



# The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

## REGULAR MEETING (#12-22) INCLUDING ITEMS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Salmo to be held in Council Chambers at 423 Davies Avenue in Salmo, B.C. on **Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

*The public may attend in person or electronically. The electronic link will be available on our website on Tuesday.*

**Traditional Lands Acknowledgement Statement:** We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

### AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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That the draft agenda of Regular Meeting #12-22 of Tuesday, June 28, 2022 be adopted as amended from *Council Procedure Bylaw No. 663, 2014* Schedule "B" to include a New Business section, a Bylaw Review & Development section, and a Public Question Period.

3. Delegations - NIL
4. New Business
  - (1) Community Development Funds – EOC Cooling Centre

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council approve using \$2,000 of the Village of Salmo's portion of the 2022 Community Development Funds towards cooling centre supplies in the case of an emergency.

5. Adoption of the Minutes

**(1) RECOMMENDATION:**

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That the draft minutes of the Regular Council meeting #11-22 of Tuesday, June 14, 2022 be adopted as presented.

6. Referrals from Delegations - NIL
7. Referrals from Prior Meetings - NIL
8. Bylaw Review & Development

**(1) Fireworks Bylaw #515, 2003**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Whereas the "*Village of Salmo Fireworks Bylaw #515, 2003*" requires that "*no person shall set off fireworks within the Village limits without the express permission of the Council*"; let it be resolved:

That Council give permission in writing to the Fire Department to set off fireworks within the Village limits on July 1, 2022 for the Canada Day Celebration.

**(2) Traffic Bylaw #660, 2014**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council provide permission for the closure of the roads specified in the parade permit application on July 1, 2022 for the Canada Day parade as per section 18 (1) of the Village of Salmo "Traffic Bylaw No. 660, 2014".

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**(3) Inter-Community Business Licence Bylaw Amendment #743, 2022**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the "Inter-Community Business Licence Bylaw Amendment #743, 2022" be given first reading.

That the "Inter-Community Business Licence Bylaw Amendment #743, 2022" be given second and third reading.

**(4) Zoning Bylaw #717 Discussion – Next Steps**

**9. Operational Reports**

**(1) Civic Works Department**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receive for information the written report provided by Civic Works Foreman Fred Paton for the period of May 20, 2022 to June 23, 2022.

**(2) Fire Department**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receive for information the written report dated June 1, 2022 provided by Fire Chief David Hearn for the period of May 2022.

**(3) Bylaw Enforcement - NIL**

**(4) Administration**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receive for information the written report as presented by CAO Williams.

**(5) Strategic Plan – NIL**

**10. Financial Reports**

**(1) RECOMMENDATION:**

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That Council receive for information the list of accounts payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from June 10, 2022 to June 23, 2022 totaling \$82,147.88.

**(2) RECOMMENDATION:**

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That Council receive for information the Treasurer's Report for May 2022.

**11. Correspondence Requiring a Council Decision**

**(1) Stand.Earth Re: Motion at UBCM Protecting BC Coasts from Acidic Washwater Dumping being brought forward by Vancouver - #47**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council support the motion “Protecting B.C.’s Coasts from Acidic Washwater Dumping” at the upcoming UBCM convention in September.

**12. Correspondence for Information Only**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receive for information the following correspondence from:

- (1) **Ministry of Agriculture and Food Re: Amendments to the Agricultural Land Reserve Use Regulation - #46** Pg.27
- (2) **Corporation of the City of New Westminster Re: Library Funding UBCM Resolution - #48** Pg.33

(The Village has already committed to supporting this)

**13. Member Reports & Inquiries**

- (1) **Councillor Endersby**
- (2) **Councillor Heatlie**
- (3) **Councillor Huser**
- (4) **Councillor Segall**
- (5) **Mayor Lockwood**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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That the verbal and written reports of Mayor and Council be received for information.

**14. Public Question Period**

**15. In Camera Resolution**

That the meeting be closed to the public under Sections 90(1)(e) of the *Community Charter*.

**16. In Camera Items**

- (1) Minutes
- (2) Land

**17. Reconvene Open Meeting**

**18. Adjournment**

*The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be on July 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.*







# The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

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## REGULAR MEETING #11-22 MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Salmo held in Council Chambers at 423 Davies Avenue in Salmo, B.C. on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

<u>In Person:</u>	Councillor Farrell Segall
Mayor Diana Lockwood	CAO Anne Williams
Councillor Jennifer Endersby	<u>Electronically:</u>
Councillor Jacquie Huser	Members of the Public - 0

**REGRETS:** Councillor Jonathon Heatlie.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Lockwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA:**

R1-11-22 Moved and seconded, that the draft agenda of Regular Meeting #11-22 of Tuesday, June 14, 2022 be adopted as amended from *Council Procedure Bylaw #663, 2014* Schedule "A" to include a New Business section, an Annual Report section, a Public Question period, and an *In Camera* meeting.

Carried.

**DELEGATIONS:** NIL

**NEW BUSINESS:**

R2-11-22 Moved and seconded, that the Salmo Valley Curling & Rink Association's request for assistance with setting up the tables and chair for the July 1<sup>st</sup> weekend pancake breakfast using civic works labour be approved.

Grant-in-Aid Request: Salmo Valley Curling & Rink Association - #44

Defeated 2-2.

Shannon Stubbs, Shadow Minister for Rural Economic Development and Rural

Mayor Lockwood gave an overview of the current Broadband initiative which will see Broadband service lines pass by the Village, but not service the Village.

Broadband Strategy Re: Townhall to Address Federal Funding for Rural Communities - #45

Council was asked to send feedback to the CAO, who will put it into a document for the next meeting in order that Council can decide on an answer to the request.

**MINUTES:** (Note: See official minutes and agenda package for applicable reports.)

R3-11-22 Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of Regular Meeting #10-22 of Tuesday, May 24, 2022 be adopted as presented.

Regular Meeting May 24, 2022

Carried.

R4-11-22 Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of Special Meeting of  
Special Meeting Monday, May 30, 2022 be adopted as presented. Carried.  
May 30, 2022

**2021 ANNUAL & SOFI REPORT:**

R5-11-22 Moved and seconded, that Council adopt the 2021 Annual Report including the audited consolidated financial statements and the Village of Salmo's 2021 Statement of Financial Information, a copy of which will be forwarded to the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development. Carried.

Councillor Segall asked that the Reports page on the Village website be rearranged so that the Financial Reports are more visible. CAO Williams will move them to the top and investigate tagging for searching.

**REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS: NIL**

**REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS: NIL**

**POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW: NIL**

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

R6-11-22 Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the list of accounts payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from May 20, 2022 to June 9, 2022 totaling \$105,086.42. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION: NIL**

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY: NIL**

**MEMBER REPORTS & INQUIRIES:**

Councillor Endersby Councillor Endersby reported that she attended the Emergency Preparedness session and it was quite good.

Councillor Heatlie N/A

Councillor Huser See *Appendix A*. Councillor Huser noted that she had also attended the Emergency Preparedness session but didn't find it too useful.

Councillor Segall Councillor Segall reported that the June 4th Treasure Hunt was quite successful. He also attended the Emergency Preparedness session. He noted that he offers a radio course for the general public so people can learn how to use radios when out in the backcountry.

Council discussed emergency response.

Mayor Lockwood stated she would follow up on “How does the EOC know that information from the EOC was received by the Village?” i.e. If someone, such as the CAO or Mayor, received a call and a reply is not received by the EOC within 15 minutes, how would they know if communication lines are open? She will check into this to ensure there is a procedure in place.

Mayor Lockwood noted that the EOC had misplaced Salmo’s Emergency Contact List. Both she and CAO Williams have copies. Councillor Endersby volunteered to assist with updating it before sending it to him.

It was noted that six points along Erie Creek are being monitored and that volunteers from the Fire Department and Civic Works are watching the creek day and night.

Councillor Segall suggested that emergency practices be held so everyone knows what to do. Councillor Endersby and the CAO noted that the EOC and the Red Cross hold mock disaster training sessions. Mayor Lockwood noted that a meeting is being set up regarding the possibility of setting up cooling centres.

Mayor Lockwood

See *Appendix A*.

R7-11-22  
Verbal & Written  
Reports of Mayor &  
Council

Moved and seconded, that the verbal and written reports of Mayor and Council be received for information.

Carried.

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD: NIL**

**RECESS OPEN  
MEETING:**  
R8-11-22

Moved and seconded, that the meeting be recessed at 8:00 p.m.

Carried.

**IN CAMERA RESOLUTION:**

R9-11-22

Moved and seconded, the meeting be closed to the public under Sections 90(1)(c) of the *Community Charter*.

Carried.

**RECONVENE OPEN MEETING:** Council reopened the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**  
R10-11-22

Moved and seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Carried.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALMO

BYLAW NO. 743

A BYLAW TO AMEND INTER-COMMUNITY BUSINESS LICENCE BYLAW NO. 693, 2017

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WHEREAS Council may, pursuant to Part 2, Division 1, Section 8 (6) of the *Community Charter*, regulate in relation to business;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Part 2, Division 1, Section 14 (1) of the *Community Charter*, two or more municipalities may, by bylaw adopted by the Council of each participating government, establish an Inter-Community scheme in relation to one or more matters;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Part 2, Division 1, Section (1) of the *Community Charter*, Council may provide terms and conditions that may be imposed for obtaining, continuing to hold or renewing a licence, permit or approval and specify the nature of the terms and conditions and who may impose them;

WHEREAS Council has determined that the Village of Salmo Inter-Community Business License Bylaw No. 693, 2017 should:

- (a) Amend Inter-Community Business License Bylaw No. 693, 2017 Section (2) Definitions, to:
  - i. Add a definition for a "Mobile Business License".
  - ii. Reflect the broadening of the license scope to include all municipalities within the "Kootenay" region as defined by the Small Business Branch of the Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology.
- (b) Amend Inter-Community Business License Bylaw No. 693, 2017 Section 4 (a) Fees, to increase the annual license fee to \$100.
- (c) Amend Inter-Community Business License Bylaw No. 693, 2017 Section (9) Effective Date, to reflect the change from a pilot program to permanent adoption of the Inter-Community Business program effective on adoption of this amendment.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Salmo in open meeting assembled, hereby ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

**1. CITATION**

This Bylaw may be cited as the Village of Salmo "INTER-COMMUNITY BUSINESS LICENCE BYLAW AMENDMENT NO. 743, 2022".

**2. AMENDMENTS**

**(a) DEFINITIONS**

**A definition of "Mobile Business License" is added to this section and reads:**

"Mobile Business License"	An Inter-Community Business Licence may also be referred to as a Mobile Business Licence or Inter-Municipal Business Licence and allows certain types of
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mobile businesses to operate across participating jurisdictions.

**The definition of Participating Government in Section 2 is amended to read:**

“Participating Government” means the following communities that have adopted the Inter-Community Business Licence Bylaw:

All municipalities within the “Kootenay” region of the Inter-Community Business License program:

- |                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. City of Castlegar   | 6. Village of Montrose  |
| 2. Town of Creston     | 7. City of Rossland     |
| 3. City of Grand Forks | 8. Village of Salmo     |
| 4. Village of Kaslo    | 9. Village of Silverton |
| 5. City of Nelson      | 10. Village of Slocan   |

**(b) FEES**

**Section 4 (a) is amended to read:**

(a) The annual fee for a Kootenay Inter-Community Business Licence is \$100 and shall be paid in full at the time of application and will be retained by the Participating Government that issues the licence.

**(c) EFFECTIVE DATE**

**Section 9 is amended to read:**

“This Bylaw amendment shall come into full force and effect on adoption.”

READ A FIRST TIME	this __ day of June, 2022
READ A SECOND TIME	this __ day of June, 2022
READ A THIRD TIME	this __ day of June, 2022
RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED	this __ day of July, 2022

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer/CO

Certified a true and correct copy of the “INTER-COMMUNITY BUSINESS LICENCE BYLAW AMENDMENT NO. 743, 2022”.

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Chief Administrative Officer/CO





## Civic Works Foreman Report Period May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022– June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Regular Council Meeting #12-22

### Equipment Repairs & Maintenance

#### Trackless (2012)

- Repaired a bracket and a vacuum line.
- Repaired brakes.
- Repaired fuel line.

#### Dump Truck

- Changed oil.
- Greased machine.

#### Excavator

- Changed oil.
- Greased machine.

#### Misc. Equipment

- Removed conveyor chain in sander.
- Repaired pulley & belt on mower deck.
- Cleaned air filters on all vehicles.
- Completed maintenance schedules for all vehicles.
- Regularly sanitized machines & equipment per COVID-19 protocols.

### Waste Water

- Completed daily checks & tests. (W)
- Pumped out underground chamber. (W)
- Cleaned lift station. (W)
- Cleaned the sludge pipe. (W)
- Cleaned and cleared RAS chamber. (W)
- Wasted the RAS daily. (W)
- Cleaned RAS box. (W)
- Cleaned skid exterior and deck.
- Cleaned screen from screen room. (W)
- Cleaned the aerators.
- Put Actizyme in lift station weekly.
- Removed solids from reaction chamber. (W)
- Cleaned channel.
- Scraped RI basins.
- Ran generator and did maintenance checks.
- Fueled generator.
- Ran tests and exercise trans switch at WWTP.
- Unclogged the pipes coming out of the splitter.
- Checked manhole for plugging issues. (W)
- Mowed and weedwhacked around WWTP.
- General cleanup around WWTP. (W)
- Repaired and prepped sewer line at Recycle building for upcoming construction.
- Co-ordinated, worked with and followed up with contractors on projects including:
  - Blower & Diffuser for Racetracks
  - Drycake
  - Aerators
  - Clarifier
  - SCADA
- Ran the skid for the WWTP. (W)
- Ran the press for the WWTP. (W)
- Cleaned headworks screen. (W)
- Cleaned headworks sludge press. (W)
- Emptied waste bin and relined. (W)
- Flushed out effluent manhole. (W)
- Cleaned and filled poly tank. (W)
- Cleaned effluent and splitter box. (W)
- Pulled effluent pump to clear impellers of debris.
- Cleaned both weirs. (W)
- Cleaned out collection trough. (W)
- Dumped hopper.
- Cleaned the reactor portion of the poly and sludge tank. (W)
- Switched RI Basins.
- DO Monitoring of second racetrack. (W)
- Greased sludge press. (W)
- Drained compressor. (W)
- Cleaned sludge building floors & walls. (W)
- Cleaned dosage pump valves. (W)
- Cleaned reactor chamber. (W)
- Checked generator batteries. (W)
- Worked on report for MOE inspection.

<sup>1</sup> (W) = Weekend – if a daily activity, it is now be P.11 ne 7 days a week.

## Water

- Routine weekly samples are being sent in and have all come back well within parameters.
- Completed 5 BC One calls.
- Completed 1 water shut offs/turn-ons.
- Completed 1 curb stop repair.
- Completed hydrant flushing.
- Completed dead end blow offs.
- Daily recording of lift numbers at wells. (W)
- Completed monthly maintenance checks on wells.
- Completed monthly generator maintenance. (W)
- Worked on costing of 4 new water line installs.
- Completed 1 water curb shut off locate.
- Removed generator for Glendale well and moved to new location.
- Co-ordinated, worked with and followed up with contractors on projects including:
  - Reservoir Power Supply
  - Reservoir PLC
  - Hydrant Diffuser

## Village Maintenance

- Mowed and weed wacked various locations around town including office, firehall, tennis courts, radio station, cemetery, and entrances to town.
- Boulevard maintenance.
- Placed grass seed on Village green spaces.
- Pulled weeds from Wellness Centre gardens.
- Put soil in flowerpots around town.
- Removed garbage from community cans.
- Installed 6 headstones at the cemetery.
- Completed 1 Interment.
- Repaired sign at Cemetery.
- Cleaned out catch basins.
- Connected hoses to fill swimming pool.
- Removed tree from Main Street.
- Filled potholes in alley behind car wash.
- Completed annual sidewalk inspection reports.
- Completed annual paving inspection reports.
- General Civic Works shop maintenance and cleanup. (W)
- Refilled doggi-pot bags as needed.
- Picked up supplies from Castlegar.
- Dropped off recycling.
- Ran test on all back-up generators.
- Repaired street signs.
- Pothole patching.
- Hauled sand and sandbags to KP for residents.
- Monitored rivers levels.
- Met with RDCK regarding flooding preparations.
- Placed sand and sandbags for residents at lift station.
- Planning and preparation for upcoming July 1<sup>st</sup> celebrations.
- Cleaned bus stop and washed windows.
- Open power boxes for special events at KP Park.

## Parks & Campground

- Daily cleaning of KP Washrooms.
- Dragged ball infields.
- Mowed ball fields.
- Repaired backstop at Lion's Park.
- Painted over graffiti at KP ballfield dugout.
- Filled potholes in Lion's Park parking lot.
- Repaired picnic tables in campground sites.
- Repaired bench at KP Park.
- Repaired and painted bleachers.
- Trimmed tree branches at KP Park.
- Planted the donated tree at Lion's Park.
- Maintenance done on bike ramps of KP Bike Park and repaired bike track sign.
- Cleaned out Bingo booth.
- Repaired hooks on swings.
- Turned water on at Railway Garden Park.

<sup>1</sup> (W) = Weekend – if a daily activity, it is now bei P.12 ie 7 days a week.



**Civic Works Administration**

- Records management.
- Prepared and collected daily staff reports.
- Prepared Civic Works report for Council.
- Gathered information for CAO.
- Updated services cards.
- Updated daily tracking in excel spreadsheets.
- Tendered annual paving patch work.
- Tendered annual sidewalk repairs work.
- Tendered upcoming culvert maintenance.

**Community Appearance**

- 2 Incidents of minor vandalism since last report. Both have been attended to.
  - KP Washroom June 17, 2022
  - KP Park Flagpole May 30, 2022

Originally Signed by: Fred Paton

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Fred Paton  
Civic Works Foreman

UPCOMING EVENTS
Salmo Days Celebrations – July 1-3, 2022

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## Fire Chief's Report: June 01, 2022

Regular Council Meeting #12-22

Since the last report on May 1st, 2022 the Salmo Fire Department responded to 5 calls:

3 Jaws                      1 Report of smoke      1 Commercial fire alarm

### DESCRIPTION

Members of the Salmo Fire Department had a fairly quiet month in May. Only one of our calls was very serious in nature. Our one serious call involved a motorcycle versus car in the very early morning hours. The people in the car were relatively unhurt, but the person on the motorcycle received some fairly severe injuries. There ended up being several ambulances at the scene. Traffic had to be detained for a short while, which inconvenienced a few drivers trying to get to work in Trail and Castlegar.

### Misc.

New lighting was installed in our fire hall. The new lighting makes a huge difference in the look and feel of the building.

Preparation for the wildland season continues. Members have checked out the various sites that we have identified as spots for us to draft water from, even in the driest of summer conditions. These drafting spots can change from year to year, due to a change in the river flow. So we regularly check out our usual spots and keep our eyes open for new areas. Several other areas have been identified as good drafting spots for the spring and early summer, but these spots are not dependable, as they often dry up and are unusable during the mid to late summer.

We have been in further contact with the Ymir Fire Department about getting together to do some mutual training and to find out how the other department operates.

We were prepared for possible flooding this year, but we are hoping that the flood forecasts continue to be wrong. Crews are ready to monitor the river levels on an hourly basis if required. We have remained in contact with the village foreman and the RDCK about planning and predictions.

*Originally Signed By:*

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David Hearn, Fire Chief





# The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

REPORTING PERIOD: May 21 to June 22, 2022

SUBMITTED BY: Anne Williams, Chief Administrative Officer

### 1) Grants:

- a. **Mining Equipment Project** – Project has resumed now with completion (hopefully) by June 30, 2022 in time for Canada Day.
- b. **Asset Management Grants:** Looking for advice from UBCM as to what to put in RFQ for consultant.

2) **Zoning (Land-Use) Bylaw:** Review of Council feedback complete. Version 7, in tracked-changes, has been circulated to Council for review along with discussion points.

### 3) Bylaw Enforcement & Building Inspection:

I continue to work with staff, the Building Inspector and the Bylaw Enforcement Officer to address issues with property owners regarding building structures that don't comply with the Village's bylaws, particularly unsightly premises.

The Village's newest Building Inspector from the RDCK began working for Salmo effective the week of May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### 4) Shop Roof Repair:

The roof trusses have now been repaired and we are now waiting on the roof repair.

### 5) Dike Management & Flood Preparedness:

Sand and sandbags are available to villagers at the lift station. At this time, the end of the Spring freshet has been moved to mid-July. While there is still a possibility of flooding, it is less likely to happen here than in other areas of the province. Civic Works, the Fire Department and the RDCK's EOC remain vigilant regarding flooding.

### 6) Canada Day:

A Parade Marshall has finally been found, fireworks ordered, and other events are being planned by their organizers. Alana Lins is doing a fantastic job coordinating the overall day.

### 7) Cooling Centres:

Working with the Mayor and community representatives from SVYCC, the Villas, the Estates, the Legion and Ymir, to set up cooling centres for residents for when we have excessive heat over 35°C. Representatives from these organizations are looking at what staffing needs are required (either volunteer or paid), how many people could their facility host if needed and what kinds of entertainment can be provided to people while they are there, e.g. - cards or other games, TV, movies, etc.

### 8) Staffing:

The hunt for a new CAO continues. First round interviews are scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>.



Village of Salmo  
Accounts Payable June 10 to June 23, 2022

Cheque #	Pay Date	Vendor Name	Description	Paid Amount
015493	2022-06-16	Ace Courier Systems	Water Sample Shipping	\$37.80
015516	2022-06-23	Ace Courier Systems	Water Sample Shipping	\$63.60
015518	2022-06-23	Apex EHS Services Inc	Shed Assessment	\$892.50
015519	2022-06-23	Black Dragon Fireworks Inc.	Canada Day Celebration Supplies	\$4,000.00
015521	2022-06-23	Carter, Marty	Canada Day Music	\$50.00
EFT	2022-06-14	Collabria	Office/Promo/FD Supplies/Insurance	\$579.45
015520	2022-06-23	Commissionaires British Columbia	Bylaw Enforcement	\$310.63
015494	2022-06-16	Custom Dozing Ltd.	Road Maintenance Supplies	\$3,136.00
015530	2022-06-23	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expenses	\$392.09
015495	2022-06-16	Fortis BC Inc.	Electricity Expenses	\$39.28
015497	2022-06-16	Gescan Division of Sonepar Canada Inc.	Large Storage Facility Repair Supply	\$659.13
015496	2022-06-16	Guillevin International	FD Turnout Gear Maintenance	\$2,367.80
015522	2022-06-23	HACH Sales & Service Canada LP	WWTP Supplies	\$1,620.21
015525	2022-06-23	Kelpin, Sem	Canada Day Music	\$50.00
015524	2022-06-23	Kendrick Equipment (2003) Ltd.	2012 Trackless Maintenance	\$767.02
Pre-Authorized Debit	2022-06-21	Kootenay Savings Credit Union	Service Fee	\$30.00
015498	2022-06-16	Lidstone & Company	Legal Services	\$211.68
015526	2022-06-23	Lordco Auto Parts	2012 Trackless Maintenance/Shop Supplies	\$377.00
015499	2022-06-16	M.J. Fabrication & Maintenance Welding	Hydrant Diffuser Fabrication	\$2,240.00
015500	2022-06-16	MTS Maintenance Tracking Systems Inc.	Staff Training	\$1,787.10
015528	2022-06-23	Pennywise	Advertising	\$471.45
EFT	2022-06-14	Receiver General for Canada	Payroll Remittance	\$15,114.16
015501	2022-06-16	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Dumping Fees	\$12.50
015517	2022-06-23	Richens Ann	Campground Management	\$447.50
Pre-Authorized Debit	2022-06-23	Royal Bank Central Card Services	Service Fees	\$2.12
015529	2022-06-23	Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce	Heritage Grant - Mining Exhibit	\$9,702.80
015502	2022-06-16	Skyway Hardware (1985) Ltd.	Gazebo, KP Ballfield, KP Washroom, Lion's Park, Shop,	\$725.06
015504	2022-06-16	Telus Communications Inc.	WWTP Supplies/Street Sign Maintenance	\$1,246.19
015531	2022-06-23	Waterhouse Environmental Services Corp	Telephone/Fax/Internet Services	\$9,714.30
015532	2022-06-23	Wood, Jayne	WWTP Supplies	\$50.00
			Canada Day Music	\$50.00

Village of Salmo  
 Accounts Payable June 10 to June 23, 2022

Cheque #	Pay Date	Vendor Name	Description	Paid Amount
		Employee Benefits, Resimbursements and Salaries (PP12)		\$25,050.51
		<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$82,147.88</b>

Credit Card Details:

FD GPS Subscription	\$72.75
Office Supplies	\$47.02
Promo Supplies	\$238.23
2017 Trackless Ins.	\$28.00
CW Supplies	\$193.45
	<b>\$579.45</b>



Village of Salmo Regular Council Meeting #12-22  
 Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2022

Account Name	31-May-22 Balance	30-Apr-22 Balance	31-May-21 Balance
Chequing Community Plus (Operating Account)	\$1,496,420.84	\$1,520,465.38	\$1,415,106.58
Masterplan Community Plus - Wellness Centre Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Masterplan Community Plus - Community Works	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Masterplan Community Plus - Salmo Parks	\$2,434.83	\$2,431.20	\$0.00
Maximizer Community Plus - Civic Works Reserves	\$148,909.83	\$148,663.62	\$146,606.58
Maximizer Community Plus - Sewer Civic Works Reserves	\$50,534.59	\$50,459.59	\$49,658.57
Maximizer Community Plus - Cemetery Care	\$25,021.24	\$24,984.11	\$23,738.78
Maximizer Community Plus - Water Civic Works Reserves	\$181,172.31	\$180,903.43	\$178,031.65
Maximizer Community Plus - Lions Park (Previously Curling Rink)	\$18,372.45	\$18,345.18	\$18,053.96
Maximizer Community Plus - Wellness Centre	\$106,594.81	\$106,436.61	\$104,746.96
Maximizer Community Plus - Fire Department Equipment	\$47,094.66	\$47,024.77	\$46,278.28
Maximizer Community Plus - Jaws of Life	\$177,047.75	\$176,784.99	\$173,978.59
Maximizer Community Plus - Ambulance	\$12,379.79	\$12,361.42	\$12,165.18
Membership Shares	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Patronage Shares	\$2,238.00	\$2,238.00	\$2,238.00
	<b>\$2,268,246.10</b>	<b>\$2,291,123.30</b>	<b>\$2,170,628.13</b>

**Accounts Receivable**

Utilities	\$77,808.99
Taxes	\$1,146,401.11
Other	\$690.68
	<b>\$1,224,900.78</b>

**Accounts Payable**

**\$0.00**

**Grand Total (Assets minus Liabilities)**

**\$3,493,146.88**



DATE Jun. 20/22  
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FILE NO 0230-01  
VILLAGE OF SALMO



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17 June 2022

Mayor and Council  
Village of Salmo

Box 1000,  
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V0G 1Z0

Sent via: email

Re: Motion at UBCM Protecting BC Coasts From Acidic Washwater Dumping being brought forward by Vancouver

We are writing today as Stand.Earth to bring your attention to an important resolution that will be coming before UBCM, having passed unanimously at LMLGA, to address acidic wastewater discharge in all waters off BC.

It is well established that ocean acidification has devastating effects on marine life, aquaculture, and coastal communities dependent on a thriving ocean. In recent years a new device has been taken up in record numbers that is dumping catastrophic volumes of acidic wastewater directly into the ocean from vessels.

In order to mitigate sulphur air pollution from burning heavy oil, the maritime shipping industry employs exhaust gas cleaning systems (scrubbers) instead of simply switching to lower sulphur fuels which are already available on the market. Scrubbers result in a solution of concentrated acidic sulphates, metals, and other toxins that are dumped directly into the ocean while the ship is in operation.

Cruise and cargo vessel traffic in Canadian jurisdiction annually discharge tens of millions tonnes of this acidic washwater directly into the coastal waters of BC. [The International Council for the Exploration of the Seas](#) has found that scrubber washwater has lethal and sub-lethal effects on plankton, a critical component of marine ecosystems.

# STAND .earth

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is demonstrating regional [leadership](#) in preventing acidic wastewater dumping and is [phasing in a requirement simply for ships to burn cleaner fuels](#). They join the [Port of Seattle](#), Quebec's Port Sept-Iles, [The State of California](#) and ports [around the world](#) in taking steps to prevent the use of scrubbers and mandate a transition to cleaner fuels.

The resolution before UBCM is critical to bring this issue to the table with levels of government that have jurisdiction over territorial waters and can protect the Salish and Great Bear Seas. We urge you to support the motion "Protecting B.C.'s Coasts From Acidic Washwater Dumping" at the upcoming UBCM convention in September.

Thank you for your consideration of our letter. Please do not hesitate to reach out at [anna@stand.earth](mailto:anna@stand.earth) or call during daytime hours to 604-757-7029.

Sincerely,

Anna Barford  
Canada Shipping Campaigner  
Stand.earth  
Vancouver, BC



# We Need to Move Faster on the Ban of Marine Scrubbers in the Port of Vancouver and Across Canada

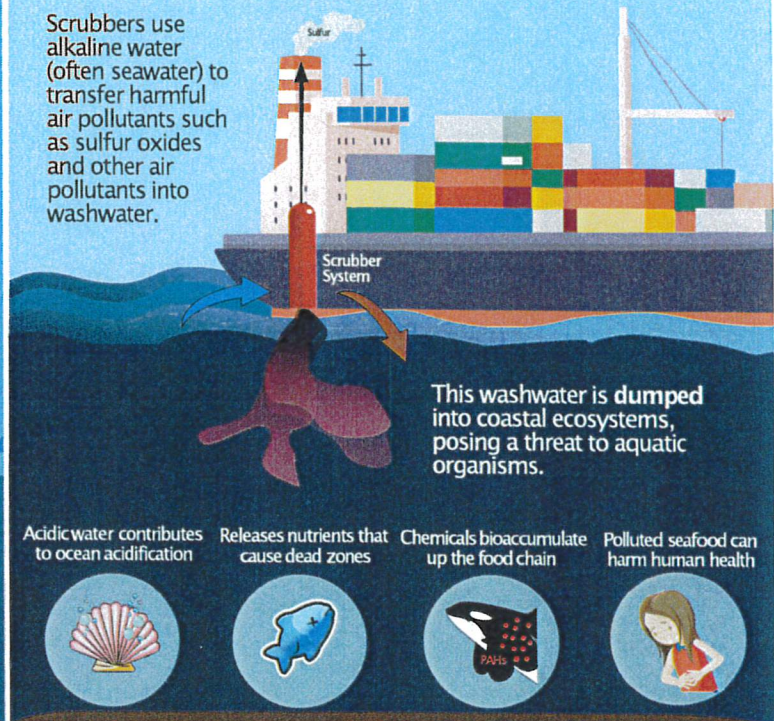
## WHAT ARE MARINE SCRUBBERS?

Marine Scrubbers were created as a **loophole** for ships to avoid switching to cleaner fuels in response to more strict 2020 sulfur emission guidelines.



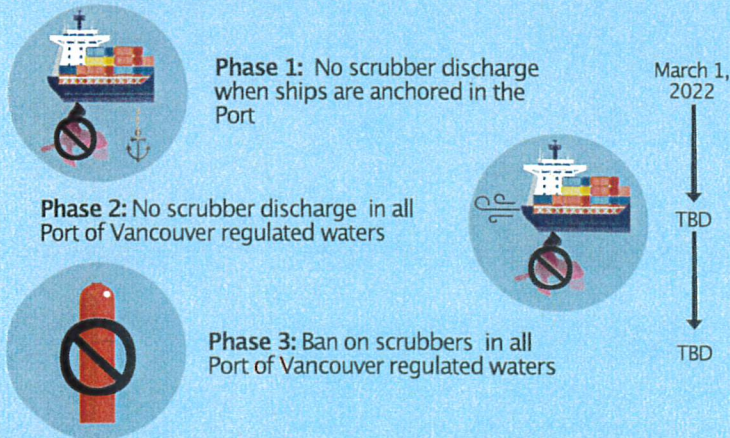
## WHY ARE SCRUBBERS BAD?

Scrubbers use alkaline water (often seawater) to transfer harmful air pollutants such as sulfur oxides and other air pollutants into washwater.



## WHAT IS BEING DONE LOCALLY?

The Port of Vancouver has enacted a 3 phase ban of scrubbers in its jurisdiction:



Currently, ships can still dump scrubber washwater while moving in and out of port. We need to move faster to a full scrubber ban.

We also need **Canada-wide** legislation banning scrubber use to protect all Canadian waters.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

### 1. Get Talking



Spreading awareness about the issue helps to put more pressure on local and federal governments to **ban scrubbers now**.

### 2. Put Pressure on Government



Write an e-mail to your local MP or tweet Transport Canada.

#banscrubbers #nodumping

@Transport\_gc



GRAPHICS  
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June 17, 2022

File: 0280-30  
Ref: 197425

Dear Local Governments and First Nation Governments:

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, government approved amendments to the Agricultural Land Reserve Use Regulation (ALRUR) under the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* (ALCA). The amendments provide clarity to local governments, First Nation governments that are Treaty First Nations or First Nation governments with settlement or proposed settlement lands – referred to hereafter as First Nation Governments, and interested parties that the use of agricultural land to construct, maintain or operate a controlled environment structure is designated as a farm use under the ALCA. That means farmers do not need to make a non-farm use application to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) to have a controlled environment structure on the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). The changes can be seen on B.C. Laws: [Order in Council 83/2022](#)

This regulatory change was required to provide clarity to the agricultural industry, local governments and First Nation Governments about what uses may occur on the ALR and the regulatory authority local governments or First Nation Governments have over controlled environment structures.

Controlled environment structures are still governed by other legal requirements, including those under the ALCA and local government zoning bylaws or First Nation Government rules. Although a controlled environment structure does not require a non-farm use application to the ALC, if the removal of soil or placement of fill is required to construct or maintain the structure, then the activity would be subject to the soil and fill rules under the ALCA. A Notice of Intent or a Placement of Fill or Removal of Soil Application would need to be submitted to the ALC if the total area from which soil is removed or fill is placed exceeds 1000m<sup>2</sup>.

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After this regulatory change comes into effect, it will be clear that local governments and First Nation Governments can prohibit these structures. These amendments will come into force on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, to provide local governments, First Nation Governments, and other interested parties adequate time to prepare for the changes. Some local governments and First Nation Governments may wish to develop bylaws for these industries within their regions.

If you have questions on bylaw development please contact Jeffrey Weightman, Team Lead, Land Use Planning, Ministry of Agriculture and Food at [jeffrey.weightman@gov.bc.ca](mailto:jeffrey.weightman@gov.bc.ca) or 236 478-3272.

If you have questions about the interpretation of the regulation, please contact the ALC at [ALCBurnaby@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca](mailto:ALCBurnaby@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca).

Background information on the regulatory change is provided in the attached Appendix – Supplemental Information. If you have any questions or concerns related to policy intent please contact Elissa Whittington, Acting Policy Team Lead, Ministry of Agriculture and Food at [Elissa.Whittington@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Elissa.Whittington@gov.bc.ca) or 236 478-1638.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

- Order in Council 83/2022
- Appendix – Supplemental Information



## Appendix - Supplementary Information

On July 11, 2019, the Government of British Columbia announced the Food Security Task Force (Task Force) – a commitment identified in the 2019 Speech from the Throne. The Task Force’s mandate was to provide recommendations on how to:

- Apply agricultural technology (“agri-tech”) to enhance sector productivity, economic competitiveness and sustainability, reduce waste and tailor productivity to market demands;
- Grow the emerging agri-tech sector in B.C. as a standalone economic sector that can produce technologies that will be in demand globally; and
- Support the objectives of CleanBC through the adoption of technologies and practices that will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase access to fresh, healthy food and stimulate local economic activity.

The Task Force released their final report on January 30, 2020. The report included four major recommendations:

- applying the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals to agricultural policies;
- establishing an incubation/acceleration strategy for B.C.'s agritech sector;
- creating an agriculture and agritech institute in B.C. in partnership with post-secondary institutions; and
- reviewing land-use planning policies and regulations to ensure B.C.'s agritech sector has a place to grow.

The Task Force report is available online at

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/121/2020/01/FSTF-Report-2020-The-Future-of-Food.pdf>.

The Minister’s mandate letter for 2022 directs the Minister to draw on the recommendations from the Task Force, to take steps to make B.C. a leader in food security and the emerging agritech sector, and to help BC companies that are bringing innovation to agriculture grow, hire more workers and position B.C. as an agri-tech leader, while protecting farmland in the ALR.

The Minister's mandate letter is available online at [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/government/ministries-organizations/premier-cabinet-mlas/minister-letter/agf-popham-mandate\\_2022\\_-\\_secured.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/government/ministries-organizations/premier-cabinet-mlas/minister-letter/agf-popham-mandate_2022_-_secured.pdf).

### Defining Agri-tech

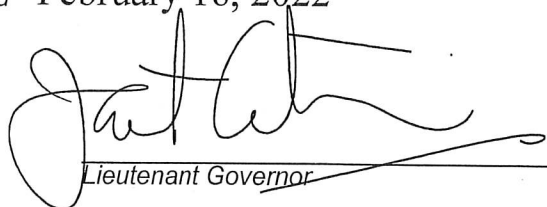
Agri-tech is a term used to describe an emerging sector that exists at the interface of technology and agriculture. Agri-tech is the development and application of technology and innovation to the farm and food sectors to improve production, profitability, and sustainability.

The Agri-tech sector includes companies involved in the development, production, commercialization and facilitation of products, services, research or adoption of applications for farm, food and seafood businesses/operations. Examples of sector components include: agri-tech facilities built for product research; agri-tech farming for intensive crop production (e.g., vertical/container farms to support intensive vegetable/fruit/berry production); and agri-tech food processing and manufacturing.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 83

, Approved and Ordered February 18, 2022



Lieutenant Governor

**Executive Council Chambers, Victoria**

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that, effective August 31, 2022, the Agricultural Land Reserve Use Regulation, B.C. Reg. 30/2019, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule.



Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

*(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)*

**Authority under which Order is made:**

Act and section: *Agricultural Land Commission Act*, S.B.C. 2002, c. 36, s. 58

Other: OIC 67/2019

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## SCHEDULE

- 1 *Section 1 of the Agricultural Land Reserve Use Regulation, B.C. Reg. 30/2019, is amended by adding the following definition:*

“**controlled environment structure**” means a structure that provides a controlled environment intended to intensify crop production, including, without limitation,

- (a) a vertical farming system,
- (b) a rotating tray system, or
- (c) any other structure that minimizes the use of land, controls the use of light, air, water or nutrients or relies in whole or in part on automation, but not including
- (d) a greenhouse,
- (e) a structure for mushroom production, or
- (f) a structure described in section 8 (1) (b) or (2) that is used for producing cannabis in accordance with section 8;.

- 2 *Part 2 is amended by adding the following Division before section 4:*

### **Division 1 – Farm Uses That May Be Prohibited .**

#### **Controlled environment structures**

- 3.1 The use of agricultural land to construct, maintain or operate a controlled environment structure is designated as a farm use.

- 3 *The following heading is added after section 3.1:*

### **Division 2 – Farm Uses That May Not Be Prohibited .**

- 4 *Sections 4 and 5 (1) are amended by striking out “this Part” and substituting “this Division”.*

- 5 *The following section is added to Part 2:*

#### **Controlled environment structures**

- 13.1 The use of agricultural land to construct, maintain or operate a controlled environment structure may not be prohibited as described in section 4 if
- (a) the structure that is being constructed, maintained or operated as a controlled environment structure was constructed or was under construction before August 31, 2022, and
  - (b) the structure is constructed in accordance with all applicable authorizations and enactments.

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FILE NO 0400-60

VILLAGE OF SALMO



Jonathan X. Côté  
Mayor

June 21, 2022

Dear Mayor and Council,

**Re: Library Funding UBCM Resolution**

I am writing to ask for your support for a resolution that the City of New Westminster is bringing to the UBCM Annual Convention in September.

The Province of British Columbia provides grants to public libraries annually. In 2009, provincial funding for BC's public libraries was reduced from \$17.9 million to \$14 million. The grant has remained static at \$14 million since 2010. The lack of annual increases means that each year libraries receive less provincial funding as a portion of overall revenue, which results either in cuts to services or an increased cost to municipalities. Inflationary pressures compound the financial situation of BC libraries. Funding is provided to individual libraries; in 2022, the New Westminster Public Library (NWPL) received a grant of \$146,300, which represents 2.9% of NWPL's total operating budget, and a one-time COVID-19 relief and recovery grant of \$79,933.53 that will help address some needs this year only.

As in previous years, the BC Public Library Partners (BC Library Trustees Association, Association of BC Public Library Directors, BC Library Association and BC Libraries Cooperative) are coordinating advocacy efforts to increase provincial funding for libraries. The budget request in 2023 is for \$22 million.

In response to an appeal from our Library Board, at a meeting on June 13, 2022, New Westminster City Council received passed the following resolution to be considered by the UBCM:

WHEREAS libraries in British Columbia are largely financed by levies paid by local governments, and where provincial library funding has remained stagnant for the past 10 years;

AND WHEREAS public libraries are central to communities, provide equitable access to vital resources, including internet, computers, digital

library tools and in-person services from expert staff which are essential for low-barrier services and support job seekers and small businesses, that increase literacy in communities, that advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and that promote equity and inclusion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of the BC Municipalities call on the Government of British Columbia to provide long-term sustainable funding for public libraries in BC and that the Province ensure that BC Libraries will henceforth receive regular increases to Provincial Government funding in subsequent years.

The support of your delegates to UBCM for this motion would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan X. Cote', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jonathan X. Cote  
Mayor





## THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALMO REPORT FROM MAYOR/RDCK DIRECTOR LOCKWOOD

Mayor/Director's Report for Council Meeting held on June 28, 2022.

### EXTERNAL AGENCIES:

**Salmo & Area G Emergency Preparedness:** Community members within Salmo and Area G discussed cooling centres and what places we would be able to access for the community's vulnerable and senior populations within this area. With support of Council, we would use Community Development monies. The forecast for the Kootenays is very high for extreme heat this summer. Extreme heat means the heat is over 35 degrees for more than three days in a row. The most vulnerable times are 2-7pm and this is when people would need support.

**Alternate – Ktunaxa Kinbasket Local Government Treaty:**

### PORTFOLIOS/LIAISONS:

**Citizen Engagement:** I am having conversations with citizens about being ready for any kind of emergency. Having a bag packed and at the front door, knowing who can help you if needed or where you can phone for directions and where to get help.

### **Economic Development:**

**Fire Department:** The fire department along with Civic Works are watching Erie Creek and the Salmo River at six different spots as we head into summer.

### RDCK:

**Board:** The RDCK is entering into a licensing agreement with Strong Data Automation which will include a license plate reader functionality for a three-year term with two possible one-year extensions at a cost of \$57,550.00. Licence plates are not classified as personal data so it is data that can be collected.

There was discussion about how to make communities FireSmart and the difficulties encountered accessing money for in-forest FireSmart work when it is all private that surrounds communities. Only work on Crown Land is eligible for grant funding.

There were new planning procedures and fees adopted at the June meeting and I urge you to visit the RDCK website to review Bylaw No. 2457.

The Statement of Financial Report has not been released yet due to the backlog and reduced staff at the auditors.

Community Development Funding awarded:

- Salmo Ski Club for lodge retrofit \$7,000.00
- Village of Salmo for Tennis/Basketball/Pickleball court upgrades \$21,000.00
- Village of Salmo for Salmo Pool Upgrades \$17,000.00

Article from the RDCK – Organic Waste Conversion Program

June 17, 2022

## Organics waste diversion program to launch in RDCK

Multi-phase approach focused on reducing food waste in landfills

By Dan Elliott, RDCK Communications Coordinator

On June 21, 2022 the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) will officially open its new composting facility at the Creston Landfill to support the implementation of a curbside organics collection program in the Town of Creston, the first community in the RDCK to offer this service. This is the first step in a multi-phase approach to implementing a RDCK wide organic waste diversion strategy focused on the removal of food waste from landfills.

Within BC, residential organic waste makes up approximately 35% of material sent to landfills. In the quest for zero waste, the RDCK's new program will help to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, save landfill capacity and reduce leachate impacts. Leachate is the contaminated liquid running through a solid waste disposal site and it is difficult and expensive to manage.

Development of an organics diversion program started in 2017 as part of the RDCK's Resource Recovery Plan. The RDCK has since received two grants, totaling over \$3.7 million to kick start the program. In 2019, the RDCK received the Organics Infrastructure Program Grant, jointly funded by the federal and provincial governments, which covers two-thirds of the eligible costs of design and construction of composting facilities in both Creston and Salmo. Two years later, the RDCK received a CleanBC Organics Infrastructure and Collection Program Grant to contribute two-thirds of eligible costs for establishing curbside collection of organic waste in Castlegar, Creston, and for a new curbside service under consideration for higher-density rural areas. The RDCK was also successful in securing up to \$536,455 from the Columbia Basin Trust Climate Resiliency Program to assist with education and communication for the organics diversion program and for bear-proofing measures, such as bear-resistant lids for rural communities should a new curbside service proceed.

"Over the past five years, the RDCK and our partners have put a lot of effort into getting to this point," said Amy Wilson, RDCK Resource Recovery Manager. "We are beyond excited to be launching the first phase of our regional composting program. Annually, the compost facilities in Creston and eventually Salmo are expected to divert over 2,000 tonnes of organic waste from entering the landfill, resulting in big wins towards meeting our climate action goals."

"The Regional District of Central Kootenay has a broad plan to encourage composting throughout the district, and we congratulate it on realizing this important milestone," said Katie Kendall, Special Initiatives Manager at Columbia Basin Trust. "People in the Columbia Basin have expressed deep concern over climate change, and diverting food waste from landfills, in a bear-safe way, will result in lower greenhouse gas emissions and help communities become more climate-resilient."

"Thinking back almost 25 years ago when I was a citizen representative on our Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee for waste management, we realized the Creston landfill site had a very limited life span unless



significant shifts in operations and practices were made,” said Garry Jackman, RDCK Electoral Area A Director. “Through the actions of our staff and our regional Board we have seen better separation of construction waste, increased yard and garden waste diversion, improved recycling practices and better overall landfill management including fugitive methane gas capture. Organics diversion and composting is just the next step in the logical process to reduce our impact on the environment and maintain the most cost effective, efficient operation of the site over the long term.”

While the Creston Composting Facility opens this month, construction of the Central Composting Facility near Salmo started in early May and is scheduled to be finished by October. Once operational, this facility will accept organic material from Castlegar, commercial sources, and the greater Trail areas of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary. Additionally, the RDCK is working with the City of Nelson to obtain diversion of organics from their municipal waste stream resulting in equivalent GHG reductions.

Both facilities will feature basic forced aeration composting technology. Collected organic waste will be received at both facilities in large mixing buildings. To maintain proper nutrient ratios, food waste will be combined with clean wood and yard and garden waste in a specialized mixing unit. Once mixed, the material will be transported to aerated windrows. Windrows are linear piles of organic waste and the aeration process uses fans connected to perforated pipes located underneath these piles. This system maintains oxygen and temperature levels, which promotes active decomposition, limits odour generation, and prevents the piles from producing methane through anaerobic (low-oxygen) decomposition. The entire process takes approximately 12 weeks from start to finish, depending on the season, and will produce a safe, high-quality product that can be used anywhere, including home gardens.

“The composting technology being used for the regional program is cost effective and results in significant environmental benefit for everyone in the region,” said Wilson. “Additionally it can compost a significantly wider range of organic waste than backyard composting and many other home based options and generates a valuable resource that can be used for any soil improvement application.”

In combination with the two processing facilities, the RDCK is also upgrading both the Ootischenia Landfill and Grohman Narrows (Nelson) transfer areas to accept organic waste. Ootischenia will start accepting material once the Central Composting Facility is completed, while Grohman Narrows may be operational by the early fall. These transfer facilities will offer services to commercial haulers and allow businesses and residents to come drop it off themselves at a reduced fee compared to garbage.

“Almost half the organic waste landfilled is generated by the commercial sector,” said Wilson. “The RDCK will be engaging with commercial haulers, institutions, and business to develop plans for incorporating organics diversion into their waste management programs.”

The RDCK’s initial focus is on larger municipalities and areas within a close proximity to organics infrastructure, but in the future, the RDCK will support municipalities interested in establishing their own organic waste management solutions. This summer, the RDCK will begin the next phase of the organic waste diversion program, looking at a rural curbside collection program and seeking market information from haulers on collection costs for rural areas, which will inform an in-depth community consultation on the program in early 2023. Later in 2022, the RDCK will also be developing a preliminary design for an organics processing facility in Nakusp, and will be looking for future grant funding opportunities for that potential project.

For further information, please contact: Dan Elliott Communications Coordinator Regional District of Central Kootenay Tel: 250.352.1531 Email: dellott@rdck.bc.ca

**Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee:** Concerns about the environmental impacts of electric car batteries was discussed. When we are finding ways to reduce GHG's we need to look at where a product is coming from and that are we looking at it in a global situation such as how items are mined to retrieve them from the earth and then what is the whole process to recycle those items.

**All Recreation:** Next meeting June 29, 2022

**Salmo & Area G Recreation Commission:** Next meeting September 19, 2022

**West Kootenay Transit Committee:** Next meeting June 30, 2022

**West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District:** Next meeting June 22, 2022

**ETSI-BC:** We had a Joint Regional Advisory Committee meeting with the Thompson Okanagan region to vote on all the projects brought forward. We only have 13 members on our RAC and I am happy to say that we had 8 members present while the TO RAC has 41 members and only 5 of their members were present. The recommendations will go to the Board for approval On June 24, 2022.

**Other Meetings of Note:**

**Salmo and Area G Preparedness:** TBA

**Mayor's and Chairs Highway 3 Coalition:** TBA

**Southeast Regional Meetings:** Next time we meet with any Ministers will be at UBCM in September and I have asked for a meeting about Dike response and MLA Anderson will be in attendance if I get the meeting granted.

**IHA Mayor's and Chairs regional meeting:** TBA

**FCM:** I attended –

- (a) Municipal Funding. It evolved around unions although they did speak about having strong public services. Education around how municipalities will be vital to economic recovery. They spoke about how under-funding services can make life more difficult for vulnerable and marginalized residents.
- (b) Using consumer spending to drive recovery.
- (c) Work-life balance of an elected official.
- (d) How Indigenous and municipality relationships are driving reconciliation.
- (e) The AGM and ratification for the resolutions put forward.
- (f) To end the conference, we got to hear a non-political keynote about AKOR Expedition. From March to October 2021, Nicolas Roulx and Guillaume Moreau completed the longest-ever *north-to-south* human-powered crossing of Canada. From the high Arctic to southern Ontario—via Saskatchewan, it took 234 days to cover the 7,600 km by ski, canoe, and bike, covering 19 percent of the planet's circumference. That's the equivalent of 180 marathons. They spoke about resilience and what that meant to them. It is an exceptional story.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mayor/Director Lockwood**