The Corporation of the Village of Salmo



REGULAR MEETING (#13-25)

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**, **July 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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<u>That</u> the agenda of Regular Meeting #13-25 of Tuesday, July 8, 2025 be adopted as amended from *Council Procedure Bylaw #663, 2014* Schedule "A" to include a New Business section, an Administrative Report section, and a Public Question period.

- 3. Delegations NIL
- 4. New Business
- 5. Adoption of the Minutes
 - (1) STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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<u>That</u> the minutes of Regular Council meeting #12-25 of Tuesday, June 24, 2025 be adopted as presented.

- 6. Referrals from Delegations NIL
- 7. Referrals from Prior Meetings NIL
- 8. Policy Development & Review
 - (1) Memorial Wall Plaque Policy A-010

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

<u>That</u> Council adopt the Memorial Wall Plaque Policy as presented and further, that Council direct staff to prepare the amendment to Cemetery Bylaw #603 for the installment costs for the plaques.

- 9. Bylaw Development & Review NIL
- 10. Administrative Report
 - (1) 2025 Canada Day Review

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

16. Adjournment

		That Council accepts the CAO report for information.			
	(2)	Pre-Renovation Hazardous Material Survey Report Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre	Pg.15		
		STAFF RECOMMENDATION:			
		That Council accepts the CAO report for information.			
	(3)	Wastewater Treatment Plant Emergency Pump Replacement Funding	Pg.43		
		STAFF RECOMMENDATION:			
		That Council direct staff to apply to the Community Development Fund for \$15,043.06 to fund the replacement of the wastewater treatment plant pump.			
11.	Acco	unts Payable			
		STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	Pg.45		
		<u>That</u> Council receive for information the list of accounts payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from June 20 to July 3, 2025 totaling \$58,123.93.			
12.	Corre	espondence Requiring a Council Decision - NIL			
13.	Corre	espondence for Information Only			
		STAFF RECOMMENDATION:			
		<u>That</u> Council receive for information the following correspondence from:			
	(1)	City of Campbell River Re: UBCM Resolution - Inclusion of Rural and Resource Communities in Provincial Economic Decision-Making - #27	Pg.47		
	(2)	District of Coldstream Re: UBCM Resolution - Modernization of Wastewater Regulations - #28	Pg.51		
	(3)	Letter to Minister of Health Josie Osbourne Re: Concerns Regarding the Closure of the Interior Health Lab in Trail, BC - #29	Pg.53		
14.	Mem	ber Reports & Inquiries			
	(1)	Councillor Heatlie			
	(2)	Councillor Lins			
	(3)	Councillor Neil			
	(4)	Mayor Lockwood			
		STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	Pg.55		
		<u>That</u> the verbal and written reports of Mayor and Council be received for information.			
15.	Publi	c Question Period			

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be on August 26, 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, June 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

In Person:

CAO Derek Kwiatkowski

Mayor Diana Lockwood

Fire Chief David Hearn

Councillor Jonathon Heatlie

Members of Public - 7

Councillor Jennifer Lins

Electronically:

Councillor Kenzie Neil

Members of the Public - 1

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lockwood called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

AGENDA:

R1-12-25

Moved and seconded, that the agenda of Regular Meeting #12-25 of

Tuesday, June 24, 2025 be adopted as amended from *Council Procedure Bylaw No. 663, 2014* Schedule "B" to include a New Business section, a Deputy Mayor Appointment section, an Annual Report section, a Bylaw Development & Review section, a Public Question Period, and an *In*

Camera section.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS:

NIL

NEW BUSINESS:

NIL

DEPUTY MAYOR APPOINTMENT:

R2-12-25

Moved and seconded, that Council appoint Councillor Jonathon Heatlie

as the Deputy Mayor for the remainder of 2025.

Carried.

2024 ANNUAL REPORT:

R3-12-25

Moved and seconded, that Council adopt the 2024 Annual Report

including the audited annual financial statements as presented.

Carried.

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

R4-12-25

Moved and seconded, that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting

Regular Meeting

#10-25 of Tuesday, May 27, 2025 be adopted as presented.

May 27, 2025

Carried.

R5-12-25

Moved and seconded, that the minutes of the Special Council meeting

Regular Meeting

of Thursday, June 12, 2025 be adopted as presented.

June 12, 2025

Carried.

REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS: NIL

Minutes – Regular Meeting #12-25 June 24, 2025

REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

R6-12-25

Moved and seconded, that Council accepts the CAO report for

Village Event Food

information.

Vendor Survey

Carried.

Mayor Lockwood recorded as opposed.

BYLAW DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW:

R7-12-25

Sprinkling Regulations

Bylaw #259

Moved and seconded, that Council implements annual water restrictions on "sprinkler watering" effective July 1 to September 30 each year to between the hours of 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. & FURTHER to direct staff to bring back Bylaw #259 for review at the August 26th, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS:

R8-12-25

Public Works

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report as presented by Public Works Foreman Fred Paton for the period of June 2025. (see *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R9-12-25

Fire Department

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

Carried.

R10-12-25

Bylaw Enforcement

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

Carried.

R11-12-25

CAO Report – General

Updates

Moved and seconded, that Council accepts the CAO report for

information. (see Appendix A).

Carried.

R12-12-25

2025 By-Election & Fire Truck Referendum

Moved and seconded, that Council direct staff to hold the by-election & the fire apparatus referendum in conjunction with each other. (see *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R13-12-25

Community Wildfire

Resiliency Plan

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

Carried.

R14-12-25

Notice of Motion

Council moved and seconded, that the floor be opened to allow Fire Chief David Hearn to report on the Fire Truck Purchase.

Carried.

R15-12-25

Fire Truck Purchase Update

Moved and seconded, that Council accept the CAO Report for

Information. (see Appendix A).

Carried.

R16-12-25

Committee of the Whole Meeting Request

- Fire Truck Purchase

Moved and seconded, that Council set a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the fire truck purchase for July 8th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. (see Appendix A).

Denied.

R17-12-25

Committee of the Whole Meeting Request - Official Community

Moved and seconded, that Council table the discussion until the September 9, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried.

R18-12-25

Plan

2025 Council Meeting Schedule Change

Moved and seconded, that Council approve changing the Tuesday October 14th, 2025 & November 12th, 2025 Regular Council Meetings to Committee of the Whole Meetings.

Carried.

R19-12-25

New FortisBC Electric Vehicle Charging Station

Moved and seconded, that Council approve the location of a new charging station along Sayward Avenue adjacent to the transmission substation located at 306 Sayward Avenue.

Carried.

R20-12-25

RDCK License to Occupy Recycling Depot Agreement Renewal

Moved and seconded, that Council sign a one-year extension that includes a CPI indexed annual inflation rate. (see Appendix A).

Carried.

R21-12-25

Hazard Risk Assessment & Vulnerability Assessment (HVRA) Collaboration with the **RDCK**

Moved and seconded, that Council move to collaborate with the RDCK for a Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding Hazard Risk Assessment & Vulnerability Assessment to have a municipal emergency management plan completed by December 31, 2026. (see Appendix A).

Carried.

R22-12-25

Strategic Plan

Moved and seconded, that Council accepts the strategic plan for information. (see Appendix A).

Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

R23-12-25

Accounts Payable

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the list of accounts payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from May 23. 2025 to June 19, 2025 totaling \$156,759.12.

Carried.

Minutes – Regular Meeting #12-25 June 24, 2025

R24-12-25

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report for May 2025.

Carried.

Departure

Mayor Lockwood left the meeting at 8:11pm.

Return

Mayor Lockwood returned to the meeting at 8:12pm.

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A DECISION: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

R25-12-25

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

- (1) Okanagan Nation Alliance Re: Sylix Okanagan Briefing Package for Local Governments on US-based Tribes Asserting Rights and Interests in the Arrow Lakes and Boundary-Kootenays Regions of Canada - #23
- (2) Outdoor Recreation Council of BC Re: New Guidebook Empowers Rural BC Communities Through Outdoor Recreation -#24
- (3) KBRH Health Foundation- Contribution Gratitude Letter #25
- (4) Letter to MLA Brittnay Anderson Re: Request for Legislative
 Change Regarding Fire Apparatus Replacement Funding #26
 Carried.

MEMBER REPORTS & INQUIRIES:

Councillor Heatlie

NIL

Councillor Lins

NIL

Councillor Neil

Councillor Neil attended the June library meeting, the Library is hosting

a Volunteer Appreciation BBQ.

Mayor Lockwood

See Appendix B.

R26-12-25

Verbal & Written

Reports of Mayor &

Council

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

and Council be received for information.

Carried.

R27-12-25

Motion to Extend

Council Meeting

Moved and seconded, that the Council Meeting be extended by 15

minutes to 9:45 pm.

Carried.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

An online attendee mentioned the poor sound quality during the Council meeting. Staff will look at the previous microphone system as a possible solution.

IN CAMERA RESOLUTION:

R28-12-25

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

Carried.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING: Council reconvened the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved and seconded, that the meeting be adjourned.

R29-12-25

Carried 9:42 p.m.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 24 2025.

Mayor	Chief Administrative Officer/CO

FOOTENAS SALMO	Corporate Policy G	al "			
Section:	Administration				
Policy Number:	A-010	90			
Authorized by:	Council				
Effective Date:	Date		Revision Date:	Date	

1. Background

1.1 Council established the Cemetery Working Group ("CWG") to examine and make recommendations to Council regarding ways Village and area residents can memorialize loved ones. Based on the CWG recommendations, a Memorial Wall was erected at the cemetery.

2. Objective

The objective of this policy is to set the guidelines and process for the placement of memorial plaques on the Memorial Wall.

3. Policy

- 3.1 It is the policy of Council to create an opportunity for Village and area residents to memorialize their loved ones on a Memorial Wall.
- 3.2 This policy supports improving the Village cemetery as an important way of commemorating Village and area residents.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

- 4.1 Council is responsible for approving the overall design and layout in accordance with CWG recommendations.
- 4.2 The Chief Administrative Officer is responsible for overseeing the process for purchase and placement of plaques.

5. Plaque Details:

- 5.1 A memorial wall plaque must be purchased through the Village office for placement on the memorial wall located at the Salmo Cemetery. See Schedule "A" for the required application form.
- 5.2 A memorial plaque will be solid stainless steel with no border and 3" x 7" in size with a spacing of 1" between each plaque. Up to two lines of text are permitted as well as one etched, non-colour image.
- The font style shall be Helvetica in black text. The inscription will be centred with an image, if chosen, on the left-hand side.
- 5.4 The cost of the marker plus a 5% administration fee will be at the expense of the purchaser.
- 5.5 Once the installation fee has been paid as per Cemetery Bylaw #603, Public Works will install the memorial plaque on the Memorial Wall. A portion of the installation fee will be allocated to the Cemetery Care Fund.

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- 6. Maintenance
- 6.1 An annual budget will be prepared for the maintenance of the memorial wall.
- The Village shall maintain the Memorial Wall with respect to natural wear and tear, however the Village shall not be held liable for any damage to memorial plaques as a result of natural weathering, deterioration, vandalism, or theft within the cemetery. If any memorial plaque deteriorated to an unsightly condition as a result of vandalism or natural causes, the Village shall mail a written notice to the last known address of the plaque purchaser requesting that the memorial plaque be repaired or replaced within a reasonable period of time. Should the Village be unsuccessful in contacting the plaque owner, or if the memorial plaque is not repaired or replaced within the amount of time specified in the written notification, then the Village is authorized to remove the memorial plaque.

Revision History

Approved at meeting #__-2025, Resolution #R___-25



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Schedule "A"

Application for Purchase and Installation of Memorial Plaque

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Phone Number:		Email Address:				
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Deceased Details						
Surname:		Given names:				
Date of Death:		Date of birth:				
Wording for Memorial Plaque (In Addition to the Deceased Details)						
Line 1:						

Are you wanting a non-colour image on the plaque? If so, please send the image in jpeg format along with this application form to info@salmo.ca. It will be provided to the supplier for inclusion.



Line 2:

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The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

CAO Report

Report Date:

July 4, 2025

Meeting Date:

July 8, 2025 (#13-25)

From:

Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer

Subject:

CAO Report - 2025 Canada Day Review

The Village hosted the annual Canada Day celebrations & is finalizing the final reporting. The event was put on with the phenomenal support from volunteers and local non-profit groups with some support from the Village summer students. The celebration included a parade filled with many creative entries. The car show was spectacular with more than 2 dozen participants of classic & modern cars, trucks, & specialty vehicles. The local ATV Club participated in the parade & set up on the grounds to showcase their club. The market space was full of over 40 local vendors. There was watermelon eating contests, races, bubble gum blowing contest for the kids & included a great showing by the Salmo Volunteer Fire Department who hosted events for the kids & put on a fantastic fireworks show to cap off the festivities.

The Village will be looking at different options for improving the 2026 celebrations that will include more local artistry and tying in more of the Village's history with some mining & fishing events being included.

Feedback that staff received during the event was 100% positive, with rave reviews for the car show and the fireworks. It was a great event that brought the community together to celebrate the Village of Salmo & Canada.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the CAO report for information.



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Request for Decision

Report Date:

June 23, 2025

Meeting Date:

July 8, 2025 (#13-25)

From:

Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer

Subject:

Pre-Renovation Hazardous Material Survey Report Salmo Valley Youth &

Community Centre

1. OBJECTIVE

For Council to determine how to proceed with the asbestos found in the Salmo Valley Youth Community Centre (SVYCC).

2. **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

At the May 27, 2025 Regular Council meeting, Council approved the renovation of a portion of the Salmo Valley Youth Community Centre to a new arts room, on the condition that environmental testing be completed.

The SVYCC has completed testing and asbestos was found in the decorative stucco finishing. The SVYCC has reached out to an abatement company to look at the scope of the work. The options are to contain the asbestos or to remove the portion within the entrance area.

The SVYCC has indicated that they would take care of this project & provide updates to the Village. As part of the Village's lease with the SVYCC, Council must now decide on whether to contain the asbestos or proceed with removal.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council direct the Salmo Valley Youth Community Centre to proceed with asbestos removal.

ALTERNATIVES

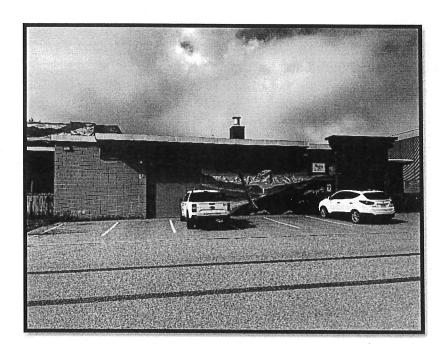
1. That Council direct the Salmo Valley Youth Community Centre to proceed with asbestos containment.



Pre-Renovation Hazardous Material Survey Report

Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre

206 7th Street, Salmo, BC – Old Boys' Change Room and Art Room



May 28, 2025

Apex File Number: HOM25-192

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Apex EHS Services (Apex) were retained by the Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre to undertake a Pre-Renovation Hazardous Materials Survey at the commercial building located at 206 7th Street, Salmo, BC. This survey was conducted for due diligence and regulatory compliance purposes as required by Section 20.112 of the BC Occupational Health and Safety (WorkSafeBC) Regulation.

As per BC Assessment, we understand the building was constructed in 1954 a period where hazardous materials were incorporated into building finishes and structures.

WorkSafeBC defines Hazardous Materials as:

- asbestos-containing material,
- lead or any other heavy metal, or
- toxic, flammable or explosive material

Other hazardous materials included in this assessment comprised ozone depleting substances (ODS), crystalline silica, mould growth and radioactive materials.

The survey was limited to the proposed scope of work as indicated by the Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre. The scope of work included the following:

 Wall and ceiling finishes from within the Old Boys' Changeroom Locker Room, Old Boys' Changeroom Shower, Old Boys' Changeroom Stall Room, Old Boys' Changeroom Bathroom and the Art Room (Loc. 1-5).

The HMS was conducted by Alex Molnar (WorkSafeBC Asbestos Certificate Number ASB-10001977) of Apex on May 21, 2025. The objective of the HMS was to identify specified hazardous building materials in preparation for renovation activities, which were determined by systematic visual assessment, selective sampling and laboratory analysis. Specific methodology employed during the HMS is included in Appendix 1. The regulatory framework pertaining to hazardous materials is included in Appendix 2. The terms of reference for this report are included in Appendix 7.

2.0 LIMITATIONS

This HMS was limited to construction materials and components. The analytical results of visually homogenous materials were extrapolated throughout the structure dependant on visual indications or other available information on estimated phases of construction. Some materials such as painted drywall surfaces and plaster finishes cannot be extrapolated with certainty. No below-grade water drainage or plumbing systems or sub-surface investigation of materials was included in the scope of this HMS.

Limited destructive testing was completed to the extent practicable. It's not possible to comprehensively evaluate all hidden spaces such as behind wall surfaces, within pipe chases and chimneys during a survey with removing all finishes that cover such areas. As such, if during the course of renovation work hidden

suspect asbestos materials are identified these should not be disturbed until further evaluation can be made.

Materials assumed not to contain asbestos during this HMS included wood and wood composite materials, fiberglass, carpet, synthetic plastics, metals and concrete.

3.0 FINDINGS

Sample location drawings are included in Appendix 3. Photographs of hazardous materials are included in Appendix 4.

Hazardous material sample results and visually identified hazardous materials are shown in tables 1 to 3. Laboratory analytical results are included in Appendix 5. Asbestos health effects and WorkSafeBC asbestos risk assessment requirements are included in Appendix 6.

Table 1 - Asbestos							
Sample #	Material	Description	Location	Asbestos Content / Type	Approximate Quantity (Square Feet)*		
S01(a-c)	Plaster	Applied to Drywall Wall and Ceiling Board	Old Boys' Changeroom: Locker Room (Loc. 1) and Bathroom (Loc. 4)	0.5-5% / Actinolite	700		
S02(a-c)	Drywall Joint Compound	Applied to Drywall Wall Board	Art Room (Loc. 5)	Not Detected	- :		

Asbestos-containing materials are bolded.

Ceiling tiles within the Art Room (Loc. 5) were observed to be compressed paper board and applied with staples therefore may be treated as a non-asbestos-containing material.

Wall insulation was observed to be fibreglass batts therefore may be treated as a non-asbestos-containing material.

^{*}Quantities are an estimate and should not be used as an exact measurement.

Table 2 - Lead Paint							
Sample #	Substrate / Colour	Location	Lead Content (%)	Approximate Quantity (Square Feet)*			
L01	Plaster/White	Old Boys' Changeroom: Locker Room (Loc. 1) and Bathroom (Loc. 4)	0.06	700			
L02	Concrete/Orange	Old Boys' Changeroom: Shower and Stall Room (Loc. 2-3)	0.26	500			
L03	Wood Wall Panel/White	Old Boys' Changeroom: Locker Room (Loc. 1) and Bathroom (Loc. 4)	<0.0085				
L04	Wood Wall Panel/Orange	Old Boys' Changeroom Shower (Loc. 2)	0.47	100			
L05	Drywall/Light Brown	Art Room (Loc. 5)	<0.0085	-			
L06	Wood Wall Panel/Light Brown	Art Room (Loc. 5)	0.05	400			
L07	Wood/Dark Brown	Art Room (Loc. 5)	<0.0085	-			
L08	Wood Wall Panel/Blue	Art Room (Loc. 5)	<0.0085	-			

Lead-containing paints are bolded.

^{*}Quantities are an estimate and should not be used as an exact measurement.

	Table 3 – Other Hazardous Materials
Material	Locations
Lead products	Glazing applied to surface finish of ceramic tile within the Old Boys' Change Room Shower, Stall Room and Bathroom (Loc. 2-4) is assumed to contain lead.
Mercury	Mercury vapour is present in light tubes and bulbs located throughout the scope of work.
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)	Products containing PCBs were not identified within the scope of work.
Crystalline Silica	Drywall, plaster, concrete, cinderblock and mortar throughout the scope of work are assumed to contain crystalline silica.
Ozone Depleting Substances	Ozone depleting substances were not identified within the scope of work.
Radioactive Materials	Radioactive materials were not identified within the scope of work.
Mould	Significant quantities of suspect visible mould were not identified within the scope of work.
Flammable and Explosive Materials	Flammable and explosive materials were not identified within the scope of work.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- All asbestos-containing material must be removed using safe work procedures and practices prior to renovation activities.
- An asbestos risk assessment must be performed by a qualified professional prior to renovation work occurring to determine the exposure risk to workers and other persons.
- Proper procedures and documentation such as safe work practices, an exposure control plan, risk assessments and/or other controls must be developed if paints containing lead are to be removed or disturbed.
- Non-recyclable materials coated with paints containing lead should be submitted for lead leachate analysis to determine method of disposal subject to the requirements of the landfill selected for disposal.
- Light tubes containing mercury should be removed following safe work procedures and disposed of following federal and provincial regulations.
- Proper procedures and documentation such as safe work practices, an exposure control plan, and/or other controls must be developed prior to disturbing materials that contain crystalline silica and lead glazing.
- If a suspect hazardous material not identified in this report is discovered during the course of renovation work this material must not be disturbed until a qualified person has collected a sample (if required) and determined whether the material is hazardous.
- A copy of this report must be posted on site.
- A visual assessment must be conducted by a qualified person and a written report must be prepared
 confirming the removal or safe containment of all hazardous materials identified in this report prior
 to commencement of renovation work.

5.0 CLOSURE

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Appendix 1 – Methodology

ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIALS (ACMs)

An initial walk-through inspection was conducted throughout the structure and observations were made of the wall, ceiling, floor, and other materials including any machinery or equipment to make a preliminary determination if asbestos could be present.

To confirm or discount the presence of asbestos, representative bulk samples were collected. The sample location in the building was identified with a unique sample number. The number of representative bulk samples collected was consistent with recognized industry standards and principles of good occupational hygiene practice. The approximate quantity, location and sample locations of suspect ACMs were recorded.

Surveys are conducted and samples are collected in accordance with the WorkSafeBC Guideline to Section 20.112 of the BC Occupational Health and Safety Regulation and outlined in Safe Work Practices for Asbestos. Flooring mastic/adhesive and leveling compounds are only sampled and analyzed if present on the underside of flooring samples (vinyl floor tile and vinyl sheet flooring).

Bulk samples were submitted for analysis in accordance with PLM: Bulk Asbestos Building Materials EPA 600 R 93 / 116. 1993. The asbestos analysis was completed using a stop positive approach. Stop positive means samples in a homogenous material sample set were analyzed consecutively and when a sample was identified as asbestos-containing, further sample analysis within that sample set was not completed.

A homogenous material is defined by the US EPA as material that is uniform in texture and appearance, was installed at one time, and is unlikely to consist of more than one type or formulation of material. The homogenous materials are determined by visual examination and available information on the phases of construction and prior renovations.

Samples containing >0.5% asbestos were identified as being asbestos containing. Vermiculite insulation was identified as being asbestos containing if any trace of asbestos was found.

LEAD PAINTED MATERIALS

During the walk-through inspection a visual review of the painted surfaces was conducted for paints and coatings. Apex personnel collected representative bulk samples from the building structure. The number of representative bulk samples collected was consistent with recognized industry standards and principles of good occupational hygiene practice.

Bulk samples were submitted for lead analyses in accordance with ASTM D3335-85A "Standard Method to Test for Low Concentrations of Lead in Paint by Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry". Chain-of-custody protocol was observed during handling and transportation of the bulk samples.

Samples containing any detectable amounts of lead were identified as lead paints.

OTHER HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Lead products, mercury-containing thermostats, mercury-containing fluorescent tube/lamps, potentially flammable materials and potentially explosive materials were confirmed or discounted by visual inspection only, no samples were collected.

If the building was constructed prior to 1980 all fluorescent light ballasts were assumed to potentially contain PCBs unless additional information was provided. All smoke detectors were assumed to contain small quantities of radioactive materials unless additional information was provided. If present, concrete, cement, ceramic tile, brick, masonry and mortar were assumed to contain crystalline silica.

The potential presence of ODS in refrigeration equipment and fire suppression systems was determined by visual inspection of manufactures labels and maintenance records only.

This survey included a visual inspection of surface materials for larger areas of suspect visible mould (>10 square feet) only. Samples were not collected to confirm the presence of mould growth nor was an intrusive inspection performed for mould growth.

Appendix 2 – Regulatory Framework

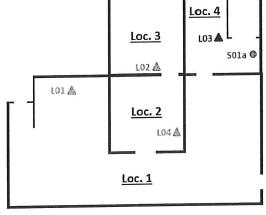
- 1. BC Occupational Health and Safety Regulation
- 2. Safe Work Practices for Handling Asbestos, WorkSafeBC, 2023
- 3. Hazardous Waste Regulation, BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
- 4. Ozone Depleting Substances and other Halocarbons Regulation, B.C. Reg. 220 / 2006, Environmental Management Act.
- 5. PCB Regulations, SOR / 2008-273, Canadian Environmental Protection Act.
- 6. Safe Work Practices for Handling Lead, WorkSafeBC, 2020
- 7. Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations SOR / 2008-34, Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act.

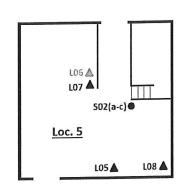
Appendix 3 – Drawing



Locations:

- 1. Old Boys' Changeroom Locker Room
- 2. Old Boys' Changeroom Shower
- 3. Old Boys' Changeroom Stall Room
- 4. Old Boys' Changeroom Bathroom
- 5. Art Room

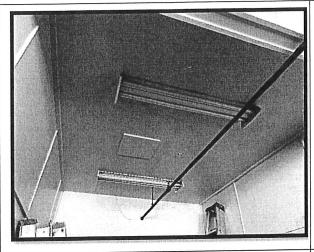




LEGEND	PROJECT NAME: Pre-Renovation Hazardous Materials Survey Report	DATE: May 23, 2025	
 Asbestos Sample Location 	PROJECT ADDRESS: 206 7th Street, Salmo, BC	PROJECT NO.: HOM25-192	
- Positive Result Lead Sample Location		SCALE: NTS	
- Positive Result	CLIENT: Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre	DRAWN BY: TJ	

NOTE: DRAWING IS COLOUR DEPENDENT. NON-COLOUR COPIES MAY ALTER INTERPRETATION.

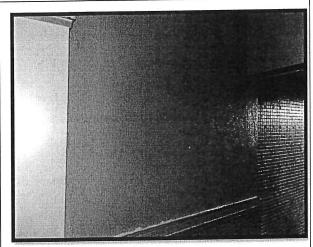
Appendix 4 – Photographs



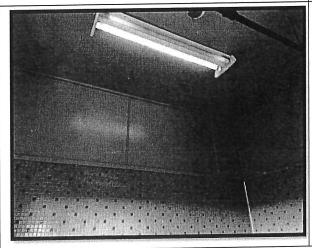
Asbestos was identified within the plaster (S01) applied to drywall wall and ceiling board within the Old Boys' Changeroom Locker Room (Loc. 1) and Bathroom (Loc. 4).

White paint (LO1) applied to plaster walls and ceilings within the Old Boys' Changeroom Locker Room (Loc. 1) and Bathroom (Loc. 4) had a lead content above 0.0085%.

Mercury vapour is present in light tubes and bulbs located throughout the scope of work.

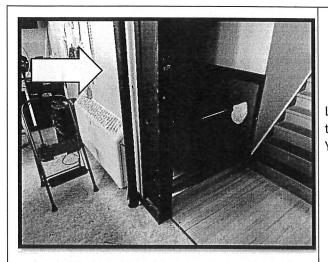


Orange paint (L02) applied to concrete walls and ceilings within the Old Boys' Changeroom Shower and Stall Room (Loc. 2-3) had a lead content above 0.0085%.



Orange paint (L04) applied to wood wall panel within the Old Boys' Changeroom Shower (Loc. 2) had a lead content above 0.0085%.

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Light brown paint (LO6) applied to wood wall panel within the Art Room (Loc. 5) had a lead content above 0.0085%. Yellow arrow.



Glazing applied to surface finish of ceramic tile within the Old Boys' Change Room Shower, Stall Room and Bathroom (Loc. 2-4) is assumed to contain lead.

Drywall, plaster, concrete, cinderblock and mortar throughout the scope of work are assumed to contain crystalline silica.

Appendix 5 – Analytical Results

Apex EHS Services Inc.

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ASBESTOS ANALYSIS REPORT

Client:

HOM25-192

Project Location:

206 7th Street, Salmo, BC

Client Project No:

Samples Received:

Samples Analyzed:

6 4 Client Project Name:

Date Reported:

2025/05/27

Date Analyzed:

2025/05/27

Notes:

Sample No.	Lab No.	Sample Description	Client Sample ID	Result
S01a	142487	1st Layer - Grey Compound, Granular	Plaster / Location 4	Asbestos Fibres Not Detected 99.5-100% Non-Fibrous
S01a	142487	2nd Layer - Beige Compound	Plaster / Location 4	Asbestos Fibres Not Detected 99.5-100% Non-Fibrous
S01a	142487	3rd Layer - Beige Compound, Granular, Fibrous	Plaster / Location 4	0.5-5% Actinolite Asbestos 40-50% Mica 45-55% Non-Fibrous
S01b	142488		Plaster / Location 4	Stop Positive - Sample Not Analyzed
S01c	142489	•	Plaster / Location 1	Stop Positive - Sample Not Analyzed
S02a	142490	Single - White Compound	Drywall Joint Compound / Location 5	Asbestos Fibres Not Detected 99.5-100% Non-Fibrous
S02b	142491	Single - White Compound	Drywall Joint Compound / Location 5	Asbestos Fibres Not Detected 99.5-100% Non-Fibrous
S02c	142492	Single - White Compound	Drywall Joint Compound / Location 5	Asbestos Fibres Not Detected 99.5-100% Non-Fibrous

Samples analyzed in accordance with US EPA 600/R-93/116 by Polarized Light Microscopy and Apex EHS Services SOP: ASB-1 American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) BAPAT Program Laboratory Number 224210 Quantification of ≥0.5% by volume is possible with this method. Apex EHS Services will not accept any responsibility as to the manner of interpretation or application of these results.

Authorized by:

Amanda Copp, M.Sc., EP. Laboratory Manager

Method: US EPA 600/R-93/116 by Polarized Light Microscopy

Analyst: S. Donkin Reviewer: M. Summers

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LEAD ANALYSIS REPORT

Client:

HOM25-192

Project Location:

206 7th Street, Salmo, BC

Client Project No:

Samples Received:

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Client Project Name:

Samples Analyzed:

7

Date Reported:

2025/05/23

Sample No.	Lab No.	Client Sample ID	Weight (g)	Lead Concentration
L01	26819	White on Plaster / Location 1	0.2490 g	0.06 % wt
L02	26820	Orange on Concrete / Location 3	0.2490 g	0.26 % wt
L03	26821	White on Wood / Location 4	0.2472 g	<0.0085 % wt
L05	26823	Light Brown on Drywall / Location 5	0.2478 g	<0.0085 % wt
L06	26824	Light Brown on Wood / Location 5	0.2470 g	0.05 % wt
L07	26825	Dark Brown on Wood / Location 5	0.2489 g	<0.0085 % wt
L08	26826	Black on Wood / Location 5	0.2488 g	<0.0085 % wt

Samples analyzed in accordance with EPA Method 200.7/7000B and Apex EHS Services SOP of Lead Paint Analysis by FAAS. American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) ELPAT Program Laboratory Number 224210. Reporting limit is 0.0085 % wt based on the minimum required sample weight per Apex SOP. Apex EHS Services will not accept any responsibility as to the manner of interpretation of these results.

Authorized by:

Amanda Copp, M.Sc., EP. Laboratory Manager

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LEAD ANALYSIS REPORT

Client:

Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre Apex Report No.:

HOM25-192

Project Location:

206 7th Street, Salmo, BC

Client Project No:

Samples Received:

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Client Project Name:

Samples Analyzed:

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Date Reported:

2025/05/27

Sample No.	Lab No.	Client Sample ID	Weight (g)	Lead Concentration
L04	26858	Orange on Wood / Location 2	0.2467 g	0.47 % wt

Samples analyzed in accordance with EPA Method 200.7/7000B and Apex EHS Services SOP of Lead Paint Analysis by FAAS. American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) ELPAT Program Laboratory Number 224210. Reporting limit is 0.0085 % wt based on the minimum required sample weight per Apex SOP. Apex EHS Services will not accept any responsibility as to the manner of interpretation of these results.

Authorized by:

Amanda Copp, M.Sc., EP. Laboratory Manager

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Appendix 6 – Asbestos He	ealth Effects & Risk Assessment	Requirements

Health Hazards from Asbestos Exposure

Exposure to any type of asbestos increases the risk of cancer of the lung, larynx, and ovary, as well as mesothelioma (cancer of the lining around the outside of the lungs), and non-malignant lung and pleural disorders, including asbestosis, pleural plaques and pleural effusions. There have also been positive associations between asbestos exposure and cancer of the pharynx, stomach, and colorectum. Asbestos has been labelled a Group 1 carcinogen, a known human carcinogen, by the International Agency for Research on Cancer.

Exposure occurs when asbestos fibres become airborne and workers inhale those fibres. Asbestos fibres are commonly small enough to be inhaled deep into the lungs. It is known that cutting, breaking, drilling, or abrading asbestos-containing materials can release asbestos fibres into the air.

When exposure to asbestos is combined with cigarette smoking, it presents a much greater risk of developing lung cancer.

WorkSafeBC Asbestos Risk Assessment Requirements

The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations (OHSR) contains legal requirements that must be met by all workplaces under the inspectional jurisdiction of WorkSafeBC. The includes most workplaces in B.C., except mines and federally charted workplaces such as banks, interprovincial and international transportation, telephone systems, and radio, television, and cable services.

Section 6.6 of the OHSR under subsection (3), that before a work activity that involves working with or in proximity to asbestos-containing material begins, the employer must ensure that a qualified person assesses the work activity and classifies it as a low risk work activity, a moderate risk work activity or a high risk work activity.

The WorkSafeBC Occupational Health and Safety Guidelines section G6.6-1 outlines the risk assessment process. Section G6.8 of the Guidelines outlines ten common renovation and demolition scenarios for handling and removing asbestos-containing materials during demolition and renovation. These can be found on the WorkSafeBC website at:

https://www.worksafebc.com/en/law-policy/occupational-health-safety/searchable-ohs-regulation/ohs-guidelines

Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety. Asbestos: Health Effects. 2012. Available from http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/chemicals/asbestos/effects.html

International Agency for Research on Cancer. Monograph 100C: Asbestos (Chrysotile, amosite, crocidolite, tremolite, actinolite, and anthophyllite). 2012. Available from: http://monographs.iarc.fr/ENG/Monographs/vol100C/mono100C-11.pdf

Appendix 7 – Terms of Reference

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 care for hazardous materials and occupational health and safety consulting services. No other warranty,
 expressed or implied, is made.
- This report should be read in conjunction with all other communication between Apex EHS Services and the client with respect to the subject site.
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The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Request for Decision

Report Date:

July 4, 2025

Meeting Date:

July 8, 2025 (#13-25)

From:

Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer

Subject:

Wastewater Treatment Plant Emergency Pump Replacement Funding

OBJECTIVE

For Council to determine how to proceed with the funding of an emergency pump failure at the wastewater treatment plant.

2. **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

On May 20th one of the two clarifier pumps failed at the wastewater treatment plant. Staff went to have the pump repaired the next day & it was determined that the pump was not able to be repaired. Staff had reached out to the supplier and there was at least 3-week lead time for before the pump could be shipped. Staff ordered the pump at that time & the Village received the pump on July 4th. Installation was completed on July 4th & now the wastewater treatment plant is fully operational.

The pump was purchased on an emergency basis & was not a budgeted expense. The final cost of the pump was \$15,043.06 including freight & all applicable taxes. The Village has access to the Community Development Fund for this type of purchase & it is recommended that the Village pursue this grant application first. Other options would include taking it from the sewage reserves or the Community Works Fund. These balances are available on the Treasurer's Report within the agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council direct staff to apply to the Community Development Fund for \$15,043.06 to fund the replacement of the wastewater treatment plant pump.

ALTERNATIVES

- 1. That Council direct staff to use \$15,043.06 from Community Works Fund to fund the replacement of the wastewater treatment plant pump.
- 2. That Council direct staff to use \$15,043.06 from sewage reserves to fund the replacement of the wastewater treatment plant pump.

Village of Salmo Accounts Payable June 20 to July 3, 2025

Cheque #	Pay Date	Vendor Name	Description	Paid Amount
018237	2025-06-25	Ace Courier Systems	Water Sample Shipping	\$49.67
EFT	2025-06-26	B Speers Contracting	Effluent Pump Repairs	\$906.03
EFT	2025-06-26	B Speers Contracting	Harmonic's Upgrade Expense	\$11,372.81
018239	2025-06-25	BMO Lending Operations Support Centre	Bank Overpayment	\$4,748.01
018240	2025-06-25	Commissionaires British Columbia	Bylaw Enforcement	\$221.89
EFT	2025-06-26	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$57.13
EFT	2025-06-26	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$75.48
EFT	2025-06-26	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$68.34
EFT	2025-06-26	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$54.07
EFT	2025-06-26	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$54.07
EFT	2025-06-26	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$78.89
EFT	2025-06-26	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$74.47
EFT	2025-06-26	Fortis BC Inc.	Electric Expense	\$2,447.62
EFT	2025-06-26	Fortis BC Inc.	Electric Expense	\$105.02
EFT	2025-06-26	Fortis BC Inc.	Electric Expense	\$46.34
EFT	2025-07-03	Fortis BC Inc.	Electricity Expense	\$619.01
EFT	2025-06-26	Imperial Oil Esso	F.D./PW Fleet Fuel Purchases	\$1,521.83
EFT	2025-06-26	Inland Allcare	KP Washrooms Materials	\$38.81
EFT	2025-06-26	Inland Allcare	KP Washrooms Materials	\$201.27
018241	2025-06-25	Jessup Brandy	Canada Day Events Prize Money	\$780.00
018242	2025-06-25	Kootenay Industrial Supply Ltd.	Shop Supplies/Small Tools /Shipping	\$2,375.02
018243	2025-06-25	Lordco Auto Parts	Dump Truck, Shop Supplies	\$176.09
EFT	2025-07-02	Orge Kailey	Canada Day Market Manager	\$150.00
018238	2025-06-25	Richens Ann	Campground Management	\$470.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	2025-07-02	Royal Bank Central Card Services	Service Fees	\$166.82
018245	2025-06-25	Salmo Village Grocery	KP Washroom, Office, PW Shop Supplies	\$177.16
1	2025-06-26	Startup HVAC Solutions LTD	Wellness Centre Maintenance	\$1,780.38
L. L	2025-06-26	Sunco Communication & Installation	IT Services - Managed Services	\$1,512.00
· 14	2025-06-26	Sunco Communication & Installation	IT Services	\$403.09
· -	2025-06-26	Telus	Alarm Monitoring	\$26.25
·	2025-06-26	Telus	Alarm Monitoring	\$31.50
· -	2025-06-26	Telus Communications Inc.	Telephone/Fax/Internet Expenses	\$1,178.51
01824	2025-06-25	Wavne Phelps	Weed Wacker Repairs	\$40.00
018245	2025-05-25	Zone 6 B.C. Senior Games	Community Grant - Res 16-10-2025	\$100.00
018240		Employee Benefits. Reimbursements and Salaries (PP13, Council 6)	ıcil 6)	\$26,016.35
			Total:	\$58,123.93



DATE JUD. 6/25

NO 27 TO M+C-JUL 8/2

FILE NO 0400-60

VILLAGE OF SALMO

June 5, 2025,

To All Resource-Dependent Communities in British Columbia

Dear Mayors and Chairs Across British Columbia,

On behalf of the City of Campbell River Council, I am reaching out to invite your community to join a collective advocacy movement aimed at amplifying the voices of resource communities across British Columbia.

Resource communities like ours play a vital role in the economic fabric of the province of British Columbia. However, we often face unique challenges that are overlooked in broader policy discussions. By coming together, we can ensure that our collective concerns are heard and addressed at the provincial and federal levels.

Objectives:

- Raise Awareness: Highlight the significant contributions of resource communities to the provincial economy.
- Advocate for Supportive Policies: Influence policy decisions that directly impact resource-based communities.
- **Foster Collaboration:** Further strengthen partnerships between resource-based communities, so that we can work together, share best practices and strategies, and amplify results.

Key Initiatives:

- 1. Targeted Communications: We will launch a campaign to educate urban centres, policy makers, and the general public about the economic value of resource communities.
- 2. **Outreach:** We will continue to build a coalition of resource communities to strengthen our advocacy efforts.
- 3. **UBCM:** The City has submitted a UBCM resolution (attached) and is applying to host a session at the 2025 Convention.

As leaders who have witnessed firsthand the incredible contributions and resilience of Campbell River, and resource communities across BC, we are deeply passionate about this initiative. We recognize that your community faces similar challenges and shares the same dedication and commitment to ensuring a prosperous future for all. Together, we can amplify our shared concerns, influence policy decisions, and drive change that will support the long-term growth and resilience of resource communities.

Please join us in this important initiative. Your insights and participation will be instrumental to our collective success.

Looking forward to working together for the betterment of all resource communities in British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Kermit Dahl

Mayor



Inclusion of Rural and Resource Communities in Provincial Economic Decision-Making

WHEREAS rural and resource-based communities continue to be a significant economic driver in both rural and urban areas across British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS communities throughout British Columbia are experiencing job losses and heightened economic challenges arising from trade uncertainties, and provincial legislation and policies that disproportionately affect resource industries such as forestry, mining, energy, and aquaculture;

AND WHEREAS these communities are integral to the provincial economy, contributing substantially to British Columbia's GDP, employment, and export revenues, while sustaining the economic vitality of urban centres through interconnected supply chains, workforce migration, and complementary industries;

AND WHEREAS current provincial decision-making processes frequently lack adequate representation and consultation with rural and resource-based communities, leading to policies that may inadvertently jeopardize the sustainability, cohesiveness and resilience of these regions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to formally recognize the critical economic contributions of rural and resource-based communities and to ensure their meaningful inclusion in the development of legislation, regulations, and economic strategies that impact resource industries by:

- Prioritizing economically viable access to resources;
- Supporting innovation within each sector to foster sustainable growth and enhance competitiveness;
- Actively engaging with each resource sector and its stakeholders to comprehensively understand their unique challenges and opportunities; and
- Take decisive action to amend policies and legislation based on the unique challenges and opportunities identified
- Removing restrictive legislation on resource sector industries.

DATE Jun. 17/25



DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM NO 0400-60

VILLAGE OF SALMO

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"Rural Living At Its Best"

June 17, 2025 0230-30-12 (Resolutions)

UBCM Member Municipalities Via Email

Dear Mayors and Councillors,

Re: Modernization of Wastewater Regulations - UBCM Resolution

At their meeting held May 26, 2026, the District of Coldstream Council passed the following resolution:

"THAT Council direct Administration to forward the following resolution to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Annual Convention for consideration:

Whereas the oversight of wastewater management in British Columbia is divided between two provincial ministries, resulting in split jurisdiction over two key regulations — the Municipal Wastewater Regulation (MWR) (2001) and the Sewerage System Regulation (SSR) (2005);

And whereas these regulations have not undergone significant updates since their enactment, despite evolving environmental standards, increasing concerns regarding the professional oversight of these systems, emerging technologies, and increasing community and ecological demands;

And whereas the Province has established priorities to support housing development, infrastructure expansion, improved cumulative effects assessment in natural resource decision-making, and stronger integration of source water and drinking water protection;

Therefore, be it resolved that UBCM requests the Province of British Columbia to undertake a comprehensive review and modernization of the Municipal Wastewater Regulation and Sewerage System Regulation to ensure alignment with current environmental pressures, technological advancements, and land use planning needs.

AND THAT Administration be directed to copy the correspondence to Lake Country, Columbia-Shuswap Regional District and the City of Vernon;

AND FURTHER THAT Administration be directed to copy the correspondence to all UBCM member municipalities for information and request for support."

This resolution was co-sponsored by the City of Vernon, District of Lake Country and the Columbia Shuswap Regional District and submitted to UBCM for consideration at the 2025 Convention. We encourage you to consider supporting this resolution at the 2025 UBCM Convention.

Yours truly,

Keri-Ann Austin, MMC Chief Administrative Officer

cc Coldstream Council



DATE Jun. 25/25

NO 29 TOMO Jul. 8/25

FILE NO 0400-01

VILLAGE OF SALMO

June 25, 2025

The Hon. Josie Osbourne
Minister of Health
Province of British Columbia
Legislative Assembly of British Columbia
P.O. Box 9047 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2
Email: health.minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Osbourne,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the closure of the Interior Health Lab in Trail and the decision to contract those services to an American company, Life Labs. This change could have significant negative effects on the community and access to essential healthcare services, particularly in the more rural areas such as Salmo, where many people rely on the Trail lab for bloodwork and other medical tests.

One of the most pressing issues with this closure is that standing orders currently on file at the Trail lab will need to be reissued by a doctor. For many individuals, this will mean additional time and effort to secure new orders, which could delay necessary medical care. This added layer of bureaucracy is concerning, especially for individuals with chronic conditions or those in need of frequent testing.

Accessibility is another significant concern. The current location of the Trail lab may not seem far for some but for those with mobility issues or who struggle with long walks, the physical distance can become an insurmountable barrier and having an elevator right at the front door is so valuable. Moving the location to a place that requires a significant distance to walk to before using an elevator or coming in the top floor creates unnecessary hardship for vulnerable individuals, particularly seniors and people with disabilities. For those who do not have reliable transportation such as transit adds another degree. The increased isolation that may result from these barriers could prevent people from attending necessary appointments altogether, further jeopardizing their health.

Furthermore, the move to Life Labs introduces additional complications. People will now have to navigate multiple portals for their results, a confusing and frustrating process, especially for those not comfortable with technology. This complicates communication and further reduces the convenience and quality of healthcare that people in the region have come to rely on.

Office of the Mayor Village of Salmo For residents of Salmo, a small town that is already quite isolated, the closure of the Trail lab is especially detrimental. While some residents may have access to transportation, many do not. The current system of having standing-orders in Trail means that for these individuals, the Trail lab is their only real option if that is where their standing order is. Forcing them to wait for new orders could further limit their access to care and exacerbate existing health inequities.

I urge you to reconsider the decision to close the Interior Health Lab in Trail and outsource the services to Life Labs. The community's healthcare needs are unique and should be addressed with an understanding of the challenges faced by those in rural and remote areas. I believe that keeping local services accessible and ensuring people's health concerns are met without additional barriers is vital for the wellbeing of all British Columbians.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this issue and hope that a solution can be found that prioritizes the health and accessibility needs of our community.

Sincerely,

Mayor Diana Lockwood

Cc: Premier David Eby
MLA Brittny Anderson



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

MAYOR LOCKWOOD

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

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

Fire Department: Salmo fire department have had to deal with traffic accidents outside of their coverage area and I would personally like to thank them for their dedication to jump to action and help surrounding areas.

Citizen Engagement: I would like to thank everyone that has been involved in the Salmo Valley Newsletter over the past 43.5 years, giving our little community an opportunity to share stories and read what is going on.

Salmo & District Arts Council: Next meeting TBD

RDCK:

Board: Next meeting July 17, 2025

All Recreation: The three Kootenay International Junior Hockey League gave a presentation and their struggles with not having things like logos on building and advertising for fund raising and how we could support them in these ventures.

The financial access and inclusion policy has been updated giving senior management more discretionary on some decisions.

We have increased the recreation client service business coordinator position to five days a week instead of four and it will balance out through the contract services in the budget.

Salmo & Area G Recreation Commission: Unfortunately, the summer camps have been cancelled due to no staff. Next meeting September 8, 2025

Economic Trust of the Southern Interior – BC (ETSI-BC): Next meeting October 2, 2025, in Rossland.

Central/Joint Resource Recovery:

West Kootenay Hospital Board: Minister Anderson and MLA Morissette joined us for this meeting in Castlegar to hear our concerns with issues related to health delivery and about

closing the lab department down in Trail and moving it to the Trail Mall.

Nelson, Salmo, E, F, & G Regional Parks: Next meeting September 9, 2025

West Transit: Next meeting September 10, 2025

Other meetings of note:

Mayor's and chair Highway 3 Coalition: Next meeting September 21, 2025

Fortis: They will be updating the natural gas meters in May 2026 here in Salmo and it will take approximately 5 weeks.

Community Collaboration Meeting: Next meeting TBD