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VILLAGE OF SALMO

The Corporation of the Village of Salmo **DELEGATION APPLICATION FORM**

Delegate(s) Name: Taylor Caron & Judi Cozzetto
Mailing Address: PO Box 458, Salmo, BC V0G 1Z0
Email Address: tcaron@salmo.bc.libraries.coop Phone No.: 357-2312
Delegation Status: (select one)
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[] Attending as an Individual (Name of Group/Organization/Business)
Council Date Requested for Meeting: MARCH 28th, 2023
Purpose of the Delegation Request:
To present our Annual Report from 2022 and inform Council about SVPL goals for 2023
Note:
 A copy of all information regarding the presentation must accompany this application. Delegation requests are subject to approval by the Mayor and Corporate Officer. Submission of an application is not a guarantee that you will be approved to appear before Council. Where the subject matter of a delegation pertains to legal matters, personnel, and/or private property issues, the Village of Salmo reserves the right not to approve the delegation. The Village of Salmo cannot guarantee you will be scheduled on the date requested
I/We acknowledge that only the above matter will be discussed during the presentation:
Signature: Date: March 17, 2023
This information is collected by the Village of Salmo in accordance with Section 124 of the Community Charter and is protected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The information will be used to facilitate processing this request to appear as a delegation before Council. Should you have any questions about the collection of this personal information, please contact the Village of Salmo, Corporate Officer at 250.357.9433.
The applicant, in the process of submitting or authorizing this application, hereby recognizes and accepts that this material will become available to the public as part of the application, review and approval process. Applicant's Initials
Return completed form along with the information regarding the presentation to the Corporate Officer either by mail, in person, by fax, or by email
Completed forms can be faxed to (250)357-9633 or emailed to info@salmo.ca.

	FO	R OFFICE USE	ONLY		
Delegation Approved?	Y ##	Scheduled fo	or Council Meeting on	March	, 20 _23
Reason not approved:					
Response sent to requestor by:	letter	email X	on March 22	, 20	23

SVPL 2022 in Review

For the Salmo Valley Public Library, 2022 was a turning point for recovery from the last few years. From January to December, we saw big changes in how we operated.

The year started with the library providing online services, Youtube story times, and take away craft bags for seniors and kids alike, but by May we were back to in person programs and hosting community eyents. The summer months were filled with an active Summer Reading Club (SRC), which we launch with a registration day in the new Phyllis Tatum reading Garden and a kids theater performance, and had 63 attendees. Over July and August, we ran 7 weeks of SRC and had 166 attendances over the 21 sessions.

By the time September rolled around we were returning to something similar to our pre-Covid operations, but with a newer version of regular. By the end of the year were back to hosting regular events and seeing a steady increase in our month statistics. During 2022 we hosted 97 adult programs/events and had 852 people attending. We also held 68 junior programs/events (excluding SRC) and had 673 kids attend.

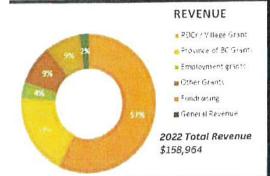
Using our door counter, we can see a steady increase of people accessing the library. From 2021 (13,068) to 2022 (14,398) we welcomed 1,330 more people through our doors from one year to the next. Even with the challenge of the last two years, we continue to see an increase in people accessing our little library. We are encouraged by the all those who reach out to the library for the variety of services we offer, and we continue to adapt and play a positive roll within our community during these challenging times.

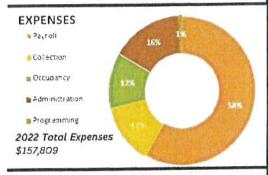
In 2022, SVPL was elated with the success of our application of an Alternative Approval Process (AAP) for the Electoral Area G and the Village of Salmo fund to the Salmo Valley Public Library. Knowing that our serves are now expanded to include all of Electoral Area G, and that the Village of Salmo and Electoral Area G, are requisitioned at the same rate per thousand of assessed value is affirming for the library. This AAP went through without a single community member against it, which we see as a reflection of the positive support the library has in our area.

The direct funding, we receive from the Village and RDCK is very much appreciated and manage well. These funds make up the majority of our budget, and they help us be stable and secure in our operations.

SVPL is able to meet the growing and changing needs of the residents of RDCK Area G, and the Village of Salmo because our staff and volunteers live in the community, have a vested interest to learn, and work to support all who live in the area. As a small library of 3 part time staff, 10 volunteers, 10 board members, and an active Friends of the Library group, we are happy to be here working for our community!

Salmo Valley Public Library 2022 ANNUAL REPORT





2022 Quick-Look by the Numbers

New materials

1,133

New materials

89

\$2.670 total in-kind

donated

Total Collection

18,450 items

Checkouts

20,234 print 5,296 digital 25,530 tatal

Total programs

165

1,525 attendance

New Patrons

137

Volunteer hours

692 desk hours 525 friends hours \$19,046 In-kind hours

Wireless usage

3,870

Computer usage

1,262 sessions 624 hours

Database usage

117

For further SVPL 2022 Annual Report details please visit us at an implication research or find us on facebook same value Police Library 10s with St. 2019 700

the staff

Library Director, Taylor Caron
Children's Librarian, Marianne Hansen
Library Clerk, Gayle Jarek
Student, Riley Watersteet & Owen Thornton
SRC Coordinator, Kit Herd
Bookkeeper, Rebecca Richards
Custodian, Irene Sikora

Board Chair, Janet Pierce Vice Chair, Teresa Kjelson Treasurer, Pat Goulden Trustee, Judi Cozzetto Trustee, Tom Nixon Trustee, Jennifer Gawne Trustee, Melanie Briscoe Trustee, Sylvia Korens

Village Rep, Jen Endersby & Kenzie Neil RDCK Rep, Hans Cunningham

volunteers

Judi Cozzetto, Cecilia Granbois, Sharry Heighton, Kim Hammond, Gayle Jarek, Keith Kemp, Tanja Korith, Teresa Olleck, Orinne Reimer, Julie Vishloff, Carol Vonk, Sally Whitman, and All our Junior volunteers!

Donors

Alice & Gerald Nellestinin Andrew Raney Brian & Sharon Henderson Custom Dozing Ltd Friends of The Salmo Library Gloria Curne Glover Contracting Joan Field Judi & Terry Cozzetto Keith & Carol Vonk Kirkhoge Koptenay Savings Credit Union Lorna Mclarty Lorraine & Roy Kreuzer Marianne & Reg Hansen Margaret Hannah Pat Goulden Paul Van Wijk & Kay Hohn Robert Melnick Salmo Drugs Ltd Salmo Watershed Streamkeepers Society Salmo Wellness Clinic Sally Whitman Skyway Hardware Susan & Robert Nathane Sutco Contracting Taylor Caron Thomas Nixon Tim & Sally Albert Valene Foster Western Financials Group Wildhorse Forestry

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Grants & Funders

Canadian Council of Archives

Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy
Columbia Basin Trust
College of the Rockies
BC Courthouse Library Society
BC Libraries Branch
Kootenay Library Federation
Kootenay Savings Credit Union
Province of British Columbia
Regional District of Central Kootenay
Salmo Resource Society
Salmo Vailey Fund
Village of Salmo



SALMO PUBLIC LIBRARY BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2022

ASSETS

Current Assets			
Cash to be deposited		\$	4 070 00
Petty cash		φ	1,676.08 43.83
KSCU Maximizer			10,435,49
KSCU Summit Savings			83,001.88
Shares Class A			25.00
Total Current Assets			95,182.28
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Accounts Receivable			
Receivables			760.32
GST Receivable			748.71
Total Receivables		-	1,509.03
Capital Assets			
Leasehold Improvements	\$ 170,858.58		
Furniture and Equipment	37,227.34		
Total Capital Assets			208,085.92
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Prepaid Expenses			
TOTAL ASSETS		\$	304,777.23
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	LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable		\$	6,803.31
Accrued Liabilities		\$	-
Collabria Visa			
		-	4,343.42
Payroll Remittances Payable		-	4,343.42 -
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SALMO PUBLIC LIBRARY INCOME STATEMENT DECEMBER 1 - 31, 2022

DECEM	BER 1 - 31, 2022		
		2022	
	YTD	BUDGET	% Diff
REVENUE			
Operating Grants			
RDCK/ Village Grant	\$ 90,948.70	\$ 93,223	98%
Library Services Branch	24,482.65	8,850	277%
BC Program Grants	2,517.00	9,720	26%
ILL Resource Sharing Grant	3,120.00	3,120	100%
Canada Summer Jobs		4,532	0%
School Works Student	4,144.00	3,400	122%
Young Canada Works	2,195.16	2,500	88%
Grants, Friends	1,500.00	1,500	100%
	13,170.15	7,000	188%
Grants, Other	142,077.66	133,845	106%
Total Grants	142,017.00	100,040	10070
Fundraising			
Donations	9,656.25	8,000	121%
Fundraising	1,511.20	300	504%
Magazine Drive	2,196.00	2,300	95%
Total Fundraising	13,363.45	10,600	126%
Total Fundraising			
General Revenue		CONTRACT I	
Book Sales	1,360.25	800	170%
Fines	590.20	600	98%
Interest Income	235.30	200	118%
Photocopy/Printing	1,337.00	800	167%
Total General Revenue	3,522.75	2,400	147%
TOTAL REVENUE	158,963.86	146,845	108%
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EXPENSES			
Collection Expense			
Books - Adult	8,516.71	5,500	155%
Books - Junior	4,954.80	4,500	110%
	3,888.45	1,000	389%
Audiovisual	2,024.51	1,800	112%
Magazines	2,024.31	-	0%
Newspapers	623.89	2,000	31%
Online Databases		700	111%
Cataloguing Supplies	776.07		134%
Total Collection Expense	20,784.43	15,500	13470
Payroll Expenses			
Wages & Salaries	72,115.62	73,524	98%
Employee Benefits	1,093.80	1,000	
School Works Student	8,241.80	8,536	97%
Young Canada Works		3,952	
Summer Reading Club	3,944.28	4,268	92%
CPP Expense	3,878.38	3,578	108%
	1,864.71	1,997	93%
El Expense	120.81	140	86%
WCB Expense	91,259.40	96,995	94%
Total Payroll Expense	31,203.40	30,330	

	YTD	BUDGET	% Diff
Programming			
Author Visits	275.00	200	138%
Adult Programs	158.46	200	79%
Summer Reading Club	383.42	100	383%
Children's Programs	418.80	500	84%
Total Programming Expense	1,235.68	1,000	124%
Administrative Expenses		52	
Advertising	*		0%
Bank Charges	3.00	100	3%
Board Expense		100	0%
Bookkeeper	1,218.75	2,000	61%
Capital Asset Purchases			0%
Computer Hardware	12,567.62		0%
Computer Software	3,155.88	3,200	99%
Education & Training	125.00	200	63%
Fundraising Expense	472.75	50	946%
Furniture & Equipment	4	2	0%
Memberships	469.24	900	52%
Office supplies	1,111.46	1,100	101%
Photocopier	3,166.85	2,720	116%
Postage	2,938.99	2,800	105%
Volunteer Expense	25.00	20	125%
Total Administrative Expense	25,254.54	13,190	191%
Occupancy			
Insurance	1,643.00	1,600	103%
Internet	1,593.60	2,000	80%
Janitorial services	4,630.15	5,000	93%
Maintenance	602.84	600	100%
Rent	9,600.00	9,600	100%
Security	125.40	150	84%
Telephone	1,079.81	1,200	90%
Total Occupancy Expense	19,274.80	20,150	96%
Transfer to Reserves			
TOTAL EXPENSE	157,808.85	\$ 146,835	107%
OPERATING (DEFICIT) SURPLUS	\$1,155.01	10	





REGULAR MEETING #05-23 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, March 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

In Person:

Councillor Kenzie Neil

Mayor Diana Lockwood

CAO James Heth

Councillor Melanie Cox

Members of the Public - 5

Councillor Jonathon Heatlie

Electronically:

Councillor Jennifer Lins

Members of the Public - 2

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lockwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE:

CAO Heth administered the Oath of Office to Councillor-Elect Jonathon

Heatlie.

AGENDA:

R1-05-23

Moved and seconded, that the draft agenda of Regular Meeting #05-23 of Tuesday, March 14, 2023 be adopted as amended from *Council*

Procedure Bylaw #663, 2014 Schedule "A" to include a New Business section, an Administrative section, and a Public Question period.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS: NIL

NEW BUSINESS: NIL

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

R2-05-23

Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of the Committee-of-the-

COTW

Whole Meeting of Monday, February 27, 2023 be adopted as

February 27, 2023

presented.

Carried.

R3-05-23

Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of the Special Meeting of

Special Meeting

Monday, February 27, 2023 be adopted as presented.

February 27, 2023

Carried.

R4-05-23

Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of Regular Meeting #04-

Regular Meeting

23 of Tuesday, February 28, 2023 be adopted as presented.

February 28, 2023

Carried.

REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS: NIL

REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS: NIL

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Minutes – Regular Meeting #05-23 March 14, 2023

R5-05-23

Risk Management

Conference

Moved and seconded, that Council approve CAO Heth attending the MIABC Risk Management Conference in Vancouver from April 4-6, 2023, and further approve use of MIABC risk management grant to pay

for conference registration and other expenses.

Carried.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW: NIL

BYLAW REVIEW & DEVELOPMENT: NIL

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

R6-05-23

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the list of accounts payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from February

24, 2023 to March 9, 2023 totaling \$92,116.46.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

R7-05-23

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the following correspondence from:

(1) Ombudsperson BC Re: How the Office of the Ombudsperson Can Work with and Help Local Governments in BC - #10

Carried.

MEMBER REPORTS & INQUIRIES:

Councillor Cox

Councillor Cox had nothing to report.

Councillor Lins

Councillor Lins reported:

- That the Local Government Leadership Academy Elected Officials

Seminar was a great learning experience.

- The next meeting of the board of the Salmo Valley Youth &

Community Centre will be on the same evening of the next Council meeting, so she will try and attend the start of the SVYCC meeting.

- As citizen engagement, a resident commenting on the lack of retail

space in the Village.

Councillor Neil

See Appendix A

Mayor Lockwood

See Appendix A.

R8-05-23

Verbal & Written

Reports of Mayor &

Council

Moved and seconded, that the verbal and written reports of Mayor

and Council be received for information.

Carried.

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R9-05-23

Moved and seconded, that the meeting be closed to the public under

90(1)(c) of the Community Charter.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING: Council reconvened the regular meeting at 7:26 p.m.

RISE & REPORT:

A Civic Works Level 1 Operator position will be posted to replace a

departing staff member.

PORTFOLIOS

The portfolio assignments for Chamber of Commerce, Museum and

Economic Development were assigned to Councillor Heatlie.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved and seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

R10-05-23

Carried.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

Mayor	Chief Administrative Officer



Report to Council

Report Date:

March 23, 2023

Meeting Date:

March 28, 2023 (#06-23)

From:

James Heth, CAO

Subject:

Civic Works Report for March, 2023

1. OBJECTIVE

To update Council on Civic Works operations.

2. RECOMMENDATION

For information.

3. <u>DISCUSSION</u>

3.1. Clarifier Install

The clarifier installation is completed and it is online.

Civic works has also continued to work with the contracted Level II operator who has been making weekly site visits to view the waste-water treatment plant operations.

3.2. Large Equipment Storage Shed

The slab is poured and the door installation and bathroom construction are being completed. Projected completion is within the next 3 weeks.

3.3. Spring Clean Up

Civic works have been preparing vehicles for summer maintenance tasks, have begun street sweeping and general spring cleaning.

3.4. Attachments: Nil.



Fire Chief's Report: March 01, 2023

Regular Council Meeting #06-23

Since the last report on February 1st, 2023 the Salmo Fire Department responded to 6 calls:

5 Jaws

1 Structure Fire

DESCRIPTION

Fortunately none of our calls this month were too serious. We had one day where we were dispatched to two separate motor vehicle incidents, in different directions within a ten minute period. One crew arrived at the first scene, and because it was minor in nature and the RCMP and BC Ambulance were already on scene, that crew joined the second crew responding to a second incident near the Whitewater turnoff. We were called off from that incident as well, as the incident had no injuries or entrapment.

We responded to the report of a structure fire, however, when crews arrived we found that an electric motor had overheated and the wiring burnt. Fortunately there was no damage, other than the motor.

Misc.

While our numbers at practice remain good, the number of members available during the day remains a worry. We are better off than a great number of fire halls for members around during work days, but the low number is concerning at times.

We are still arranging training with Ymir Fire members. As both fire departments are short of members during the week days, we need to be used to working alongside each other.

We are waiting for warmer weather so we can get outside and pump some water. Cold winter weather hinders what we can do, because we do not want our hoses to freeze and we do not want to create sheets of ice.

Originally Signed By:		
David Hearn, Fire Chief		



Bylaw Officer's Report: February 1, 2023 to February 28, 2023

Regular Council Meeting #06-23

Complaints:

INFRACTION TYPE	NO. OF INFRACTIONS	RESOLUTION
Dog Related	1	• Two (2) complaints about dogs continually barking. The resident was not home and a notice was left.
Bridge Limit	3	• One (1) complaint about overweight vehicles crossing Glendale bridge. Spoke to the drivers and reminded them to not travel over the bridge.

Enforcement

INFRACTION TYPE	NO. OF INFRACTIONS	RESOLUTION
Dog Related	15	 Spoke to fourteen (14) individuals that were walking dogs to remind them that they need to get 2023 dog licenses. Seven (7) people already had their dogs licensed, two (2) did not reside in Salmo and the other five (5) said they would go purchase licenses. Will follow-up to ensure compliance. Spoke to one (1) individual that was walking his dog without a leash. Reminded
		them they must have the dog leashed when off their property.
Business License	5	Hand delivered five (5) Business License to local businesses.

Information submitted by:	Originally signed and approved by:
Fred Nevakshonoff, Bylaw Officer	James Heth, Chief Administrative Officer



Report to Council

Report Date:

March 23, 2023

Meeting Date:

March 28, 2023 (#06-23)

From:

James Heth, CAO

Subject:

CAO Report for March, 2023

1. OBJECTIVE

To update Council on Village operations and administration.

2. <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>

For information.

3. <u>DISCUSSION</u>

3.1. Clarifier Install

The province requires as-built drawings for the clarifier install, I have approached the original engineers on the project to complete those.

3.2. Dike Management

There may be new provincial funding this spring for community emergency preparedness. In discussions with the province regarding the Village dike management, they recommended that the Village develop a longer-term plan to bring the dike up to current design requirements, which could be supported by this potential upcoming funding for planning, design and construction. CAO will work with our engineer to begin scoping this potential project.

3.3. Risk Management

I have been asked to join the Municipal Insurance Association of BC ("MIABC") Member Advisory Group. The group is a way for members to provide input on services and products offered by MIABC and will meet 3 times per year, starting with the upcoming risk management conference in April.

3.4. Glendale Bridge

The repair design and class 3 budget estimate will be received by March 31, 2023.

3.5. Grants

(a) Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program – have submitted request for \$21,600 for building design and class D estimate for a building to replace the current concession in KP Park.

Current Status - pending

(b) Canada Summer Jobs -have requested wage subsidy support for 3 summer students for a 16-week period, total funding of \$15,033

Current Status - pending

- (c) Celebrate Canada have requested \$5,000 for Canada Day events.

 *Current Status pending**
- (d) Growing Communities Fund this recently announced fund is intended to help build community infrastructure and amenities to meet the demands of unprecedented population growth. This is one-time funding.

 Current Status see letter from the Province elsewhere in the agenda package, the Village will be receiving \$1.31m.
- (e) Community Grants Current status:

Group	Amount	Status		
Salmo Valley Public Library Association	\$250	Pending Approval		
5.	Total approved:	\$0		
	Remaining budget:	\$3,000		

3.6. Attachments: Nil.



Request for Decision

Report Date:

March 23, 2023

Meeting Date:

March 28, 2023 (#06-23)

From:

James Heth, CAO

Subject:

Chief Election Officer Report to Council – 2023 By-Election

1. Summary of the 2023 By-Election

The 2023 municipal by-election went very smoothly with no issues or complaints arising from the proceedings.

The Provincial voters list was used as our voting book with a total of 949 eligible voters on the list. During the advanced voting on February 15, 2023 and the general voting on February 25, 2023, an additional 5 individuals registered as eligible voters for a total number of 954. See the chart below for the breakdown of the votes:

		% of Eligible Voters	
Votes on Advanced Voting Day	87	9%	
Votes on General Voting Day	72	8%	
Total	159	17%	

The official tally for the votes for the successful candidate was as follows, broken down by voting opportunity:

	Advanced Voting	General Voting	Total Votes
Councillor Jonathon Heatlie	60	40	100

For the next election in 2026, the Village should review offering mail-in ballots and special voting opportunities for voters who may have barriers to travelling to a polling station, recognizing that these options can be costly.

I would like to personally thank Brandy Jessup and Jessica Ellis for their hard work to make this year's election a smooth and successful process.