place, I received an apology for not "closing the loop". I have accepted the apology. It is believable to me that the ministry and Elections BC contradicted each other. This is an unfortunate thing that happens a lot in government whereby there is legislation but no accountability mechanism for the legislation to be enforced. Even Elections BC contradicts itself at times which is frustrating. Given the amount of time I had already spent on this issue only to have this left hand doesn't know what the right is doing result I chose to move on and adjust my strategy which as mentioned above came at a significant financial cost. In the end I spent over \$6000 on my campaign (on top of a year of full time childcare while working part-time and

focusing on engaging the community in advance of the election) trying to compensate for a very basic tool I should have had and am left with no supporter data to stay in touch with the electorate or for the next time I run-again an essential part of electoral organizing. While this issue was unable to be resolved due to timeliness I believe it is reasonable for candidates to expect the city still provide it and have given a reasonable amount of time to figure out the process for accessing the Elections BC Report.

3) Advocate at UBCM for local government elections to be run by Elections BC

a. Including All municipalities/regional districts would have advanced voter registration

I have a huge amount empathy and compassion for the job CEO's and staff in local government are expected to do. This incredibly important job that is fundamental to the fabric of our democracy is expected to be done every four years largely off the side of someone's desk while provincial and federal elections have year-round organizational support. Not only do they have to re-familiarize themselves with elections rules and processes the city also takes on the burden of communications and notification that an election is even happening. Voter turnout in the latest round of local elections averaged 30% across the province with Salmon Arm following similar numbers. We cannot continue to have such little participation in the level of government that most directly affects citizens lives. I understand that cities are doing their best with limited resources but what I heard on the campaign trail was "There's an election?" "What's this for?" "Where do I vote?" "I didn't know there was advanced voting" "I didn't know I could vote as a student living away". Clearly communication and engagement are not working. Having Elections BC responsible for local elections would mean a province wide communications campaign with tools supplied to local governments to enhance and supplement with their specifics and allowing CEO's to focus on just the election itself which is a huge organizational task in and of itself. One of the reasons provincial and federal elections get higher turnouts is the advanced voter registration. It is a communication tool in itself that signals to voters "there's an election coming" which is quite possibly the biggest hurdle. To stick with our theme of equity the lack of voter registration and all the information that comes with it is a significant barrier to accessing democracy with people not in the "know" of local politics being those of marginalized groups. Consider that young people, racialized people, working class people, are all more likely to be working on a Saturday- the information about advanced voting and where to vote on registration cards alone will increase the level of equity and diversity in voices electing our representatives substantially. I refuse to accept the overused and under investigated idea that people "just don't care" about local politics. That is simply not what I heard or experienced during my very extensive campaign focused on social and climate justice. People care a lot- the system is simply failing to engage with the people who will arguably be most affected by decisions made and they deserve the opportunity to not just have candidates that reflect their lived experience but easy and transparent access to vote for those candidates that care about the issues affecting

them.

4) Have an Equity Fund

There are so many barriers to politics for marginalized people that are associated with money it's hard to list but some of them are having to take time off work to campaign and attend candidate events, childcare while campaigning with no income, having nice clothes or a haircut to look presentable, inability to fundraise because of the socio-economic status of your networks. Again, one's ability to afford these things should not be a barrier to electoral politics. Many parties have had some success implementing equity funds. While Salmon Arm does not have a party system it would be great to see the city itself, as a commitment to equity and diversity set up a fund to support folks belonging to communities historically disconnected from institutions of power. The fund typically covers anything the candidate feels would be an equalizer for them in any given election whether it's signs, materials or a hair-cut.

I could probably spend an entire day talking about ways to embrace equity in politics but I feel these are a good start and will leave you with the offer to consult further at any time.

Would you like a response: Yes

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Mayor and Council

First Name Aaron
Last Name Thomas
Address: [REDACTED] AVE SW
Return email address: [REDACTED]
Subject: Attention
Body Dear Mayor,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the presence of dangerous and threatening homeless people in my neighborhood. As a resident with a small infant, I am deeply troubled by the potential danger that these individuals pose to my family's safety.

Over the past few months, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of homeless people in our area, many of whom appear to be suffering from mental health and addiction issues. While I understand the importance of providing support and resources to those in need, I cannot ignore the fact that some of these individuals have been engaging in threatening behavior towards myself and other residents.

I have personally witnessed several incidents of aggression, including verbal abuse and physical altercations, which have left me feeling scared and vulnerable. I worry constantly about the safety of my child and the other families in the area, as we are often forced to walk past these individuals on our way to and from our homes.

I am aware that addressing this issue is complex and multifaceted, but I implore you to take action to ensure the safety of your constituents. I believe that increased police patrols, the provision of safe and secure housing for homeless individuals, and mental health resources could all be effective solutions to this problem.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns. I hope that you will take this issue seriously and work towards creating a safer community for all residents.

Sincerely Aaron Thomas

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Yes

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Subject: FW: [External] Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

For this Agenda please. I will also send my response.

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Mayor and Council

First Name Kaeiley
 Last Name Bierwirth
 Address: NE
 Return email address:
 Subject: Homeless concerns
 Body Hi there,

Unfortunately at this time I do not feel safe going on our usual walks around McGuire Lake or the city for that matter.

A month ago my husband emailed the city about an incident at downtown subway that I had to encounter. A homeless man came into the downtown subway location with a weapon, smashing a baseball bat around in the public washroom. I felt very uneasy and unsafe being a pregnant woman alone and I shouldn't have had to feel that way in a public place in this city. I was very upset crying as I was scared for my life and my unborn baby's during that time. This is a continuous problem around the city and obviously nothing is being done on the city's behalf about this ongoing serious issue.

Furthermore; Today, Saturday April 15 @ 9 o'clock am I was walking around McGuire Lake Park with my newborn and my

one year old as I do every day as we live on 8th Avenue right by McGuire, a homeless man was laying under the friendship gate with multiple needles around him and in his veins while lighting up what appeared to be heroin. I was pushing the stroller with my two babies in it and I didn't see him until I was right at the top of the hill by the friendship gate. Where it would have been too late if he were to have done something to myself or my babies. This is very concerning as a mother and a tax-paying citizen of this city to see these people and not be able to feel safe in our own community.

Additionally; My husband just purchased property in the industrial park for his construction company. He has over 25+ employees and will be expanding in the next 24 months. At this point, we are unsure if we should invest in our business in this city and employee residents of this city if we are unable to feel safe living here. We may as well move to a bigger city such as Vernon where the population is much larger and they have the exact same homeless issues. But we chose Salmon Arm for the amazing community, the small town atmosphere and the friendly people. We want to be able to feel safe taking our children out to any park, any public restaurant as we have the right to do.

There is also another (third) homeless camp in the bushes by SilvaTech and Service BC.

I am hoping you're able to help resolve this ongoing issue in order for all residents of Salmon Arm to feel safe in their own beautiful community.

Thank you,

Kaeiley Bierwirth

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Rhonda West

From: Sarah Zuidhof
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 10:56 AM
To: Rhonda West
Subject: letter of support to IRCC
Attachments: CSA Letter of Support.docx

Hi Rhonda,

Jen Gamble from the Shuswap Immigrant Services Society and I are developing a new initiative to support immigrant youth in the City of Salmon Arm. We are requesting a letter of support from the City of Salmon Arm to go to IRCC to advocate for a Settlement Worker in the schools as part of the sustainability plan for this initiative in the Building Safer Communities strategy.

Please see attached description of the program details.

Sincerely,

Sarah Zuidhof Building Safer Communities Project Coordinator
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Dear Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC),

I am writing to express the full support of the City of Salmon Arm for a Settlement worker for the Shuswap Immigrant Services Society and School District 83.

The Shuswap Immigrant Services Society (SISS) is a non-profit organization that advocates and has provided services to welcome and support newcomers to the City of Salmon Arm and the Shuswap community for the past fifteen years. SISS has been a vital part of this community in promoting inclusive activities and celebrating diversity in the City of Salmon Arm and the Shuswap.

The City of Salmon Arm has recently partnered with the Shuswap Immigrant Services Society and School District 83 in the development of a Homework Club for Immigrant youth through the Building Safer Communities Initiative. This initiative was prioritized by the City of Salmon Arm as currently there are no services or support provided specifically to immigrant youth in this area. Funding for this initiative covers only the developmental stage of this initiative.

The population of Salmon Arm and area has drastically increased in the past 5 years and is growing at a rate of 10.1% each year. School District 83 recently noted that the number of immigrant youth in the district has doubled over the past year from 35 students to 74 students. Skilled immigrants and their families are being actively recruited to the Okanagan so the need for further support for immigrant youth will continue to increase.

Securing S.W.I.S workers to serve youth in School District 83 addresses a significant need in this community and continues to build on the strong partnership already established with School District 83. The City of Salmon Arm and Shuswap Immigrant Services Society recently met with other immigrant societies in the neighboring communities of Vernon, Kamloops, and Penticton. Each community identified having a S.W.I.S worker in the schools as a critical element to the sustainability of an initiative like the Homework Club.

Increased support for immigrant youth is a priority for the City of Salmon Arm. We look forward to continuing to partner with Shuswap Immigrant Services Society and School District 83 in the collaborative effort to enhance these services and to continue to explore other opportunities to deepen support to this vulnerable and growing population in our city.

Sincerely,

Rhonda West

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Mayor and Council

First Name Gail
Last Name Hourigan
Address: [REDACTED] Kelowna BC
Return email address: [REDACTED]
Subject: City Fleet Vehicles

Body

I believe we are in a climate emergency and this requires every possible action to alleviate the coming weather and environmental disasters. The City of Salmon Arm declared a "climate emergency" in August of 2019 but has not yet developed a climate action plan. Instead of purchasing internal combustion vehicles Salmon Arm could have got electric vehicles or hybrid vehicles which have many rebates available and would signal you are serious about transitioning to renewable energy.

Instead of being a climate leader, as the town of Armstrong is, you are slowing progress toward a safer cleaner city.

Would you like a response: No

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Mayor and Council

First Name Julia
Last Name Beatty
Address: [REDACTED] SE
Return email address: [REDACTED]
Subject: City's Purchase to Address Aging Vehicle Fleet
Body Dear Mayor and Council,

I was a part of the virtual audience present for the March 13 city council meeting. One of the items discussed was a motion to accept and award a contract for the purchase of four internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles to replace aging fleet vehicles. It was stated that these vehicles are primarily used for moving people and equipment. The lone council member opposed the motion based on climate concerns was Councillor Sylvia Lindgren. She pointing out that the new gas-powered vehicles would be in use for the next 20 years, stating "The planet can't take 20 more years of us shopping for internal combustion engine vehicles". She mentioned the many government grants and rebates for electric vehicles (EVs) that would offset any additional expenses. She also suggested that if the city was not prepared to purchase electric trucks now, as

an interim option they could consider purchasing newer used trucks that would be in service for a much shorter time.

Despite the reasonable arguments put forward by Councillor Lindgren, the mayor and most of the council voted in favour of purchasing the ICE trucks. This represents a disappointing outcome for a "small city with big ideas". This is especially unfortunate given the city's 2019 declaration of a "climate emergency". Since then, the city has done little to advance substantial action on climate change.

Did the city ever consider replacing even one of the four pickup trucks (two half ton and two three-quarter ton) with an EV or hybrid truck? These would be viable options given the trucks are "primarily used for moving people and equipment". These trucks are locally available; there is currently a Ford 150 Lightning all-electric pickup sitting on the Jacobson Ford lot.

Did the city conduct a cost-benefit analysis for the ICE versus EV purchase over the life of the vehicle? As an EV owner with firsthand experience, I can tell you that they are much cheaper to run and maintain, so much so that it more than offsets any initial added expense. Were you aware of BC's Zero-Emission Vehicles Act that legislates the sales and leases of EVs in the province, mandating 100% EV sales by 2040?

I'm sure it has been brought to your attention that the City of Armstrong just replaced two of their city trucks; one is a Ford F150 all-electric Lightning and the other is a Ford F150 hybrid, both with low carbon emissions. Apparently, Armstrong is a smaller city with bigger ideas! So why not Salmon Arm? As the climate crisis worsens, the City of Salmon Arm should be showing that they understand and are willing to commit to substantive climate mitigation and adaptation actions. The decision to go ahead and purchase ICE trucks, and not take pause to consider electric or hybrid vehicle options, was a lost opportunity to demonstrate real climate leadership.

Yours,

Julia Beatty, Chair
Shuswap Climate Action Society

Would you like a response:

Yes

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Mayor and Council

First Name Martin
Last Name Giuffrida
Address: *Field not completed.*
Return email address: 
Subject: Approve truck purchase

Body
Whereas the local environmental advocates agitate for electric and oppose internal combustion engine vehicles, as a professional engineer I know electric vehicles are far from 'green'. Moreover as politically incorrect as it might sound, CO2 is not the problem as portrayed. Any such 'wag the dog' efforts by local government has infinitesimal effect not to mention even nationally, compared to other nations, even if it were an issue. I fully support and am proud of the Mayor's decision.

Would you like a response: No

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Mayor and Council

First Name	Kari
Last Name	Dukeshire
Address:	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Return email address:	
Subject:	vehicle replacement
Body	<p>Dear Mayor Harrison and Councillors Cannon, Gonella, Flynn, Lavery and Wallace-Richmond,</p> <p>After 10+ years of running all our vehicles (Dodge Ram, Golf and VW van) on carbon-neutral waste vegetable oil (thank you Boston Pizza and Sushi Kotan), we transitioned a couple years ago to a 2016 eGolf for short trips (most of what we do) and a 2013 gas Tiguan for long trips until we are able to replace it with a long range EV (budget and supply issues but hopefully soon). I share this only to show how strongly I support Councillor Lindgren's (thank you!) position on "de-ICE'ing".</p> <p>I ask you to please reconsider your decision to purchase new ICEs and instead choose EVs, or if necessary shorter lifespan used ICEs if time is needed for EV budgeting, for our kids, grandkids and the planet.</p>

Thanks again for the heavy lifting you do for us all. You are a great council.

Yours, Kari Dukeshire

Would you like a response:

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From: Rhonda West
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 2:28 PM
To: Rhonda West
Subject: Electric Vehicles

Many thanks Alan for your reply.

Rhonda, if you wouldn't mind sending this also to the councillors I would be happy to save them some work. Everyone need not reply unless they have something to say further to this conversation.

I understand the problems with availability of EV vehicles and better understand now the issue of charging at the works yard. With our little runabout eGolf we just plug it into our 120 overnight and it is ready to go for the next days or week. When we get a longer range EV we too will have to upgrade our charging situation. You mentioned, Alan, "we would need to install a dedicated transformer" as well as charging stations, and these needed to be planned for. Does this mean active planning is already underway? If yes, wonderful, thanks, and what is the timeline? If not, how can this planning begin now?

Thanks again everyone.

Yours,
Kari

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Mayor and Council

First Name	Mary
Last Name	Hamilton
Address:	<div></div> N.E.
Return email address:	<div></div>
Subject:	recent decision to purchase vehicles
Body	I agree with the Shuswap Action Society that it is a disappointment to hear of the purchase of two fossil fuel powered vehicles, when a more ecologically sound choice could be made.
Would you like a response:	Yes

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Rhonda West

From: Erin Jackson
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 3:42 PM
To: Rhonda West
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Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 3:36:49 PM
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Mayor and Council

First Name Shonna-lee
Last Name Arcand
Address: *Field not completed.*
Return email address: 
Subject: City Vehicles
Body Good afternoon Mayor and council,

I have a concern regarding the vote to purchase four brand new trucks for the city. In your statement, you claimed that it was too long of a wait for any electric vehicles. This would leave me to believe that council has done its research to locate the electric trucks, and that all four vehicles being replaced must be rendered incapable of running any longer, and need to be immediately disposed of. Otherwise, why the rush to purchase these vehicles that will spend the next 20 years contributing to our climate crisis? This does not sound like a Small City with Big Ideas.

Now I contacted a couple dealerships in our area, and both Jacobsen Ford and Watkin Motors have a full electric F150 lightening on their lot ready to go (aside from possibly the

incorrect paint colour I suppose). I was told that to order another couple of trucks, it would be 6 months, give or take. With a towing capacity of over 7000lbs, are these vehicles not sufficient?

I am really disappointed, as well is my entire class at the Okanagan College, and anyone else I've spoken to. I feel like additional information may be missing, or this may not have actually been an idea that was thoroughly explored.

If you can shine any light on this subject for myself, my class and those involved with the Shuswap Climate Action, that would be fantastic.

Regards,

Shonna-lee Arcand

Would you like a response:

Yes

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Rhonda West

From: Erin Jackson
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 12:22 PM
To: Rhonda West
Subject: Fwd: [External] Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

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From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 12:20:32 PM
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Mayor and Council

First Name maggie and sandy

Last Name cameron

Address: [REDACTED] Salmon Arm, B.C. v1e 1b9

Return email address: [REDACTED]

Subject: Mayor and council choice to replace aging fleet vehicles with 4 new internal combustion engine pickups

Body
We are very concerned about this decision especially given the city's 2019 declaration of a "climate emergency". We are aware of the possible extra costs associated with purchase of electric or hybrid vehicles but feel that it is past time for us all to make a real effort to mitigate the effects of added environmental pollution wherever and when we can! Please advise re. rationale for your decision. Thank you. Sandy and Maggie Cameron

Would you like a response: Yes

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Rhonda West

From: Erin Jackson
Sent: Sunday, April 9, 2023 9:38 AM
To: Rhonda West
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From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 8, 2023 9:22:14 PM
To: Alan Harrison <aharrison@salmonarm.ca>; David Gonella <dgonella@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>
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Mayor and Council

First Name Anne
Last Name Kirkpatrick
Address: *Field not completed.*
Return email address: 
Subject: ICE Truck Replacement etc.

Body

To our Mayor, Council and City Staff advisors,
Once again, we are appalled that (with the heartening exception of Ms. Lindgren) our city governors are still stuck in the 1950's. Instead of parks, paths, sidewalks, bike lanes and clean energy leadership, we get more street parking bays, doubled lanes of traffic and now a new fleet of honkin' gas-guzzling trucks. You MUST be aware of all the negative consequences of these decisions and know that they are only cost-effective in the very short term. Please reconsider the truck snafu and get around to drawing up and committing to a 21st century green plan for this Small City, Lots of Gas Stations.... Sincerely, Anne Kirkpatrick

Would you like a response: Yes

Rhonda West

From: Erin Jackson
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 8:07 AM
To: Rhonda West
Subject: FW: [External] Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 11:51 PM
To: Alan Harrison <aharrison@salmonarm.ca>; David Gonella <dgonella@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>
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Mayor and Council

First Name Juanita
Last Name Austin
Address: [REDACTED] N.E.
Return email address: [REDACTED]
Subject: replacing City vehicles with EVs
Body

April 11th 2023
Dear Mayor Harrison and Council members,
We were disappointed to read recently that you have voted, by majority, to approve the purchase of four new internal combustion engine (ICE) pickup trucks to replace aging fleet vehicles.
In 2019, the City of Salmon Arm declared a Climate Emergency. It seems to us that an emergency should require the best efforts possible to mitigate that emergency. This is the time to lead by example, and incorporate EVs into the city's fleet.
This past summer and fall, we drove our 100% electric vehicle, a 2020 KIA Niro from Salmon Arm to Prince Edward Island and back home, logging over 14,000 kilometers. We wanted to encourage people to make the switch to electric, and we wanted to do our part in lowering our carbon footprint. It wasn't an easy task, as infrastructure seems to follow, rather than lead, innovation.

It was thanks to councillor Sylvia Lindgren that we figured out how to navigate beyond our first stop in Saskatchewan. She alerted us to a website called PlugShare.com. This was essential, not only in finding charging stations on our route, but finding ones that actually worked!

Now we know that trucks for the City of Salmon Arm will not have to be driving long distances, and since then can be easily charged up overnight with a Level 2 charger, I can think of no compelling reason to NOT change out your aging fleet for electric as soon as possible.

We would both be happy to talk with council members about our trip and the performance and benefits of EVs.

Sincerely, Juanita Austin and Jim McConnell

Salmon Arm, BC

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Would you like a response:

Yes

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The Shuswap Trail Alliance
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April 13, 2023

Attn: Salmon Arm Mayor and Council

Re: Request to Host Grand Opening Celebration at South Canoe Memorial Shelter

Dear Mayor Harrison and Council,

The Shuswap Trail Alliance would like to request approval to host a Grand Opening Celebration at the South Canoe Rob Nash Memorial Shelter on May 27th, 2023.

Through partnerships, funding sources, and many volunteer hours the South Canoe Rob Nash Memorial Shelter is on track to be completed by May 13th. The shelter will provide an important space for people to gather before and after recreating at South Canoe, as well as an additional area for South Canoe Outdoor Students to learn.

The Shuswap Trail Alliance would like to take the opportunity to celebrate the completion of the South Canoe Rob Nash Memorial Shelter by hosting a Grand Opening Celebration, at the Memorial Shelter Saturday May 27th, 2023. Our intent is to lead guided hikes and rides from 1:00 – 3:00pm followed by a BBQ from 3:00 – 6:00 pm and include a time for speakers to acknowledge the contributors to the shelter and Rob Nash's contributions to recreation in the Shuswap.

We would also like to invite Mayor Harrison, and Council members, to attend the event and we invite Mayor Harrison, or a Council Delegate, to speak at the event and say a few words at 3:00pm.

We thank you for your consideration of our request and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Jen Bellhouse,
Executive Director the Shuswap Trail Alliance
Phone: 250-804-3530/email: jen@shuswaptrails.com



April 17, 2023

Dear BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund Committee Members,

The City of Salmon Arm strongly supports the Canoe Forest Products grant application that will assist them in replacing a badly outdated dryer at their plant.

A new Raute dryer will have multiple benefits. Firstly, it will increase the efficiency of the plant, enabling the drying of by-product veneer, both half size sheets and mixtures of wood species. Additionally, the new dryer will be more environmentally friendly, with lower gas consumption resulting in better air quality both in and outside of the plant. A third benefit is the new drier will be able to manage a new log profile, saving a loss of log volume that will result if the drier is not replaced.

Canoe Forest Products is a part of the Gorman Group of companies. Regionally owned, we are proud to have a locally Canadian owned company in our city. An important and responsible employer, Gorman's gives back to our community. Recently, in partnership with the city, they made a sizeable contribution helping to construct a modern children's playground at Canoe Beach.

The BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund grant is a perfect fit for this Canoe Forest Products application. Please feel welcome to contact me, should you require any further information regarding the importance and benefits CFP brings to our area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alan Harrison".

Alan Harrison

Mayor,

City of Salmon Arm



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April 20, 2023

Hi Mayor Harrison,

I hope this message finds you well.

The Salmon Arm Folk Music Society (SAFMS) is collecting letters of support to be submitted to the BC Community Gaming Grant funding program for the 31st Annual Salmon Arm ROOTSandBLUES Festival taking place in August 2023.

Salmon Arm Folk Music Society is very excited to once again offer a live, in-person ROOTSandBLUES Festival. To recover and restart live music experiences, the Salmon Arm ROOTSandBLUES Festival depends on grant funding. The BC Community Gaming Grant provides funding to British Columbians from all regions of the province to have access to programs and services that improve their quality of life, support local needs and build inclusive, vibrant communities.

Salmon Arm Folk Music Society and the ROOTSandBLUES Festival truly appreciates the support provided by Shuswap Tourism. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require more information to assist you in completing the letter of support. If possible, we would appreciate your letter of support before April 24th.

Here are a couple points to consider when completing the letter of support.

- How ROOTSandBLUES improves quality of life for community members.
- Each application is assessed on its own merit in the context of demonstrated community need.
- SAFMS and RB commitment to Indigenous programming, and Truth & Reconciliation, activities demonstrating this commitment include: hiring Kenthen Thomas as the SAFMS's Indigenous & Youth Coordinator; the Plulk'w Stage on the RB event grounds; and the March event Pellsquets "Spring Winds" Music Festival.

I have attached the LOS provided to us from last year.

Thank you,

Cindy Diotte
Administrative Services Manager – info@rootsandblues.ca

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MEDIA RELEASE

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Shuswap Watershed Council awarding five grants for water quality improvement

The Shuswap Watershed Council (SWC) has announced grant funding for projects that protect and improve water quality in the Shuswap watershed.

“Protecting and enhancing our water quality is an important objective for the SWC,” states Jay Simpson, Chair of the SWC. “We know our water quality here is pretty good, and we want to keep it that way. However, there are also risk factors and we’re working to mitigate those.”

The SWC’s Water Quality Grant Program offers funds to assist farms, landowners, and stewardship groups with projects that protect and improve water quality, with a focus on mitigating the risks associated with nutrient-loading from land into surface waters.

“Nutrients – especially phosphorus – are an important factor of water quality and soil health,” explains Erin Vieira, Program Manager for the SWC. “It’s needed for healthy soil and productive crops, but it’s also a key factor contributing to algal blooms – when more phosphorus and other nutrients flow into the lake, the likelihood of water quality issues and algal blooms can increase.”

“Our goal with the grant program is to help farmers and other land stewards keep nutrients on the land and in the soil, not running off or leaching into nearby creeks and rivers where it could contribute to water quality concerns,” Vieira says.

One of the grant recipients, Rivershore Nursery owned and operated by Katherine Lawrence and Peter Barss in Mara, is using grant funds to upgrade irrigation infrastructure to a more efficient drip system to reduce water use and decrease run-off. The tree nursery will also use grant funds to plant cover crops on four acres of the nursery to improve soil health and reduce surface run-off. Additionally, grant funds will go toward inoculating new planting stock with mycorrhizal fungi which will improve the trees’ ability to take up nutrients, thereby decreasing the amount of fertilizer needed by the nursery.

“We are proud to support these innovative projects to reduce nutrient run-off into the lakes,” says Alex de Chantal, SWC program manager. “It is inspiring to see our grant recipients working to protect the environment for future generations.”



The four other grant recipients for 2023 are Crystal Lake Ranch in Malakwa where grant funds will be used to build livestock control fencing along the Eagle River; Shuswap Organics in Enderby who are planting cover crops and incorporating no-till practices to build the farm's soil health and improve nutrient retention; Fresh Valley Farms north of Armstrong where a Rova Barn™ will be built to automate the management of pastured livestock, build soil health, and protect sensitive and wet areas on the farm; and Iron Horse Ranch in Celista which is building new riparian fencing and off-stream watering for livestock.

"Agriculture is a significant part of the economy in the Shuswap. We want to support the adoption of new and improved nutrient management strategies by local farms to help protect our water quality, and that's what we're doing by making these grant funds available," says Simpson.

The total value of the grants being awarded is \$53,004. The grant program is administered via a competitive process whereby applicants submit applications. The expense was approved at a SWC meeting in March, with work getting underway later this year. The SWC grant funds will leverage other cash and in-kind contributions for a combined project value of \$109,629.

Since the Water Quality Grant Program began in 2020, the SWC has awarded 13 grants worth a total of \$178,169. The next round of intakes for the grant program will open in November.

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Photo: IMG_0636.jpg. Peter Barss and Katherine Lawrence of Rivershore Nursery in Mara are one of five recipients of grant funding from the Shuswap Watershed Council. Photo credit: Erin Vieira.

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 Alex de Chantal or Erin Vieira c/o the Fraser Basin Council in Kamloops at 250 314-9660 and visit www.shuswapwater.ca.