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N = No Action Required
A = Action Requested

S = Staff and/or Elected Official has Responded
R = Response Required

From: Alan Harrison
Date: 2018-12-16 8:23 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: penny pratt
Cc: Carl Bannister
Subject: RE: GRINCHVILLE???????

Hello Penny,

Thank you for your email. The City of Salmon Arm doesn't plan or do the decorating downtown.

Downtown Salmon Arm decorates the downtown each year. Downtown Salmon Arm is funded by a special tax levy that downtown properties pay.

I will have your correspondence included in the Council information package for our next council meeting, and will pass it on to Downtown Salmon Arm.

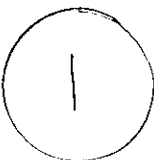
Thank you,

Alan

From: penny pratt
Sent: December 15, 2018 5:27 PM
To: Alan Harrison
Subject: GRINCHVILLE???????

I am very disappointed this festive season that our town looks like Grinchville! Yes there is the big illuminated tree by downtown Askews and the one on top of the Ross Street stage. There are some trees in the planters at downtown street corners that various businesses have decorated and maybe half a dozen illuminated snowflakes on Alexander. But where are all the illuminated decorations that we used to have on so many of the street light poles, etc. ? Apparently the lack of these decorations this year is not due to "political correctness" or we would not have the various Christmas trees downtown. The City already has these decorations so why are they not being used this year????

From Penny D. Pratt

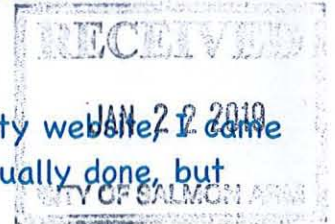


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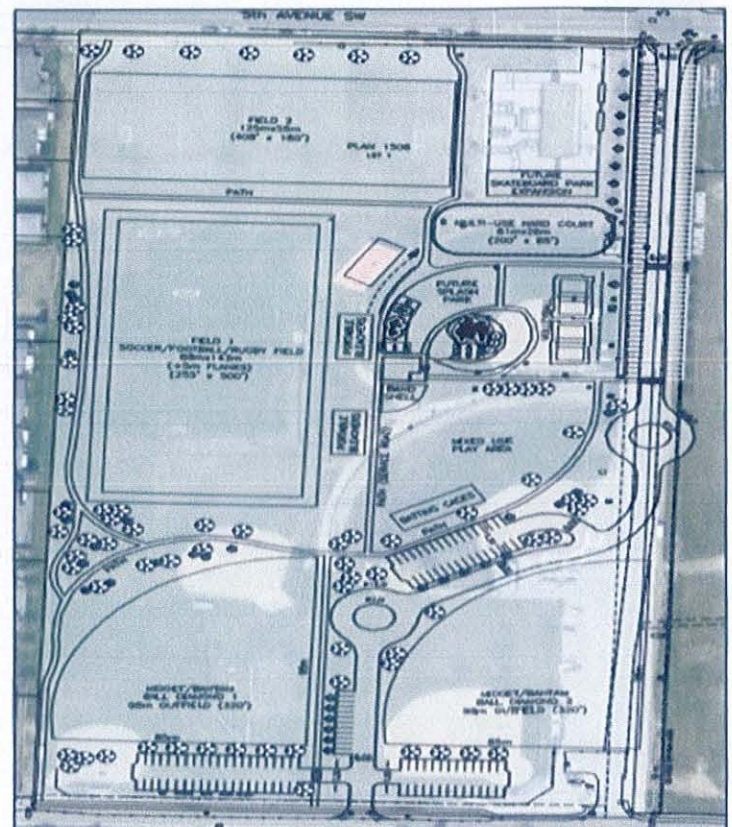
To the Greenways Liaison Committee,

While crashing about through the thicket that is the Salmon Arm City website, I came across this shocking old announcement. It's no shock that little was actually done, but that the appalling design is being seriously considered!



Blackburn Park Construction

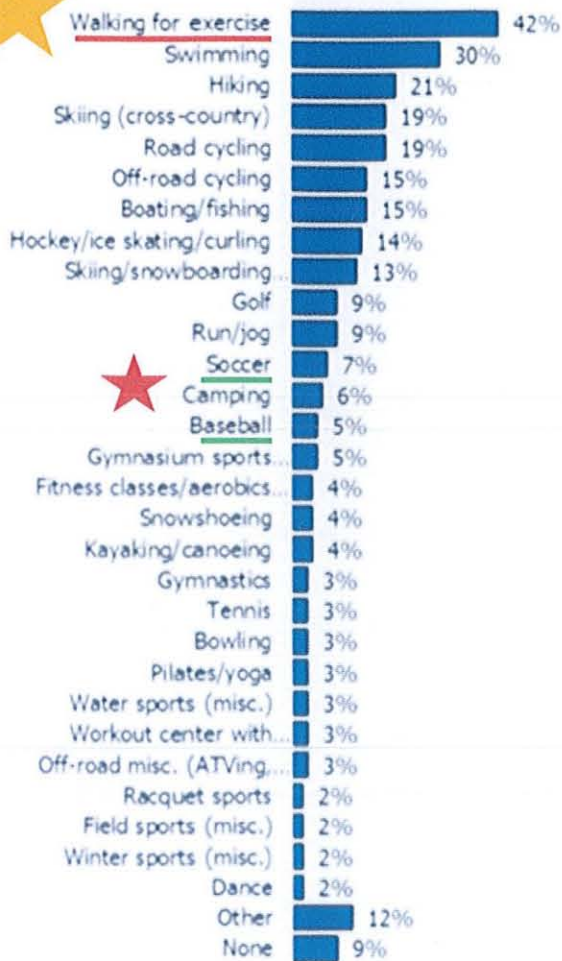
Championship Soccer Field, Life Trails, and Spray Park – this project was started in 2015 will be complete in 2016.



Though the Rotary children's playground and the Telus fitness pod are now complete, there's no Life Trail or any other paved pathway circuit that would make the park fully accessible. Most perplexing is how soccer, baseball diamonds, batting cages and parking have been prioritized to consume most of the park! Though baseball ranked very low on the phone interview and wasn't mentioned in the paper/online survey of public interest in Salmon Arm, it seems that other communities have more diamonds. With this lone justification, local needs and priorities were ignored!

SALMON ARM PUBLIC INTEREST SURVEY

Phone Survey



Paper / Online Questionnaire



* Baseball not mentioned

Blackburn Park is the only park within walking/wheelchairing distance for the hundreds of seniors and physically challenged citizens of Salmon Arm SW. (AKA God's Waiting Room) Their needs have not only been completely ignored but actively obstructed. 10th Avenue SW offers no access for the less than able-bodied. The road between park and fairground is a gravel-sided, barricaded parking lot with no path. The long west side of the park has a good path accessible from 5th avenue but it ends beside mound Ida. Only the determined can continue on uneven grass and surmount the cement barriers at 10th. On several occasions I've seen seniors from the neighbourhood hoisting their walkers over the latter to get through.

Many in the neighbourhood have given up homes with gardens and often no longer drive. They still want to feel a part of the community and to enjoy fresh air exercise, socializing and the splendid views in every direction. Few play soccer or baseball.



View from 10th Ave. along the park's south side. This would be a very popular path if levelled, paved through to 10th, and **unbarricaded**.

(Determined seniors actually lift walkers over this!)

10th Ave. access to the pathless ball diamond, IF one can navigate the slope down from the fence.

Beautifully maintained and fenced-off green space has sidewalks only on its two short ends.

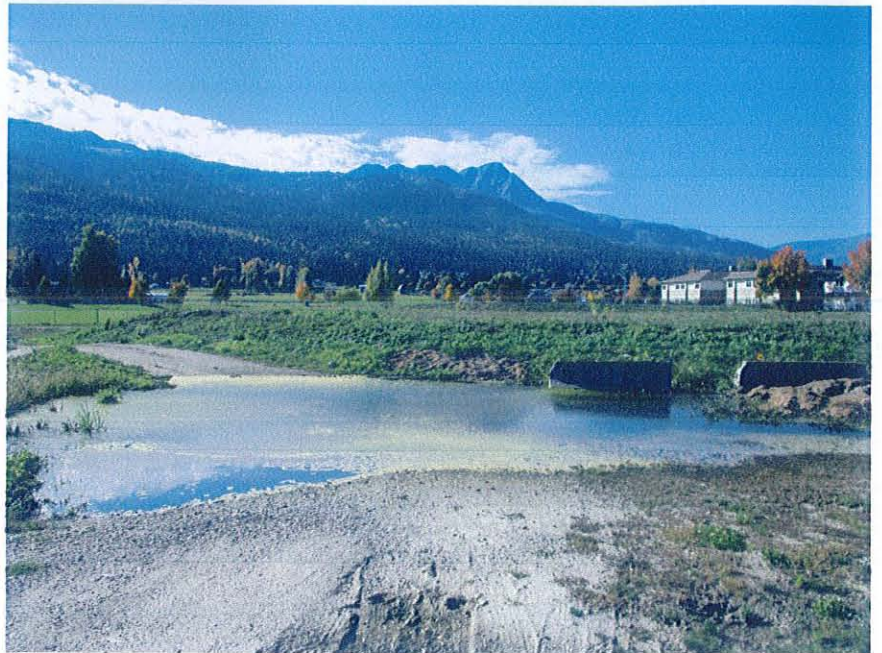


Wheelchair view - "Nothing for you here so keep out."

Fields are empty most of the year except for the occasional ball game and, much more frequently, dogs and their owners.



From the only safely accessible entry, on 5th Ave., you can get this far. From here, it's uneven and weedy but the view's great.



Not only Mount Ida in the distance but a seasonal water feature and mound Ida at your feet.



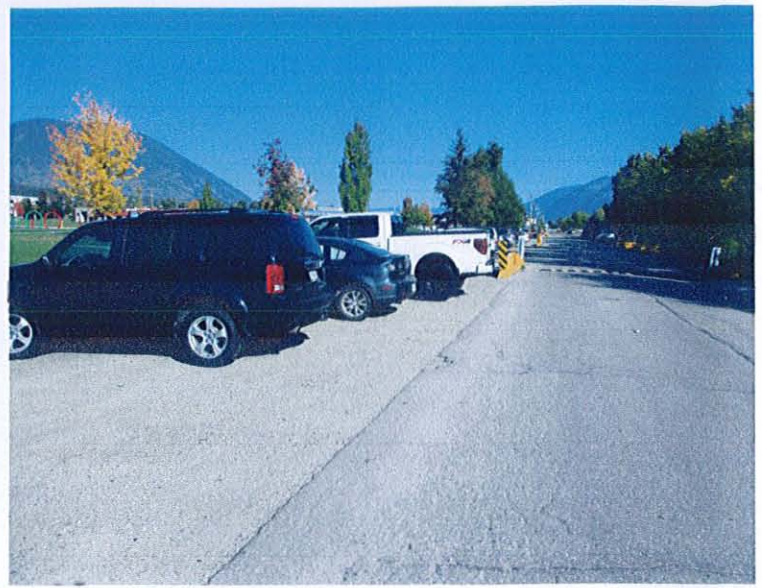
If the rough trail didn't stop you, you're almost there (as long as you have good legs and no wheels...)

Even able-bodied joggers stay outside the fence. Note where the sidewalk ends.



If one persists in rounding the corner, it's rough and dangerous going, either on the road or the rough, uneven gravel on the side. NO path whatever! Dogs are welcome but how welcoming does this look for those with a stroller, walker or wheelchair?





With no paved path for the entire long sides of the park, unsteady or mobility-assisted visitors must use the road with its traffic, speed bumps and backing cars. Park access means negotiating rough gravel and concrete barricades.

The Salmon Arm Master Plan for Parks 2012 and the Greenways report, Weave it Green, have both made very clear recommendations regarding park priorities and accessibility in this area:

- SW Quadrant – This quadrant includes an area designated for future residential development. Add one neighbourhood park in the short term. Plan for a second neighbourhood park and a new community park in the long term, as development occurs or opportunities arise;

Accommodate changing recreational preferences

The aging population is increasingly interested in experiences that offer personal growth, as well as recreational activities that are less strenuous. Walking, aqua-fit and low/no-impact activities are increasingly popular over higher-impact activities such as jogging. Aging residents want to maintain their use of and connection to general community centres, thus suggesting a reduced demand for "senior's centres" in the future.

Strategy: To serve the broader community, parks in Salmon Arm should include infrastructure and amenities attractive to older residents, who may prefer to continue using mainstream, multi-generational recreational facilities rather than seniors' centres. Facilities will also need to include more and better accessibility features.

From the Park Master Plan:

Be convenient to the population it serves

- Every resident should not be farther than a ten minute walk from a park. Ideally, a neighbourhood park is within a five minute walk. (Note: The Salmon Arm OCP sets distance benchmarks at 800m for community parks and 400m for neighbourhood parks).

Be safe and accessible

- Parks should be located close to public streets, transit, bicycle paths and pedestrian routes, where possible, integrating with local greenways.
- Parks should have as much frontage on streets as possible.
- Universal accessibility should be provided to and in parks where reasonably feasible and where doing so will not damage cultural or environmental integrity.



SUMMARY:

Blackburn Park has some wonderful facilities but continues to fall far short in serving the recreational needs of the community surrounding it. Please revisit the proposed plans for development that would only make it worse.

A walking/jogging circuit with trees and benches along the way, as well as paved paths on both long sides connecting with 5th and 10th avenue sidewalks, would be simple and effective improvements.

A delegation of us would be happy to meet with you but in the meantime, we hope you will agree that improvements are long overdue and will actually get started on them!

*Anne Kirkpatrick, Ken Schuttis, Heather Blakelborough
+ too many others to include here*





The long-awaited LifeTrail system at Blackburn Park will be a little different than first envisioned.

Citizens had proposed a system that would be made up of different stations alongside the trail going around the park, giving people, particularly seniors, a place to do various exercises.

Rob Niewenhuizen, the city's director of engineering and public works, told council recently that the exercise stations will all be in one area.

"It will be one pod with about ²13 pieces of exercise equipment, located just southwest of the washrooms, right off the trail."

He said staff asked the company to put forward a couple of proposals for the city and this was the best option. ^{for whom?}

"It's something residents have been waiting for for quite a long time, we've been budgeting for quite a long time ... so we're very happy to see this."

we, on the other hand, are not!

donated by Telus

why does "the company" take precedence over the citizens?!

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Current provincial legislation also mandates these improvements to Blackburn Park:



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HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

1 This Act may be cited as the *Accessibility Act*.

2 The purpose of this Act is to

(a) achieve accessibility by preventing and removing barriers that disable people with respect to

- (i) the delivery and receipt of goods and services,
- (ii) information and communication,
- (iii) public transportation and transportation infrastructure,
- (iv) employment,
- (v) the built environment, so that all new construction is accessible,
- (vi) education, and
- (vii) a prescribed activity or undertaking;

(b) facilitate the timely implementation of accessibility standards with a goal of achieving an accessible British Columbia by 2024.

3 In this Act,

"accessibility plan" means a plan to address the identification, removal and prevention of barriers in the policies, programs, practices and services of a public sector body;

"barrier" means anything that hinders or challenges the full and effective participation in society of persons with disabilities including a physical barrier, an architectural barrier, an information or communications barrier, an attitudinal barrier, a technological barrier, a policy or a practice.

4 This Act will require public sector bodies to prepare annual accessibility plans to show how they are working to remove barriers within their organization.

5 This Act comes into force by regulation of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

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

From: Alan Harrison
Sent: January 22, 2019 11:33 AM
To: Len and Sue
Cc: Mayor_and_Council
Subject: RE: Transit

Hello Sue,

Thank you for your email regarding the request for transit on the Foothill Loop. I am forwarding your email to Council so they see your request. We have put a little money aside in 2019, to review the present transit routes, and to examine if it is feasible to expand our transit system. Any expansion of transit would likely not occur until 2020, as BC transit receives input in the year prior to expanding any service. We appreciate your input.

Sincerely,

Alan Harrison
Mayor, City of Salmon Arm

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

From: Len and Sue [<mailto:le8235@telus.net>]
Sent: January 22, 2019 9:27 AM
To: Alan Harrison
Subject: Transit

Hi Alan,
I would like to advocate for the foothill loop to be reinstated if transit comes up at your meetings . There are more subdivisions now with older people who could use it . We don't need a new route , and we don't need it to be every half hour like it used to be, but it sure would be convenient if the bus just made the foothill loop (came up Shuswap to foothill, and then back down 10th st).
Thankyou ,
Sue Bagley

Sent from my iPad



Erin Jackson

From: Susan Mackie [info@salmonarmmuseum.org]
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 3:04 PM
To: Susan Mackie
Subject: "Calling All Pies" for the "23rd Annual Best of the Shuswap Pie Baking Contest"

"Calling All Pies" for the "23rd Annual Best of the Shuswap Pie Baking Contest" sponsored by R.J. Haney Heritage Village, The Mall at Piccadilly and Save on Foods.

If you've got the best pie baking skills in the Shuswap, you are invited to enter your homemade pie in the 23rd Annual Best of the Shuswap Pie Baking Contest at the Heritage Week Celebration on Saturday, February 23, 2019.

Judged by appearance, authenticity, texture and taste, apple, fruit or berry pies must be made the old fashioned way, *from scratch*.

Winners will walk away with this year's title, an engraved trophy and dinner theatre tickets for two to the 2019 "Villain and Vittles" Summer Dinner Theatre Production. Winners also get to enter a pie to next year's Best of the Shuswap Pie Auction!

Simply drop off your pies on Saturday, February 23 between 10:00am-11:00am at The Mall at Piccadilly, centre court.

For the official pie, contest rules call the Village at 250-832-5243 or email info@salmonarmmuseum.org.

This popular pie contest promises to be lip-smacking tasty, and everyone is welcome to participate!

After the judging, slices of the pies may be purchased for \$2.50 each with the proceeds going towards extraordinary projects at the Heritage Village and Museum.

Would like to volunteer at Heritage Week? Please call 250-832-5243.

R.J. Haney Heritage Village and Museum is situated on 40 acres of farmland on the east side of Salmon Arm. The site is owned by the City of Salmon Arm and managed by the Salmon Arm Museum and Heritage Association. The mandate of the organization is to preserve the heritage of the area and develop a Village depicting life in the era of 1911 to 1930. The Association is a non-profit Registered Charity and operates the facility independent of municipal government.

The facility offers a unique cultural heritage experience for the travelling and the local public from mid-May to the end of September and welcomes over 16,000 visitors each year. The Village, Museum and Marjorie's Tea Room also hosts special events, and Villains and Vittles Dinner Theatre 3 nights per week during July and August.

Some of the best memories are made at R.J. Haney Heritage Village! A trip to the Village from May – September is well worth the trip, for more information visit www.salmonarmmuseum.org

Susan Mackie
General Manager
Come and Explore!

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R.J. Haney
Heritage Village & Museum



From: Healthy Communities [<mailto:HealthyCommunities@interiorhealth.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 12:05 PM
Subject: Healthy Communities e-newsletter January 2019



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Community Recognition

International Year of Indigenous Languages



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Indigenous Languages

Languages play a crucial role in our daily lives - not only as a tool for communication, education, and social development, but also as a repository for each person's unique identity, cultural history, traditions and memory. Despite their immense value, languages around the world continue to disappear at an alarming rate.

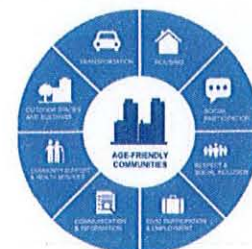
With this in mind, the United Nations declared 2019, [The Year of Indigenous Languages \(IY2019\)](#) in order to raise awareness of them, not only to benefit the people who speak these languages, but also for others to appreciate the important contribution they make to our world's rich cultural diversity.

One way to incorporate indigenous language into the work of local government is to include a traditional land acknowledgement at the beginning of Council meetings. **Congratulations to all local governments who include traditional indigenous land acknowledgments at Council meetings!**

For more information about indigenous languages in BC check out the [First Peoples Language Map](#). Additional ideas how to showcase indigenous languages this year can be found [here](#).

City of Cranbrook – Age Friendly Assessment & Action Plan

Congratulation to the City of Cranbrook and the Age Friendly Committee for completing a community assessment and action plan to create a community, where people of all ages and abilities, feel included and valued. For more information and to take a look at the report, visit <https://cranbrookagefriendly.ca/>



Events & Learning Opportunities

2019 BC Vision Zero Summit

Come listen to experts who are working to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries on their streets, while increasing safe, healthy and equitable mobility for all. The event is hosted by the City of Surrey in partnership with Provincial Health Services Authority, Fraser Health, and Vancouver Coastal Health, and

supported by Island, Interior, and Northern Health Authority. Civic Leaders, local government road safety staff, police and school leaders are given first opportunity to register. Information and registration at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2019-bc-vision-zero-summit-registration-53315213238>

Use password: roadsafety123 February 8 and 9, 2019. There is a nominal cost of \$50 to attend on February 8th. February 9th is free and there will be events held in the Surrey City Hall Plaza as part of the Smart Cities Vancouver/Surrey finalists bid, including Autonomous Vehicle demonstrations.

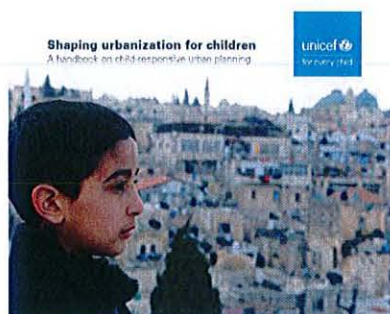
NCCDH Webinar –Health and Proximity to Local Resources

National Collaborating Centre for the Determinants of Health will host a webinar discussing the relationship between health and proximity to resources (parks, supermarkets, community centers, etc.) that impact our daily life. [Register here for the webinar.](#) **Webinar is scheduled for January 23, 2019 from 10:00- 11:00am PST.**

Healthy Public Policy Resources

Updated IH Radon Gas Webpage

Do you know how to test your office or home for radon? Do you know how to lower your risk of exposure to this colourless, odourless gas that is radioactive and causes lung cancer? Find all the information you need at our updated [IH Radon webpage](#).



Shaping Urbanization for Children: A Handbook on Child-Responsive Urban Planning

'Shaping urbanization for children' is a free UNICEF handbook for child-responsive urban planning. The handbook demonstrates what is possible and attainable through child-responsive, area-based and community-led planning, in a local context. The handbook answers three questions: why planning cities for children matters, what to plan for children, and how to plan for children. Access the handbook [here](#).

TED Talk: How Kids Can Help Design Cities

Adults tend to think of kids as "future citizens" -- their ideas and opinions will matter someday, just not today. But kids make up a quarter of the population, so shouldn't they have a say in what the world they'll inherit will look like? Urban planner Mara Mintzer shares what happened when she and her team asked kids to help design a park in Boulder, Colorado -- and how it revealed an important blind spot in how we construct the built environment. "If we aren't including children in our planning, who else aren't we including?" Mintzer asks. Check out the [video here](#).

Tamarack Institute - Highlighting Asset-Based Community Development

Through 2018, Tamarack Institute collected stories, tools and resources related to Asset Based Community Development. Check out the top 10 contributions of 2018 to explore more. [Read the article](#) in the January edition of their ENGAGE! E-magazine (called *A Gift is Not a Gift Until it's Given*)

Funding News

Community Resilience Through Arts and Culture Program

Arts and culture define and connect us, celebrate our diversity and unite us. A strong cultural foundation makes our communities resilient, sustainable and vibrant places to live and work. The intent of the [Community Resilience Through Arts and Culture pilot program](#) is to support arts and cultural events, initiatives and engagement by and for local communities. The focus of this program is communities experiencing hardship, historic oppression or other challenges that would benefit from the power of arts and culture to promote healing, resilience and connection. **Deadline is February 15, 2019.**

Cycling Infrastructure Funding – BikeBC Program

Applications are now being accepted for the 2019-2020 [BikeBC Program](#).

This grant allows for communities to create new cycling infrastructure, upgrade existing infrastructure, increase safety for active transportation, and enhance accessibility. **Deadline is Feb. 18, 2019.**



Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – British Columbia

The [CleanBC Communities Fund](#) supports cost-sharing of infrastructure projects in communities across the province. These projects will focus on the management of renewable energy, access to clean-energy transportation, improved energy efficiency of buildings and the generation of clean energy. **Application deadline is March 27, 2019.**

National Housing Co-Investment Fund Grants



There are two funding streams within the National Housing Co-Investment Fund: 1) [New Construction Stream](#) which focuses on new builds of affordable housing stock and 2) [Housing Repair and Renewal Stream](#) to alleviate the costs associated with repair/renewal of existing affordable housing units in a community. These grants are open to municipalities, community housing providers, Indigenous local governments and organizations. Applications for both are accepted on a continuous basis. For more information, please visit the above links.

Sincerely,

Your Healthy Communities Team

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The Board of Education of School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)

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January 21, 2019

Mayor Alan Harrison
City of Salmon Arm
500 – 2 Avenue NE, Box 40
Salmon Arm, BC V3V1E 4N2

Dear Mayor Harrison:

Re: Sidewalk Clearing

We just wanted to send thanks on behalf of the School District for the sidewalk clearing after the last two snow falls. Last year when it snowed, the roads would be typically cleared onto the sidewalks, then it would take a number of days for the sidewalks to be cleared in turn. This year, the sidewalks have been cleared right away, and it has made it much easier to walk in the mornings.

We are not sure if this directly resulted from our conversations last year, but we did request this following our Transportation Review, as it was noted by some parents of students how hard it could be to walk up Okanagan Avenue. I think it has made a big difference to anyone, especially students, who rely on the sidewalks to get around after a snow fall.

Please accept our thanks and feel free to share this with the rest of council and the hardworking Works Department.

Yours truly,

Marianne VanBuskirk
Chair, Board of Education
School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)

Peter Jory
Superintendent/CEO
School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)

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Rob Niewenhuizen
City of Salmon Arm
Box 40
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

January 22, 2019

Re: Multicultural Festival

Dear Rob:

Shuswap Immigrant Services Society in partnership with Downtown Salmon Arm is planning on hosting our second annual Multicultural Festival on Thursday June 27, 2019.

The event will take place on National Multicultural Day in Canada and is intended to celebrate multiculturalism which ensures that we recognize the diverse backgrounds of all citizens in our community. It provides an avenue for them to celebrate their unique identities, take pride in their ancestry and feel a sense of belonging.

Our festival welcomes participation from all the various cultures within our community including the Salmon Arm Metis Association, First Nations, the active Filipino and Syrian communities, the Chinese and Indian communities and other ethnic societies.

Our first festival was held last year in the Ross Street Plaza and was a huge success with approximately 1000 people attending. Those participating in the event enjoyed music and entertainment, the display and information booths, the various cultural food options, demonstrations, theatre and storytelling.

As a result of last year's successful event we would once again like to request the use of Ross St. Plaza and the closure of Hudson St. (blocked off to car traffic) between Alexander St and Ross St. between 3pm and 9pm. The event will take place between 4pm and 8pm.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at 250-833-8975 or email at maryhregier@gmail.com.

Regards,

Mary Regier
Co-Chair
Shuswap Immigrant Services Society



City of Salmon Arm
Box 40, 500 2nd Ave. NE
Salmon Arm, B.C V1E 4N2

January 21, 2019

To the Mayor and Councilors of Salmon Arm,

At Shuswap Association for Community Living (SACL), we envision our community as a caring and supportive place where people with diverse abilities are valued and included. The staff and persons supported of SACL would like to share our concerns regarding the safety and accessibility of the sidewalks, crosswalks and washrooms in Salmon Arm. We delivered a second letter to city hall regarding the washrooms on May 1st, 2018, and have yet to receive a response beyond the article in the Salmon Arm Observer January 17, 2018. Therefore we would like to express our worries again, and make you aware of other barriers to community access.

Persons served by SACL enjoy exploring our beautiful community of Salmon Arm. Unfortunately the state of some sidewalks and crosswalks present risks to the health and safety of individuals with mobility challenges, especially those who use mobility aids such as wheelchairs and walkers. Persons supported are concerned that they or their peers are at risk for falling and the resulting injuries when they are accessing the community. One area of concern is the Hudson and Ross St. intersection; there are bricks missing in the crosswalk, as well as potholes in the sidewalk near the water fountain and in front of The Book Nook. Persons served have suggested that our local government officials might find it interesting to spend a day exploring the community with mobility aids to experience the challenges personally.

Another barrier we experience in the community is access to public washrooms. We are grateful that both the public washrooms at Ross St. and the outhouse at Lakeshore trail head are open year-round. McGuire Lake and the wharf are popular walking routes for us all year round but especially in the winter, as they are cleared well enough of snow and are close to our Hudson Avenue offices. It would benefit not only persons served, but the rest of the Salmon Arm community to make these washrooms accessible through the winter. We often rely on accessing nearby businesses to use their washrooms without patronizing them, and believe this is an unfair burden for the businesses affected. We would recommend, and greatly appreciate, the city setting aside money in the 2019 budget to upgrade these washrooms for winter access. Our suggestion is to make the washroom at the Wharf Parking Lot priority as, in our opinion, it would most benefit the community. Another option that may not have been explored is a porta potty in the wharf area, such as is used at construction sites through frigid months.



**Shuswap Association
for Community Living**

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Our final concern is that some of the people SACL serves have reported finding needles and drug paraphernalia in the public washrooms. We would hope that each washroom could be fitted with a secure sharps disposal container to keep everyone safe from harm.

Thank you for considering our requests and we look forward to hearing from you directly or in writing.

Sincerely,

Carina Chu

Amber M. D. E.

Amber, Carina, Eden, Diane, Linda, Patty and Myles Magnusson, Dani McKee, Steph Clifford, and Ocean Johnson

From the Health, Wellness, and Life Skills program of Shuswap Association for Community Living

Kathleen Nelson Anne R

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SHUSWAP SOLAR ENERGY SOCIETY (SSES)

www.shuswapsolarsociety.org

281 - 8 St NE, Salmon Arm, V1E 1G9



January 21, 2019

Mayor Alan Harrison and Members of City Council:

I am writing to you as Board member of the Shuswap Solar Energy Society (SSES), to support you in initiating a municipal program to develop solar energy in this community.

Our Society's mission is "to foster the practical development of solar energy in the Shuswap area". We formed over a year ago and currently have 90 members and supporters. In the past year we have been educating ourselves and our community about solar photovoltaic (SPv) and its many potentialities. We have also been seeking legal advice regarding the construction of a community SPv array, and examining suitable properties on which to mount such an array.

We have also examined a number of municipal SPv installations in the province. The largest in BC is in Hudson's Hope, a community with solar irradiation almost identical to Salmon Arm's. Hudson Hope now has nine solar arrays installed on city properties, generating \$70,000 of electrical energy a year. As BC Hydro rates inevitably climb, the value of this electricity will also climb. This solar energy is also protecting the community from power failures caused by grid damage.

Climate change is real, and largely caused by human activity, of which the most substantial contributing element is the burning of fossil fuels. Renewable energy is developing around the world, and in the past year or two, new renewable energy has exceeded the amount of new fossil fuel energy. Solar energy is a "sunrise" industry.

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the next 12 years are the critical time during which we must cut greenhouse gas emissions in half in order to avoid the most cataclysmic effects of climate change.

For all the above reasons, we are pleased to hear that Council is considering putting a SPv pilot project on city property.

The Society strongly encourages the City to move forward on this timely and forward-thinking project. It is indeed a "big idea", and one whose time has definitely come.

Sincerely,

(signed) Neil Caves

On behalf of the Board of the SSES

OPEN LETTER TO BC LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
ATTN: Mayor & Council, all BC local governments
January 25, 2017

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: We must hold fossil fuel companies responsible for climate change

Wildfires. Drought. Flooding. Rising sea levels. Climate change is already reshaping and impacting BC communities in profound and frightening ways. As unchecked fossil fuel pollution continues to push global temperatures ever higher, we are frightened for our communities, for communities around the world, and for the world we leave our children. These impacts are still more challenging for vulnerable groups - the poor, Indigenous people, women and children - who are often unable to respond to unexpected weather or other climate impacts.

But there is hope. If the fossil fuel companies - whose products are the major drivers of climate change - had to pay even a fraction of the associated climate costs, they would not be able to out-compete renewables and would pivot towards sustainable alternatives without delay. BC communities can play a key role in demanding accountability from the fossil fuel industry for the harm that they are causing our communities, and challenge the myth that the fossil fuel economy can continue business as usual despite the destruction it is causing to our atmosphere.

The fossil fuel industry is keen to avoid a conversation about its responsibility for climate change. Just 90 entities - primarily fossil fuel companies - have caused almost 2/3 of human caused greenhouse gas emissions, and just three - Chevron, Exxon Mobil and Saudi Aramco - are responsible for almost 10%¹. Like the tobacco industry before it, Big Oil relies on the perception that individual consumers are responsible for climate change while pocketing billions of dollars in profits from products that they know are disastrous for our atmosphere and communities around the world.²

BC and Canadian taxpayers will end up paying the costs of climate change in many different ways. But unless our communities demand that fossil fuel companies pay their fair share of these costs, this industry will continue pushing products that the world cannot afford to burn.

1. Heede, R. "Tracing anthropogenic carbon dioxide and methane emissions to fossil fuel and cement producers, 1854-2010 Climatic Change (2014) 122: 229. doi:10.1007/s10584-013-0986-y. See also <http://www.climateaccountability.org/> for emissions figures through to 2013.

2. <https://www.smokeandfumes.org/>; <https://insideclimatenews.org/content/Exxon-The-Road-Not-Taken>.



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BC's local governments are well placed to play a global leadership role by demanding accountability. We can come together to start a new global conversation about the moral and legal responsibility of the fossil fuel industry for its role in fueling climate change.

We – as BC-based community groups – support the Climate Law in our Hands Initiative and are asking you to:

1. DEMAND FOSSIL FUEL ACCOUNTABILITY

It has been rare for anyone to even ask the fossil fuel industry to take responsibility for its role in causing the global crisis – and the local climate impacts like floods, wildfires and droughts. This avoidance of responsibility ends in BC – when you, and other local governments across the province, write to the world's fossil fuel companies asking them to take their fair share of responsibility for climate change.

This demand can take the form of a detailed invoice for climate costs or a letter simply enquiring as to the company's position on paying a fair share. It can be tailored to reflect the needs and capacity of each community.³

2. WORK TOWARDS A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT

BC communities can demand accountability from the fossil fuel industry in a variety of ways, but if necessary, we may need local governments to demand accountability through the courts.

Lawyers at West Coast Environmental Law have exhaustively researched how a class action – a joint legal action brought by one or more “representatives” of BC's local governments – could be brought against major fossil fuel companies for their role in causing climate change.

We ask you to consider whether your municipality would be willing to launch a class action as a representative and/or how you might support a case launched by other local governments. BC communities need to come together and get behind this type of legal action. Bringing this case will make it clear that fossil fuel companies cannot avoid a legal conversation about accountability – and if we win, we will set a precedent that could change the world – putting us on a global path that will avoid more dangerous climate change.⁴

3. Sample accountability letters are available online at www.climatelawinourhands.org/demand-accountability.

4. See <http://www.climatelawinourhands.org/bcclassaction> or have your lawyers speak with the Climate Law in our Hands team at West Coast Environmental Law for more information on the legal basis for a class action.



Conclusion

Both of these actions, as well as a general public discussion about the role of fossil fuels in our future economy, are most likely to move forward if our communities understand how we are being, and will be, impacted by climate change. We urge you to work with your citizens, climate scientists and other experts in a publicly transparent way to explore what needs to be done to prepare your community for climate change.

Whether we realize it or not, our communities are facing a tidal wave of costs, debt and disaster relief arising from the many effects of climate change. It is time to ask whether we alone are going to bear those expenses, or whether the companies that have made billions of dollars creating this situation also bear some responsibility.

By demanding that those who profit the most from climate change pay their fair share, BC local governments can dramatically reshape the global conversation about climate change and the fossil fuel industry. Community groups around BC will be calling on fossil fuel companies to take responsibility for their role in causing the climate crisis and we hope that you will join us.

Signed by:

West Coast Environmental Law Association	350.org Canada	Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment
Coalition to Protect East Kamloops	Douglas Channel Watch	Public Health Association of BC
Kelowna Chapter Council of Canadians	BC Yukon Kairos	KAIROS Metro Van
KAIROS BC/Yukon Kootenay Subregion	Pacific Wild	Prince George Public Interest Research Group
Silva Forest Foundation	Sierra Club BC	Climate Change in Focus
Blewett Conservation Society	Dogwood Initiative	We Love This Coast
West Kootenay EcoSociety	Gibson Alliance of Business and Community Society	Comox Valley Global Awareness Network
SFU350	Alliance4Democracy	Earthkeepers: Christians for Climate Justice
UBC Environmental Law Group	Sunshine Coast Conservation Association	Burnaby Residents Opposing Kinder Morgan Expansion-BROKE
Voters Taking Action on Climate Change	Comox Valley Council of Canadians	LeadNow
Wilderness Committee	Parksville Qualicum Beach KAIROS	Fraser Voices Association
The WaterWealth Project	Georgia Strait Alliance	Stand.earth
UBC350	Northwest Institute	Knox United Church
Citizens Against Urban Sprawl Society (CAUSS)	Friends of Wild Salmon Coalition	Association of Whistler Area Residents for the Environment
Atira Women's Resource	Friends of Morice Bulkley	Salmon Coast Field Station Society
MiningWatch Canada	My Sea to Sky	Saanich Inlet Network
The Canadian Youth Climate Coalition	Divest Victoria	
Council of Canadians	Wildsight	
Kitimat Terrace Clean Air Coalition	Greenpeace Canada	
	Burnaby Pipeline Watch	
	Environmental Defense Working Group	

Please direct any reply to this letter, including notice of any resulting agenda items or resolutions, to us c/o West Coast Environmental Law, 200-2006 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6J 2B3, Fax: 604-684-1312, Email: agage@wcel.org.



January 7, 2019

Ref: 207062

To Mayors:

I am pleased to announce the launch of the 2019 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education effective today. Following a successful inaugural year for the Awards program this past year, Government is once again proud to recognize the enormous contributions of British Columbia's exceptional teachers, administrators and support staff who are vital to the cultural, economic and social well-being of the province. The Awards recognize all outstanding education professionals who have made exceptional contributions to benefit their school, students and their communities.

The Awards are open to all education professionals within the BC K12 public, independent, band or international school systems. This year, Awards will be given in the following categories:

- Community Engagement
- District Leadership
- Extracurricular Leadership
- Indigenous Education
- Outstanding New Teacher
- Outstanding Support (School Community)
- Outstanding Support (Teaching Assistant)
- School Leadership
- Social Equity and Diversity
- Technology and Innovation

Nominations are now open and are welcomed from all BC citizens, including students, parents, teachers, administrators, trustees and community organizations. The deadline for nominations is March 31, 2019.

Additional information on the Awards, including a downloadable poster and brochure, can be found on the Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education website at www.gov.bc.ca/excellenceineducation.

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Thank you in advance for your participation in promoting the Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education and assisting to ensure that British Columbia's very best receive the recognition that they deserve.

Sincerely,

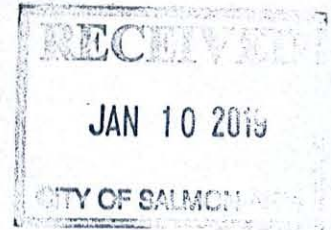
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Fleming". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rob" and last name "Fleming" clearly distinguishable.

Rob Fleming
Minister

Enclosure

07 December, 2018

Salmon Arm (City)
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Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Your local climate change impacts and the fossil fuel industry

Congratulations on your election as the Mayor and Council of Salmon Arm. We know that you have each run because you want to help your community be as strong as it can.

We are writing further to our January 25th, 2017 letter (copy enclosed), to again ask you to take action to protect your community and taxpayers from the impacts and costs of climate change by holding fossil fuel companies accountable for a share of those climate costs. Specifically, we would like you to:

- a. Begin tracking the costs of climate change that are being incurred by your community; and
- b. Join the more than a dozen BC local governments that have sent Climate Accountability Letters to 20 of the world's largest fossil fuel companies demanding that they pay a share of the costs of climate change.

Understanding the costs of climate change

A large majority of the local government mayors and councillors that we've spoken with since our initial letter was sent know that climate change is harming their communities.

Some communities have been on the front-lines, with evacuations and destruction from wildfires, floods and droughts that were almost certainly made worse due to climate change. But even communities which have not faced such catastrophic events are finding that the costs of building and maintaining infrastructure such as roads, storm-drains, sea-walls, and other structures impacted by weather or which have to be designed with future climatic conditions in mind, are higher than they used to be, due to the reality of a changing climate.

There are also real costs in planning for climate change adaptation and implementing those plans, even if, in the long run, those steps will save taxpayer dollars (by avoiding even greater climate costs). Responsible financial managers know that they need to take action to prepare their communities for climate change, and to avoid massive future catastrophes.

While a handful of municipalities have begun to estimate what their current¹ and future climate costs² are likely to be, most local governments have not yet turned their minds to this important question – which is

¹ For example, the City of Powell River (Minutes, 15 March 2018, Agenda Item 7-7), instructed its staff to "incorporate climate change adaptation and mitigation costs into the City's Asset Management Plans."

² For example, City of Vancouver staff have estimated the costs of municipal infrastructure required to address sea-level rise to 2100 at \$1 billion: <https://council.vancouver.ca/20180725/documents/pspc2.pdf>.

unfortunate, because it undermines their ability to manage for financial pressures and prepare their communities for climate change.

In the age of climate change, responsible financial management demands that we start to get a handle on what climate change is costing, and will cost, our communities, and begin the discussion of how we will collectively pay for those costs.

We hope that you will instruct your staff to begin identifying and tracking climate change costs through your existing assessment and infrastructure planning and management, climate adaptation planning and other steps related to climate change.

Seeking costs recovery

In our January 25th, 2017 letter we challenged your community to take action to hold fossil fuel companies accountable for a share of the costs of climate change that your community is experiencing. Here are two good reasons that a growing number of communities in BC and elsewhere are doing just that.

1. Fiscal responsibility

As local governments struggle to come to grips with the rising tide of climate change costs, it's becoming increasingly important to ask how we will collectively pay for those costs. While the provincial or federal governments may help, it's unrealistic to demand that taxpayers (whether local, provincial or federal) pay 100% of the costs, while fossil fuel companies take no responsibility for the harm caused by their products, while pocketing billions of dollars in profits.

We know that our communities are built around the automobile and cheap fossil fuels, and taxpayers will need to pay some of the costs of climate change. But that doesn't mean that the companies which profited most from the fossil fuel economy shouldn't pay their fair share.

Indeed, it would be fiscally irresponsible for BC's municipalities to pass 100% of those costs on to their taxpayers without seeking to recover some share of those costs from corporations which have directly profited from fossil fuel extraction and sales. Just 20 global fossil fuel companies are responsible, through their products and operations, for almost 30% of greenhouse gas emissions in the atmosphere today.³

According to a 2017 poll conducted by Justason Market Intelligence (JMI), 82% of British Columbians support the basic idea that fossil fuel companies should pay a share of the costs of climate change. There is broad support in every region of the province.

2. Fighting climate change

When powerful corporations profit from pollution, while the public pays the true costs, those companies have a strong economic incentive to keep on producing polluting products. Chevron, Exxon and other global fossil fuel companies have made a lot of money in recent decades – and funnelled those funds into lobbying against

³ http://www.climateaccountability.org/carbon_majors_update.html (last accessed 26 October 2016) which is an update of Richard Heede's peer reviewed paper: Heede, R. "Tracing anthropogenic carbon dioxide and methane emissions to fossil fuel and cement producers, 1854–2010", *Climatic Change* (2014) 122: 229. doi:10.1007/s10584-013-0986-y.

climate action and funding misinformation about climate science instead of offering the alternatives and renewable energy.⁴

The perception that the fossil fuel industry is profitable – and cheaper than renewable energy – results from the fact that it has never paid for the harm caused by its products, distorting our economy and making it extremely difficult for the world to move away from fossil fuels.

Local governments have a unique power to demand that these companies start taking responsibility for harm caused by their products. We're not just talking Canadian companies – there are legal and non-legal options to demand accountability from global companies for their global sales and operations.⁵

When Communities demand that fossil fuel companies take responsibility for the true costs of their products, fossil fuel companies and their investors face potential risks that they must start factoring into their business decisions. In addition, the public has a valuable opportunity to learn about the relationship between increased local climate costs and the fossil fuel economy.

In short, local government action to hold fossil fuel companies accountable for local climate costs can play a powerful role in the fight against climate change.

Taking Action – Climate Action Letters

Once we realise that fossil fuel pollution is harming our communities, and that we can't afford to pay those costs alone, the first step in demanding accountability from fossil fuel companies is to start talking publicly to those companies about your climate costs and their responsibility to pay a fair share of those costs.

That's why 15 local governments from across BC (plus the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, representing 53 local governments) have written to 20 of the world's largest fossil fuel companies demanding that they pay their fair share of local climate costs.⁶ Climate Accountability Letters are easy and cheap and yet signal that you're aware of how difficult climate costs will be and are looking for the fossil fuel industry to step up.

A Climate Accountability Letter will not (of course, but unfortunately) result in a cheque in the mail. Some municipalities have received replies from fossil fuel companies outlining their plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, so the letters are at least being read and considered. The letters also begin an important conversation with your citizens about how your community will deal with the impacts and costs of climate change.

Please consider this letter as a request for your Council to send a Climate Accountability Letter to the 20 largest fossil fuel companies, whose emissions represent 30% of global greenhouse gas emissions.⁷ For more

⁴ CIEL. Smoke and Fumes: The Legal and Evidentiary Basis for Holding Big Oil Accountable for the Climate Crisis (Nov 2017), available at <https://www.ciel.org/reports/smoke-and-fumes/>, last accessed 26 October 2018.

⁵ M. Byers, A. Gage et al. The Internationalization of Climate Damages Litigation. Washington Journal of Environmental Law and Policy, Vol 7(2), July 2017.

⁶ For examples of letters sent by other local governments, visit www.wcel.org/campaign-update.

⁷ The addresses of the companies and their respective contributions to global greenhouse gases are available at https://www.wcel.org/sites/default/files/file-downloads/carbonmajorsspreadsheet_final.xlsx.

information on how and why to send a Climate Accountability Letter, please see *Climate Accountability Letters: An Introduction for Local Governments*.⁸

If you do send a letter, please consider also writing to other local governments in your region, encouraging them to do the same.

Taking Action – Beyond Letters

Sending a Climate Accountability Letter and/or tracking climate costs do not commit your Council to doing anything further. However, we hope that you will be interested in exploring further action that could lead to your recovering a fair share of your local climate costs from the fossil fuel industry. Please contact us at agage@wcel.org if you would like to explore any of the following options:

- **A class action lawsuit** – BC communities working together and pooling their resources might choose to bring a class action lawsuit against fossil fuel companies on behalf of all BC local governments, following the example of many U.S. local governments.⁹ According to the 2017 JMI poll, 63% of British Columbians support litigation by their local government to recover the fossil fuel industry's share of local climate costs.
- **Provincial legislation** – BC's local governments can add their voices to those asking that BC enact laws to clarify the legal responsibility of fossil fuel companies for local climate costs. Such legislation has been debated in Ontario's legislature,¹⁰ while more than 50 BC-based organizations have called on Premier John Horgan to enact a similar law.¹¹
- **International treaties** – BC local governments can ask the Canadian government pursue a climate damages tax, levied on global fossil fuel companies, in their negotiations of global climate treaties.¹²

We would be happy to provide your Council with further information about climate costs, Climate Accountability Letters or any of the above options to hold fossil fuel companies accountable.

Sincerely,



Andrew Gage,
Staff Lawyer



Enclosures

⁸ <https://www.wcel.org/publication/climate-accountability-letters-introduction-local-governments>.

⁹ <https://insideclimatenews.org/news/04042018/climate-change-fossil-fuel-company-lawsuits-timeline-exxon-children-california-cities-attorney-general>.

¹⁰ <https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-42/session-1/bill-37>.

¹¹ <https://www.wcel.org/publication/joint-letter-premier-horgan-liability-climate-related-harms-act>.

¹² See the Climate Damages Tax Declaration at <https://www.stampoutpoverty.org/cdt/climate-damages-tax-declaration/>.



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January 11, 2019



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Dear Mayor Alan Harrison and Council:

Re: Recycling Council of British Columbia 45th Annual Zero Waste/Circular Economy Conference 2019

Established in 1974, the Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC) is Canada's first non-profit waste prevention organization. Since that time, the Council has worked side-by-side with local governments to eliminate waste in B.C. and develop a sustainable circular economy.

We invite you to attend **RCBC 2019 "Conference on Circular Economy" on May 8, 9, 10 2019 in Whistler, B.C.**, featuring a variety of topics relevant to local governments in B.C. Programming for RCBC 2019 (www.rcbcconference.ca) will include:

- extended producer responsibility
- illegal dumping
- reuse and repair
- waste prevention
- communications and engagement

As well, we plan to address a variety of waste, recycling, and diversion-related issues your council may be facing now or in the near future. We provide a three-day experience of workshops, presentations, and opportunities to network with professionals and area experts to become better informed. B.C.'s industry stewardship agencies, such as RecycleBC, Regeneration, and Encorp Pacific will be in attendance, as well as the BC Ministry of Environment.

RCBC provides comprehensive public education to support recycling and waste-related programs and services through the BC Recycling Hotline, the online Recyclepedia and the free BC Recyclepedia phone app. Last year alone, we answered more than 280,000 questions from people in communities just like yours.

In our public policy work, we engage a variety of stakeholders to collaboratively develop and recommend progressive waste prevention initiatives and legislation. RCBC also facilitates the sharing of knowledge, good practices, and professional development. All of those elements are included as part of Canada's longest running waste prevention event, the annual RCBC Zero Waste Conference on Circular Economy, now in its 45th year.

Thank you for your continued support. Let us keep working together to make a waste-free province through the application of sustainable circular economy principles. If you have any questions, you can reach me at 604-683-6009 ext. 307 or at brock@rcbc.ca.

Sincerely,

Brock Macdonald
Chief Executive Officer

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