



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

REGULAR MEETING #15-22 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, September 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

<u>In Person:</u>	CAO James Heth
Mayor Diana Lockwood	Financial Officer Nathan Russ
Councillor Jennifer Endersby	CFO Chris Jury
Councillor Jonathon Heatlie	Members of the Public - 1
Councillor Jacquie Huser	<u>Electronically:</u> 0
Councillor Farrell Segall	

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

AGENDA:

R1-15-22

Moved and seconded, that the draft agenda of Regular Meeting #15-22 of Tuesday, September 27, 2022 be adopted as amended from *Council Procedure Bylaw No. 663, 2014* Schedule "B" to move the Financial Report by Financial Officer Russ to the beginning of the meeting, include a New Business section, a Bylaw Development & Review section, and a Public Question Period.

Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – FINANCIAL OFFICER RUSS:

R2-15-22

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the Second Quarter Financial Statement dated June 30, 2022 as presented by Financial Officer Nathan Russ.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS:

Salmo Valley Trail Society Re: Dirt Jump Park Maintenance, Portapotty Maintenance & Annual Funding - #58

Virginia Stockdale, Robert Bailey and Melissa Boardman of the Salmo Valley Trail Society presented a summary of the work of the Society. They requested Village operator and equipment time for planned work to the KP Bike Park to make it more accessible to younger riders. They also requested aligning portable toilet maintenance with the Village to potentially save on their costs, as well as \$10,000 in annual funding from the Village. Council asked for clarity around maintenance responsibilities, the delegation responded that the Society was able to provide annual maintenance but asked for Village support for some routine maintenance. The Mayor spoke about other funding opportunities that may be available to the Society, and the Council expressed concerns that the annual funding support request was beyond the means of the Village to support.

NEW BUSINESS:

NIL

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

R3-15-22 Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of the Committee-of-the-
COTW Whole Meeting of Tuesday, August 23, 2022 be adopted as presented.
August 23, 2022 Carried.

R4-15-22 Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of the Regular Council
Regular Meeting meeting #14-22 of Tuesday, August 23, 2022 be adopted as presented.
August 23, 2022 Carried.

R5-15-22 Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of the Special Meeting of
Special Meeting Thursday, August 25, 2022 be adopted as presented.
August 25, 2022 Carried.

R6-15-22 Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of the Committee-of-the-
COTW Whole Meeting of Wednesday, August 31, 2022 be adopted as
August 31, 2022 presented.
Carried.

R7-15-22 Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of the Committee-of-the-
COTW Whole Meeting of Tuesday, September 6, 2022 be adopted as
September 6, 2022 presented.
Carried.

REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS: NIL

REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS: NIL

BYLAW REVIEW & DEVELOPMENT:

R8-15-22 Moved and seconded, Council receive for information the written
Tax Exemption Bylaw report by CAO Heth regarding permissive tax exemptions.
#745, 2023 Carried.

R9-15-22 Moved and seconded, that the “*Tax Exemption Bylaw #745, 2023*” be
Tax Exemption Bylaw given first reading.
#745, 2023 – First Carried.
Reading

R10-15-22 Moved and seconded, that the “*Tax Exemption Bylaw #745, 2023*” be
Tax Exemption Bylaw given second and third reading.
#745, 2023 – Second & Carried.
Third Reading

OPERATIONAL REPORTS:

R11-15-22 Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written
Civic Works report for the period of August 19 to September 22, 2022. (see
Appendix A).

Carried.

R12-15-22
Fire Department

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report dated September 1, 2022 provided by Fire Chief David Hearn for the period of August 2022. (see *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R13-15-22
Bylaw Enforcement

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report on bylaw enforcement for the period of August 2022. (see *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R14-15-22
Administration

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report as presented by CAO Heth. (see *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R15-15-22
Glendale Bridge –
Repair Design
Engineering Proposal

Moved and seconded, that Council approve staff proceeding with the project proposal from Redwood Engineering Ltd. to complete structural engineering design for repairs to address the undermining of the apron slabs of Glendale Avenue Bridge and bank erosion on both banks.

Carried.

Strategic Plan

NIL

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

R16-15-22
Accounts Payable

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the list of accounts payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from August 19, 2022 to September 22, 2022 totaling \$226,563.13.

Carried.

R17-15-22
Treasurer's Report

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the Treasurer's report for August 2022.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION:

Grant-in-Aid Request:
Salmo District Arts
Council - #59

Moved and seconded, that Council approve the grant-in-aid request of \$300 by the Salmo District Arts Council to assist with the costs of installing a sculpture at 304 Main Street.

R18-15-22
Motion to Amend Main

Moved and seconded, that the main motion be amended to add "...with confirmation of owner's approval as to location.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

R19-15-22 Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the following correspondence from:

- (1) Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia Re: Accomplishments Report August 2022 - #57

Carried.

MEMBER REPORTS & INQUIRIES:

Councillor Endersby See *Appendix B*.

Councillor Heatlie Councillor Heatlie had nothing to report.

Councillor Huser See *Appendix B*.

Councillor Segall Councillor Segall had nothing to report.

Mayor Lockwood See *Appendix B*.

R20-15-22 Moved and seconded, that the verbal and written reports of Mayor and Council be received for information.
Verbal & Written Reports of Mayor & Council

Carried.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD: NIL

IN CAMERA RESOLUTION:

R21-15-22 Moved and seconded, the meeting be closed to the public under Sections 90(1)(d) of the *Community Charter*.

Carried.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING: Council reopened the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

R22-15-22 Moved and seconded, that council direct staff to develop a policy and a template agreement relating to Village support to community groups.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved and seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

R23-15-22

Carried.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022.

Originally Signed By:

Diana Lockwood
Mayor

James Heth
Chief Administrative Officer



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALMO REPORT FROM COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR ENDERSBY

Council Report for Council Meeting held on September 27, 2022.

PORTFOLIOS

Library Board: I attended the September Library meeting on September 14. All around it was a good meeting. There are a lot of fun activities on the horizon. I've included Taylor's Library Report.

Museum: Nothing to report

Education: The years first Parents Advisory Council meeting was on September 21. They discussed a variety of topics included a report from the principal and discussion on what their vision is for the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Endersby

Library Director's Report – Summer 2022

Community, Events & Programs	
	SRC hug success this year! Our student Kit (Kyla) was hired through the Young Canada works federal funding. See attached report from Kit
	We continued to supply the snack packs to kids – this year they seemed to move quicker.
	The library of things continues to grow. With the help of our students, Taylor was able to finish the STEAM kits and get all 15 of them out and ready to go. Throughout the summer the STEAM Kits went out 16 times. The garden harvest session upon us we are seeing the equipment start to circulate more frequently. So far in 2022 the equipment has gone out 16 times.
	Staff met with Lori Dunn from CBAL. We will be working on creating adaptive programming with them for the fall and winter months. Tech Learning will now be call Tech Café. This drop in program will be starting up and running from October 17 th – November 21 from 1-3pm. They will also be running at the library a 6-week Baby Goose program (for parents/caregivers of children 0-18 months, with childminding for older siblings) on Mondays from 10:30-11:15 am, October 17th to November 21st.
	Volunteers are needed for some of our evening shifts.
Grants and Funding	
	Reporting back on student summer grants, SVF, and Community development grant.
	SVF grant is coming up and Taylor will be applying for this.
	Taylor has been looking into signing the library up for Grant Advance.
	During the months of Jun-Aug the booksale made \$488. The budget for 2022 is \$800 – so we are well on our way as the total so far for 2022 is \$879 😊
	See attached interim report for our COVID Recovery and Relief funding.
April Events	
	Sept 17 th – Friends Chili Cookoff Fundraiser Sept 23 rd – Library Bookclub Sept 23-29th - Climate Action week Sept 23 rd & 24 th – LDAG & KLF Meetings in Cranbrook Sept 28 th – Climate Change talk with Kyle Merritt' Sept 28 th – Volunteer dinner Sept 30 th – TRC Day Library Closed - Staff, Board and volunteers are encourage to take time throughout the day to engage in learning about TRC Oct 1 st – Friends Cake Walk fundraiser



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALMO REPORT FROM COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR HUSER

Council Report for Council Meeting held on September 27, 2022.

PORTFOLIOS

Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre: Next Meeting Sept 27 (AGM).

Parks: Nothing to report.

Cemetery Working Group: Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 28th to review the wall and finalize the plaque options to be brought to staff and/or council. I will create a report for the next chair of the working group with the hopes that this continues after my term in office is finished.

Civic Works: Nothing to report.

Bylaw & Policy Review: Attended the September 6th, 2022 – COTW to continue reviewing the Zoning Bylaw.

RDCK Alternate Director: Nothing to report

Community Engagement: Spent the day of September 20th with the Salmo District Chamber of Commerce volunteers serving coffee, muffins and lunch as well as engaging with the 3 bus loads of train enthusiasts from all over North America (from New York to Maple Ridge) who came to Salmo as part of their convention (Canadian Pacific and Great Northern Railways) to tour the train station. It was a great day; they were extremely excited to see the train station as there are not many Great Northern original stations left. It was a fun day!

OTHER MEETINGS OR ACTIVITIES OF NOTE

August 18, 2022 – Community Action Teams Knowledge Exchange: Discussed the video series created to bring awareness to the fact that men in construction are more likely to die by overdose than people in any other workforce – watch it at this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR2BRhcXPsmoCjRVEZVwclKx7CCdDXWxTX5_Vpel2PfpM2xt_bVZm6Nlt6U&v=0BFiCM1Qlmk&feature=youtu.be

September 22, 2022 – BCEDA Webinar – Economic Development for Local Leaders: Dale Wheeldon & Colleen Bond presented: Have created manuals: <https://www.bceda.ca/manuals.php>

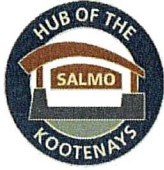
It is both Community Development and Economic Development – working on attracting health care workers if needed, attracting businesses, housing affordability – (Langford Attainable home ownership program). Need capacity to do what an economic development plan has in place. Be realistic about your readiness – what is the capacity and what are you able to do on the ground – staffing, budgeting, etc. what is the community ready for. Understand your local and regional assets.

Webinars are available: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzGncpS-dkrZty3lhFTd5HA>

September 22, 2022 – CBT AGM – attending virtually

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Jacque Huser



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

MAYOR/DIRECTOR LOCKWOOD

Mayor/Director Report for Council Meeting held on September 27, 2022.

EXTERNAL AGENCIES:

Salmo & Area G Emergency Preparedness: Time to prepare for winter.

Alternate – Ktunaxa Kinbasket Local Government Treaty: Have not been asked to attend any meetings.

PORTFOLIOS/LIAISONS:

Citizen Engagement: Seniors concerned about losing health services have asked me to investigate the situation.

Economic Development: Broadband update on the work that is about to start for the backbone from Fruitvale to Nelson -

- The Trust continues to actively work on the project and is hopeful that construction will commence this fall with overall project completion goal in March 2024. This will be largely dependent upon the material supply chain.
- This project will see 70 km of backbone fibre optic cable installed between Fruitvale and Nelson.
- This project is receiving \$4.2M from the federal Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, the provincial Connecting BC program, the Regional District of Central Kootenay and The Trust.

Transit fares will be equal to all other transit rides. We pay \$3.50 for cash fare, and it is going to be reduced to \$2.25.

Fire Department: Please see Chief Hearne's report in the package.

RDCK:

Board: September 22 meeting- staff changes

- Jenna Chapman, Community Services Administrative Coordinator replacing Sabrina Carmichael;
- Melanie Loutit, Community Services Administrative Coordinator filling in for Jenna Chapman while on maternity leave;

- Shari Imada, Senior Energy Specialist replacing Paul Faulkner;
- Nathalie Nick, Environmental Coordinator - Utility Services 2 replacing Alex Divlakovski; and
- Jeannine Bradley, Project Manager, replacing Shari Imada.

Salmo and Electoral Area G Library Financial Aid Service Bylaw No. 2837, 2022 was adopted. Please see [Attachment 2](#) letter from the RDCK.

The board approved seeking grant funds from the Ministry of Environment and BC Lung Association in the amount of \$2,750 for education and advertisement for the “Community Wood Smoke Reduction Grant Program”.

Staff is building a Policy around Permissive Tax Exemption.

Joint Resource Recovery Committee: September 21 meeting - Staff recommended award of the Collection, Transportation and Recycling services of Scrap Metal to Richmond Steel for a three year contract commencing October 1, 2022 with the eligibility for two one year extensions. The total servicing fee is \$144 per metric tonne, equating to an estimated value to the contractor of \$200,000 annually to be offset by scrap metal revenue pending current market value. The net revenue or expense to be paid to/from East, Central, and West services.

The recommendation for resource recovery facilities amendment bylaw #2863, 2022 was given first, second, third readings and adopted.

Central (Salmo) Landfill bin wall, new bag, gates, and railings are being replaced.

At the Central (Salmo) Landfill the attendant building now has a lunchroom, changeroom, washroom, septic and water for the employees.

Central Composting Facility has it’s building up with the pad and base-work completed.

HB Facility project has been hydroseeded with the project has ended.

Update on recycling costs - 79% is funded through taxation at a cost of \$651,000 compared to 21% funded by Recycle BC at a cost of \$173,000 per year. Through the RDCK we are working with the Provincial Government to reduce these costs to the taxpayer.

Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee: Next meeting October 11, 2022

Nelson, Salmo, Area E, F, G Regional Parks Commission: Next meeting September 20, 2022, was cancelled due to staff shortage

All Recreation: Next meeting September 28, 2022

Salmo & Area G Recreation Commission: Next meeting September 19, 2022, was cancelled due to staff shortage

West Kootenay Transit Committee: Cancellations are very hard to swallow when we are trying to get more people out of their vehicles onto buses or for people that do not have a vehicle to use. NextGen and BC Transit have heard the questions and frustrations from people. The ads are out for drivers, although many that are applying are from overseas, other countries, and ones that don’t even have their

drivers' licence. One issue is the company can only offer casual work that is not guaranteed (due to union rules) although most casuals are working 30-hour weeks There are four positions that need to be filled at this point. For the cancellations they have developed an app that will give alerts, cancelations, where the bus is and when the bus is arriving at a certain spot. This staff shortage is happening in all facets of work.

West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District: Next meeting September 28, 2022.

ETSI-BC: Next meeting is October 6, 2022

Other meetings of note:

Mayor's and chair Highway 3 Coalition: We met at UBCM and spoke with many Ministers throughout the conference about the top five priorities.

Southeast Regional Meetings: No scheduled meetings.

IHA Mayor's and Chairs regional meeting: Please see [Attachment 1](#)

UBCM: Even though I only had two scheduled meeting with Ministers and staff I had complete access to almost all of them during the networking time as well as when walking back and forth from hotel to conference center. I felt it was a very productive conference. Please see [Attachment 3](#).

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor/Director Lockwood



IH Roundtable with Mayors and RHD Chairs September 21, 2022 Meeting Summary

IMMUNIZATION UPDATE (MHO Dr. Fatemeh Sabet)

- Interior Health's fall booster campaign is underway, including the new bivalent vaccine which offers protection against the original COVID-19 virus and Omicron variant.
- Bivalent vaccine is now available across IH and the fall booster campaign is underway. We will be delivering this program through a combination of community pharmacies, IH clinics and whole-community clinics.
- Our team is monitoring clinic capacity and demand very closely, and adding more appointments where needed. People who don't see a convenient appointment should check back regularly. (Keremeos had additional appointments added Sept. 21.)
- The fall booster is by appointment at this point. Appointments continue to go out based on priority.
- People must be six months from their previous dose to be eligible for their fall booster. For people who recently had a COVID-19 infection, the recommendation is to wait 3 months from when you when you had COVID.
- For adults, the most convenient opportunity to get the bivalent booster will be through a community pharmacy. As we move into October, adults will be able to get their seasonal influenza immunization through their community pharmacy as well. Once we receive the influenza vaccine, people will be able to book an appointment for their COVID and Influenza vaccine at the same time if they would like.
- IH is working closely with our pharmacy partners to ensure access in all communities. For our more rural communities that may not have a pharmacy providing COVID vaccinations, we will set up a clinic.
- For kids, (11 and under) IH will continue to offer clinics to meet demand.
- Our registrations and immunizations for children of all ages are lower than we would like and we still have progress to make in terms of boosters.
- We continue to urge anyone who has not been immunized to register and get immunized and for those who have received their initial vaccines to come in and get their booster when they receive their invites.

COVID-19 – GENERAL UPDATE (MHO Dr. Sue Pollock)

- Although there has been less of a focus over the summer, COVID-19 does continue to circulate in our communities.
- While we are not tracking all cases as we did earlier in the pandemic, we did have 96 confirmed cases in Interior Health in the week leading up to Sept. 10.
- We also continue to see periodic outbreaks in long-term care and we have seen a few hospital outbreaks as well. Including one in Vernon that was just declared over Monday. A small number of deaths continue to be associated with these outbreaks.

- Thankfully, the majority of cases we have seen are not as serious as they have been with the original or other variants.
- However, we still had 16 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19 as of last week's reporting, including one person in ICU.
- We are awaiting a provincial modelling presentation from Dr. Henry, but we do expect case counts to increase as people move indoors when the weather turns.
- What we have learned about COVID-19 is that nothing is certain, but Dr. Henry did indicate that at this time she does not feel a return to some of the previous restrictions and regulations will be required.

STAFFING UPDATE (Matt Wilkie – Corporate Director of Human Resource Operations and Workforce Planning)

- The COVID-19 pandemic had had a significant impact on the health care system and our communities. The pandemic has accelerated a global healthcare worker shortage, and Interior Health is feeling the impacts with historically high vacancy and turnover rates
- IH leadership is working hard to find every possible solution to support our front line workers and service delivery in all communities
- We are working on a number of strategies to address these challenges
- IH is working with our provincial partners to streamline and expedite the process for hiring internationally educated nurses, we know there are many nurses who are interested in living and working in the Interior and we are working to make it easier for them
- We have rolled out and expanded the Health Career Access Program, which provides paid on-the-job training for staff to become health care assistants, to date over 1,100 people have completed or are actively in the program
- We are working with our partners at Northern Health to have nurses travel to and work in Kamloops, and we're working with provincial partners to expand the program to more communities, with a focus on recruiting out of province nurses
- We've made investments in our recruitment services. We've worked closely with many of you and your communities on targeted marketing campaigns and career fairs and we look forward to continuing to partner with you
- As important as recruitment is, it is very important to retain our current staff. Our goal is to have a happy, healthy and engaged workforce. We are currently implementing a new employee retention strategy to support this
- We've made investments in health and safety, with a focus on violence prevention, psychological safety and musculoskeletal injury prevention
- We're working with our union partners and staff to develop more flexible employee scheduling options and to provide a healthier work-life balance
- These are challenging times but I am encouraged by the hard work of our team and our partnerships with you and your communities. We look forward to continuing to work together collaboratively.

Health care worker and vaccine mandate

- The provincial health officer recently updated the mandate and the vaccination requirement for staff and physicians who work in health care settings – hospitals, health centres, long-term care and community services – remains in place in B.C.
- There is no requirement for regulated professionals – dentists, naturopaths, etc. – to be immunized.



Corporate Officer's Report

Salmo and Electoral Area G Library Financial Aid Service Bylaw No. 2837, 2022

Date: September 8, 2021

File No.: 3900-30-2022-Salmo & G Library Contribution

Below are the results of the Alternative Approval Process (AAP) that was undertaken to determine elector approval for the adoption of Salmo and Electoral Area G Library Financial Aid Service Bylaw No. 2837, 2022. A Bylaw to establish a local service within the Village of Salmo and Electoral Area G to provide a financial contribution to the Village of Salmo for the operation of the Salmo Valley Public Library.

The fair estimate of the total number of electors to whom the AAP applied was:	2289
The number of electors that were required to sign Electoral Response Forms was:	229

The number of Elector Responses received was	0
The number of Elector Responses verified as qualified electors	0

I hereby verify that elector approval was therefore obtained.

Mike Morrison
Corporate Officer

Attachment 3

UBCM September 12-16, 2022

TOURS

I attended the agriculture study tour to start off my week. The first farm tour was created between the elementary and secondary schools. It encompasses 12,000 sq ft of ground production along with a 100 ft greenhouse, and a SeaCan changed into a walk-in-cooler, office space, a wash-up station and gathering space. There are multiple learning opportunities for all the students from all ages with the prospect to create a farm class. This project is aiming to become financially sustainable through year-round growing and selling the goods through weekly Good Food Box, a summer stand, and in the school cafeteria while also being used in food classes.

The second tour took us to an acre of underutilized ALR land on the Easter Seals grounds. This acre was divided in four lots and subleased to new entrant farmers in partnership with Young Agrarians. On these divided pieces of land there were flowers, herbs, garlic, vegetables, shrubbery, fruit trees, and along with these farmers they were also harvesting organic seeds that were not cross pollinated.

The third tour took us to a 33-acre farm raising 100% grass fed and finished beef and lamb along with pastured pork and chickens. This farm has planted some apple trees and have hops growing underneath the trees. Their goal is to produce enough hops to make a beer just to be consumed at the farm. They also have bees and a greenhouse for vegetables.

The final tour took us to a nutrient dense farm by using methods to promote farm fertility by integrating crops and livestock to restore on-farm biodiversity. This farm sells to local restaurants and attend both the Squamish and Vancouver Farmers Markets.

MEETINGS

Mayor's and Chair's Highway 3 Coalition met to discuss how to bring more attention to Highway 3 and it's need for improvements. Everyone was tasked to network with

any Minister we spoke with throughout the week. I was able to speak with four Ministers about the priorities our coalition is putting forward.

The small talk forum had our very own Mayor Tom Zeleznik and Mayor Leonard Casley from Nakusp and New Denver presenting on ambulance services in the rural area and how the services that are being offered to rural areas is not working and is dangerous.

The Chief Operating Officer for the Emergency Health Services did state that the SOC system was put in without community engagement. There are 31 plus communities going to receive full time work for communities under 5000 people.

There were also discussions about infrastructure management, pandemic assistance programs, misinformation about opioid treatment, and regional approaches.

My Minister meeting gave me information that may bring emergency monies to help with fixing our bridge. I have asked to be a pilot project to review how dike work approval could more fluent. I brought attention to how long the process takes for dike work approval and how that length of time just adds money to the project and how that puts small municipalities in a financial bind.

NETWORKING

The networking started with the Fortis Reception. I was able to thank Fortis for the wonderful Indigenous mural that is displayed in Salmo's downtown core.

The networking this year for me gave me opportunities every night to speak with 2-5 ministers and staff members as well as many colleagues.

Area Association lunch brought more opportunity to network with people that live within the AKBLG region.

Networking with female mayors across BC and gave us the opportunity to say congratulations to any of them stepping away from local government. I want to say some that are leaving office have been great mentors to myself.

Another evening getting in more networking and allowing me to speak with Minister Conroy before meeting with her the next day.

PRESENTATIONS/CLINICS

Municipal Insurance Association was interesting. If a local government employee is supervising an event on village property, the village's insurance goes with the employee.

General Changes

They have modernized the policy language, made it easier to read, and customized it to better reflect local government operations. The policy is now organized around the concept of "Covered Losses" and "Covered Property" to make it easier for members to understand what is and is not covered. We have also changed how insureds are referred to in the policy. They now have the concept of "Named Insured", as well as the concept of "Insured", which distinguishes between the local government named on the policy Declarations Page and other entities for which a local government may have the responsibility to obtain coverage for. This provides flexibility to the members and ensures the MIABC can properly manage what coverages are provided to each category of insured.

Local Government Operations

In addition, they have changed the business interruption language from a private company focus to a local government focus. For example, instead of calling it Business Interruption coverage, they call it Local Government Operations Interruption coverage. In doing so, they have created a broad definition of "Operations" to ensure a broad range of coverage remains in place. They propose to include the following definition of "Operations" in the Definitions section of the policy and bold the defined phrase as it appears in the policy.

Operations: the operations carried on by the Named Insured in the normal course of its statutorily authorized activities as a Local Government, including the provision of local and regional services, imposition of fees and charges for the provision of services, use of property, or exercise of regulatory authority, and the use, development, operation, administration, and maintenance of property and recreational facilities.

Finally, they have modernized the language in the crime section of the policy, as crime risks have evolved through use of technology and a reduced interaction with physical spaces, particularly with banking. They have also clarified that crime coverage only applies to property of the Named Insured, as the original policy was not clear in this regard.

Coverage Changes to some of the areas are:

Build Back Better, Errors and Omissions and Contents at Unnamed Locations, Unauthorized Monetary Card Use, Cyber Exposures, Social Engineering Fraud to name a few.

I attended the clinic for local government's role in BC's mental health crisis.

BUSINESS

Resolutions had started with NR's (no-resolution). We were able to complete this section before the end of the week.

Seniors can use 211 across the province now to access information for assistance.

SPEAKERS

Althia Raj was a keynote address and is a political journalist. She spoke about the importance of local government and the responsibility we face to our communities and the rage elected officials are being met with.

Minister Cullen gave his address which was very inspiring.

Ending the conference with Premier Horgan speaking and giving accolades to everyone running and for us to remember the reason we are running is because our love for our community.

Diana Lockwood

Director/Mayor for Village of Salmo