



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

REGULAR MEETING (#07-25) INCLUDING ITEMS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Salmo to be held in Council Chambers at 423 Davies Avenue, Salmo, B.C. on **Tuesday, April 8, 2025 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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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That the agenda of Regular Meeting #07-25 of Tuesday, April 8, 2025 be adopted as amended from *Council Procedure Bylaw #663, 2014* Schedule "A" to include a New Business section, an Administrative Report section, a Public Question period, and an *In Camera* section.

3. Delegations - NIL

4. New Business

5. Adoption of the Minutes

(1) **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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That the minutes of Regular Council meeting #06-25 of Tuesday, March 11, 2025 be adopted as presented.

6. Referrals from Delegations - NIL

7. Referrals from Prior Meetings - NIL

8. Policy Development & Review

(1) **Food & Mobile Vendor Policy – A-010**

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the Food & Mobile Vendor Policy as presented.

9. Bylaw Development & Review - NIL

10. Accounts Payable

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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That Council receive for information the list of accounts payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from March 21 to April 3, 2025 totaling \$85,159.18.

11. Administrative Report

(1) Summer Student Job Postings

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve staff to advertise for 2 summer student positions.

(2) CAO Report – General Updates

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the CAO report for information and further, that Council schedule a Special Meeting on April 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

12. Correspondence Requiring a Council Decision - NIL

13. Correspondence for Information Only

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive for information the following correspondence from:

(1) Philip Perras Re: BC Municipalities Must Unify and Prepare for Potential Retaliation - #14

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(2) RDCK Re: Trash to Treasure Day April 26, 2025

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14. Member Reports & Inquiries

(1) Councillor Cox

(2) Councillor Heatlie

(3) Councillor Lins

(4) Councillor Neil

(5) Mayor Lockwood

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

15. Public Question Period

16. In Camera Resolution

That the meeting be closed to the public under Sections 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations and (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* of the *Community Charter*.

17. Reconvene Open Meeting

18. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be on April 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Salmo held in Council Chambers at 423 Davies Avenue in Salmo, B.C. on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

In Person:

Deputy Mayor Melanie Cox
Councillor Jennifer Lins
Councillor Kenzie Neil

CAO Derek Kwiatkowski

Members of Public - 5

Electronically:

Members of the Public - 0

REGRETS:

Mayor Diana Lockwood and Councillor Jonathon Heatlie.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

AGENDA:

R1-06-25

Moved and seconded, that the draft agenda of Regular Meeting #06-25 of Tuesday, March 25, 2025 be adopted as amended from *Council Procedure Bylaw No. 663, 2014* Schedule "B" to include a New Business section, a Bylaw Development & Review section, a Public Question Period, and an *In Camera* section.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS:

Salmo Lions Club Re:
What the Lions Club
Brings to the Salmo
Valley - #12

The Lion's club presented a history of accomplishments & the active beautification efforts around the Village. They requested that Council consider denying any application for mobile food vendors during Canada Day as this hurts the group's fundraising efforts & would take suggestions on other fundraising opportunities.

Council Response:

Council thanked the Lions' Club for the work that they do for the community.

NEW BUSINESS:

NIL

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

R2-06-25

Regular Meeting
March 25, 2025

Moved and seconded, that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting #05-25 of Tuesday, March 11, 2025 be adopted as amended.

Carried.

REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS: NIL

REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

R3-06-25

Moved and seconded, that Council approve allowing two mobile food vendors to participate in the weekly Thursday Salmo Valley Farmers Market in KP Park for the 2025 season.

Carried.

BYLAW DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW:

R4-06-25
Fireworks Bylaw #515,
2003

Moved and seconded, that Council give express permission to the Fire Department to set off fireworks within the Village limits on July 1, 2025 for the Canada Day Celebration.

Carried.

R5-06-25
Traffic Bylaw #660,
2014

Moved and seconded, that Council approve the road closures within the Village limits on July 1, 2025 for the Canada Day parade.

Carried.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS:

R6-06-25
Civic Works

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report as presented by Civic Works Foreman Fred Paton dated March 20, 2025. (see *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R7-06-25
Fire Department

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report dated March 1, 2025 provided by Fire Chief David Hearn for the period of February 2025. (see *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R8-06-25
Bylaw Enforcement

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report on bylaw enforcement for the period of February 2025. (see *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R9-06-25
CAO Report

Moved and seconded, that Council accepts the CAO report for information. (see *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R10-06-25
UBCM Resolution
Change Request

Moved and seconded, that Council approve the changes requested from the UBCM regarding Fire Truck Referendum Requirement & resubmit to UBCM. (see *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R11-06-25
KP Concession
Building/KP Park Master
Plan

Moved and seconded, that Council direct administration to build a project plan for the KP Park concession building based on the Council approved criteria.

Tabled.

R12-06-25
2025 Official
Community Plan
Development

Moved and seconded, that Council accepts the CAO report for information.

Carried.

R13-06-25 Request for July 1st, 2025 Canada Day Donation from the RDCK	Moved and seconded, that Council approve Mayor Lockwood requesting a donation of \$1,000 from the RDCK Area G Director for the July 1st, 2025 Canada Day celebration.	Carried.
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R14-06-25 July 1 st , 2025 Mobile Food Vendors	Moved and seconded, that Council approve allowing two mobile food vendors to participate in the 2025 Canada Day Market, and further direct administration to create a policy & application form to bring to the April 8, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.	Carried.
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Strategic Plan	NIL	
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FINANCIAL REPORTS:

R15-06-25 Accounts Payable	Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the list of accounts payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from March 7, 2025 to March 20, 2025 totaling \$91,606.91.	Carried.
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R16-06-25 Treasurer's Report	Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the Treasurer's report for February 2025.	Carried.
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CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A DECISION: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY: NIL

MEMBER REPORTS & INQUIRIES:

Deputy Mayor Cox	Reported on Council portfolios & needing more clarification on the expectations of each portfolio.
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Councillor Lins	NIL
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Councillor Neil	Council Neil reported on the Salmo Library working on their Strategic Plan. Councillor Neil also inquired about the damaged cable boxes around the Village & approaching the owner requesting repair or removal.
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Mayor Lockwood	NIL
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R17-06-25 Verbal & Written Reports of Mayor & Council	Moved and seconded, that the verbal and written reports of Mayor and Council be received for information.	Carried.
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PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

An Area G resident asked about King Charles' official photograph in Council Chambers.

The CAO responded that the photos are on order & will be displayed as soon as possible.

IN CAMERA RESOLUTION:

R18-06-25

Moved and seconded, that the meeting be closed to the public under Sections 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations of the *Community Charter*.

Carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

R19-06-25

Moved and seconded, that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried @8:44p.m.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

Deputy Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer/CO



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Request for Decision

Report Date: April 4, 2025
Meeting Date: April 11, 2025 (#07-25)
From: Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject: Food & Mobile Vendor Policy

1. OBJECTIVE

For Council to approve the Food & Mobile Vendor Policy as presented.

2. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

At the March 25, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, administration was directed to build a policy & application form for mobile vendors wishing to operate within Village limits. The policy will encompass both special events & potential annual operations. The Village will always retain the right to cancel, move, or change any license under this Policy.


The policy reflects a current limit of 2 vendors at a time, with the ability to expand or limit the number of vendors depending on the situation. There are also selection criteria that will include consideration for the Village community group's fundraising efforts. The policy limits Village liability, noting clauses for insurance as well as the protection of Village infrastructure.

3. RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the Food & Mobile Vendor Policy as presented.

4. ALTERNATIVES

1. That Council approve the Food & Mobile Vendor Policy as amended.
2. That Council table the Food & Vendor Policy for further review.

	DRAFT Mobile Food & Vendor Policy	
	Policy Number: A-010	
	Section: Administration	Resolution No.:
	Amended by:	Effective Date:

PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines and give directions for orderly establishment for vending and sales within Village of Salmo limits.

POLICY:

The use of Village streets and Village-owned parking areas may be permitted for operation of a mobile vending vehicle as per this policy, from April 1st to December 31st of each year. Licenses are issued at the discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer.

- "License" means the agreement between the mobile vendor and the Village of Salmo permitting the vendor to operate a business on Village-owned property.
- "Mobile vendor" or "operator" means the applicant and the person(s) to whom a license is issued.
- "Vending/sales area" means the total area used by the mobile vendor.
- "Vending vehicle" or "vehicle" refers to a vehicle that is designed to be used to sell products, food, or beverage and licensed as per this policy.

Mobile vendors seeking to operate as part of a special event are advised that sections 2a, 2b, 2e, 2g, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, and 31 apply. Fees required by the Business License Bylaw may be applicable.

Mobile vendors seeking to operate on private property are subject to the conditions in the Business License Bylaw #645.

PROCEDURE:

1. Fees will be levied as per the Business License Bylaw. This includes an annual application fee, an annual business license fee, or any location-specific rates.
2. Annual applications are to be made at the Village Office and must include:
 - a) Completed Mobile Food & Vendor Policy Application Form;
 - b) confirmation of annual Fire Department inspection;
 - c) a letter of intent that includes the operating hours and days of the week, and any other relevant details;
 - d) a drawing that indicates the exact location of the requested parking area and the location of the vehicle and its dimensions (applicants should consider indicating a second and third choice of location);
 - e) a photograph of the vending vehicle and plans for the area;
 - f) Interior Health approval (if food or beverages are being served);
 - g) a discharge management plan that includes a description of how and where fats, oils, grease, and grey water will be disposed (if food or beverages are being served);
 - and
 - h) a description of servicing.
3. Upon approval of the license, but prior to operating, the operator shall provide proof of a valid Village of Salmo business license.
4. It is the responsibility of all operators to obtain and maintain any necessary licensing from the Village, Interior Health, or other applicable licensing/regulatory agencies for the specific activities in which they are proposing to engage.
5. Operators using Village streets or property must be adequately insured to satisfy the Corporate Officer that the Village is indemnified and saved harmlessly against all damage, injuries or claims arising from their use of the public property. Upon approval of the license, the operator shall provide proof of liability insurance coverage for \$5 million, which names the "Village of Salmo" as an "additional insured". The insurance shall include a cancellation clause making explicit that it

is understood and agreed that the coverage provided by the policy will not be changed or amended in any way or cancelled until thirty days after written notice of such change or cancellation shall have been given or sent by registered mail to all Named Insured.

6. The Village retains the right to revoke any permission granted to use the street for such purposes at any time where it is found that the use is creating difficulties deemed unacceptable to the Village or where any conditions of this policy or the license have not been met. In the latter case, no money will be refunded to the applicant, the Village may refuse to issue licenses in the future, and bylaw tickets may be issued.
7. The Village retains the right to refuse access to, and/or require a vending vehicle to be removed from, a pre-approved location at any time without notice, due to foreseen or unforeseen circumstances such as a special event, construction, infrastructure repairs, or other circumstances requiring the closure of a portion of the right-of-way or land. If a vendor's location is unusable, the Village may be able to assist in finding a temporary alternate location, but the Village is not responsible for finding alternate vending locations nor will the Village compensate the applicant during this time.
8. The Village retains the right to conduct periodic inspections of the vending vehicle to ensure compliance with Village bylaws, this policy, and the operator's license.
9. Licenses will be issued for the calendar year, with no reduction in application fees based on application or operating dates.

SELECTION CRITERIA/ CAP GUIDELINES:

10. No more than two mobile vendors will be approved to operate at any given time.
11. If more than two eligible applications are received, staff will contact all eligible applicants to inform them that they may submit additional information, within one week, to assist staff in scoring applications based on the following:
 - a) Eco-initiatives (e.g. waste, vehicle fuel requirements);
 - b) Past compliance with Village policies and bylaws (if applicable); and
 - c) Diversity of menu/merchandise options in the vicinity.
12. Staff will issue licenses to the top scoring applicants. Staff may instead opt to hold a lottery.
13. Previous year's licensees will not be grandfathered.
14. In the case of a special event, the Village, at its sole discretion, may approve additional mobile vendors for the duration of the special event.

PERMITTED LOCATIONS:

15. Mobile vendors should locate at a at the following location:
 - a) "KP Park"
 - Gazebo area (Farmer's market location)
16. Other locations may be considered. Prior to approving an alternative location, the Village may request the written consent of the owners for at least half of the property within 60 metres of the proposed vending/sales area or other any other property owner(s).
17. The Village may refuse a location for any reason, such as for upcoming public works/infrastructure projects.
18. The Village may, at its sole discretion, approve mid-season location changes, subject to a license amendment fee.

FURTHER SITE REQUIREMENTS:

19. The vending vehicle shall be restricted from operating at the precise location prescribed by the Village and Fire & Rescue Services. In general, a vending vehicle equipped with cooking facilities may not be closer than 3 metres from a building or another mobile vending vehicle.
20. The vending/sales area must not exceed the width of the designated parking space and must permit the free flow of road and pedestrian traffic.

OPERATING REQUIREMENTS & RESTRICTIONS:

21. The vendor must comply with all requirements of Fire & Rescue Services, including the requirements of the BC Fire Code, the Fire Regulation & Prevention Bylaw, and any other requirements of Fire & Rescue Services.
22. Despite the provisions of the Village of Salmo Traffic Bylaw, a trailer for which a license has been issued under this policy may be parked unhitched to a motor vehicle.
23. In no event shall the mobile vendor impede the free movement of automobiles or pedestrians or pose safety risks to the public (e.g. cords across the sidewalk).
24. A sign permit application must be submitted and approved by the Village, in accordance with the Sign Bylaw. No signage shall be left on public property when the vendor is not operating.

25. The vending vehicle must be clean and aesthetically pleasing in appearance.
26. Mobile vendors shall not create any disturbance or nuisance in terms of noise, vibration, smoke, dust, odour, air pollution, heat, glare, bright light, hazardous or unacceptable waste. Lights, sounds, or actions which may be a distraction for motorists and/or pedestrians are not permitted.
27. Mobile vendors plan to provide adequate access to washroom facilities for on-site staff.
28. Mobile vendors shall always attend to the vending vehicle while operating.
29. Mobile vendors must comply with all the Village of Salmo bylaws, including the Traffic Bylaw, always.
30. The license shall be displayed on the vending vehicle.
31. Mobile vendors shall open no earlier than 7:00 a.m. and close no later than 10:00 p.m. Sunday to Thursday and midnight Friday and Saturday, subject to this closing time not causing noise or nuisance hardship for area residents and/or increased enforcement of the area by the RCMP.

Village of Salmo
Accounts Payable March 21 to April 3, 2025

Cheque #	Pay Date	Vendor Name	Description	Paid Amount
018075	2025-03-26	Ace Courier Systems	Water Sample Shipping Expense	\$50.64
018085	2025-04-01	Ace Courier Systems	Water Sample Shipping Expense	\$25.32
018086	2025-04-01	Commissionaires British Columbia	Bylaw Enforcement	\$202.28
EFT	2025-03-25	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$46.19
EFT	2025-03-25	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$161.28
EFT	2025-03-25	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$41.81
EFT	2025-03-25	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$345.39
EFT	2025-03-25	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$330.62
EFT	2025-03-25	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$41.81
EFT	2025-04-02	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$47.64
018088	2025-04-01	Kelowna Barrette	Janitorial Services	\$409.50
018076	2025-03-26	Levesque Victor	Damage Reimbursement	\$440.85
018077	2025-03-26	Mills Office Productivity	Office Supplies	\$73.91
018087	2025-04-01	Municipal Insurance Association of BC	Annual Property/Equip/Legal/F.D Insurance	\$63,111.00
018078	2025-03-26	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Building Permit Fees	\$99.50
Pre-Authorized Debit	2025-04-01	Royal Bank Central Card Services	Service Fees	\$64.93
018089	2025-04-01	Sunco Communication & Installation	IT Services	\$1,915.09
018079	2025-03-26	The Repair Factory	Laptop Repairs	\$168.00
		Employee Benefits, Reimbursements and Salaries (PP7)		\$17,583.42
		Total:		\$85,159.18



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Request for Decision

Report Date: April 4, 2025
Meeting Date: April 11, 2025 (#07-25)
From: Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject: Summer Student Job Postings

OBJECTIVE

For Council to approve administration to advertise for the 2025 summer student positions.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Village hires summer students annually to assist the Public Works department with their duties. Staff has applied for the Canada Summer Jobs grant; however we have not received any notification on the success of this application.

We have received interest from a couple of prospective students. As the 2025 Village budget is not passed, administration is seeking Council's approval to advertise for 2 Public Works summer students.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve staff to advertise for 2 summer student positions.

ALTERNATIVES

That Council deny staff to advertise for 2 summer student positions until the 2025 budget is passed.



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

CAO Report

Report Date: April 4 2025

Meeting Date: April 11, 2025 (#07-25)

From: Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: CAO Report- General Updates

BACKGROUND:

- After confirming with the Village CFO and the financial auditors, the 2025 proposed budget timelines are as follows:

April 14th (Special Meeting):

5-Year Financial Plan – public presentation (to allow the opportunity for the public to understand the financial plan)

- o 3 readings for the 5-Year Financial Plan Bylaw
- o 3 readings for the Tax Rate bylaw providing I have all the information for this before April 10th

April 22nd (Regular Meeting):

- o Adoption 5-Year Financial Plan Bylaw
- o Adoption Tax Rate bylaw
- o Year-End Financial Statement Review, Auditor Opinion Presentation, signature of Financial Statements

- A political event that will include the attendance of the local Member of Parliament candidate for the Conservative Party of Canada. The event will take place April 10th from 12p.m. – 5p.m.
- The financial auditors are finalizing the financial statements, staff has been working with them over the last 2 weeks.
- DOT Night has 239 participants, with \$68,728 being distributed between the local community groups. 2024's attendance was approximately 440 participants. Staff is looking at different advertising options to increase participation.
- Staff has begun their portion of the Asset Management Plan, taking inventory & mapping of core infrastructure.
- Staff is attending a Dike Inspection and Management Workshop on April 22nd hosted by the Province of British Columbia.

- The RDCK is developing a workplan for the Flood and Steep Creek Hazard Policy and Regulations Review that involves the Village of Salmo. This is part of the DRIF (Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding) that the Village is partnering with the RDCK.
- Staff is working through the process of adding liens for 2 properties. These are related to unpaid taxes & utilities.
- Staff has reached out to the SVYCC regarding the change in venue for the climbing wall & potential renovations. This information came out of the DOT Night requests.

Staff Recommendation:

That Council accepts the CAO report for information.

DATE Apr. 2/25
NO 14 TO M+C- APR. 8/25
FILE NO 0220-01
VILLAGE OF SALMO

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Dear Mayor and Council,

On April 1st, ten South Island municipalities—Colwood, Duncan, Ladysmith, Langford, Metchosin, North Cowichan, North Saanich, Sidney, Sooke, and View Royal—took a courageous and unified stand by refusing to fund E-Comm under the current unfair arrangement imposed by the province. I thank and applaud them for taking this action in order to protect their constituents. This act of civil disobedience was not reckless—it was necessary, principled, and done on behalf of every municipality in this province.

These ten municipalities are not simply reacting to unfair funding — they are reacting to the collapse of accountability. E-Comm is supposed to be an independent public service, yet it operates without transparency, oversight, or effective municipal representation. Now, an “independent review” is being promised—ironically, to review an organization that was, again, already supposed to be independent. If that doesn’t demonstrate a systemic failure of accountability, what does?

The ten municipalities have refused to fund E-Comm not just because the costs are unjustly distributed, but because the structure itself is unacceptable. Reform must come first. Without it, municipalities are being asked to prop up a failing governance model with taxpayer dollars and political silence. Now, all municipalities in British Columbia must be prepared to stand behind them.

What we’re seeing across BC is not isolated. It is a growing pattern: the slow death of independent oversight.

E-Comm is only one example. After the 2024 election, the province approved multi-year BC Hydro rate hikes — but not through the independent BC Utilities Commission. That’s the regulator tasked with protecting the public interest, and it was simply overridden by the NDP cabinet. The rate increases disproportionately impact seniors and low-income residents — and the public never had a chance to weigh in.

This was not an isolated incident. It’s part of a broader trend of provincial power grabs, where oversight is being sidelined, local governance is being strong-armed, and public services have become tools of control rather than accountability.

I believe that the introduction of Bill 7 cemented this concern. Introduced in March 2025, just months after the NDP narrowly retained power, the bill sought to grant cabinet sweeping emergency powers — bypassing the legislature entirely. Even after Section 4 was reportedly withdrawn, the underlying goal

remains: consolidate power quietly, away from public view, and bypass local voices.

Meanwhile, the institutions we rely on are becoming symbols of isolation and avoidance.

Consider BC Hydro once again. Could it somehow be another example of the province exploiting crises to consolidate power? For one thing, their Victoria district office is "earthquake resistant" — but on closer inspection, it is also accountability resistant. Locked doors during business hours (according to google reviews). No benches. No bulletin board. No ledges of any kind. Nothing inviting whatsoever. Instead, they placed a "mailbox" for complaints that looks like it will literally shock anybody who comes near it.

This is the public-facing symbol of what governance has become in British Columbia — uninviting customer service, locked lobbies, and backroom decision-making resistant to accountability.

These ten municipalities have refused to fund dysfunction, and every municipality in BC should be ready to take action to support them. Not with outrage. Not with noise. But with unity, on behalf of their constituents.

If retaliation comes — whether in the form of withheld grants, political pressure, or punitive treatment — then perhaps municipalities across the province should consider delaying their power bill payments to BC Hydro for one billing cycle.

Not a refusal — a reflection. A pause. A symbolic outage to mirror the real outage: the blackout of democratic accountability in this province.

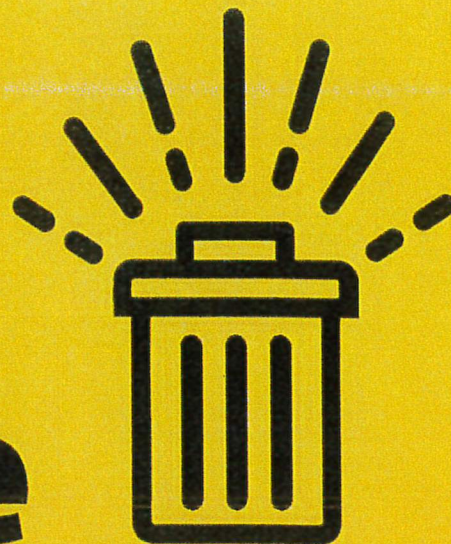
Because when E-Comm isn't independent, when the BCUC is overridden, when public services lock the doors on the public, and when Bill 7 threatens the very role of the legislature, especially at a time when the government barely got elected at all — municipalities are the last source of accountability left.

Support the ten. Prepare to stand together. And if the province insists on flexing power against the communities it serves, then let us remind them — we still have the power to respond.

Respectfully,

Philip Perras
Concerned Resident of British Columbia

Trash to Treasure



This 1-day event is your chance to help reduce waste by giving away your used household items and claiming old treasures from your neighbours!

Saturday
April 26, 2025

How to Participate

- 1** Collect unwanted household items
- 2** Place them by the curb where treasure hunters can access them without disrupting traffic
- 3** Create a sign to let treasure hunters know that your items are up grabs
- 4** Remove all your remaining items by 4:00 pm



To download a sign for your lawn visit:
rdck.ca/T2T or rdkb.com



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

MAYOR LOCKWOOD

Mayor Report for Council Meeting held on April 8, 2025.

Salmo & Area G Emergency Preparedness Committee: Next meeting September 29, 2025.

Fire Department: They are always looking for new members.

Citizen Engagement: DOT Night had 239 people in attendance, the lowest in quite some time. The ask was for \$121,290.84 and 1195 dots were handed out. Thank you to everyone that attended and to the village staff for all their work to make this fantastic night happen.

Salmo & District Arts Council: Next meeting April 9, 2025, which I will be attending.

RDCK:

Board: The Board directed staff to review Salmo and Electoral Area G (REC #7) Recreational Program Service Establishment Bylaws 784, 1990 and the Village of Salmo and Electoral Area G Swimming Pool Financial Aid Local Service Area Bylaw No. 1135, 1995 and determine how to create efficiencies.

Septage Disposal Facilities Regulatory Amendment Bylaw No. 3021, 2025, had three readings and was adopted.

The Board will send a letter to the Ministry of Environment and Parks, as drafted with amendments directed by the Joint Resource Recovery Committee the Ministry investigates Interchange Recycling's compliance with their Extended Producer Responsibility program plan within the RDCK.

Staff will apply to the 2025 UBCM Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) FireSmart Community Funding Supports program for \$1,700,000 for the delivery of 2025 and 2026 FireSmart Programs.

The amount of \$200,000.00 from Community Works Fund will be used for the RDCK-Rosebud Lake Regional Park Upgrade and Mitigation Project.

All Recreation: 2025 Fees and Charges for Indoor Facilities, Cost per hour, per use, will see an increase as the true cost to run the facilities comes to light.

1. Recreation Asset Management Progress Updates will be considered at the June 26, 2024, meeting. March 27, 2024, In progress.

2. That the All-Recreation Committee support staff advancing their efforts to further develop and implement a replacement option to the 10x punch pass; And Further that the All-Recreation committee support staff to further develop the feasibility of moving away from term-based memberships to a monthly ongoing membership model. March 27, 2024, In progress

3. That staff be directed to bring a supplemental report, re: Alignment of Service Delivery on Statutory Holidays across the District, to the next All Recreation Committee meeting. October 30, 2024, In Progress

4. That the All Recreation Committee direct staff to continue the revised implementation plan for the Community Services Access Program as per the revised implementation plan as presented. October 30, 2024, In Progress

5. That the All-Recreation Committee direct staff to review the criteria and procedures for banner raising wall of fame historical recognition and provide a report at the next All Recreation Committee meeting. October 30, 2024, To be discussed at the June 25, 2025, meeting

6. That Item No. 8.1 – Tournament Costs be included in the Annual Fees and Charges Report and REFERRED to the April 2, 2025, All Recreation Committee Meeting. October 30, 2024, To be discussed at the June 25, 2025, meeting

Salmo & Area G Recreation Commission: Next meeting May 12, 2025

Economic Trust of the Southern Interior – BC (ETSI-BC): Next meeting June 19, 2025

Central/Joint Resource Recovery: Next meeting April 16, 2025

West Kootenay Hospital Board: Next meeting June 26, 2025.

Nelson, Salmo, E, F, & G Regional Parks: Next meeting March 25, 2025, was cancelled.

West Transit: Next meeting April 15, 2025.

Other meetings of note:

Mayor's and chair Highway 3 Coalition: May 7, 2025