



REGULAR MEETING (#08-23)

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, April 25, 2023 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 #06-23 of Tuesday, April 25, 2023 be adopted as amended from *Council Procedure Bylaw No. 663, 2014 Schedule "B"* include awarding the Salmo Valley Long Term Service Award, a New Business section, a Bylaw Development & Review section, and a Public Question Period.

3. **Salmo Valley Long Term Service Award**
Honouree: Doris Dimock

4. Delegations - NIL
5. New Business
6. Adoption of the Minutes

(1) **RECOMMENDATION:**

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That the draft minutes of the Regular Council meeting #07-23 of Tuesday, April 11, 2023 be adopted as presented.

7. Referrals from Delegations - NIL
8. Referrals from Prior Meetings - NIL
9. Operational Reports

(1) **Civic Works Department**

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive for information the written report as presented by CAO Heth for the period of April 7, 2023 to April 20, 2023.

(2) **Fire Department**

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive for information the written report dated March 1, 2023 provided by Fire Chief David Hearn for the period of March 2023.

(3) **Bylaw Enforcement**

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RECOMMENDATION:

- That Council receive for information the written report on bylaw enforcement for the period of March 2023. Pg.15
- (4) Administration**
- RECOMMENDATION:**
- That Council receive for information the written report as presented by CAO Heth.
- (5) Strategic Plan – NIL**
- 10. Bylaw Development & Review**
- (1) Municipal Reserves Bylaw Amendment #747, 2023** Pg.17
- RECOMMENDATION:**
- That the “*Municipal Reserves Bylaw Amendment #747, 2023*”, having had three readings, be reconsidered and adopted.
- (2) KP Park Bylaw Amendment #748, 2023** Pg.21
- RECOMMENDATION:**
- That the “*KP Park Campground Bylaw Amendment #748, 2023*”, having had three readings, be reconsidered and adopted.
- (3) Fireworks Bylaw #515, 2003** Pg.23
- RECOMMENDATION:**
- That Council give express permission to the Fire Department to set off fireworks within the Village limits on July 1, 2023 for the Canada Day Celebration.
- (3) Traffic Bylaw #660, 2014** Pg.25
- RECOMMENDATION:**
- That Council approve:
- (a) road closures within the Village limits on July 1, 2023 for the Canada Day parade; and
- (b) staff seeking the required permit for the closure of Highway 6 from the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.
- 11. Financial Reports**
- (1) RECOMMENDATION:** Pg.27
- That Council receive for information the list of accounts payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from April 7, 2023 to April 20, 2023 totaling \$91,592.23.
- (2) RECOMMENDATION:** Pg.29
- That Council receive for information the Treasurer’s Report for March 2023.
- 12. Correspondence Requiring a Council Decision**
- (1) Grant-in-Aid Request: Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre** Pg.31
- RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council approve the grant-in-aid request of \$150 for the Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre to assist with the cost of hiring a local performing artist for a free puppet show at the Dandelion Festival.

13. Correspondence for Information Only

That Council receive for information the following correspondence from:

- (1) **Columbia River Treaty Local Governments Committee Re: Update on CRT Local Government Committee Activities - #18** Pg.33
- (2) **Interior Health Re: Follow Up to the Recent Exemption in BC to the Controlled Drug & Substances Act - #19** Pg.43

14. Member Reports & Inquiries

- (1) **Councillor Cox**
- (2) **Councillor Heatlie**
- (3) **Councillor Lins**
- (4) **Councillor Neil**
- (5) **Mayor Lockwood**

RECOMMENDATION:

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

15. Public Question Period

16. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be on May 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

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REGULAR MEETING #07-23 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, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

<u>In Person:</u>	CAO James Heth
Mayor Diana Lockwood	Financial Officer Nathan Russ
Councillor Melanie Cox	Members of the Public - 1
Councillor Jonathon Heatlie	<u>Electronically:</u>
Councillor Jennifer Lins	Members of the Public – 0
Councillor Kenzie Neil	

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

AGENDA:

R1-07-23 Moved and seconded, that the draft agenda of Regular Meeting #07-23 of Tuesday, April 11, 2023 be adopted as amended from *Council Procedure Bylaw #663, 2014* Schedule "A" to include a 2023 Capital Projects section, a New Business section, a Public Question period, and an *In Camera* section.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS: NIL

2023 CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Council discussed proposed 2023 capital projects.

NEW BUSINESS: NIL

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

R2-07-23 Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of the Committee-of-the-
COTW Whole Meeting of Tuesday, March 28, 2023 be adopted as presented.
March 28, 2023

Carried.

R3-07-23 Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of Regular Meeting #06-
Regular Meeting 23 of Tuesday, March 28, 2023 be adopted as presented.
March 28, 2023

Carried.

REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS: NIL

REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS: NIL

POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW:

Radon Testing Policy Discussion regarding development for radon testing for Village
Development buildings, and promoting and selling radon testing kits to residents.
CAO will return to Council with a report and recommendations.

BYLAW REVIEW & DEVELOPMENT:

R4-07-23 Moved and seconded, that the “*Municipal Reserves Bylaw Amendment #747, 2023*” be given first reading. Carried.
Municipal Reserves Bylaw Amendment #747, 2023 – First Reading

R5-07-23 Moved and seconded, that the “*Municipal Reserves Bylaw Amendment #747, 2023*” be given second & third reading. Carried.
Municipal Reserves Bylaw Amendment #747, 2023 – Second & Third Reading

R6-07-23 Moved and seconded, that the “*KP Park Campground Bylaw Amendment #748, 2023*” be given first reading. Carried.
KP Park Campground Bylaw Amendment #748, 2023 – First Reading

R7-07-23 Moved and seconded, that the “*KP Park Campground Bylaw Amendment #748, 2023*” be given second & third reading. Carried.
KP Park Campground Bylaw Amendment #748, 2023 – Second & Third Reading

R8-07-23 Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the operational & capital budget update as presented. Carried.
Operational & Capital Budget Update

R9-07-23 Moved and seconded, that the “*Financial Plan (2023-2027) Bylaw #749, 2023*” be given first reading. Carried.
Financial Plan (2023-2027) Bylaw #749, 2023 – First Reading

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

R10-07-23 Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the list of accounts payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from March 24, 2023 to April 6, 2023 totaling \$78,080.88. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

R11-07-23 Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the following correspondence from:

- (1) Kootenay Cannabis Council Re: Introduction to the Kootenay Cannabis Council - #16
- (2) Kootenay Cannabis Council Re: Request for Community Development Grant - #17

Carried.

R12-07-23

Moved and seconded, that Council pull Kootenay Cannabis Council Re: Request for Community Development Grant - #17 for discussion

Carried.

R13-07-23

Moved and seconded, that Council approve a \$1,000 allocation through Regional Community Development Funds to the Kootenay Cannabis Council.

Carried.

MEMBER REPORTS & INQUIRIES:

Councillor Cox

See *Appendix A*.

Councillor Heatlie

See *Appendix A*.

Councillor Lins

Councillor Lins had nothing to report

Councillor Neil

Councillor Neil had nothing to report, but did inquire when KP Park washrooms would be opened. Civic Works will open them as soon as there is no danger of the pipes freezing.

Mayor Lockwood

See *Appendix A*.

R14-07-23

Verbal & Written
Reports of Mayor &
Council

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

Carried.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD: Nil

IN CAMERA RESOLUTION:

R15-07-23

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

Carried.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING: Council reconvened the regular meeting at 9:31 p.m.

Council discussed support to the Canada Day Celebrations, and volunteered to assist in coordinating and organizing events.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved and seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:34 p.m.
R16-07-23 Carried.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Report to Council

Report Date: April 20, 2023
Meeting Date: April 25, 2023 (#08-23)
From: James Heth, CAO
Subject: Civic Works Report for April, 2023

1. OBJECTIVE

To update Council on Civic Works operations.

2. RECOMMENDATION

For information.

3. DISCUSSION

3.1. Spring Activities

- (a) completed spring chlorination of water system;
- (b) ongoing street sweeping;
- (c) clean up and preparation of ball fields;
- (d) equipment maintenance;
- (e) clearing drains; and
- (f) finished new swing set.

3.2. WWTP

Replaced malfunctioning level sensor.

3.3. Attachments: Nil.



Fire Chief's Report: April 01, 2023

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Since the last report on March 1st, 2023 the Salmo Fire Department responded to 9 calls:

2	Lift Assists	1	Hazmat Call	1	Mutual Aid Call
3	Jaws Calls	1	Structure Fire	1	Chimney Fire

DESCRIPTION

The Salmo Fire Department received a request in the middle of a workday from the Ymir Fire Department to provide mutual aid for a structure fire. Crews from Salmo arrived to assist the lone Ymir Fire Department member in controlling and extinguishing the fully engulfed guest cabin that was very close to the main residence. Crews had to drag fire hoses 1500 feet through hip deep snow to reach the burning building. Access to the property was a major issue, because the house was up a steep and very slippery driveway that had a couple of very sharp turns. We gained access through a neighbouring property, but that driveway was also steep and slippery. We had to get equipment in to sand the driveway so that we could safely back our fire truck back down to the highway. We feared that if we had not gotten the hill sanded, that we would have slid off the narrow driveway and had our truck stuck. Salmo Fire Department had nine members attend this call, and by the time we left the scene Ymir had a second member there, plus a third on the way.

Very early one weekend we were paged to a two vehicle MVI. We responded with ten members to what initially sounded like a fairly minor incident. Crews arrived to find a two vehicle head on incident with both drivers injured. Crews had to provide traffic control, provide initial first aid and assist BC Ambulance personal. Calls like this one demonstrate that we never really know what we might be going to until we arrive on scene. All too often we respond to calls that sound serious, but they are often minor, if there is anyone still at the scene. Our crews respond in numbers to all these calls because there is always a chance that we could use everyone's help.

Another early morning call had our crews responding to the report of a structure fire with people possibly inside. As we were responding we received an update that everyone was accounted for and that there was no one inside the older mobile home. The first truck arrived on scene just 8 minutes after receiving the page, which is a very quick time for a volunteer fire hall. Upon arrival there were flames coming out all the windows and several trees were candling. We were able to cool the building and protect the neighbouring properties from catching fire. Unfortunately the structure could not be saved, as it was too far gone by the time we arrived on scene. The roof collapsed in less than ten minutes. We had eleven firefighters attend this scene.

Misc.

Mutual aid with the Ymir Fire Department is a must for both communities. We have been fortunate that we have not had to call on them too many times (I believe three times in my years with the fire department), but there will be times when just a few of their members may make a difference at one of our scenes.

We also relied on the Ymir Fire Department recently when one of our fire engines was out of service for the best part of a day while. I contacted the Ymir Fire Chief to request that they be on standby, should we receive a major call. They had some members stay home that day just in case we needed their assistance.

We had some members of the Ymir Fire Department attend our fire hall on a training night since their request for mutual aid, but plans are in the works to make this a more frequent event. We also plan on our members going to Ymir to check out their fire hall and equipment. We are also planning on joint practices in auto extrication, rope rescue and wildland firefighting, as all these are very possible calls were we may be responding to together.

With the warmer weather comes more outside fire practices and preparation for the oncoming fire season.

Originally Signed By:

David Hearn, Fire Chief



Bylaw Officer's Report: March 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023

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Complaints:

INFRACTION TYPE	NO. OF INFRACTIONS	RESOLUTION
Nil		

Enforcement

INFRACTION TYPE	NO. OF INFRACTIONS	RESOLUTION
Dog Related	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spoke to seven (7) residents who were walking dogs. Six (6) of them had their dogs licensed. Gave verbal warning to one (1) resident. The resident complied and went to the office and licensed their dog.
Traffic	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spoke to one (1) resident with a trailer parked on the road. They complied and relocated it.Checked in on a previous complaint about a man running an uninsured car and exhaust going into the surrounding residences. The car was not running, will follow-up to ensure compliance.
Unightly	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Took notes on four (4) potential unsightly residences. The snow was still covering the property so will follow-up once the snow is gone and address them at that time.

Information submitted by:

Fred Nevakshonoff, Bylaw Officer

Originally signed and approved by:

James Heth, Chief Administrative Officer



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Report to Council

Report Date: April 20, 2023
Meeting Date: April 25, 2023 (#08-23)
From: James Heth, CAO
Subject: CAO Report for April, 2023

1. **OBJECTIVE**

To update Council on Village operations and administration.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

For information.

3. **DISCUSSION**

3.1. **Large Equipment Storage Shed:** The last engineering field review has been completed, and the finish work for the bathroom and siding around the doors is being completed.

3.2. **Glendale Bridge:** We have received drawings and a class 3 estimate for the repairs and are working on the procurement and engaging consultants for the repairs. Also continuing to seek grant funding for the repairs.

3.3. **Risk Management Conference:** CAO attended the MIABC Risk Management Conference in Vancouver. There were many excellent sessions, including local government regulatory powers, natural perils risks, building bylaw enforcement, and purchasing and procurement risks and liabilities.

3.4. **MS Teams:** Short demo on MS Teams use for Council.

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 – not approved.

- (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 – approved for \$3,840.

- (d) CBT Sponsorship Grant – have requested \$500 for Canada Day events.

Current Status - pending

(e) Community Grants – Current status:

Group	Amount	Status
Salmo Valley Public Library Association	\$250	Approved
SVYCC	\$150	Pending
	Total approved:	\$250
	Remaining budget:	\$2,750

3.6.

Attachments: Nil

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE SALMO

BYLAW #747

A BYLAW TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL RESERVES BYLAW #677

WHEREAS Sections 188 and 189 of the *Community Charter* authorize the Council of the Village of Salmo to establish reserve funds,

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Salmo, in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS AN AMENDMENT TO MUNICIPAL RESERVES BYLAW #677:

1. GROWING COMMUNITY RESERVE FUND

- 1.1. A *Salmo Growing Community Reserve Fund* is hereby established. The purpose of the reserve is to hold funds contributed to the Village by the Province of British Columbia for uses eligible under the Province of British Columbia's Growing Community Fund.
- 1.2. The terms of reference governing the administration of the *Salmo Growing Community Fund* are those established in Schedule 'A' attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.

2. SHORT TITLE

- 2.1. This Bylaw may be cited as the "MUNICIPAL RESERVES BYLAW AMENDMENT #747, 2023".

3. ENACTMENT

- 3.1. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed and the part that is invalid shall not affect the validity of the remainder.
- 3.2. This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect on final adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME	this 11 th day of April, 2023
READ A SECOND TIME	this 11 th day of April, 2023
READ A THIRD TIME	this 11 th day of April, 2023
RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED	this ___ day of April, 2023

Originally Signed By:

Mayor

CAO/Corporate Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE “MUNICIPAL RESERVES
BYLAW AMENDMENT #747, 2023”.

CAO/Corporate Officer

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THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALMO

BYLAW #747 – SCHEDULE 'A'

SALMO GROWING COMMUNITY RESERVE FUND

CONTRIBUTIONS

1. The cash balance of the *Salmo Growing Community Reserve Fund* shall be established as a separate interest-earning account.
2. The interest earned by the *Salmo Growing Community Reserve Fund* shall accrue to the reserve.
3. No additional revenue will be placed in the *Salmo Growing Community Reserve Fund*. Once the current funds in the *Salmo Growing Community Reserve Fund* are depleted the fund will be closed.

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4. Funds from the *Salmo Growing Community Reserve Fund* may be applied to eligible expenditures under the Province of British Columbia's Growing Community Fund.
5. All draws from the *Salmo Growing Community Reserve Fund* shall be subject to:
 - (a) expenditure authorization policies as adopted by Council from time to time for budgeted expenditures, and
 - (b) an authorizing Council resolution for all other draws.

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE SALMO

BYLAW #748

A BYLAW TO AMEND KP PARK CAMPGROUND BYLAW #709

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 8 the *Community Charter*, the Council of the Village of Salmo may, by bylaw, regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to the management of public places. KP Park Campground is a municipal campground in a recreational park providing temporary camping sites for transient visitors;

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 194 of the *Community Charter*, the Council of the Village of Salmo may, by bylaw, impose a fee payable in respect of the use of municipal property,

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Salmo, in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS AN AMENDMENT TO KP PARK CAMPGROUND BYLAW #709:

1. USER FEES

1.1. Section 2.1 is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

“2.1 Subject to section 2.2, a user fee in the amount of \$20.00 per night and per sleeping unit (e.g. tent, trailer, motor-home/recreational vehicle [RV]) shall be payable for the use of the campground for overnight accommodation.”

2. SHORT TITLE

2.1. This Bylaw may be cited as the "KP PARK CAMPGROUND BYLAW AMENDMENT #748, 2023".

3. ENACTMENT

3.1. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed and the part that is invalid shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

3.2. This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect on final adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME

this 11th day of April, 2023

READ A SECOND TIME

this 11th day of April, 2023

READ A THIRD TIME

this 11th day of April, 2023

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED

this ___ day of April, 2023

Originally Signed By:

Mayor

CAO/Corporate Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE "KP PARK CAMPGROUND BYLAW AMENDMENT #748, 2023".

CAO/Corporate Officer

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The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Request for Decision

Report Date: April 20, 2023
Meeting Date: April 25, 2023 (#08-23)
From: James Heth, CAO
Subject: Permission for Fireworks

1. **OBJECTIVE**

To obtain Council permission to set off fireworks within Village limits for the July 1, 2023 Canada Day celebration.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council give express permission to the Fire Department to set off fireworks within the Village limits on July 1, 2023 for the Canada Day celebration.

3. **ALTERNATIVES**

Do not give permission.

Implications: No fireworks for Canada Day.

4. **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

4.1. **Background:** Fireworks are a traditional part of the Salmo Canada Day celebration.

4.2. **Discussion:** The fireworks will be supplied and set off by qualified personnel in accordance with applicable regulations.

4.3. **Financial Implications:** The Village has received a Canada Heritage grant of \$3,840 and is seeking other financial contributions. The cost of the fireworks is budgeted to be \$4,000, so it is anticipated will be fully paid for by raised funds.

4.4. **Operational Implications:** Civic Works will provide sand and the loader to prepare the site.

1.1 **Legislative Framework:** The Village of Salmo Fireworks Bylaw No. 515, 2003 requires that "no person shall set off fireworks within the Village limits without the express permission of the Council".

4.5. **Communications:** The Canada Day celebration schedule, including the fireworks, will be advertised broadly by the Village.

4.6. **Attachments:** Nil.



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Request for Decision

Report Date: April 20, 2023
Meeting Date: April 25, 2023 (#08-23)
From: James Heth, CAO
Subject: Permission for Road Closure

1. **OBJECTIVE**

To obtain Council permission for road closures within Village limits for the July 1, 2023 Canada Day celebration as shown in the attachment.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve:

- (a) road closures within the Village limits on July 1, 2023 for the Canada Day parade; and
- (b) staff seeking the required permit for the closure of Highway 6 from the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.

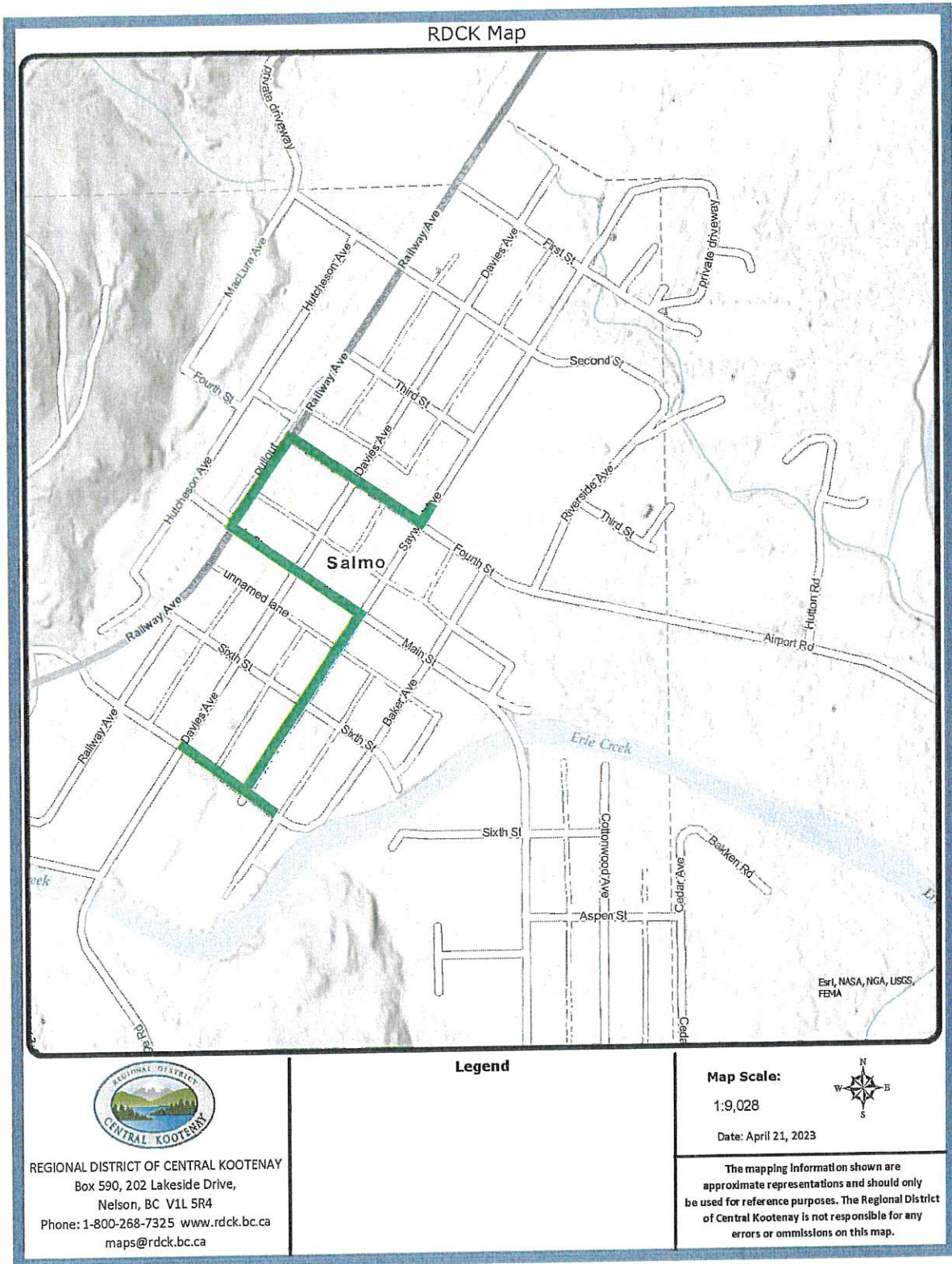
3. **ALTERNATIVES**

Do not give permission.

Implications: No Canada Day parade.

4. **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

- 4.1. **Background:** The Canada Day parade is a traditional part of the Salmo Canada Day celebration.
- 4.2. **Discussion:** Coordination and planning for the parade is ongoing but will follow a similar format as in past years.
- 4.3. **Financial Implications:** Nil.
- 4.4. **Operational Implications:** Nil.
- 1.1 **Legislative Framework:** The Village of Salmo Traffic Bylaw No. 660, 2003 requires approval for any road closures by the CAO, but as the CAO is seeking approval on behalf of a Village event, Council should be approving authority.
- 4.5. **Communications:** The Canada Day celebration schedule, including the parade, will be advertised broadly by the Village, and community participation including the RCMP and BC Ambulance Service participation will be coordinated.
- 4.6. **Attachments:** Parade Route.



Village of Salmo
Accounts Payable April 7 to April 20, 2023

Cheque #	Pay Date	Vendor Name	Description	Paid Amount
016320	2023-04-11	Accura Alarms Security Service Ltd.	Alarm Monitoring	\$57.75
016319	2023-04-11	Ace Courier Systems	Water Sample Shipping Expense	\$46.48
016341	2023-04-18	Ace Courier Systems	Water Sample Shipping Expense	\$34.13
016342	2023-04-18	City of Nelson	Financial Services Agreement	\$9,450.00
EFT	2023-04-17	Collabria	Election/ICBC/LGLA/Office/FD/Postage	\$2,901.59
016321	2023-04-11	Commissionaires British Columbia	Bylaw Enforcement	\$315.99
016322	2023-04-11	Fortis BC Inc.	Electricity Expense	\$753.24
016323	2023-04-11	GFL Environmental Inc. 2020	CW/WWTP, Regular Garbage Services	\$10,592.13
016324	2023-04-11	Imperial Oil Esso	CW/FD Fuel Expense	\$941.77
016347	2023-04-18	Inland Allcare	Garbage Collection/Water Distribution Supplies	\$986.41
016343	2023-04-18	Isosceles Business Systems Inc	IT Services	\$896.67
016344	2023-04-18	Kendrick Equipment (2003) Ltd.	2012 Trackless Supplies	\$576.54
Pre-Authorized Debit	2023-04-09	Kootenay Savings Credit Union	Service Fees	\$63.00
016345	2023-04-18	M.O'Connor Contracting	Electrical Permits	\$284.00
016326	2023-04-11	Mills Office Productivity	Office Supplies	\$63.45
016327	2023-04-11	Mountain Logic Solutions Inc.	WWTP Maintenance	\$3,651.06
016329	2023-04-11	Passmore Laboratory Ltd.	Water Testing Expense	\$250.00
016328	2023-04-11	Pennywise	Go & Do Advertising	\$268.54
EFT	2023-04-13	Receiver General for Canada	Payroll Remittance	\$11,529.06
016330	2023-04-11	Rogers	Cellphone Expense	\$304.16
Pre-Authorized Debit	2023-04-20	Royal Bank Central Card Services	Service Fees	\$72.01
016333	2023-04-11	Salmo Valley Public Library Association	Grant in Aid Res. #17-06-23	\$250.00
016332	2023-04-11	Salmo Village Grocery	Office Supplies	\$46.31
016334	2023-04-11	School District No. 8	Tennis/Basketball/Picketball Court Upgrades	\$21,000.00
016331	2023-04-11	Skyway Hardware (1985) Ltd.	Shop/WWTP/FD Supplies	\$362.72
016335	2023-04-11	Telus Communications Inc.	Phone/Fax/Internet	\$1,239.07
EFT	2023-04-13	Workers' Compensation Board of BC	Quarterly Remittance	\$2,647.19
016336	2023-04-11	Zone West Enterprises LTD.	FD Uniforms	\$3,548.16
Employee Benefits, Reimbursements and Salaries (PP8)				\$18,460.80
Total:				\$91,592.23

Credit Card Details:	
Conference Expense	\$1,166.10
Election, Office Supplies	\$58.08
FD GPS Subscription	\$72.75
Sweeper Insurance	\$340.00
Office Supplies	\$1,264.66
Total:	\$2,901.59

Village of Salmo Regular Council Meeting #08-23
 Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2023

Account Name	31-Mar-23	28-Feb-23	31-Mar-22
	Balance	Balance	Balance
Chequing Community Plus (Operating Account)	\$2,159,809.81	\$907,651.41	\$1,471,162.14
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	\$2,470.76	\$2,467.07	\$2,427.69
Maximizer Community Plus - Civic Works Reserves	\$153,705.01	\$153,061.52	\$148,449.49
Maximizer Community Plus - Sewer Civic Works Reserves	\$32,211.33	\$32,163.53	\$50,387.12
Maximizer Community Plus - Cemetery Care	\$25,388.34	\$25,350.66	\$24,948.23
Maximizer Community Plus - Water Civic Works Reserves	\$283,632.40	\$283,211.46	\$180,643.60
Maximizer Community Plus - Lions Park (Previously Curling Rink)	\$17,157.71	\$17,132.25	\$18,318.83
Maximizer Community Plus - Wellness Centre	\$108,158.70	\$107,998.18	\$106,283.74
Maximizer Community Plus - Fire Department Equipment	\$87,200.51	\$87,071.10	\$46,957.23
Maximizer Community Plus - Jaws of Life	\$196,749.59	\$196,457.59	\$176,531.08
Maximizer Community Plus - Ambulance	\$12,561.43	\$12,542.79	\$12,343.67
Membership Shares	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Patronage Shares	\$2,238.00	\$2,238.00	\$2,238.00
	\$3,081,308.59	\$1,827,370.56	\$2,240,715.82
Accounts Receivable			
Utilities	\$362,127.03		
Taxes	\$98,781.71		
Other	\$1,337.62		
	\$462,246.36		
Accounts Payable	\$297.23		
Grand Total (Assets minus Liabilities)	\$3,543,257.72		

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Schedule A

VILLAGE OF SALMO



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

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Salmo, British Columbia V0G 1Z0
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COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Part A: Applicant or Designate

Name of Organization: Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre
Address/Phone #: 206 7th Street
Contact Person: Laurie Mac Donald
Address/Phone #: 250-357-2320

Part B: About the Applicant

Are the funds being requested for a non-profit organization in the Salmo Valley? Yes
How will this project benefit the people of Salmo? Building capacity in our community for wellness and mental health as well
Is a proportionate request being made to other local governments? Yes opportunity to connect
Has your group initiated other activities to raise funds (excluding appeals for grants?) NO
If so, please list those activities:

Part C: About the Application

Briefly describe the purpose for which you are requesting this grant:
To offset the cost related to hiring a local performing artist to offer a Free to the community All ages Puppet Show at the Dandelion Festival.
Amount of grant requested: \$150
(Except under extraordinary circumstances, no grant-in-aid shall exceed \$300.)
Amount of Village labour, equipment and supplies requested:



Music and Art Performer Budget Dandelion 2023

REVENUE CONFIRMED

SVYCC	Yes	\$300
Village of Salm	No	\$150.00

TOTAL **\$450.00**

EXPENSE

3 music artist @ \$100 each	\$300.00
One Puppet Show presenter	\$150.00

TOTAL **\$450.00**

COLUMBIA
River Treaty

VILLAGE OF SALMO



To: Columbia Basin government elected officials
and local government CAOs

Date: April 14, 2023

From: Linda Worley, Chair
Columbia River Treaty Local Governments Committee

Subject: Update on CRT Local Government Committee Activities

The Committee continues to be busy on several initiatives. Since the last update in December 2022, the Committee has held three virtual meetings, a virtual session with Columbia River Treaty (CRT) Indigenous Nations representatives, two virtual negotiations updates and three strategic planning virtual sessions.

Highlights for December 2022 to March 2023

- **Integrating socio-economic interests in CRT scenarios** – On January 9th the team working on this initiative hosted a webinar for local government representatives to outline how social and economic interests for the Kootenay and Columbia River systems are being integrated into river management scenario modelling for the Columbia River Treaty renewal. Socio-economic interests that are impacted by reservoir levels and river flows, such as flood risk management, navigation, recreation, tourism, dust generation and others are very important to communities. Performance measures describing the required and preferred reservoir elevations and flow levels for these interests are being defined. These measures will be used to evaluate alternative hydro operations scenarios to inform the ongoing CRT negotiations and implementation of the modernized treaty. Other groups are working on performance measures for ecosystem function ([learn more here](#)), which are also very important to Basin residents, Indigenous cultural values and power generation.

There were 54 participants at the local government webinar. On January 30th and February 2nd the Province hosted public webinar info sessions with the team that provided similar information for the Columbia and Kootenay systems respectively. More details are provided on these sessions in the attached CRT Update from the BC CRT Team for the Local Governments Committee.

Webinar participants were invited to provide input on draft performance measures during the sessions and through on-line surveys. Some input was provided during the webinars and 39 individuals completed the on-line surveys after the webinars. In general there was support for the draft performance measures, although some respondents indicated that they did not know enough to provide input.

The Committee greatly appreciates the attention and input that local government representatives and the public have given to this important initiative.

The team has compiled the input and prepared draft recommendations for next steps. The Columbia Basin Regional Advisory Committee (see below) and the Committee have provided initial feedback on these recommendations. The team will consider this input and bring final draft recommendations to the Committee for approval in early May.

As well, since December the team has been participating in initial confidential scenario evaluations using the river management model. This aspect of the initiative will continue for some time.

The Committee is grateful for the funding from the Province for this initiative. For more detailed

information see the [Committee's website](#).

- **Annual strategic planning** – The Committee has held three virtual strategic planning sessions since January including an annual update with the BC CRT Team, a mock Treaty principles practice review and a review of its strategic priorities for the 2023-24 fiscal year. On May 1 the Committee is meeting with CRT Indigenous Nations representatives and BC CRT Team members for a half-day face-to-face session focused on ecosystem function performance measures, climate change impacts on water management and active adaptive management. On May 2 the Committee will discuss several ongoing initiatives and finalize its strategic priorities for this fiscal year.
- **New members** – The ten members of the Committee are appointed by each of the four regional districts within the Columbia basin, the Village of Valemount and the AKBLG Executive (see the list on the last page). The Committee welcomes Keith Page, AKBLG President, as the representative of this organization. We continue to support the three new members of the Committee to quickly orient themselves to the Committee's ongoing work.

Ongoing

- **Negotiations** – Canada and the U.S. met for the 15th and 16th rounds of negotiations to modernize the Columbia River Treaty on January 25-26 and March 22-23, with the next round scheduled for May 16-17. More details are provided in the attached CRT Update from the BC CRT Team for the Local Governments Committee.

The Committee is briefed by Negotiating Team members after each round of negotiations. Stay up-to-date on the negotiations [here](#).

- **Modernized domestic CRT governance** – The CRT Negotiations Advisory Team (NAT), which includes the five governments involved in negotiating a modernized Treaty have an initiative underway to examine potential models for modernized Canadian domestic governance under the Treaty. This initiative explores both the role of Indigenous Nations in the context of UNDRIP and how Basin communities could have a voice in future decisions regarding Treaty operations planning.

The Committee has been preparing to engage in this critically important initiative. The Committee will be reaching out to local governments across the Basin once more information is available. The BC CRT Team has committed to providing Basin communities and residents an opportunity for input on potential governance models before decisions are reached.

- **Community interests** – Committee members continue to follow-up with the Province on actions requested by community members at the 2018 and 2019 community meetings, and new issues that are identified by community members. Several initiatives that are underway to address specific community interests are described in the attached January-March 2023 Local Governments Committee Update from the BC CRT Team.
- **Columbia Basin Regional Advisory Committee (CBRAC)** – CBRAC includes public members who represent the geography and interests across the basin (selected based on their expressions of interest) and appointed members from local governments, Indigenous Nations and basin hydro operators. On January 20th a CBRAC webinar focused on the background regarding Grohman Narrows dredging, an initiative that BC Hydro has decided not to undertake; a description of the Non-Power Uses Agreement under the CRT; and an update on Arrow Reservoir levels, which have been very low through the winter. CBRAC received negotiations updates from CRT Negotiating Team members on February 3 and April 3. On April 3 CBRAC also provided input on the CRT Socio-Economic Integration team's recommended next steps.

The CBRAC terms of reference, membership and meeting summaries as well as presentations and reports discussed at these meetings are available on the [CBRAC webpage](#).

- **BC Hydro community communications and engagement** – The Committee continues to monitor BC Hydro communications and engagement with basin communities to suggest improvements. BC Hydro provides a number of helpful email updates including: weekly updates on reservoir levels behind most of the major dams in the region; notices of changes in flow levels below Hugh Keenleyside dam north of Castlegar; notices about operations of the navigation lock at Hugh Keenleyside dam; seasonal operations updates; and other notifications. Sign up for these updates by contacting Mary Anne Coules at maryanne.coules@bchydro.com.

Upcoming

- **Booth at the AKBLG convention** – I invite you to visit the Committee’s booth during the AKBLG convention on April 21-23. We will have illustrations of CRT-related water level fluctuations and impacts and hand outs including maps showing the hydro system and reservoirs. Committee members will be available to answer questions.

I encourage you to stay informed about the CRT negotiations by visiting the [CRT engagement website](#) and reviewing the most recent [CRT e-letter](#) – which you can sign-up to receive. This site will be the source of accurate, updated information as negotiations progress. You can learn more about the Committee at our [website](#).

I look forward to seeing many of you at the AKBLG conference.

Committee Members

RDKB - Linda Worley, LGC Chair, Rural Director and RDKB Board Chair; and Warfield Mayor Frank Marino

RDEK - Stan Doehle, LGC Vice Chair and Rural Director; and Jane Walter, Regional Director

RDCK – Aimee Watson, Rural Director and RDCK Board Chair; and Aidan MacLaren-Caux, Nakusp Councilor

CSRD – David Brooks-Hill, Rural Director and Golden Mayor Ron Oszust

Village of Valemount – Donnie MacLean, Councilor

AKBLG – Keith Page, President and Nelson Councilor



Columbia River Treaty Update for the Local Governments Committee
January to March 2023

Issued March 31, 2023

This document contains non-confidential information that can be shared publicly.

Highlights

- Advancements in Columbia River Treaty negotiations
- Public information sessions on socio-economic objectives for a modernized Treaty
- Columbia River Treaty Heritage Project community outreach has begun in three pilot project areas

Canada-U.S. Treaty Negotiations

- The 15th round of negotiations between Canada and the U.S. to modernize the Columbia River Treaty took place on January 25 and 26, 2023 in Vancouver B.C.
- Flood-risk management, hydropower co-ordination, ecosystem co-operation and increased Canadian operational flexibility were among the key areas of focus for American negotiators and the Canadian delegation, which includes the Government of Canada, the Province of B.C. and the Ktunaxa, Secwepemc and Syilx Okanagan Nations.
- Progress was also made towards increasing collaborative engagement of Libby Dam operations.
- The delegations held a series of brief intersessional meetings in February and March to further advance discussions and reconvened for the 16th round of negotiations on March 22 and 23 in Washington D.C.
- During this latest session, negotiators focused on strengthening co-operation to support aquatic life and biodiversity in the Columbia River Basin, ongoing studies regarding salmon reintroduction, flood-risk management, and the connection between hydropower operations and Canada's desire for greater flexibility in how its treaty dams are operated.
- Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and U.S. President Joe Biden issued a [joint statement](#) on March 24 acknowledging that "the Columbia River is a vital shared resource that underpins many lives and industries on both sides of the border," and that Canada and the U.S. "will intensify their work over the coming months toward agreement on a modernized treaty regime that will support a healthy and prosperous Columbia River Basin." The two leaders stated that the focus will be on "flood-risk management, power generation, and environmental benefits that are shared equitably by both countries and the Indigenous Peoples and Tribal nations, communities, and stakeholders in this watershed."



- In a [statement](#) following the January round, Katrine Conroy, Minister responsible for the Columbia River Treaty, said “Although there are still outstanding issues to be resolved, there is cause for optimism as the negotiating teams move closer to a consensus on some of the main issues. Canada and the U.S. are working together to reach an agreement-in-principle that will protect and support people in the Columbia River Basin and the region’s ecosystems. As always, B.C., Canada and Basin Indigenous Nations are committed to reaching a fair agreement that shares benefits equitably between countries.”
- Five days prior to the January round, Brian A. Nichols, Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State, [commented on Twitter](#) that the U.S. sees an opportunity to reach an agreement in principle by summer 2023.
- Minister Conroy [responded](#) that, while Canada, B.C. and Indigenous Nations are committed to reaching agreement as soon as possible, a modernized Treaty will have to meet B.C. Indigenous and Basin community objectives, as well as U.S. needs, in a fair and balanced way.
- Before a modernized Treaty is finalized, the Province of B.C. will engage with residents and stakeholders in the Columbia Basin to describe what is being proposed and provide the opportunity for feedback. The B.C. CRT Team will seek input from the LGC on a community engagement plan for this phase.
- The next round of negotiations will be held on May 16 and 17, 2023 in British Columbia.

Public Engagement

Information Sessions on Integrating Socio-Economic Objectives within a Modernized Columbia River Treaty

- The Province of B.C. hosted two virtual public information sessions on January 30 and February 2 to highlight the LGC’s work to integrate social and economic interests into river management scenario modelling for the Columbia River Treaty renewal.
- Presenters from the LGC’s Socio-Economic Integration Team provided an overview of their work and shared draft performance measures that have been identified through substantial research, including reviewing reports from past community consultation processes, and seeking input from LGC and CBRAC members.
- The public was invited to provide feedback on the performance measures through an online survey which closed February 19, 2023. The B.C. CRT Team and the LGC Socio-Economic Integration Team are working together on a summary report that will include feedback received.
- Background materials and details on each performance measure can be found on the [LGC Socio-Economic Integration webpage](#).



- Recordings of both sessions are posted on the Province of B.C.'s YouTube channel and can be viewed through the [B.C. CRT website](#), and the [LGC website](#).
- Approximately 152 people attended the Columbia session (of the 283 registered) and 92 people attended the Kootenay session (of the 216 registered). Participants asked a wide range of questions relating to CRT negotiations, Indigenous Nations and Tribes participation, hydro operations, and how certain interests, such as ecosystem health, recreation and shoreline erosion, are being considered in the CRT modernization process. Presenters answered questions related to socio-economic interests and shared resources for where participants could seek information about the other topics raised.

Newsletter

- The latest B.C. CRT Newsletter will be released in early April and will include articles on Canada-U.S. negotiations, the LGC's socio-economic integration work, CBRAC's field trip to Kinbasket Reservoir in May 2022, and perspectives from three young Indigenous people who participated in the Youth Salmon Warriors Gathering last summer.
- Visit [Ways to Participate](#) on the B.C. CRT website to sign up for the newsletter and read past editions.

Columbia Basin Regional Advisory Committee

- CBRAC met by Zoom on January 20, 2023 to hear presentations from, and ask questions of, BC Hydro on three topics:
 1. BC Hydro's 2013 project to investigate the feasibility, costs and benefits of potential improvements to Grohman Narrows. This presentation was in response to CBRAC recently asking about the possibility of dredging Grohman Narrows to prevent potential flooding on Kootenay Lake. Sharing details about BC Hydro's 2013 project and its results provided helpful context.
 2. The Non-Power Uses Agreement that allows for shaping of Treaty flows for Canada and U.S. fish objectives.
 3. Low elevation levels on Arrow Lakes Reservoir that occurred in January 2023.
- CBRAC continues to receive updates after each round of CRT negotiations. Their next meeting is April 3, 2023.
- Long-time member Randy Priest from Golden is stepping down after 8 years on CBRAC. The CBRAC Steering Committee is currently evaluating expressions of interest submitted for this position and aims to welcome a new member in April.



Ongoing Communication

- The B.C. CRT Team welcomes suggestions for how to connect more effectively with Basin residents, especially youth, on the CRT. Please email Brooke.McMurphy@gov.bc.ca if you are aware of any opportunities in your communities.

Community Interest Projects

The B.C. CRT Team continues its work on addressing community interests that have been raised throughout the Province's public engagement on the Treaty. Progress updates on some of the projects are listed below.

Columbia River Treaty Heritage Project

- The Columbia River Treaty Heritage Project Steering Committee continues to meet monthly.
- Outreach has begun with three pilot project communities/areas – Revelstoke Reach, Valemount and Waldo's Cove.
- Also underway is the development of agreements for Indigenous interpretations.
- Progress continues towards the launch of the CRT Uncovery Tour website. The purpose of the website is to provide information about the project and eligibility to those who wish to participate in the CRT Uncovery Tour.

Creston Valley Dikes Management

- The B.C. CRT Team attended the CRT LGC's January 19, 2023 Creston Socio-Economic Performance Measures presentations to the Creston Valley Flood Management Partnership (CVFMP).
- WSP Engineering was engaged by the CVFMP to undertake a Creston Valley flood risk assessment. WSP submitted a Phase 1 report in January 2023.
- The CVFMP also engaged Climatic Resource Consulting to undertake a climate change risk assessment of the Creston Valley.
- On March 2, 2023, the B.C. CRT Team attended presentations by WSP and Climatic Resource Consulting on their respective risk assessment reports. This was a second presentation by these groups. The first presentation to the CVFMP was in November 2022.
- CVFMP's application, through the Regional District of Central Kootenay, for a grant from the UBCM Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation Fund was approved in early March 2023.
- The B.C. CRT Team continues to monitor the work undertaken by CVFMP and is available to support the CVFMP's coordinator as required.



Ecosystem Enhancement – Arrow and Kinbasket Reservoirs Spatial Mapping Products

- In September 2022 Selkirk College Project Council group met to start planning the launch for the CRT Portal of their [Rural Open Data](#) initiative. Arrow and Kinbasket Reservoirs Spatial Mapping Products, developed with funding and in-kind contributions from BC Hydro and the B.C. CRT Team, will be included.
- Current plans are for a soft launch at the end of March 2023 and a full public launch in May 2023.

Projects Being Monitored

Columbia Basin Agriculture Support

- B.C. CRT Team continues to monitor the Kootenay agriculture sector to identify gaps in agriculture support in the Columbia Basin.

Connectivity/Broadband

- The Broadband Connectivity Industry Working Group and its sub-groups, which were formed to improve collaboration between infrastructure owners, government, and telecommunications service providers, continue working towards identifying and implementing actions that will improve the end-to-end attachment process for infrastructure like utility poles, and lead to more efficient and timely deployment of broadband internet service in B.C. Columbia Basin Trust is a member of the Working Group.

Duncan Dam Fish Passage

- Due to prolonged high-water levels in spring 2022, construction of the permanent weir by IDL Projects Ltd. has been deferred to spring 2023.
- The project is expected to be completed in 2024.

Kinbasket Recreational Opportunities

- In July and August 2022, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the B.C. CRT Team provided information to Mayor of Valemount, Owen Torgerson, regarding a potential project to install webcams at the Valemount marina. On August 8, 2022, the B.C. CRT Team requested a proposal from Valemount. No proposal has been received to date.
- In October 2021, the Town of Golden committed to organizing a call with the B.C. CRT Team and key stakeholders. In May 2022, the B.C. CRT Team reaffirmed their willingness to work with the towns of



Golden, Revelstoke and Valemount on exploring Kinbasket recreational opportunities. The call has not yet occurred.

Koocanusa Debris Management

- No new updates since July 2021.
- Unexpectedly high reservoir levels in the summer of 2021, linked to greater glacial melt entering tributaries due to the summer's heat dome, resulted in even more debris entering Koocanusa. No changes are expected in BC Hydro's debris management program.
- Better coordination of Libby Dam operations, which is being discussed with the U.S. during Columbia River Treaty negotiations, would improve debris management.

Lardeau Valley

- No new updates since November 2021.
- Columbia Basin Trust's Community Readiness Program was suggested as a source of funding to support the purchase of emergency readiness equipment for community wide benefit for the Lardeau Valley.

Nakusp Marina and Breakwater Repairs

- No new updates since September 2021.
- The first phase of the Nakusp marina and breakwater repair project was completed in July 2020. In 2022 the Village of Nakusp installed another 300 feet of log boom as part of the 600 feet breakwater repair project.

Treaty Operating Week

- No new updates since July 2021.
- The current Treaty Operating Week results in Lower Columbia flow changes over seven days, beginning on Friday/Saturday, impacting weekend recreational users.
- The Treaty Operating Week is a clause in the Columbia River Treaty, and any proposed changes would need to be included in negotiations.



Valemount Air Quality Project

- In October 2022 the B.C. CRT Team responded to a letter from a Village of Valemount Council member about funding for a Valemount air quality monitoring project.
- In June 2022, the Valemount Clean Air Task Force developed a draft Air Quality Management Plan, which sets priority action items over the next five years aimed at improving air quality in Valemount.
- The Air Quality Management Plan includes an action to “Implement a community monitoring project using citizen science air quality sensors” to “gain a better understanding of PM2.5 concentrations across the community”.
- The Clean Air Task Force prioritizes and recommends initiatives to improve Valemount's air quality, ensuring the most effective use of funds, including funds remaining after the Village undertook an air quality data review study to identify potential impacts from Kinbasket Reservoir. The [June 2021 study](#), funded by the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low-Carbon Innovation, is available on the Village website.

Projects on Pause

- **Grants in Lieu of Taxes** – Standing by to receive questions from the LGC.

April 14, 2023

Sent via email: All Municipalities in Interior Health

Dear Municipal Partners,

This letter is in follow up to the recent exemption in B.C. to the Controlled Drug and Substances Act granted by Health Canada. This exemption is to decriminalize adults in possession of small amounts of certain controlled substances. Decriminalization is an evidence-based strategy to reduce the harms currently associated with using substances.

Decriminalization does not change or condone the criminality of specific unwanted and unsafe behaviours such as intoxication, violence, or theft in the community. Although decriminalization allows people to have a certain amount of illegal substances with them, decriminalization is not expected to change substance use behaviours. Evidence from other countries that have implemented decriminalization show **that it is not associated with increases in drug use, drug-related harm or crime** (1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 8; 9; 10).

Interior Health Medical Health Officers do not promote substance use in public spaces, as you will know from our work on tobacco and alcohol. However, punitive approaches (usually ticketing/fines, which can escalate to jail if someone cannot afford to pay (11)) would be perpetuating the harms we are trying to reduce with this exemption (12). These harms also include stigma and shame that force people to conceal their substance use and use alone, increasing their risk of dying from substance poisoning.

People from all walks of life use substances, both the ones that are illegal (heroin, cocaine, fentanyl, etc.) and those that are legal (alcohol, cannabis, caffeine, prescribed fentanyl, etc.). The vast majority of people consume their substances either in private (e.g. at home or at a friend's house) or in a designated consumption space (e.g. bars/restaurants, supervised consumption sites).

A small group may be forced to consume their substances in more public spaces, typically because they do not have access to alternative spaces (e.g. they are houseless, they have an unsafe home environment, or supervised consumption isn't available for their substance or at the time they need to access it). As such, one important strategy to decrease consumption in public places is to offer safe and appropriate consumption spaces such as overdose prevention sites or supervised consumption services.

Interventions that address the reasons people use in public spaces are an evidence-based approach to preventing or addressing public substance use. These interventions are broad and are usually implemented by health authorities or provincial programs, but they are much more likely to be successful with municipal support:

1. **Ensuring there are appropriate places to use,**
2. **Strengthening social programs and housing,**
3. **Peer support programs and peer lead initiatives and solutions** (e.g. community clean-up teams (12)).

It is important to note that while some communities do have overdose prevention sites, the hours are usually limited to weekday business hours, which may not reflect the times that people want or need to use substances. In addition, most communities in the Southern Interior do not have an overdose prevention sites that supports inhalation or smoking, which is the most common mode of consumption leading to substance poisoning.

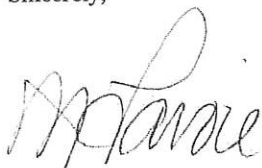
We, Interior Health Medical Health Officers recommend a six-month observation period to monitor the effects of decriminalization on public consumption **before implementing new bylaws or modifying existing ones.** This

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would allow staff to monitor the situation to determine if there is in fact an increase in public drug use and give council the time to seek sound public health advice. This letter does not replace formal consultation with your local Medical Health Officer on a proposed bylaw related to substance use in public areas.

The Interior Health Medical Health Officers remain available for consultation and are able to support conversations specific to local needs.

Sincerely,



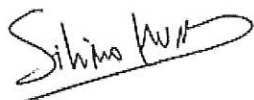
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Interim Chief Medical Health Officer



Dr. Carol Fenton
Medical Health Officer



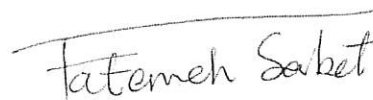
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Dr. Silvina Mema
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THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALMO **REPORT FROM COUNCIL**

COUNCILLOR NEIL

Council Report for Council Meeting held on April 25, 2023.

PORTFOLIOS

Library Board Meeting April 19th.

Library Director's Report – March 2023

Community, Events & Programs

Spring break activities – We hosted 2 days of spring break activities. One week there was a movie day with 25 kids in attendance and 5 adults, and the following week we hosted a games day with 23 kids and 8 adults.

2 author readings – Shelly Grice with 15 attendees and Leesa Dean with 17 in attendance

During Lego Club for March, we had 4 events with 30 kids attending over those dates.

Monique Gray Smith zoom for her YA edition of Braiding Sweetgrass. We welcomed 9 tweens and teens to the library to engage in a Kootenay wide zoom presentation.

Mary Blue is taking a mobile library of books to Salmo Estates – over the first 2 sessions there were 18 people who borrowed or browser the collection.

Tax Support with Judi, Gloria and Helen will be wrapping up on April 29th. The 3 volunteers will have put in 39 volunteer hours, and helped a total of 50 community members submitted their taxes

Grants and Funding

Grant funds to cover live history - KLF \$600 & Village of Salmo \$250

DOT night was on Wednesday, April 5th – successfully done, thank you the Janet for presenting! We received the total amount we ask - \$1500. These funds are for junior shelving and storage for crafting materials.

Taylor, Marianne, Gayle, Judi and Tom attend a Village Council meeting to present our 2022 Annual report and share what has been happening for the first 3 month of 2023.

We were well received and had kind words from the mayor and council for all we do for the community.

BC announced that Libraries will be receiving a one-time funding over the next 3 years for the amount of 45 million. We now know how these are to be used and how much we received

We have partnered with SCRS for a few of our events this year. They support us with a \$190 for materials and food for a pro-d day Marianne hosted. We will be partnering with them again for the Scrabble tournament on May 6th.

School works wrapping up Owen last day will April 28th.

Upcoming Events

April 1 at 2:00 – Erin Bauman, the Panoptical Poetry presentation

April 4th – Braiding Sweet Grass Zoom

April 7 – 10 Easter closure

April 17 – Live History Group

April 20th CBAL sewing workshop

April 25, Tuesday at 7:00 – Poet Elizabeth Cunningham

April 26th – Open Doors Open Minds staff training day

April 27th – CBAL Baby goose to start

April 28/29 KLF and LDAG meetings in Grand Forks Taylor away to attend

May 6 -Scrabble Tournament

May 30th Ron Verzuh author reading

Thursdays – Drop in LEGO with Owen

Fridays – Drop in Scrabble

Education Portfolio: NIL

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Neil



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALMO REPORT FROM MAYOR/DIRECTOR

MAYOR LOCKWOOD

Mayor Report for Council Meeting held on April 25, 2023.

CBT: They are coming to Salmo on **May 8 from 6:30-8:30** for community engagement at the Salmo Youth & Community Centre. Come out and have your say about what is happening in the basin.

Salmo & Area G Emergency Preparedness: Next meeting April 24, 2023

Citizen Engagement: Salmo Council is reaching out to organizations and individuals to help staff to make July 1.

RDCK:

Board: Next meeting April 20, 2023, will report at next meeting

Salmo & Area G Recreation Commission: Next meeting May 8, 2023

Economic Trust of the Southern Interior – BC (ETSI-BC): Forestry Impact Recovery program (FIR) which is an economic development recovery program with grant funding to support rural communities and their business support organizations as they take on the challenging task of supporting economic development in communities affected by on-going changes in the forest sector.

Central Resource Recovery: Next meeting TBA

Joint Resource Recovery: Next meeting April 19, 2023, will report at next meeting

West Kootenay Hospital Board: June 28, 2023

Nelson, Salmo, E, F, & G Regional Parks: The Salmo Valley ATV Club has requested to be officially recognized through agreement with the RDCK having stewardship of the rail trail from Salmo to Hall Siding. The Ymir Community Society is in favor of this as they have been working with the club for some time now. RDCK staff are working on a standardized agreement with volunteer groups.

Other meetings of note:

Mayors and Chairs Highway 3 Coalition: I will continue to request that the s-corner stay on the top five priority list so this project can be completed. Next meeting April 12, 2023.

Ministry Meetings: Salmo received our letter from Minister Kang for the Growing Communities Fund for construction of infrastructure and amenities. We are not to use it for decreasing taxation. The amount Salmo has received is \$1.13m.

If you have property that is vacant or underused you may want to look into the Underused Housing Tax to make sure it does not affect you. It comes with a large fine for not registering.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor/Director Lockwood

