



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Report to Council

Report Date: November 20, 2025

Meeting Date: November 25, 2025 (#19-25)

From: Fred Paton, Public Works Foreman

Subject: Public Works Report from August 22, 2025 – November 20, 2025

1. **OBJECTIVE**

To update Council on Public Works operations.

2. **DISCUSSION**

2.1. **Summer/Fall Activities**

- (a) Completed three (3) internments at the Salmo Cemetery.
- (b) Completed two (2) water shut offs.
- (c) Sidewalk Repair completed on a portion of Sayward Avenue between Main Street & Fourth Street.
- (d) Patch Paving completed on the following:
 - (i) 2 patches on Cady Road
 - (ii) 1 patch on Cottonwood Avenue
 - (iii) 2 patches on Glendale Avenue
 - (iv) 2 patches on Sayward Avenue
 - (v) 2 patches on Hutcheson Avenue
- (e) Staff is actively working on the Asset Management Plan.
- (f) Daily cleaning of Lions Park Washroom.
- (g) KP Campground & KP Park Washrooms closed effective October 27, 2025.
- (h) Continuing to prep winter equipment for upcoming season.
- (i) Summer students finished for 2025.
- (j) Flower boxes have been put away for winter.
- (k) Public Works staff attended a two-day conference in Cranbrook.
- (l) The Village's WWTP Operator took & passed the Sewer Collection 1 Course in Grand Forks.

- (m) The second half of the Sewer Line Inspections completed in September 2025.
The first half of town was completed in August 2024.
- (n) Village of Fruitvale assisted the Village of Salmo in removing a root from a sewer line on Baker Avenue. They provided specialized equipment to do so.
- (o) Dike Inspection completed.
- (p) Fall Water System Chlorination completed October 1st-3rd 2025.
- (q) Hydrant Flushing completed on October 15th-17th 2025.
- (r) Fall Clean-Up completed October 29th & 30th 2025.
- (s) Annual wastewater sample completed.
- (t) A danger tree was removed by contracted arborist.
- (u) Trimmed brush/bushes blocking a yield sign.
- (v) Glendale Well Repair/Redevelopment has begun.

Explanation: The contractor pulled the well pipe and pump exposing the existing 100 foot well and 30-foot screen. The screen is in place to screen the water for sand/sediment before it then goes into the distribution lines. Large amounts of sand had built up around the screen, so it had to be removed. They then had to replace a section of rusted pipe, and they straightened out the top of the well.

- (w) Ongoing road maintenance (filling potholes etc.)
- (x) Upcoming and Current Projects:

1. The First Street Culvert Replacement was awarded to a contractor.

2.2. **Attachments:**

Nil.



Fire Chief's Report: November 01, 2025

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Since the last report on August 1st, 2025 the Salmo Fire Department responded to 36 calls:

3	Hazmat	6	Lift Assists	3	Vehicle Fires
13	Jaws Calls	5	False Fire Alarm	1	Assist other agencies
1	Smoke Report	1	Burn Complaint	2	Mutual Aid Fires
1	Carbon Monoxide				

DESCRIPTION

August, September and October were extremely busy month for our crew. That is nearly a call every 2 days, as opposed to our yearly average of a call every 5 or 6 days.

In early August crews responded to a report of an electric car fire on the Bombi. Crews arrived to a fully engulfed car fire with batteries rupturing, creating pressurized fire streams. Using the Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS) we were able to quickly extinguish the car fire and then cool the runaway batteries. This was the first electric vehicle fire we have attended, and we were very impressed how well the CAFS worked at cooling the batteries, and how little water we used.

Crew also responded to a couple of potentially serious extrication calls. One call came in as an MVI involving a semi, a logging truck and three other vehicles. Fortunately, there were no other vehicles involved, just the semi and the logging truck. The highway was down to single lane alternating traffic for pickups and smaller vehicles until the logging truck could be towed from where it was sitting, over the center line. The other incident involved several vehicles and one person reported to be trapped. When we arrived the person had just been able to free himself from the vehicle.

Crews responded twice to the Ymir area for requests for mutual aid at structure fires. Salmo crews were able to assist in knocking down the fires and getting the fires to a point that they would not spread. Salmo crews were then able to return to our hall, while Ymir members remained on scene to fully extinguish the fires.

Not shown in these stats are the repeated calls that have been going through the 911 system from an individual with dementia that keeps thinking that they are seeing smoke. These calls have not been going through as call outs, as our dispatchers phone an officer to see if there is an actual threat. The calls from this person were getting more frequent (as many as 7 times in a single day). Now most of his calls are going directly through to the RCMP, while plans are being made on how best to deal with this person. The calls appear to have gone down due to different medication and the cooler wetter weather.

Misc.

While our fire apparatus technician was doing the annual tests on our fire trucks, a major leak developed in the transfer case of our first line pumper. It is currently out of service until repair parts can come in, and the technician return to do the repair. The engine is still used as a people carrier and tool

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resource until the repairs can be made. The Ymir Fire Department is aware of our situation and are prepared to respond with their engine if we request mutual aid.

We were fortunate this summer to not have had to deal with a campfire ban, because most summers the burning ban is the cause of numerous complaint calls. We were also very fortunate to not have had any wildland fires to deal with this summer.

Training continued towards wildland fires, with us checking out and using different sources of water that we could draft water out of. We also spent a good deal of time practicing our rope rescue skills for injured persons that are stuck over a bank and cannot get up the slope.

Originally Signed By:

David Hearn, Fire Chief



Bylaw Officer's Report: September 1, 2025 to October 31, 2025

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Complaints:

INFRACTION TYPE	NO. OF INFRACTIONS	RESOLUTION
Traffic Related	1	One (1) resident was notified about apples around the perimeter of the property. The fruit was a hindrance to people walking on the sidewalk and could be potential for attracting wildlife. The owner complied by picking up the apples.
Unsightly Related	1	The Bylaw Officer followed up on sixteen (16) separate unsightly properties. This is being reviewed by Administration.

Enforcement:

INFRACTION TYPE	NO. OF INFRACTIONS	RESOLUTION
Garbage Related	1	The Bylaw Officer stopped by one (1) residence regarding strewn garbage. The Bylaw officer knocked on the door but there was no answer.
Water Related	2	One (1) resident turned off the sprinkler before the Bylaw Officer could notify but two (2) other residents were notified, and the owners complied.
Traffic Related	1	A vehicle was parked on Village property with a for sale sign on the window. The Bylaw Office left a green notice on the windshield. The owner complied and removed the vehicle.

Follow up Complaints/Enforcement:

INFRACTION TYPE	NO. OF INFRACTIONS	RESOLUTION
Dog Related	1	The Bylaw officer was following up on a past issue regarding a resident that had a dog at large and left a green notice when there was no answer at the door. Followed up on the next patrol day and no dog was seen at large.
Unsightly Related	2	The Bylaw officer was following up on two (2) past issues regarding unsightliness. Infraction notices were sent to the owners. Administration will be following up.

Information submitted by:

Fred Nevakshonoff, Bylaw Officer



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

CAO Report

Report Date: November 21, 2025

Meeting Date: November 25, 2025 (#19-25)

From: Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: CAO Report- General Updates

- Staff is progressing through the Asset Management Plan. The building assessments will begin in December, the equipment inspections are underway.
- Staff has created a rough draft of the KP Park Master Plan, this will be brought to Council at the December 9th Meeting.
- The CAO & 3 members of Council attended the Fire Department's annual dinner.
- The Village has purchased & received the playground equipment for the REACH grant.
- Administration is moving forward with property registration for the 2 residential lots along Maclure & Hutcheson.
- Administration has met with the RDCK & continuing to work through the Floodplain Bylaw project.
- Administration is part of the RDCK's GIS Steering Committee. This committee is working through the long-term plans of the regions GIS services.
- Staff are beginning budget discussions for 2026. Administration will be bringing the first draft of the 2026 Capital budget to the December Meeting.
- Administration is working through the Complete Communities Project with the RDCK. Staff has provided the consultants with feedback regarding the locations of future growth nodes around the Village.
- BCEHS is working with the RDCK Building Inspector to finalize the building permit work for the ambulance employee residence.
- The Village completed a chlorination of the entire water system in response to the Boil Water Advisory.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the CAO report for information.



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

CAO Report

Report Date: November 18, 2025

Meeting Date: November 25, 2025 (#19-25)

From: Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: KP Park Master Plan

BACKGROUND:

As part of the 2025 Budget, Council had approved the construction of a Concession Building within KP Park. In spring of 2025, Council determined that a KP Park Master Plan should be developed prior to any construction of the concession building. Staff has met to provide suggestions to the space that include budgetary & operational considerations.

Staff has also met with both Village ball groups & has reached out to the Salmo Valley Farmer's Market for preliminary suggestions. There is a preliminary list of changes to the space that has been requested by some stakeholders & staff. The Village will be providing opportunities for public input within the OCP discussions & will have additional feedback opportunities in the new year.

SUMMARY

The Village will be pursuing the KP Park Master Plan on the heels of completing the 2025 Official Community Plan. The OCP will act as a guide for the future of recreation & culture in the Village & will drive the vision for the KP Park Master Plan. Staff will be providing Council with a KP Park Master Plan draft once the OCP is through the public consultation stage.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the CAO report for information.



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CAO Report

Report Date: November 18, 2025
Meeting Date: November 25, 2025 (#19-25)
From: Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject: Christmas Office Closure

BACKGROUND:

The Village closes the Village Office each year around Christmas each year. Depending on the calendar cycle, the dates that the office is closed rotates.

The Village Office will be closed:

Wednesday, December 24th, 2025 (afternoon only)

Thursday, December 25th, 2025

Friday, December 26th, 2025

Monday, December 29th, 2025

Tuesday, December 30th, 2025

Wednesday, December 31st, 2025

Thursday, January 1st, 2026

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the CAO report for information.

Project	Completed Tasks	Uncompleted Tasks	Start Date	End Date (Projected)	Progress	Notes
Loss Control Prevention Report Recommendations	Village office rear door, seating repair	Painting	26-04-2022		90%	Repair costs up to \$12,000 covered by grant
Harmonic Upgrades	Phase 1 complete	Phase 2 construction underway	15-03-2023		90%	SCADA system has independent power source
GIS Mapping of Water Distribution System	Staff has reviewed data	Final confirmation needed before sending to RDC	01-03-2025		90%	Part of Asset Management Plan, condition assessment needed.
IT Services and Infrastructure Audit	Audit complete	Data compilation	01-03-2025		90%	Former IT contractor completed survey
Accessibility Plan	Sent public survey, sent draft plan to RDC for review	awaiting response	21-06-2021		85%	
Glendale Bridge	Bridge deck complete, guardrail engineering, RFP issued	Hiring Project Manager	27-07-2022		85%	Village working through hiring project manager to complete project.
Source Water Protection Plan Recommendations	Some recommendations complete, quotes for well repairs	Well repairs	11-12-2017		80%	Most recommendations completed, well work in progress
Heritage Mine Grant	Construction complete	Cost reporting from COC, final report			75%	Final stage of lighting & signage, COC obtaining quotes
REACH Grant Application	Grant application successful, workplan	Construction	04-02-2025	(October 2025)	75%	Workplan created & approved, purchasing begun
Machinery and Equipment Audit	Contracted	awaiting response	01-03-2025		75%	Sent out for assessment
Fire Truck Purchase	Truck spec list, BFC Inspector approval	Public response period, finalization of bylaw	27-06-2023		70%	Truck selected, Village holding A/P, bylaw currently being reviewed by province
Facility and Major Infrastructure Audit	Contract awarded	Inspections, report, & compilation	01-03-2025		65%	RFP issued for building, water line assessment complete
Establish Community Group Reporting Standards	Review other municipalities	Building documentation			60%	building bylaws & forms
Create Employee Code of Conduct	Draft created	To bring to Council on December 9th	12-04-2025		50%	Recommended from financial auditors, reviewing from other municipalities
NOB11 GIS Project	Funding, project goals	Updating map data, final reporting	23-07-2020	(August 2022)	35%	Some data updates sent to RDC
Population Review	Agreement signed with RDC	Consulting, inspection, bylaw creation, final reporting	27-08-2024		35%	Contractor selected, working through process
Fire Bylaw	Received grant funding, some recommended changes noted	Staff reviewing	01-03-2017		35%	Staff undertaking document review, determining final recommendations.
Mapping Page on Website	Confirmed costs w/ webmaster, confirmed maps w/ RDC	map selection, page creation	20-03-2025		25%	Working w/ RDC GIS department on next steps
Official Community Plan	1st draft created	Public consultation, readings	19-03-2025		25%	Council has reviewed & 1st draft is prepared
Bring 10 Park Master Plan options to Council	Draft created	Bring first draft to Council	20-03-2025		20%	December 9th Meeting
Indigenous Engagement- Emergency Management	MOU signed	Consultation	04-12-2023		15%	RFP issued, to be awarded in September 2025
Dike Project Management	Working with Ministry on permitting process based on scope of the project.	Planning w/ staff a plan for the work.	16-06-2021		15%	Stream 1 Dike funding (engineered workplan funding) Staff inspected dike, verifying information from 2024 report, drafting workplan for grant application
Bylaw & Policy Review	Fire department review, snow removal	Human Resources, safety, risk management, planning.	09-09-2024		10%	Fire department bylaws review complete & changes adopted.
Create Job Descriptions			22-04-2025		10%	reviewing from other municipalities
Create Wage Scales			22-04-2025		10%	reviewing from other municipalities
Complete Communities Regional Project (Grant)	Yes, all funding	Data gathering, analysis, stakeholder consultation, reporting	08-08-2023		15%	Data analysis, data gathering discussions w/ consultant, RDC re-working project plan
Zoning Bylaw Review	Rescinded 1st reading		01-03-2020		10%	Council tabled discussion until September 9th Meeting Process stopped after 2023 public hearing & feedback. Council postponed discussion until new year.
Business Case for Permanent Fire Chief Position	Council approval to look into.	Wage & position duty review	08-11-2024		10%	building potential duty list to determine costing measures
GIS Strategic Plan	Create working group	establish steering committee	01/07/2025	01-11-2026	15%	working through data gathering, project priorities
MMBC Best Practices Recommendations	Review other municipalities	Policy Development for Asset Inspection/maintenance, contracts	16-10-2024	31-12-2026	5%	Inspection & Maintenance policy for water & sewer systems, roads, outdoor spaces, contracts, records management
Active Transportation Grant	Applied	N/A	20-09-2024		0%	Grant application being reviewed
Water Reservoir Replacement		Procurement	25-11-2024		5%	Developing RFP for reservoir study
Human Resource Policy Creation	Some drafts completed				25%	reaching out to benefits contractor for assistance

Village of Salmo
Accounts Payable October 10 to November 20, 2025

Cheque #	Pay Date	Vendor Name	Description	Paid Amount
018452	2025-10-16	Ace Courier Systems	Water Sample Shipping	\$48.64
018454	2025-10-23	Ace Courier Systems	Water Sample Shipping/Tax Sale 2025	\$109.48
018468	2025-11-07	Air Liquide Canada Inc.	Fire Dept Supplies	\$53.59
018466	2025-11-07	Andrew Sheret Limited	WWTP Materials	\$147.08
EFT	2025-10-15	B Speers Contracting	Electric Hoist for Lift Station	\$1,154.08
EFT	2025-10-15	BC ONE CALL Ltd	BC ONE CALL Services	\$36.17
018469	2025-11-07	BC Vactoring Services Ltd	Sewer Line Maintenance	\$1,659.00
EFT	2025-11-07	BV Tool Rentals (2011) Ltd.	PW Small Equipment Parts	\$160.63
018471	2025-11-07	City of Nelson	Financial Services Contract	\$10,652.78
EFT	2025-11-07	Collabria	Adobe/FD GPS/Stamps/Bylaw Enforcement	\$1,767.56
018453	2025-10-16	Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation	Office Internet	\$280.00
018470	2025-11-07	Commissionaires British Columbia	Bylaw Enforcement	\$837.57
EFT	2025-11-07	Custom Dozing Ltd.	Road Gravel	\$1,411.20
EFT	2025-10-24	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$106.73
EFT	2025-10-24	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$144.87
EFT	2025-10-24	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$60.65
EFT	2025-10-24	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$71.96
EFT	2025-10-24	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$57.32
EFT	2025-10-24	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$65.84
EFT	2025-10-24	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$55.20
EFT	2025-11-07	Fortis BC - Natural Gas	Natural Gas Expense	\$54.11
EFT	2025-10-24	Fortis BC Inc.	Electrical Expense	\$49.96
EFT	2025-11-07	Fortis BC Inc.	Electricity Expense	\$841.60
EFT	2025-11-07	Fortis BC Inc.	Electricity Expense	\$2,393.12
EFT	2025-11-07	Fortis BC Inc.	Electricity Expense	\$784.51
EFT	2025-11-07	Fortis BC Inc.	Electricity Expense	\$2,430.50
EFT	2025-11-07	Fortis BC Inc.	Electricity Expense	\$112.40
EFT	2025-11-07	Fortis BC Inc.	Electricity Expense	\$1,490.52
EFT	2025-10-15	GFL Environmental Inc. 2020	Residential Garbage Services	\$8,406.77
EFT	2025-10-15	GFL Environmental Inc. 2020	P.W./WWTP Garbage Services	\$4,096.20
EFT	2025-11-07	GFL Environmental Inc. 2020	PW/WWTP Garbage Services	\$3,932.78
EFT	2025-11-07	GFL Environmental Inc. 2020	Residential Garbage Services	\$8,406.77
018472	2025-11-07	Hall Printing	Councillor Name Plate/Tag	\$89.61
EFT	2025-10-15	Imperial Oil Esso	P.W./F.D. Fleet Fuel	\$1,177.56
EFT	2025-10-24	Innov8 Digital Solutions Inc.	Photocopier Expense	\$424.32

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Cheque #	Pay Date	Vendor Name	Description	Paid Amount
EFT	2025-11-07	Kwiatkowski Derek	Mileage Reimburse/CAO & PW Cell Upgrade	\$621.46
018473	2025-11-07	LaFrentz Road Marking	Road Line Painting	\$4,985.61
EFT	2025-10-15	Lidstone & Company	Legal Services	\$607.04
EFT	2025-10-15	Lidstone & Company	Legal Services	\$990.65
EFT	2025-10-24	Linda Tynan Consulting Services	Professional Services	\$6,104.91
EFT	2025-10-24	Lordco Auto Parts	Shop Supplies	\$129.11
EFT	2025-11-07	Lordco Auto Parts	2012 Ford F150 Parts Supplies	\$21.51
018455	2025-10-23	Mills Office Productivity	Office Supplies	\$206.88
018474	2025-11-07	Minister of Finance	Effluent Permit Fee	\$703.22
EFT	2025-10-24	Northern Souvenirs 9133-4785 Que Inc.	SDJ Supply	\$3,785.65
EFT	2025-10-15	Passmore Laboratory Ltd.	Water Testing Expense	\$364.00
EFT	2025-11-07	Passmore Laboratory Ltd.	Water Sample Testing	\$572.00
EFT	2025-10-15	ProTELEC Security & Safety Ltd.	PW Safety Monitoring	\$85.05
EFT	2025-11-07	ProTELEC Security & Safety Ltd.	PW Safety Monitoring	\$94.50
EFT	2025-10-13	Receiver General for Canada	Payroll Remittance	\$13,544.03
EFT	2025-11-13	Receiver General for Canada	Payroll Remittance	\$18,538.80
018467	2025-11-07	Richens Ann	Campground Management	\$660.00
EFT	2025-10-15	Rogers	CAO/PW Cell Phone	\$973.31
Pre-Authozed Debit	2025-11-14	Royal Bank Central Card Services	Service Fees	\$98.89
018475	2025-11-07	Royal Canadian Legion #217	Wreath Rental	\$50.00
018457	2025-10-23	Salmo Village Grocery	Office, Shop Supplies	\$74.61
018456	2025-10-23	Skyway Hardware (1985) Ltd.	KP Playground & Cemetery Supplies/WWTP Keys	\$71.23
EFT	2025-10-24	Sunco Communication & Installation	P.W. Shop Router Replacement	\$565.13
EFT	2025-11-07	Sunco Communication & Installation	IT Services	\$293.33
EFT	2025-11-07	Telus	Alarm Monitoring	\$26.25
EFT	2025-11-07	Telus	Alarm Monitoring	\$31.50
EFT	2025-10-15	Telus Communications Inc.	Telephone Fax Internet Expense	\$1,173.21
EFT	2025-10-15	Telus Communications Inc.	Office Fax	\$85.01
EFT	2025-10-24	Telus Communications Inc.	Telephone/Fax/Internet	\$1,197.61
EFT	2025-10-24	Telus Communications Inc.	Office Fax	\$86.71
018476	2025-11-07	Vallen Canada Inc.	Fire Dept Supplies	\$319.54
EFT	2025-10-16	Workers' Compensation Board of BC	Quarterly Remittance	\$4,486.44
EFT	2025-10-15	WSA Engineering Limited	2025 Erie Creek Dike Inspection	\$3,307.50
		Employee Benefits, Reimbursements and Salaries (PP21, PP22, PP23, Council 10)		\$74,179.30
		Total:		\$192,605.07

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Cheque #	Pay Date	Vendor Name	Description	Paid Amount
Credit Card Details:				
Adobe Subscription	\$47.02			
Bylaw Enforcement	\$330.48			
F.D. GPS Subscription	\$72.74			
Stamps	\$1,302.00			
Tax Sale Expense	\$15.32			
	\$1,767.56			

Village of Salmo Regular Council Meeting #19-25
Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2025

Account Name	31-Oct-25	30-Sep-25	31-Oct-24
	Balance	Balance	Balance
Chequing Community Plus (Operating Account)	\$2,624,850.95	\$2,731,734.04	\$2,347,696.92
Masterplan Community Plus - Wellness Centre Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Masterplan Community Plus - Community Works	\$417,287.02	\$417,269.44	\$417,080.03
Masterplan Community Plus - Salmo Parks	\$16,219.09	\$16,194.88	\$15,936.34
Masterplan Community Plus - Growing Community	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Maximizer Community Plus - Civic Works Reserves	\$173,242.44	\$172,811.83	\$167,498.25
Maximizer Community Plus - Sewer Civic Works Reserves	\$4,202.38	\$4,196.14	\$4,129.52
Maximizer Community Plus - Cemetery Care	\$26,564.24	\$26,524.82	\$26,103.74
Maximizer Community Plus - Water Civic Works Reserves	\$332,867.53	\$332,373.52	\$327,097.19
Maximizer Community Plus - Lions Park (Previously Curling Rink)	\$19,457.13	\$19,428.25	\$19,119.84
Maximizer Community Plus - Wellness Centre	\$127,126.64	\$126,937.97	\$124,922.86
Maximizer Community Plus - Fire Department Equipment	\$142,827.54	\$142,615.57	\$140,351.58
Maximizer Community Plus - Jaws of Life	\$250,514.09	\$250,142.30	\$246,171.37
Maximizer Community Plus - Ambulance	\$13,143.22	\$13,123.71	\$12,915.37
Membership Shares	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Patronage Shares	\$2,238.00	\$2,238.00	\$2,238.00
	\$4,150,565.27	\$4,255,615.47	\$3,851,286.01
Accounts Receivable			
Utilities	\$71,782.47		
Taxes	\$104,212.44		
Other	\$1,874.92		
	\$177,869.83		
Accounts Payable			
	\$0.00		
Grand Total (Assets minus Liabilities)	\$4,328,435.10		



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COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Part A: Applicant or Designate

Name of Organization: Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre
Address/Phone #: 206 Seventh St Salmo (250) 357-2320
Contact Person: Laura Stavast
Address/Phone #: (250) 357-2320

Part B: About the Applicant

Are the funds being requested for a non-profit organization in the Salmo Valley? Yes

How will this project benefit the people of Salmo? We are putting on a fundraising event to help raise money for the youth programs and facility maintenance to offset costs to Village Residents.
Is a proportionate request being made to other local governments?
No

Has your group initiated other activities to raise funds (excluding appeals for grants?)

If so, please list those activities: Yes, Donation requests from local businesses.

Part C: About the Application

Briefly describe the purpose for which you are requesting this grant:

The funds from this grant will help to cover some of the costs for the DJ at the fundraising event.

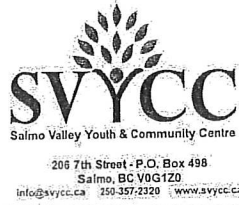
Amount of grant requested: \$300

(Except under extraordinary circumstances, no grant-in-aid shall exceed \$300.)

Amount of Village labour, equipment and supplies requested:

None.





New Years Eve Fundraiser Event

Budget: \$1210

Expenses: DJ: \$500

Decorations: \$100

Special Event Insurance: \$260

Advertising: \$50

Food: \$300

Chief Administrative Officer
Municipal Office
Village of Salmo
Box 1000
Salmo BC V0G 1Z0

October 31, 2025

Re: November is Accessible Parking Awareness Month

I am writing to remind you that November is Accessible Parking Awareness Month. The theme for this year's campaign is *Reserved for a Reason*. Through this campaign, our goal is to highlight the role accessible parking plays in helping to enable and support the safety, independence and full participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of community life.

We are hoping that you will work with us to place the enclosed posters in prominent spaces within your municipal hall as well as other social, recreational or cultural spaces in the community. The message *Reserved for a Reason* serves to remind us about the importance of ensuring that designated accessible parking spaces are available for people who need them.

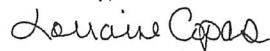
Building on the theme, *Reserved for a Reason*, we have developed a social media campaign to remind the driving public of the need to respect designated accessible parking spaces. We are also encouraging local government partners and disability serving organizations to amplify SPARC BC's *Reserved for a Reason* social media campaign through local communication channels throughout the month of November.

We would also like to highlight the Provincial government has made \$25,000 available to local governments to fund accessibility initiatives. This funding is available until the end of March 2026, with the possibility of extension. Projects funded through this grant can support initiatives designed to improve the accessibility of the built environment, support education and awareness raising activities, advance policies and programs that support true inclusion. The programs activities funded are intended to support priorities identified by your Local Accessibility Committee and should be included in your Accessibility Plan.

For more information about our *Reserved for a Reason* campaign, including the ability to download additional posters, please visit www.sparc.bc.ca. Information on the provincial accessibility grants can also be on our website.

More than 1 in 5 British Columbians experience a disability. We know that true inclusion is achieved by people and communities working together to advance accessibility and promote positive social change. If your municipality is interested in learning more or discussing potential partnership opportunities, please contact us at 604.718.8508 or accessibility@sparc.bc.ca.

Sincerely,



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SPARC BC acknowledges that our office is located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) and səliwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. SPARC BC's work spans the entire Province that is located on 203 First Nations territories. We also want to acknowledge the contributions from First Nations, Inuit, Métis, and urban Indigenous peoples to Indigenous ways of being and knowing across the Province of British Columbia.



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Dear Mayor and Council,

In my previous letter, I suggested that the federal government's authoritarian response to the District of North Saanich's land-use decisions may have been motivated, at least in part, by a desire to obscure the true extent of PFAS contamination from airport runoff.

Since then, a damning report from the University of Toronto's Investigative Journalism Bureau (IJB) has validated those concerns — revealing that the Department of National Defence (DND) detected dangerous levels of “forever chemicals” in North Bay's water as early as 2012, yet withheld that information from local officials and the public for nearly five years.

These revelations makes the need for municipal unity unmistakably clear.

Municipal Unity and Transparency

Municipal unity can close the gaps that senior governments leave open — and those gaps are often where public health, trust, and accountability are lost. The North Bay case shows what happens when federal custodianship meets silence: citizens drink contaminated water, mayors write unanswered letters, and local governments are left to pick up the pieces.

If municipalities choose to commit to a unified approach in order to fill these oversight gaps, it will not only demonstrate the will of the people, but will also help expose these issues, pressuring senior governments to do their part. When local councils act together, it forces senior governments to choose: either help fund the solution, or expose themselves as unwilling to meet the clear public mandate for food, water and air that are clean and safe.

The urgency is no longer abstract to British Columbians. UBC researchers have now detected eight different PFAS compounds in B.C. sea otters, marking the first confirmed contamination in the province's marine mammals. The study found concentrations three times higher in otters near cities and shipping routes such as Victoria and Tofino — clear evidence of a runoff-driven proximity effect. These findings confirm that PFAS are entering the marine food web from our shorelines, airports, and landfills, implicating wastewater systems and storm drains that municipalities must manage every day.

Fiscal Timing: A Federal Responsibility

Canada's federal budget continues to run a staggering deficit, one that future generations will be forced to bear. If Ottawa is prepared to draw from those future funds to sustain partisan priorities or administrative growth, then surely this is the moment to fund PFAS remediation in full. Addressing “forever chemicals” is not a luxury project — it is an existential necessity.

This is not just a northern Ontario problem, nor a contained military-base issue — excessive PFAS contamination has reached our coastlines and wildlife. Waiting for federal regulators to solve it while

municipalities shoulder the consequences is no longer tenable. Every dollar spent now on proactive cleanup, improved stormwater controls, and transparent monitoring is a dollar saved from decades of bottled-water deliveries, lawsuits, ecological collapse, and chronic illness.

Federal inaction leaves local governments to handle the immediate fallout — but if municipalities act together, it exposes the imbalance plainly.

Artificial Turf: A Unified Call for Rejection

As Saanich Council and others weigh artificial turf fields, municipalities must face a clear truth: every synthetic turf system releases microplastics. The UBC “Understanding and Managing Artificial Turf” (2025) report confirms that, even when marketed as PFAS-free, turf fibers, infill, and backing materials shed microplastics and chemical residues through wear, weather, and sunlight.

These pollutants wash into storm drains and waterways, adding to the same runoff pathways already contaminated with PFAS. Turf also increases surface runoff, heat, and soil compaction, further stressing ecosystems and municipal stormwater systems.

UBC researchers warn that while PFAS can sometimes be avoided, microplastic pollution from artificial turf cannot — it is an inherent and permanent feature.

For that reason, municipalities should adopt a unified position:

- Reject new artificial turf installations until full environmental monitoring and accountability systems exist; and
- Phase out existing fields over time in favor of permeable, organic alternatives that ensure the protection of our soil, water, and public health.

Until transparent monitoring is in place, approving artificial turf is not responsible infrastructure — it is deferred liability. True leadership means choosing permeable, organic, and low-impact alternatives, and using this moment to model what environmental accountability looks like in practice.

Next Steps for Councils

1. Pass a resolution calling for full PFAS transparency and municipal testing programs aligned with Health Canada’s 30 ng/L benchmark, not the looser provincial standard.
2. Request federal funding for PFAS mitigation infrastructure now — while Ottawa is still spending freely — rather than after austerity arrives.
3. Form inter-municipal alliances to coordinate testing, data sharing, and advocacy. A unified voice will make it politically impossible for senior governments to ignore this issue.

4. Establish a moratorium on new artificial-turf installations until transparent, province-wide environmental monitoring and leachate testing systems are operational.
5. Develop municipal policies to phase out existing turf fields over time in favour of permeable, organic, and low-impact alternatives, prioritizing natural grass, cork, and sand-based systems that restore infiltration and biodiversity.
6. Encourage regional districts to track and publicly disclose all artificial-turf locations and runoff pathways, so that future PFAS or microplastic remediation can be planned effectively.

Closing Thoughts

This is not fear-mongering — it is an invitation to lead. There are solutions already within reach: white rot fungi and reed-based biofiltration can help remove toxins from soil and water, while a municipally funded mobile incinerator program could safely dispose of PFAS-contaminated materials.

Municipal leaders should be working hand-in-hand with our universities and research institutions, which continue to provide some of the most forward-thinking environmental science in the world. In the absence of real leadership from senior governments, it falls to municipalities — and to municipal unity — to pioneer the solutions that will define Canada's environmental future.

When municipal leaders act together on behalf of their residents, they embody democracy at its most tangible level. The IJB report out of Ontario is not an isolated scandal; it is a warning. If municipalities seize this moment, you can ensure that what happened in North Bay never happens again anywhere in Canada.

Only once we understand the true nature and extent of our problems can we cooperate on solutions. Transport Canada's authoritarian attitude toward one of our municipal councils was preventing that important progress. I trust that councils across this province will look to the recent federal budget and consider why that approach was taken — and why unity is now essential.

I would like to personally thank every municipality that has added these letters to their public agendas — your actions have amplified awareness and strengthened provincial and national calls for reform. The more people become informed, the harder it becomes for senior governments to look away from these critical issues.

With respect and gratitude,
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To: Premier David Eby and Honorable Members of the Legislative Assembly

Re: An Open Letter to the Government of British Columbia - Urging Restraint on Bill M216, the Professional Reliance Act

We are a Metro Vancouver region-based group of urbanists, urban planners, architects, and UBC/SFU academics, most with decades of experience, some with a background in development, who have joined together to broaden the search for enduring housing solutions.

We are writing to you to address our concerns about [Bill M216](#), the Professional Reliance Act, that was recently introduced to the provincial legislature on [October 21, 2025](#) as a member's bill.

A Quiet Revolution in Local Governance: There is a quiet revolution underway in British Columbia—one that few citizens, and perhaps even few councillors, have yet noticed. With the introduction of Bill M216, the Professional Reliance Act, the provincial government is edging closer to a full-scale assumption of municipal planning powers, effectively rewriting the relationship between local democracy and development.

A Technical Bill with Profound Consequences: At first glance, the bill appears technical: a procedural adjustment to allow developers to hire certified professionals ("PGAs") to review and approve projects. That may sound harmless, even efficient. Yet beneath its bureaucratic language lies a profound shift. Developers would be able to bypass municipal oversight, relying instead on provincially certified agents whose work local governments could not "peer review" (outside consultants) without provincial permission.

Part of a Broader Pattern of Provincial Overreach: This is not an isolated reform. As others have pointed out, Bill M216 builds upon a continuum of provincial interventions—Bills 44, 47, (2023) 13, and 15 (2024)—that expand provincial control over zoning and approvals, especially around transit corridors. Those laws already permit the province to dictate densities, override official community plans, and issue development permits directly if a city fails to comply. Bill M216 goes even further, embedding these powers in a professional governance framework that replaces local accountability with a provincially managed technocracy.

Institutionalizing Conflict of Interest: Even more troubling, this model institutionalizes conflict of interest. When certified professionals hired by developers are empowered to approve the very projects from which they earn their income, the integrity of the system collapses. The bill also eliminates the hard-won practice of incentivizing better urbanism through locally negotiated, taxpayer-informed zoning processes.

For decades, municipalities have used discretionary tools—community amenity contributions, design panels, and density bonusing—to secure parks, childcare facilities, and affordable housing. Bill M216 dismantles that tradition, substituting the private judgment of consultants for the collective will of local citizens.

Eroding Municipal Self-Determination: The bill's provisions go so far as to allow the province to designate an alternative "local government" to handle approvals if an elected council proves too slow or resistant. This power effectively nullifies the principle of municipal self-determination.

Centralization Without Affordability: The pattern is unmistakable. Step by step, the tools of local planning—zoning, permitting, and density decisions—are being centralized under provincial authority, justified by the widely felt urgency of the housing crisis. Yet removing democratic checks does not guarantee affordability. On the contrary, it risks handing over unprecedented control to private actors and provincially appointed officials—for no discernible benefit and at great expense to the public good.

Lack of Transparency and Accountability: Equally concerning is how this legislation has been introduced. Instead of coming through the Minister of Housing or Municipal Affairs, Bill M216 arrived as a Private Member's Bill, tabled by an NDP MLA from Nanaimo. Substantive policy legislation is rarely advanced this way. The approach raises serious questions about transparency and accountability, especially given the sweeping implications for local democracy.

A Call for Democratic Restraint: We therefore urge restraint. Pause the progression of Bill M216. We note significant concerns also raised by the [Union of BC Municipalities](#) (UBCM). Engage municipalities, planning and design associations, and the public in a transparent review of how best to balance efficiency with democratic accountability.

In this tumultuous world, British Columbia should strengthen its reputation as a creative democracy, not weaken it.

Signed: (In alphabetical order on two pages below)

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To: Brandy Jessup
Subject: FW: Working together, the Professional Reliance Act
Attachments: Briefing Note and Q&A - Professional Reliance Act (2).pdf; Homes for Living.pdf; 2025-11-14 UDI-GVBOT Joint Letter - Bill M 216 Professional Reliance Act.pdf; Professional Reliance Act - FIN (GA).pdf

From: Anderson, George <G.Anderson@leg.bc.ca>
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Subject: Working together, the Professional Reliance Act

Dear Mayors & Councillors,

My name is George Anderson. I am the MLA for Nanaimo-Lantzville.

Recently, I tabled a Private Members Bill M 216 *Professional Reliance Act*. The goal of the *Act* is to uplift the work that is already occurring in British Columbia.

Several municipalities, such as the City of Prince George, Town of Ladysmith, City of Surrey, and many others across British Columbia already utilize professional reliance or a certified professional program.

On November 6, 2025, I met with the Union of British Columbia President Cori Ramsey and Executive Director MacIsaac regarding the bill, and I am hopeful that UBCM and I can work together to deliver what British Columbians expect of us.

Attached to this email you will find the following:

- A briefing note on the bill, with a Q&A fact sheet;
- A letter of Support from Homes for Living a Non-Profit based in Victoria; and
- A Joint Letter of Support signed by the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade and Urban Development Institute.

Lastly, you will find an op-ed that I've written titled "British Columbia can Build the Homes we need faster, if We Trust the People Who know how to build them." It makes the case for reform that lets municipalities accept certified work from provincially regulated professionals to accelerate housing approvals without lowering standards. Moreover, the piece uses examples of where this practice is already in place in British Columbia, such as in Vancouver, Surrey, the town of Ladysmith, and City of Prince George.

Lastly, I have included a few articles on the bill:

<https://www.beautifulnanaimo.ca/posts/2025/11/01/bill-m216>

<https://businesssexaminer.ca/victoria-articles/item/editorial-professional-reliance-act-could-speed-up-home-building-significantly/>

<https://nanaimobulletin.com/2025/10/30/nanaimo-lantzville-mla-introduces-bill-to-streamline-housing-approvals/>

As a former City Councillor and Regional District Director, I have tremendous respect for the work that all of you do to build our communities.

If you have suggestions on how we can make this bill work for your community, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office to set up a meeting or send your comments directly to me.

Sincerely,

George



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Briefing Note re: Professional Reliance Act

Prepared by: MLA George Anderson, Nanaimo - Lantzville

RE: *Professional Reliance Act*

Purpose: To strengthen local government capacity, accelerate housing approvals, and reduce costs by trusting qualified professionals under existing provincial regulation.

Overview

British Columbia needs to build housing and community infrastructure faster without compromising safety or accountability.

Right now, many local governments are required to re-review the technical work of provincially licensed professionals (engineers, architects, etc.), even though those professionals are already accountable under the *Professional Governance Act* (PGA).

This duplication drains staff time, delays housing, and increases costs for families and local taxpayers.

The *Professional Reliance Act* fixes that.

It allows municipalities to **accept certified work from qualified professionals** and move projects forward faster, freeing up staff for community planning and public engagement.

Key Benefits

For young people:

- More homes coming to market sooner, making home ownership and renting more attainable.

For families:

- A better chance to find or own a home in the community they love.

For local governments:

- Less red tape, more capacity, and reduced administrative costs.

For taxpayers:

- Savings on staff duplication and lower development costs over time.

How It Works

- If a professional certified under the *Professional Governance Act* (PGA) seals their work, local governments can accept it without a second technical peer review.
- The professional remains fully liable and accountable through their regulatory body (Architectural Institute of British Columbia, Engineers and Geoscientist of British Columbia, etc.).
- Municipalities maintain control over zoning, design guidelines, and policy decisions — this reform only streamlines *technical* approvals.
- Disputes between professionals can be referred to the Office of the Superintendent of Professional Governance (OSPG).

What It's Not

- Not privatization - accountability stays public through OSPG oversight.
- Not deregulation - standards stay the same. The process just becomes faster.
- Not a download to municipalities. Simply a reduction in administrative pressure.

Q&A Sheet – Professional Reliance Act

Q1: Why is this bill needed?

A: Many housing projects are delayed because local governments have to re-review work already completed by licensed professionals.

This duplication adds time, costs, and frustration. The bill modernizes that process so projects move faster and local governments can focus on planning great communities.

Q2: Will this reduce oversight or lower standards?

A: No. Professionals are still regulated, insured, and accountable under the *Professional Governance Act* and the Office of the Superintendent of Professional Governance. Oversight remains public and strong.

Q3: How does this help housing affordability?

A: Every month of delay adds cost. Both for builders and, eventually, for families. By removing redundant steps, we reduce those costs and get homes to market faster.

Q4: Does this take power away from local governments?

A: No. Local councils still decide zoning, design, and land-use policy. The *Act* streamlines technical review so staff can focus on community priorities instead of paperwork.

Q5: How does this help smaller municipalities?

A: Smaller towns often struggle to hire engineers or architects for peer review. This bill saves them those costs and lets them rely on provincially regulated professionals instead.

Q6: Is this a “developer giveaway”?

A: No. Developers still meet all local requirements and hire qualified, accountable professionals. The difference is that cities won't waste months re-checking certified work.

Q7: What about unionized staff in local governments?

A: This bill doesn't eliminate positions; it helps municipal staff focus on higher-value work like long-term planning, housing strategy, and public consultation.

Q8: Is this costly to implement?

A: No. It uses existing provincial structures under the *Professional Governance Act* and the OSPG. Local governments may make small bylaw or process adjustments, but the overall effect is cost-saving.

Q9: What about RidgeView Place in Langford? Couldn't this potentially lead to more of that?

A: The issues at Ridgeview Place occurred under the existing system and partially informed this bill.

This bill would make it clear that the professionals remain fully liable and accountable through their regulatory body. Further clarifying that local governments will not be liable for the actions of certified professionals.

Q10: Are there any other municipalities using this model or Professional Reliance?

A: Yes, there are several certified professional programs in British Columbia, for example:

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| *City of Vancouver | *City of Surrey |
| *City of Burnaby | * District of Squamish |
| *District of West Vancouver | *City of Maple Ridge |
| *Town of Ladysmith | *City of Abbotsford |
| * City of Prince George | |

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From: Homes For Living <hello@homesforliving.ca>
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Subject: Support for Bill B216 - Professional Reliance Act

Dear Member of the Legislative Assembly,

Homes for Living supports a move towards increasing reliance on qualified professionals to streamline building permits in urban areas, and supports [Member Bill M216](#), the *Professional Reliance Act*.

Homes for Living is a community housing advocacy group, made up of volunteers concerned about the housing crisis in the Capital Regional District. The region has a dire housing shortage, with housing completions falling [well short](#) of what is needed to achieve broad affordability. The shortage is driven by zoning codes that make new multifamily housing illegal, high fees on new housing, and lengthy permitting timelines that means that families can only move into new housing years after it is first proposed by a proponent.

These challenges are most acute in built-up urban areas, such as the City of Victoria, where infill housing is both the most sustainable and cost-effective type of new housing, but also the most difficult, expensive, and time-consuming to build. To meet affordability goals, we must ensure that it is faster and easier to build dense infill housing rather than suburban sprawl.

The changes proposed by Bill M216, the *Professional Reliance Act*, would help alleviate one aspect of this challenge. While additional, substantial reforms are needed to ensure that municipal zoning is not a constraint on new housing, reducing approval timelines after a project receives zoning approval is also critical. We have received feedback from developers that the process and degree of inspections and verifications varies widely between CRD municipalities, with some trusting professionals to do their due diligence, while others require duplicative review and inspection of projects that are certified by an applicant's Architect and Engineers.

We would submit that infill housing is a good candidate for a consistent Professional Reliance framework. Infill housing is typically built in areas with no or minimal environmental concerns (environmental engineering being an area with past concerns about Professional Reliance approaches). It should be noted that similar frameworks have been adopted in other jurisdictions where quickly building housing is a priority. For instance, the County of LA implemented a pilot [self-reliance approval](#) process that allowed builders of certain categories of homes to self-certify that their home designs meet code.

Best regards,

The Homes for Living team

ABOUT HOMES FOR LIVING: We are a community housing advocacy group, made up of volunteers concerned about the housing crisis in the capital region. Homes for Living is advocating for more homes through policy reform to make Victoria more affordable for people across the income and housing needs spectrum. We are a volunteer-funded non-profit, and our voting members cannot be developers, politicians, or their relatives.

More: <https://homesforliving.ca/about-us>



November 14, 2025

Hon. George Anderson
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RE: Support for Bill M 216 – Professional Reliance Act

Dear Mr. Anderson,

On behalf of the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade (GVBOT) and the Urban Development Institute (UDI), we wish to express our support for the intent of *Bill M 216 – Professional Reliance Act*.

This proposed legislation will help address a major concern of the development community by recognizing the importance of improving the efficiency and predictability of the development approvals process across British Columbia. Expediting the development approvals process by reducing redundancies in the review process, while upholding the professional standards of qualified professionals (QPs), is another regulatory tool which would support the more timely delivery of new homes for British Columbians who need more housing options.

A significant portion of the cost to build a new home is attributed to government-imposed measures – whether it be fees, long review processes, or new requirements. Of particular concern is rising construction costs, which are being largely driven by building code requirements. One builder recently reviewed their project proformas over the past 15 years, which revealed that construction costs have soared to over \$562.59 per square foot – up from under \$204.19 per square foot. This is well beyond the Consumer Price Index rate of inflation. These costs ultimately fall to homebuyers and renters, compounding the affordability crisis across the province.

This professional reliance initiative comes at a time when the cost of delivering new homes has reached a breaking point. Higher construction costs, increased interest rates, and government fees combined with lengthy approval timelines make it increasingly difficult to bring new housing to market that homebuyers and renters can afford.

As has been noted in the debate on *Bill M 216*, municipalities already depend extensively on QPs to support the development approval process, and the proposed framework recognizes that work in a constructive and transparent way. For example, the municipalities of Vancouver, Burnaby, and Surrey all utilize a Certified Professionals

Program for the issuance of Building Permits. These programs would be enhanced through this legislation, by ensuring the original purpose of the programs (rapid permit issuance through professional review and reliance) are achieved.

The *Professional Reliance Act* offers an opportunity to apply those learnings province-wide, so that all communities can benefit from timely growth and responsible oversight. That said, there may have to be regulatory powers that differentiate between technical and urban design-related Development Permit requirements. Where technical requirements are definitive, urban design-related requirements require a more nuanced by nature and may be better suited for review by local governments.

Some additional issues for consideration at the Committee stage include:

- Ensuring the legislation applies to the City of Vancouver, which is under the *Vancouver Charter*;
- Ensuring the legislation applies to all trade permits, such as sprinklers, plumbing, and electrical permits;
- Instead of relying on the Superintendent for dispute resolution, move this task to the regulated professions (e.g. Engineers and Geoscientists of BC, Architectural Institute of BC); and
- Ensuring the legislation is coordinated with the *Building Act*.

Our organizations want more British Columbians to have more housing options available to them. Establishing a more consistent, streamlined, and professionally informed process will help support more timely approvals for new housing supply by reducing the uncertainty, risks, and carrying costs that currently delay projects and reduce affordability. We encourage all MLAs to pass *Bill M 216*, and would be pleased to discuss in greater detail as this makes its way through the legislative process

Sincerely,



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President and CEO
Greater Vancouver Board of Trade



Anne McMullin
President and CEO
Urban Development Institute

Opinion: British Columbia can Build the Homes we need faster, if We Trust the people who know how to build them

By George Anderson, MLA for Nanaimo–Lantzville

Date: November 5, 2025

British Columbia is at a crossroads where the urgency of the moment around housing meets the opportunity to do things differently. Across the province from Nanaimo to Prince George, to Coquitlam, to Vernon: people want homes built faster, communities planned better, and governments that deliver.

However, our ability to build homes can be trapped in a process that mistakes repetition for rigour. Across the province, housing projects sit waiting not for financing or workers, but for busy municipal staff to recheck the work that has been completed by qualified professionals.

This isn't due to mistakes or distrust, but instead because the system of approvals hasn't kept up to meet the needs of community.

Right now, we have reached a point where delay is the most expensive material in construction. As a former City Councillor and Commercial lawyer at one of Canada's largest law firms, I have witnessed this firsthand.

That's why on October 21, 2025, as a private member, I introduced the *Professional Reliance Act*. A reform designed to move housing approvals from backlog to breakthrough.

The premise is simple: when a provincially regulated professional, such as an architect or engineer, certifies their work that certification should stand. These individuals are licensed under the *Professional Governance Act*, accountable to the Province, and insured for the public interest.

Under this proposed legislation, local governments across BC would be empowered to accept certified work with confidence instead of double checking the work which causes an extensive backlog. The accountability remains, but it rests where the expertise already exists.

Some people might wonder whether or not this approach can be done. However, this approach is already working in multiple municipalities in British Columbia. In Vancouver, the Certified Professional Program facilitates the issuance of building permits for new or existing buildings, thereby allowing construction to start earlier. Certified professionals are trusted to sign off on specific design and structural components, expediting reviews without compromising safety.

In Surrey, a fast-growing city on track to becoming the largest city in British Columbia, managing thousands of permits annually, utilizes professional reliance principles to streamline engineering and building applications, giving staff more capacity to focus on infrastructure planning.

In Prince George, a smaller municipality, a professional reliance building permit stream allows certified experts to take responsibility for technical submissions. This process saves both time and taxpayer resources while maintaining full public oversight.

The *Professional Reliance Act* builds on the successful approaches already taken by Local Governments and extends them province-wide.

This is not deregulation. This bill demonstrates trust through structure creating a framework where local governments retain control over zoning, land-use planning, and design, while relying on professional certification to move projects forward faster.

The result: British Columbians keep what we value: safety, public accountability, and professional standards. Removing what we can no longer afford: unnecessary duplication, months of delay, and rising costs that push homes further out of reach for everyday people.

When housing approval drags on, the cost doesn't disappear. Every day, month, and year of delay is passed down to: renters, first-time buyers, and to families who are saying their hopes for stability fade a little more with every delay.

For young people, this bill provides the hope of homes coming to market sooner.

For families, this bill provides hope of a better chance to own a place in the community they love.

For local governments, this bill means more results, less red tape, and the capacity to serve British Columbians more efficiently.

For British Columbia's economy, this bill means aligning the skills of professionals, skilled trades, and planners toward a common shared goal of building together.

Lastly, housing is a non-partisan issue. As legislators, regardless of our political stripes, we want to achieve the same goal of ensuring British Columbians can afford homes, work in their community, and live a good life. Through this bill we can demonstrate that when legislators put outcomes ahead of ideology, we can show good governance allowing British Columbia to thrive.

My hope in introducing the Professional Reliance Act is start a conversation about how we realize our potential as a province.

British Columbia is a province defined by ambition. British Columbia leads in clean technology, innovation, and sustainable development. However, leadership means matching our vision with velocity, aligning our systems with the urgency British Columbians feel, and ensuring our systems match our ambition.

Should the bill become law, it will be a signal that in British Columbia we still believe in what is possible.

We can build faster without cutting corners.

We can build smarter without losing oversight.

And we can build a province where young people see their future, not their exit.

When we create the conditions to build easier and smarter, we make it easier to belong.

That's what British Columbians expect and deserve.

And that's what this legislation delivers.

Dear Mayor and Council,

On Monday, November 17th, I attended the District of North Saanich council meeting to speak to my most recent letter — this time not as an activist or critic, but as a science communicator sharing newly published findings summarized by renowned educator Anton Petrov, who had reported on breakthrough microplastics research only two days earlier. These findings make the need for stronger regulations on plastic production unmistakably clear.

In the peer-reviewed studies Anton cites, definitive evidence is now established:

- Microplastics have been discovered inside human brain tissue, confirming they can breach the blood–brain barrier — something long believed impossible.
- Nanoplastic particles disrupt mitochondrial function, damaging the electron transport chain essential for cognition and cell health.

Separate from Anton’s reporting but equally urgent, PFAS exposure has been shown in animal models to cause tumors, driven by carbon–fluorine bonds that the human body cannot break down. These revelations are now well-documented in the scientific literature.

This is why I am calling for province-wide moratoriums on artificial turf and transparent monitoring of plastic and PFAS contamination for residents. Airborne microplastics can enter the brain through the olfactory nerve, and artificial-turf blades — thin, brittle, wind-dispersible plastic shards — are highly plausible contributors. Until causation studies catch up to these already-confirmed pathways, the precautionary principle must guide municipal decision-making.

Provincial Disclosure Reforms and Municipal Budget Pressure

While at the meeting, I remained to listen to the RCMP presentation — a pre-written script, likely drafted by senior leadership — requesting that Council approve funding for a “Major Crimes Disclosure Clerk” before next year’s budget has even been reviewed. As any observer of governance knows, early budget pre-approvals raise questions of fairness and favoritism.

During the discussion, a revealing admission surfaced: the Province’s 2020 disclosure reforms — introduced during the Covid-19 pandemic — have severely bogged down frontline officers with new administrative burdens; the opposite of what they were intended to do. Instead of revisiting these policies, Crown has become increasingly demanding of municipalities, according to one councilor, pressuring local governments to fund specialized RCMP positions to manage the backlog created by Crown and provincial leadership themselves.

To be clear, the 2020 reform in question was a province-wide Disclosure Memorandum of Understanding signed jointly by BC Prosecution Service, RCMP, municipal police leaders, and the Public Prosecution Service of Canada. Although the MOU claimed it would “streamline” disclosure, it instead

imposed extensive digital-administrative obligations: rigid naming conventions, expanded evidence-packing rules, and mandatory electronic disclosure.

The MOU made no mention of new disclosure clerks or other staff, no acknowledgment of the workload it imposed, and no suggestion that municipalities would be expected to finance it. Yet in 2026, these same institutions now cite the MOU as justification for downloading costs onto municipalities. This is policy laundering — an administrative bottleneck created by senior agencies, followed by pressure on local governments to pay for the fix.

If the Province and Crown worked together to make this problem, then British Columbians shouldn't need to write their MLA's for them to work together on a solution that doesn't involve downloading costs onto local governments. In previous correspondence, I raised concerns that the RCMP, Crown Counsel, and the BC Ministry of Justice have used the very disorder they helped create to expand civil-forfeiture pathways, effectively turning procedural dysfunction into a provincial revenue stream. What we heard at the District of North Saanich meeting confirmed this pattern in real time.

Systemic Accountability Failures and the E-Comm 911 Review

These issues are not isolated. The independent EY review of E-Comm 911 completed in September (released publicly on November 7) — confirms what municipalities have been saying for years: the system lacked clear governance, financial controls, and meaningful oversight. EY found that accountability effectively stopped nowhere, with unclear authority, unpredictable levy increases and no contingency fund for emergencies — the very business they are in.

Two reports were released.

The first identified major operational and budgeting failures and issued 25 recommendations, including stronger financial controls, a stakeholder-management framework, and a review of E-Comm's 23-member board, which currently includes no Vancouver Island representation — despite Island municipalities being required to absorb downloaded levies.

The second report outlined four possible service-delivery models and emphasized that the province's role in emergency communications must finally be defined.

Importantly, while the Province had promised an independent review back in December 2024, it was the unity of the ten South Island mayors — standing together on the Legislature steps in January 2025 to protest the downloading of 911 costs — that forced the issue into the political foreground and ensured the review could not be quietly sidelined. Their public stance made it impossible for the Province to downplay, delay, or dilute the process, especially after years of unresolved concerns despite municipalities having been notified of the impending cost shift as early as 2019.

For years, E-Comm operated on trust rather than transparency. The EY findings now confirm what local governments had been warning all along: accountability was missing, oversight was weak, and only

municipal unity made the truth impossible to ignore.

Toxic Leadership, Silencing, and the Erosion of Oversight

Across every level of governance — municipal, provincial, and federal — we are witnessing the consequences of toxic leadership that fears accountability more than failure itself. In recent months, reports from within our own province have exposed a disturbing pattern: workplace dysfunction, retaliation against whistleblowers, and silence in the face of ethical collapse. From Victoria's bylaw division to the mass resignation of Kamloops ob-gyns, and even at the national level with the RCMP oversight body in paralysis, we see the same story — a crisis of leadership, *not of resources*.

Right now, the rule of law itself is faltering. The Civilian Review and Complaints Commission — once the oversight mechanism for the RCMP — has now collapsed under its own toxic leadership and sits leaderless, paralyzed, and unable to issue rulings. The body charged with holding power accountable has become a mirror of the very dysfunction it was built to prevent. The same symptoms — fear, favoritism, and stagnation — are now spreading through the arteries of our democracy. What we are seeing at the CRCC is not an isolated failure; it is a warning of what is happening to our country.

When asked about the investigations within Victoria's bylaw department, Mayor Marianne Alto called it "disappointing." Yet disappointment is only the beginning: this is an opportunity for municipalities to speak openly about stigma, retaliation, and the need to create environments where employees can safely report wrongdoing. By naming stigma as the barrier it is, municipalities can transform crisis into opportunity — showing that courage and compassion are the true instruments of accountability.

At the Canadian Forces College, Major Jason Thompson found that toxic leadership flourishes where fear, favoritism, and performance metrics outweigh ethics — breeding cynicism and silence across entire systems. Likewise, at UBC Sauder, Dr. Lingtao Yu has shown that abusive or narcissistic leadership inflicts measurable psychological harm and spreads through imitation, while evidence-based, responsible leadership practices can restore organizational health.

The lesson for municipalities is clear: the antidote to toxicity is unity through transparency. Just as the military now uses climate surveys and 360-degree feedback to expose unhealthy command cultures, municipalities could establish cross-council leadership-health audits and inter-municipal accountability networks — peer-review mechanisms where local governments periodically assess each other's governance climate. Such a model, led collectively by mayors and councils rather than imposed from above, would make British Columbia the first province to institutionalize democratic self-correction at the community level.

Mentorship, Participation, and a New Municipal Leadership Network

The result of toxic leadership is cynicism. People stop voting. Good citizens stop running for office. Those

who do often arrive motivated by influence, contracts, or the illusion of prestige — not by the burden of service. Here in British Columbia, the same corrosion has taken hold. Investigations stall. Whistleblowers are stigmatized. HR policies meant to protect staff are weaponized to protect reputation. At every turn, those who speak truth are met with silence, delay, or retaliation. This is not democracy — this is decay.

And yet, the cure is right before us: participation, mentorship, and municipal unity. Local democracy can and must become the nursery of renewal. Educated and experienced candidates can help prepare new ones, sharing knowledge and integrity rather than hoarding it. Through such cooperation, we can reverse the apathy that corruption breeds — and restore civic health at its roots. Mayors and experienced councillors across British Columbia could establish a province-wide mentorship network for new council candidates and first-term officials. Such a network would close the knowledge gaps exploited by senior governments and build a new generation of leaders grounded in transparency and integrity.

This is work I would gladly assist with directly were it not for Crown's ongoing misuse of procedural mechanisms to silence my journalism (for reasons that should be obvious by now) — which only underscores the need for the reforms discussed here. A mentorship network built by municipalities, rather than imposed from above, would strengthen local democracy at its roots and provide the structural resilience our province desperately needs.

Lessons From History and the Cost of Obedience

One hundred and eleven years ago this Christmas, soldiers on both sides of the First World War laid down their arms in the spontaneous truces of 1914 — proof that compassion can pierce even the machinery of war. Yet that moment of peace was quickly condemned by military command, and a culture of rigid, top-down obedience took root instead. Over the generations that have followed, that same doctrine of unquestioned authority seeped into civil institutions, breeding the very toxicity we now struggle to root out.

Its legacy is visible even here at home — in what appears to be the unmarked graves of Indigenous children who were taken from their families under the same ideology of obedience and control that once silenced soldiers on the front lines. Many of those children were the descendants of heroes who helped defeat fascism abroad, only to have their own lives erased by the lingering rot of colonial hierarchy. This is the true cost of toxic leadership when left unchallenged across generations.

When leaders exploit structural gaps for personal security or institutional advantage, democracy itself begins to die. We have seen this globally — from scandals where power has been perverted into proof of dominance, to authoritarian tactics now echoing in our own institutions. These acts stem from the same root: leaders proving they can get away with something, instead of proving that they shouldn't.

The recent resurfacing of Epstein-related revelations in the United States — and the disturbing historical claims of “human safaris” during the Sarajevo siege — both show how corruption metastasizes when

systems lack transparency. In one case, the elite allegedly treated human suffering as entertainment; in another, power circles shielded their own crimes through mutual blackmail, trading exposure for silence. These stories are more than scandals — they are parables of moral collapse. They reveal what happens when power becomes detached from virtue and when governance becomes a performance rather than a duty.

PFAS "forever chemicals," for example, are now everywhere in the environment. This, too, was preventable. Internal company documents show that by the 1960s, major manufacturers like DuPont and 3M had evidence of PFAS toxicity and persistence yet kept critical findings from workers, regulators, and the public. Meanwhile, the U.S. military became an early, large-scale user of PFAS-based AFFF firefighting foam, with a formal military specification issued in 1970 and widespread adoption in the 1970s — decisions that helped seed contamination around bases and airports for decades. Only in recent years have we seen mandated phase-outs of PFAS foams for training, and in 2024 the U.S. EPA established the first enforceable national drinking-water standards for several PFAS and designated key PFAS as hazardous under Superfund.

The lesson is stark: when leadership buries evidence and prioritizes appearances over truth, entire generations pay the price. If we do not challenge toxic cultures now, they will be inherited — amplified — by the next generation. If we fail to fix this from the ground up — if we ignore this call to reform — then our sovereignty is not truly sovereign at all. A democracy that cannot protect its people from its own systems is one that has already surrendered its moral authority.

A Call to Action for Every Municipality in British Columbia

I am calling on every Mayor and Council to commit openly to the following:

- Restore fairness, transparency, accountability, and integrity in every municipal public body.
- Address toxic leadership wherever it appears, regardless of rank or reputation.
- End stigma — against employees, citizens, or critics — as a prerequisite to rebuilding trust.
- Champion independent oversight as essential to human safety and civic health.
- Strengthen local democracy through mentorship, unity, and shared decision-making.

Next year, if no candidate in your municipality is running on these reforms, I respectfully ask you to adopt them yourselves. If you choose not to — or commit and later fail to act — that, too, will be instructive to the people you serve.

A special acknowledgment is again owed once again to View Royal Mayor Sid Tobias, whose warnings about concentrated power capture the urgency of this moment. His call for new voices, new candidates, and democratic renewal reflects the path forward not only for municipalities, but for all levels of governance in this country.

Let this be the beginning of a new covenant between the governed and those who govern:

No more **silence**.

No more **loopholes**.

No more leadership without accountability.

With respect and resolve,
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THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALMO **REPORT FROM MAYOR/DIRECTOR**

MAYOR LOCKWOOD

Mayor Report for Council Meeting held on November 25, 2025.

Salmo & Area G Emergency Preparedness Committee: Next meeting TBA

Fire Department: The Alternate Approval Process ended on November 24 at 4:00 pm.

Citizen Engagement: Inquiries about the purchase of the new fire truck. The real question is do you want to purchase over 5 years or 20 years. We **DO NOT** have the option of not purchasing a fire truck, so the question is do you want to pay \$71 or \$377 each year to pay for this fire truck.

When I receive information about Central Transfer Station or the Recycling Depot being closed, I ask Village staff to post it on our Facebook and/or Website to help get the information out as soon as possible. If you feel this is not fast enough, please follow the RDCK Facebook page and their website.

Salmo & District Arts Council: Next meeting TBD

RDCK:

Board: A Select Committee is reviewing the director's remuneration.

Salmo and Electoral Area G (Rec #7) Recreational Program Bylaw No.3058, 2025 was adopted.

Bylaw No.3060, 2025 Permissive Tax Exemption was adopted.

State of Local Emergency Declaration Consent Policy & Emergency Instrument Issuance Policy was adopted. Policy Number 800-01-01, State of Local Emergency Declaration Consent Policy and Policy Number 800-01-02, Emergency Instrument Issuance Policy.

The City of Nelson has an official request to withdraw from the Geospatial Information Services with the RDCK. This process takes two years (24 months) to adhere to the bylaw. This may have implications to the remaining municipalities and electoral areas still in the service. Staff will bring to the Directors by June how this service will look going forward and how the rest will absorb Nelson's contribution.

It is budget time and there are many asks coming in for programs that have consisted of and some new program. Some say "Just say no" unless it is them asking or they think that program should happen. This month we have referred asks until December so we can see it in an over arching budget.

Staff are working on a Risk Tolerance Policy and the Directors got to ask many questions about how it may or may not affect homes built or going to be built in the future. Many unanswered questions right now.

The fire service agreement with Area G and Salmo expires at the end of the year although we have an extension to up to 1 year to complete negotiations which will include buying the new fire truck and boundary changes.

All Recreation: Changes are being made to prices for ice time in Nelson, Castlegar and Creston in each arena.

Salmo & Area G Recreation Commission: Discussion about the SVYCC roof and the repair that is needed. The extra hour at the fitness center has seen an uptake in people accessing the center. Budget talks have started, and we need to be very clear as the saying goes “Use it or lose it”. Places that are not used to their full ability are expensive and need to have a hard conversation about cost and usage. We are still working towards combining the two bylaws recreation and pool together and a more equitable for everyone.

Economic Trust of the Southern Interior – BC (ETSI-BC): I am part of a committee to review our board policies, and this will take place over the next three months. Next meeting December 5, 2025.

Central/Joint Resource Recovery: The Board approve the RDCK enter into a Services Agreement with Environmental 360 Solutions Ltd. for the collection, transportation and recycling/disposal of NON-EPR Residential Household Hazardous Waste from the Nelson Leaf’s Eco-Depot to a maximum value of \$216,199 plus GST for the period of December 1, 2025 to November 30, 2028 with the possibility of two 1 year contract extensions upon mutual agreement, and the costs be paid from Service S187 Refuse Disposal - Central Subregion.

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Purchase of Goods Agreement with Dawson International Truck Centres Ltd. for the supply of a tridem axle roll-off truck to a maximum value of \$242,595 plus PST (\$16,982), for a total of \$259,577, and that the Board of the Regional District Central Kootenay authorizes up to \$400,000 to be borrowed, under Section 403 of the Local Government Act, from the Municipal Finance Authority – equipment financing program, for the purchase of a roll-off truck and hoist system; and that the loan be repaid within five (5) years from S187 Refuse Disposal – Central Subregion, with no rights of renewal, and the costs be paid from Service S187 Refuse Disposal – Central Subregion.

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Purchase of Goods Agreement with Dawson International Truck Centres Ltd. for the supply of a tandem axle highway tractor to a maximum value of \$231,900 plus PST (\$16,233) for a total of \$248,133, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents, and that the Board of the Regional District Central Kootenay authorizes up to \$253,483 to be borrowed, under Section 403 of the Local Government Act, from the Municipal Finance Authority – equipment financing program, for the purchase of a replacement highway tractor; and that the loan be repaid within five (5) years from S187 Refuse Disposal – Central Subregion, with no rights of renewal; AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from Service S187 Refuse Disposal - Central Subregion.

The Provincial Government is proposing new fees under the Environmental Management Act and if these changes happen it will have a profound impact on all residents in the RDCK.

West Kootenay Hospital Board: Next meeting TBD

Nelson, Salmo, E, F, & G Regional Parks: Next meeting November 26, 2025

West Transit: Expect a tax hike in transit this coming year.

Other meetings of note:

Mayor’s and chair Highway 3 Coalition: Next meeting TBA

Community Collaboration Meeting: Next meeting TBD